# **PRODUCT KEY FACTS**



# Aberdeen Standard SICAV II - European Focused Equity **Fund**

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- This statement provides you with key information about Aberdeen Standard SICAV II European Focused Equity Fund.
- This statement forms part of the offering document and should be read in conjunction with the offering document of Aberdeen Standard SICAV II.
- You should not invest in this product based on this statement alone.

**Quick facts** 

Management Company: Aberdeen Standard Investments Luxembourg S.A.

Investment Manager: abrdn Investment Management Limited - the United Kingdom (internal delegation)

The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV, Luxembourg Branch Depositary:

Ongoing Charges over a

Class A<sup>A</sup>: 1.58% Year\*:

**Dealing Frequency:** Daily (Luxembourg business days)

**Base Currency: EUR** 

Dividend Policy: No dividend payment

Financial Year End: 31 December Class AA: EUR 1.000 Minimum Initial Investment:

Minimum Subsequent N/A

Investment:

Minimum Subsequent

Holding:

Class A<sup>A</sup> - EUR 500

#### What is the product?

This is a fund constituted in the form of a mutual fund. It is domiciled in Luxembourg and its home regulator is Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier ("CSSF").

## Objectives and Investment Strategy

# **Investment Objectives**

The fund aims to provide long term growth by investing in European equity markets, including the UK. The fund aims to outperform the MSCI Europe Index (EUR) benchmark before charges.

# Strategy

The fund typically holds a concentrated portfolio of stocks and is actively managed by our investment team, who will select stocks, without reference to index weight or size, to try to take advantage of opportunities they have identified. The fund takes a focused investment approach to deliver an all-capitalisation concentrated portfolio of the highest conviction ideas of the investment team. Due to the unconstrained nature of the fund investors must be willing to accept a relatively high degree of stock specific risk.

The benchmark is also used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. In order to achieve its aim, the fund will take positions whose weightings diverge from the benchmark or invest in securities which are not included in the benchmark.

The investments of the fund may deviate significantly from the components and their weightings in the benchmark. Due to the active nature of the management process, the fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the benchmark over the longer term.

<sup>\*</sup> The ongoing charges figures (OCF) are based on the expenses for the year ended 31 December 2021. This figure may vary from year to year. The OCF is calculated by adding the applicable charges and payments deducted from the assets of the fund and then dividing by the fund's average net asset value for the fiscal year attributable to the relevant share class.

#### **Financial Derivative Instruments**

The fund may use financial derivative instruments (such as stock futures, index futures, equity linked swaps, currency forwards, currency swaps and options, forward exchange contracts and swaps, index options, stock options, participatory notes and other eligible instruments) for hedging and efficient portfolio management purposes (e.g. hedge against the risk of unfavourable stock market movements, interest rate fluctuations or fluctuation of currencies). Financial derivative instruments will not extensively or primarily be invested to achieve the fund's investment objective or for investment purposes (i.e. there is limited/ancillary use of financial derivative instruments for investment purposes only).

#### Use of derivatives/investment in derivatives

The fund's net derivative exposure\* may be up to 50% of its net asset value.

\*Please refer to the offering document of Aberdeen Standard SICAV II for details regarding the calculation methodology of net derivative exposure.

#### What are the key risks?

Investment involves risks. Please refer to the offering document of Aberdeen Standard SICAV II for details including the risk factors.

#### 1. Investment risk

- Past performance is not a guide to future returns. The value of your investment in the fund and any income received from it may go down as well as up.
- Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.
- The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

#### 2. Strategy risk

• The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.

#### 3. Europe Sovereign-Debt Crisis risk

• The fund invests in European securities and the value of such European securities may be affected by the market, currency, economic, and political conditions in Europe. The sovereign debt crisis in some European countries has caused uncertainty to the global financial markets and in particular the European market and in light of the current fiscal conditions and concerns on the sovereign risk of certain European countries, there is an increased amount of volatility, liquidity, price and foreign exchange risk associated with investments in Europe. There is the possibility that the economic and financial difficulties in Europe may continue to get worse or spread within and outside Europe and that the measures taken by the governments of the European countries, central banks and other authorities to address the economic and financial problems, such as austerity measures and reforms, may not work. Also there is the possibility of certain existing member countries withdrawing from the Eurozone and from using the Euro, and the possibility of the break-up of the Eurozone and the use of the Euro. As such this could result in the increased risk of default by issuers of European securities, increased volatility of trading price, increased currency risks, loss of investor confidence, political instability, slowdown in economic activity and other adverse developments that could adversely affect the investments of the fund and thus adversely affect the value of the fund.

