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Sustainability label



Manager Name Schroder Unit Trusts Limited

Sustainability labels help investors find products that have a specific sustainability goal.

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This fund uses the Sustainability Focus label, which is for funds that invest mainly in assets that focus on sustainability for people or the planet.

Sustainability Goal

What is the fund's sustainability objective?

The Fund's sustainability objective is to invest in bonds that the investment manager classifies as sustainable. These are investments that make a positive contribution to: (1) the planet (the environment); and/or (2) people (workforce wellbeing; public and consumer wellbeing; healthy, inclusive and connected communities; and/or effective and accountable institutions).

Is the fund achieving or progressing towards its sustainability objective?

The Fund began to use a sustainability label less than a year ago, so this information is not yet available.

Could the sustainability objective have a material effect on financial returns or risks?

The Fund's sustainability criteria may limit its exposure to some investments. Any limitation on what the Fund can invest in potentially also limits financial returns and/or increases financial risks. To try to manage sustainability risks, the investment decision making process for the Fund includes the consideration of these risks alongside other factors.

Could the Fund's investments lead to material negative outcomes for the environment and/or society?

Although the Fund aims to select bonds that provide a positive contribution to people and/or the planet, issuers of such bonds will still produce some negative outcomes for the environment and society in other areas. For example, an electric car manufacturer may produce an environmental benefit in terms of avoided carbon emissions (emissions saved indirectly by substituting high carbon activities with low carbon alternatives) but could also produce a social cost if it pays its employees less than a living wage.

Sustainability Approach

What is the fund's sustainable investment policy and strategy, and what type of assets does it select?

The Fund invests at least 80% of its assets directly, in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in sterling (or in other currencies and hedged back into sterling) ("bonds") issued by governments, government agencies, supra-national and corporate issuers worldwide, (including emerging markets and less developed markets). The Fund invests at least 70% of its portfolio in bonds that the investment manager classifies as sustainable. A bond is considered to be sustainable if either the issuer itself or the activity funded by the proceeds of the bond makes a positive contribution to: (1) **Planet**, which includes contributions to the environment (such as reducing greenhouse gas emissions, which helps slow down climate change); and/or (2) **People**, which includes contributions to: workforce wellbeing (such as a company paying more than living wages, which supports employee prosperity, or a sovereign protecting human rights, which allows workers to be fairly compensated from their employment); public and consumer wellbeing (such as a company developing new products and services that improve customers' quality of life, for example medical drugs and therapies, or a sovereign setting policies against cybercrime, which aim to protect a country's citizens from exploitation online); healthy, inclusive and connected communities (such as a company providing access to clean water and sanitation, which promotes good health, or a sovereign setting policies that tackle discrimination, which aim to create more equitable and harmonised communities); or effective and accountable institutions (such as a company promoting financial stability, which supports people's prosperity and financial security, or a sovereign setting policies that support sociopolitical stability, which leads to a safer and more prosperous society).

A bond is classified as sustainable if it achieves a positive score in Schroders' systematic model (SustainEx™). SustainEx™ produces an assessment of the issuer's effect on a defined set of benefits and costs for people and the planet, which are then combined to calculate an overall sustainability score for the bond. A bond must achieve a positive score to be deemed sustainable. Where SustainEx™ does not provide a fair reflection of an issuer's contribution to people and/or the planet, the investment manager can refer the investment to Schroders' Sustainable Investment Panel, an independent panel of experts. The Panel reviews additional robust evidence provided by the investment manager to determine whether, if such evidence was available to SustainEx™, the investment would achieve a positive score. This could be relevant where SustainEx™ does not capture an area of positive contribution or where the investment manager is able to supply additional data to enhance a calculation.

The Fund may also invest in green, social or sustainable bonds (“GSS Bonds”) as part of the 70% referred to above. For these investments, the investment manager does not take into account the SustainEx™ score of the issuer, but instead analyses the use of proceeds of the GSS Bond to determine whether a positive contribution to the planet or people can be expected as a result of the specific activity that the bond is designed to finance (based on the GSS Bond’s adherence to a set of robust principles established by the International Capital Market Association or an equivalent body).

Please see “What is the investment manager’s approach to sustainability?” in the prospectus for more details.

What else might the fund invest in?

The Fund may also hold other assets that are not aligned with the sustainability objective for liquidity, risk management or diversification purposes. These may include assets that are treated as neutral for sustainability purposes such as cash and money market instruments, and derivatives used with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently. No investment will be held if there would be a conflict with the Fund’s sustainability objective – the investment manager defines these as bonds of issuers that are directly and materially exposed to activities that are significantly damaging to the environment; complicit in cases of severe human rights abuses and incidents; or engaged in major corruption. The investment manager also applies restrictions on investing in issuers with direct exposure above a certain level to specific harmful activities or products. Please see “What will the investment manager avoid investing in?” in the prospectus for more details.

What is the fund’s approach to stewardship?

The investment manager engages with selected issuers held by the Fund to support the achievement of the Fund’s sustainability objective. This means working with issuers, where appropriate, to try to increase their positive contributions, and reduce the size of their negative contributions. The investment manager may also escalate engagement, such as through using use voting rights to try to effect positive change on sustainability matters. Please see “How does the investment manager engage with the investments it holds to support their contribution to the Fund’s sustainability objective?” in the prospectus for more details.

Sustainability Metrics

Key Performance Indicator (KPI)	Value
Overall sustainability score of the Fund (a measure of the Fund’s sustainability performance relative to the benchmark stated in its investment objective, based on SustainEx™)	Data unavailable ¹
Overall planet score of the Fund (a measure of the Fund’s environmental performance relative to the benchmark stated in its investment objective, based on SustainEx™)	Data unavailable ¹
Overall people score of the Fund (a measure of the Fund’s social performance relative to the benchmark stated in its investment objective, based on SustainEx™)	Data unavailable ¹
Percentage of investments that are sustainable (as determined by SustainEx™ and the Sustainable Investment Panel review)	Data unavailable ¹
Investments that are classified as sustainable based on Sustainable Investment Panel review	Data unavailable ¹

Please see “What Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) does the investment manager use to assess whether the fund is meeting its sustainability objective?” in the prospectus for full details.

SustainEx™ is reliant on third party data (including estimates) as well as Schroders’ own modelling assumptions, and the outcome may differ from other sustainability tools and measures. While Schroders seeks to ensure that such third party data and estimates are accurate, it cannot guarantee their accuracy, completeness and adequacy. SustainEx™ will evolve and develop over time as Schroders continues to assess, refine and add to the metrics and their relative contributions. Changes to how metrics are applied may result in changes to the SustainEx™ score of any issuer and ultimately the overall fund score. At the same time, an issuer’s SustainEx™ performance might improve or deteriorate.

More Information

You can find more information on the Fund, including links to the prospectus; KIID; costs and charges information; and the product and manager level sustainability reports (once available) on the Fund’s webpage, accessed via <https://www.schroders.com/en-gb/uk/individual/fund-centre/>.

For more information on the sustainability disclosure and labeling regime, please visit: <https://www.fca.org.uk/firms/climate-change-and-sustainable-finance/sustainability-disclosure-and-labelling-regime>.

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¹ Data will be available from the end of the first annual reporting period onwards.