

Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

Product name:	Standard Life Global REIT
Standard Life Citicode:	CCG4
Underlying Fund Name:	abrdn SICAV II - Global Real Estate Securities Sustainable Fund
Underlying legal entity identifier:	JCSNRTX2P3VQCSCY9U38

## Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?  Yes  No				
It will make a minimum of sustainable investments with an environmental objective:	It promotes <b>Environmental/Social</b> ( <b>E/S</b> ) <b>characteristics</b> and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 20% of sustainable	objective the inves not signif any envir social obj the inves follow go practices		
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It will make a minimum of <b>sustainable investments with a social objective:</b> %	It promotes E/S characteristics, but will not make any sustainable investments			

Sustainable
investment means
an investment in an
economic activity
that contributes to an
environmental or social
objective, provided that
the investment does
not significantly harm
any environmental or
social objective and that
the investee companies
follow good governance

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852 establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

## The below information has been provided by the asset manager, abrdn. Prospectus – Aberdeen Standard SICAV II.

## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

To promote the environmental and social characteristics, the Fund applies ESG assessment criteria, ESG screening criteria and promotes good governance including social factors.

Fund invests in high-quality companies that have been identified through our rigorous listed real estate research process which takes into consideration the sustainability of the business in its broadest sense and the company's environmental, social and governance (ESG) performance.

This process powers both our investment insights and also our assessment of a company's ESG risks and opportunities to better understand risk and return potential resulting in positively tilted portfolio from sustainability and ESG perspective.

The Fund uses our proprietary ESG House Score, which is primarily a quantitative assessment, and ondesk ESG Quality Score assessment conducted by Fund Managers/Analysts, to identify and exclude those companies exposed to the highest ESG risks.

There are three core principles which underpin our Sustainable investment approach and the time we dedicate to ESG analysis as part of our overall equity research process:

- ESG factors are financially material, and impact corporate performance.
- Understanding ESG risks and opportunities alongside other financial metrics allows us to make better investment decisions.
- Informed and constructive engagement helps foster better companies, enhancing the value of our clients' investments.

This Fund has a financial benchmark that is used for portfolio construction but does not incorporate any sustainable criteria and is not selected for the purpose of attaining these characteristics. This financial benchmark is used as a comparator for Fund performance and as a comparison for the Fund's binding commitments.

### What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The measures applied by the Fund are:

- ESG assessment criteria,
- ESG screening criteria,
- targeting an ESG rating better than or equal to the benchmark,
- promoting good governance including social factors.

To complement this, we also utilise our active stewardship and engagement activities.

The Fund also targets to exclude at least 20% of the Fund's benchmark investable universe, through a combination of in-house proprietary scoring tools and the use of negative criteria to avoid investing in certain industries and activities.

# Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained

### What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The objective of the sustainable investment is to make a contribution to solving an environmental or social challenge, in addition to not causing significant harm, and being well governed. Each sustainable investment may make a contribution to Environmental or Social issues. In fact, many companies will make a positive contribution to both. abrdn use the six environmental objectives of the Taxonomy to inform Environmental contributions, including: (1) climate change mitigation, (2) climate change adaptation, (3) sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources, (4) transition to a circular economy, (5) pollution prevention and control, and (6) protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems. In addition, abrdn use the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and their sub-goals to supplement the EU Taxonomy topics and provide a framework for considering Social objectives.

An economic activity must have a positive economic contribution to qualify as a Sustainable investment, this includes consideration of Environmental or Socially aligned revenues, Capex, Opex or sustainable operations. abrdn seek to establish or estimate the share of the investee company's economic activities/contribution towards a sustainable objective and it is this element that is weighted and counted towards the Sub-fund's total aggregated proportion of Sustainable Investments.

abrdn uses a combination of the following approaches:

i. a quantitative methodology based on a combination of publicly available data sources;

and

ii. using abrdn's own insight and engagement outcomes abrdn overlay the quantitative methodology with a qualitative assessment to calculate an overall percentage of economic contribution towards a sustainable objective for each holding in a Fund.

### How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

As required by the SFDR Delegated Regulation, the investment does not cause Significant Harm ("Do No Significant Harm"/ "DNSH") to any of the sustainable investment objectives.

abrdn have created a 3-step process to ensure consideration of DNSH:

#### i. Sector Exclusions

abrdn have identified a number of sectors which automatically do not qualify for inclusion as a Sustainable Investment as they are considered to be causing significant harm. These include but are not limited to: (1) Defence, (2) Coal, (3) Oil & Gas Exploration, Production and associated activities, (4) tobacco, (5) gambling and (6) alcohol.

#### ii. DNSH Binary Test

The DNSH test, is a binary pass/fail test which signals if the company passes or fails criteria for the SFDR Article 2 (17) "do no significant harm".