# 4. Emerging Market risk

• The fund may invest in equities and equity related securities of European emerging markets. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.

#### 5. Concentration risk

• The fund's investments are concentrated in Europe. This may result in greater volatility than portfolios which are more geographically diversified.

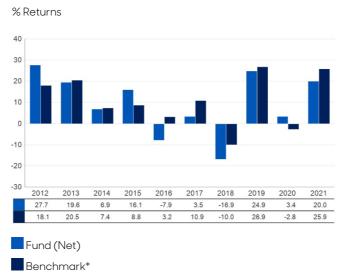
#### 6. Financial Derivative Instrument risk

• The fund is entitled to use financial derivative instruments for hedging and efficient portfolio management purposes which may involve additional risks. In adverse situations, the fund's use of financial derivative instruments may become ineffective in hedging or efficient portfolio management. Risks associated with investment in financial derivative instruments include counterparty/credit risk, liquidity risk, valuation risk, volatility risk and over-the-counter transaction risk. The leverage element/component of a financial derivative instrument can result in a loss significantly greater than the amount invested in the financial derivative instrument by the fund. Exposure to financial derivative instruments may lead to a high risk of significant loss by the fund.

#### 7. Smaller Companies

The shares of smaller companies may be less liquid and more volatile than those of larger companies.

# How has the fund performed?



\* FTSE World Europe ex UK (EUR) from 14/04/2008 to 31/12/2011. MSCI Europe (EUR) from 01/01/2012. The benchmark changed as the current benchmark is considered more representative of the fund's investment policy. The disclosure of this benchmark is to adhere to European disclosure rules regarding the use of benchmark.

- Past performance information is not indicative of future performance. Investors may not get back the full amount invested
- The computation basis of the performance is based on the calendar year-end, NAV-to-NAV, with dividend reinvested
- These figures show by how much the Class A<sup>A</sup> increased or decreased in value during the calendar year being shown. Performance data has been calculated in EUR including ongoing charges and excluding subscription fee and redemption fee you might have to pay (if any).
- The benchmark is MSCI Europe Index (EUR).
- Fund launch date: 2008
- Class A<sup>A</sup> launch date: 2008

# Is there any guarantee?

This fund does not have any guarantees. You may not get back the full amount of money you invest.

## What are the fees and charges?

Investors should refer to the offering document of Aberdeen Standard SICAV II for details regarding the fees and expenses of the fund.

#### Charges which may be payable by you

You may have to pay the following fees when dealing in the shares of the fund.

Fees and charges What you pay

 $\begin{tabular}{lll} \textbf{Subscription fee (Issuing commission):} & Up to 5\% of the amount you pay. \\ \end{tabular}$ 

Switching fee (Conversion charge): Up to 0.50% of the amount to be converted.

The fund is also subject to an Equalisation Charge equivalent to the difference between the Subscription Fee (Issuing commission) of the fund applied on subscription to the fund and the Subscription Fee (Issuing commission) of

another fund that the shares of the fund is being converted to

Redemption fee: Nil.

#### Ongoing fees payable by the fund

The following expenses will be paid out of the fund. They affect you because they reduce the return you get on your investments.

#### Annual rate (as a % of the fund's net asset value)

Management Fee (Annual Management

Class A<sup>A</sup>: 1.30%

Charge)\*: The fund pays an annual management charge to the fund manager

Depositary Fee: Min: 0.0025% - Max: 0.50%

Performance Fee: Not applicable Up to 0.35% Administration Fee: Management Company Charge: Up to 0.05%

**Domiciliary Agent Fee:** Up to 0.01% (plus VAT if any) Registrar & Transfer Agent Fee: Up to 0.1% (plus VAT if any)

#### Other fees

You may have to pay other fees and charges when dealing in the shares of the fund. For details, please refer to the offering document of Aberdeen Standard SICAV II.

#### Additional Information

- You generally buy and redeem shares at the fund's next-determined net asset value (NAV) after the Management Company receives your request in good order on or before 1:00 p.m. (Luxembourg time) being the dealing cut-off time. The Hong Kong representative/distributor may impose different dealing deadlines for receiving requests from
- The net asset value of this fund is calculated and the price of the shares published each "business day". They are available online at www.abrdn.com/hk . This website has not been reviewed by the SFC.

# Important Notes

If you are in doubt, you should seek professional advice.

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<sup>\*</sup>Current Annual Management Charge may be increased up to a specified permitted maximum level as set out in the Prospectus by giving not less than one month prior notice to the investors.