Pass indicates under abrdn's methodology the company has no ties to controversial weapons, less than 1% of revenue from thermal coal, less than 5% of revenue from tobacco related activities, is not a tobacco producer, and has no red/severe ESG Controversies. If the company fails this test, it cannot be considered a Sustainable Investment. Abrdn's approach is aligned with the SFDR PAIs included within tables 1, 2 & 3 of the SFDR Delegated Regulation and is based on external data sources and abrdn internal insights.

#### iii. DNSH Materiality Flag

Using a number of additional screens and flags, abrdn consider the additional SFDR PAI's indicators as defined by the SFDR Delegated Regulation to identify areas for improvement or potential future concern. These indicators are not considered to cause significant harm and therefore a company with active DNSH materiality flags may still be considered to be a Sustainable Investment. abrdn aim to enhance the engagement activities to focus on these areas and seek to deliver better outcomes by resolving the issue.

Have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account? The fund considers Principle Adverse Impact Indicators defined by the SFDR Delegated Regulation.

Pre investment, the following PAI indicators are considered:

- abrdn applies a number of norms and activity based screens
- Exposure to fossil fuel sector (Oil & Gas Exploration, Production and associated activities)(less than 1% of revenue from thermal coal
- The Fund uses norms-based screens and controversy filters to exclude companies that may be in breach of international norms described in the OECD guidelines for multinational enterprises and the UN guiding principles on business and human rights, as well as state owned entities in countries which violate norms.
- Exposure to Controversial weapon and Conventional weapons systems, components, and support systems and services.
- Exposure to Gambling (less than 5% of revenue)
- Exposure to Tobacco production (less than 5% of revenue), and wholesale trading (less than 5% of revenue)
- abrdn considers the following PAI indicators via our ESG integration process, pre-investment due diligence policies and procedures:
- Consideration of portfolio carbon intensity and GHG emissions via our Climate tools and risk analysis
- Biodiversity, waste, water and diversity indicators via our Proprietary House Score.
- Governance indicators via our proprietary governance scores and risk framework,including consideration of sound management structures, employee relations,remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective? (continued)

Post-investment the following PAI indicators are considered:

- abrdn monitors all mandatory and additional PAI indicators via our ESG integration investment process using a combination of our proprietary house score and 3rd party data feeds. PAI indicators that either fail a specific binary test or are considered above typical are flagged for review and may be selected for company engagement.
- Consideration of portfolio carbon intensity and GHG emissions via our Climate tools and risk analysis
- Governance indicators via our proprietary governance scores and risk framework,including consideration of sound management structures, employee relations,remuneration of staff and tax compliance
- On an on-going basis the investment universe is scanned for companies that may be in breach of
  international norms described in the OECD guidelines for multinational enterprises and the UN
  guiding principles on business and human rights, as well as state owned entities in countries which
  violate norms.

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details: The Fund uses norms-based screens and controversy filters to exclude companies that may be in breach of international norms described in the OECD guidelines for multinational enterprises and the UN guiding principles on business and human rights.

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.

## Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

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Yes, this Fund considers Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) on sustainability factors.

Principal Adverse Impact Indicators are metrics that measure the negative effects on environmental and social matters. abrdn consider PAIs within the investment process for the Fund, this may include considering whether to make an investment, or they may be used as an engagement tool for example where there is no policy in place and this would be beneficial, or where carbon emissions are considered to be high, abrdn may engage to seek the creation of a long-term target and reduction plan. abrdn assess PAIs by using, amongst others, the PAI indicators referred to in the SFDR Delegated Regulation; however, dependent on data availability, quality and relevance to the investments not all SFDR PAI indicators may be considered. Where Funds consider PAIs, information on that consideration will be made available in annual reports.

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Principal adverse impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

#### What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The Fund invests in high-quality companies that have been identified through abrdn's rigorous listed real estate research process which takes into consideration the sustainability of the business in its broadest sense and the company's environmental, social and governance (ESG) performance.

This process powers both our investment insights and also our assessment of a company's ESG risks and opportunities to better understand risk and return potential resulting in positively tilted portfolio from a sustainability and ESG perspective.

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There are three core principles which underpin our Sustainable investment approach and the time we dedicate to ESG analysis as part of our overall equity research process:

- ESG factors are financially material, and impact corporate performance.
- Understanding ESG risks and opportunities alongside other financial metrics allows us to make better investment decisions.
- Informed and constructive engagement helps foster better companies, enhancing the value of our clients' investments.

The Fund aims to have a positive tilt towards sustainable leaders with at least 50% of the Fund invested in companies with best-in-class ESG credentials addressing global environmental and societal challenges ("Sustainable leaders"). As a minimum, Real Estate Companies will be expected to have ESG credentials that are considered average within the region they operate to be considered for investment.

To complement this, we also utilise our active stewardship and engagement activities.

Finally, binary exclusions are applied to exclude the particular areas of investment related to the UN Global Compact, State Owned Enterprises (SOE), Weapons, Tobacco, Thermal Coal, Oil & Gas and Electricity Generation.

The investment strategy guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The binding elements used by the Fund are:

• targeting an ESG rating better than or equal to the benchmark.

Binary exclusions are applied to exclude particular areas of investment related to the UN Global Compact, State Owned Enterprises (SOE), Weapons, Tobacco, Thermal Coal, Oil & Gas and Electricity Generation. These screening criteria apply in a binding manner and on an ongoing basis.

What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The Fund looks to exclude at least 20% of Fund's benchmark investment universe.

#### What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

For this Fund, the investee company needs to follow good governance practices in particular with respect to sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance. This can be demonstrated by the monitoring of certain PAI indicators, for example corruption, tax compliance and diversity. In addition, by using abrdn's proprietary ESG scores within the investment process abrdn screen out any investments with low governance scores. Our governance scores assess a company's corporate governance and management structure (including remuneration of staff policies) and the quality and behaviour of its leadership and management. A low score will typically by given where there are concerns in relation to financially materially controversies, poor tax compliance or governance concerns, or poor treatment of employees or minority shareholders.

The investment must further be aligned with OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human rights. Breaches and violations of these international norms are flagged by an event-driven controversy and are captured in the investment process.

#### Good governance

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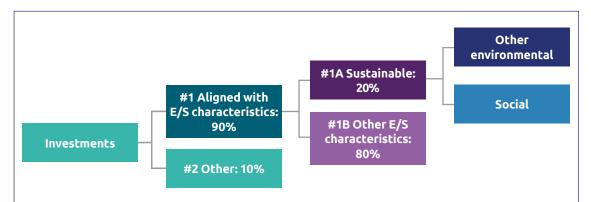
#### What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

A minimum of 90% of the Fund's assets are aligned with E/S characteristics. Environmental and social safeguards are met by applying certain PAI's, where relevant, to these underlying assets. Within these assets, the Fund commits to a minimum of 20% in Sustainable Investments.

investments in specific assets.

**Asset allocation**describes the share of

The Fund invests a maximum of 10% of assets in the "Other" category, which include cash, money market instruments and derivatives.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

The Fund will not use derivatives to attain any environmental or social characteristics.

## **Enabling activities**directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution

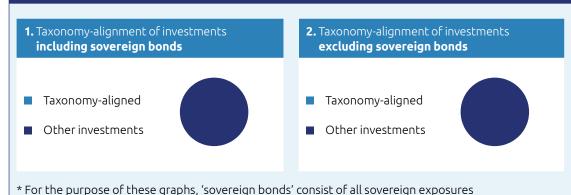
activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

Transitional activities are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse

## To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

0%. The Fund has not set a minimum proportion of investments in Taxonomy aligned economic activities.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- capital expenditure (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- operational expenditure (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

Not applicable.

## <sup>†</sup> What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Fund contains high-quality companies that have been identified through our rigorous listed real estate research process which takes into consideration the sustainability of the business in its broadest sense and the company's environmental, social and governance (ESG) performance. Within our investment process, every company that we invest in is given, via a qualitative assessment, a proprietary overall Quality rating. A key component of this is the ESG Quality rating, which enables the portfolio managers identify and exclude those companies exposed to the highest ESG risks and to build well-diversified, risk-adjusted portfolios.

To complement our bottom-up research, the portfolio managers also use our proprietary ESG House Score, which is primarily a quantitative assessment, to identify and exclude those companies exposed to the highest ESG risks. Finally, binary exclusions are applied to exclude the particular areas of investment.

This process results in the Fund committing to a minimum of 90% in securities with environment and social characteristics and a minimum of 20% to sustainable investments which are inclusive of both environmental and social objectives that aren't explicitly taxonomy aligned. The minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective is 5%.

#### What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

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† are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that do not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.

## What investments are included under "#2 Other", what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

The investments included under "other" are cash, money market instruments, derivatives and may also include sovereign bonds. The purpose of these assets are to meet liquidity, target return or manage risk and may not contribute to the environmental or social aspects of the Fund.

There are certain environmental and social safeguards that are met by applying PAI's. Where relevant, these are applied to the underlying securities.

## Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

No

How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

Not applicable

How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?

Not applicable

How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?

Not applicable

Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found

Not applicable

#### Where can I find more product specific information online?

Information relating to the Standard Life funds that you can invest in can be found at **www.standardlife.ie** under **Fund Centre.** 

#### Reference benchmarks are

indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

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