

abrdn SICAV I -Indian Bond Fund

Fund guide



Important information

- 1. The Fund invests in Indian Rupee denominated debt and debt-related securities issued by government or government-related bodies and/or corporations (including holding companies of such corporations) in India.
- 2. The Fund is therefore exposed to risks associated with debt securities, sovereign debt, investing in sub-investment grade and/or unrated debt securities, emerging market (including India), concentration, FPI registration, limitations on investments, India tax, securities lending transactions, exchange rates and exchange control.
- 3. The Fund's net derivative exposure may be up to 50% of the Fund's net asset value and subject to counterparty/credit risk, liquidity risk, valuation risk, volatility risk and over-the-counter transaction risk.
- 4. The Fund may at its discretion pay dividends out of the capital of the Fund. Payment of dividends out of capital amounts to a return or withdrawal of part of an investor's original investment or from any capital gains attributable to that original investment. Any distributions involving payment of dividends out of the Fund's capital or payment of dividends effectively out of the Fund's capital (as the case may be) may result in an immediate reduction of the net asset value per share.
- 5. Investment in this fund may involve a high degree of risk and may not be suitable for all investors. It is possible that the entire value of the Investment could be lost.
- 6. Investors should not invest in this Fund based solely on this document and should read the relevant offering documents for further details including risk factors.

Why invest in Indian bonds?



Diversification benefits

Low correlation with many markets* and low foreign exchange (FX) volatility of

Indian rupee

emerging market (EM) ex-Asia FX basket

4%

14%1

*refer to correlation table on page 2



Strong relative returns

Outperformed over the last 10 years versus many asset classes, returning

65%

beating Asian equities (51%) and EM bonds $(-3\%)^2$



Global index inclusion

Index inclusion to the J.P. Morgan GBI-EM Index starting in June 2024 is already driving strong inflows of

US\$7 billion

Key benefits of investing in abrdn SICAV I – Indian Bond Fund



Monthly income⁴

Running yield of

7.2% p.a⁵

as of 31 March 2024



Low volatility

Low portfolio risk of

5.3%



Ease of access

Bypasses complex Indian market rules for international investors

⁵Source: abrdn, 31 March 2024. Running yield is the annual income on an investment divided by its current market value. The running yield of the fund is not representative of the payout yield. Past performance does not predict future results. A positive yield does not imply a positive return. ⁶Source: Morningstar, 3-year standard deviation, A MInc USD share class, 31 March 2024.





¹Source: Bloomberg, emerging market ex-Asia FX basket, 1-year implied volatility, 31 March 2024.

²Source: Bloomberg, USD, Indian bonds represented by Markit iBoxx ALBI India, Asian Equities represented by MSCI AC Asia Ex Japan, Emerging Market Bonds represented by JPM GBI-EM Global Diversified, 10 years to 31 March 2024.

³Source: National Securities Depository Limited, 15 April 2024.

⁴Aim at monthly distribution. Dividends are not guaranteed and may be paid out of investment income, capital gains or capital at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Any dividends paid and distributed out of the Fund's capital will result in an immediate reduction of the Fund's Net Asset Value per share. Please refer to Important Information 4.

Portfolio benefits of Indian bonds



Why investors should not ignore India's bond market

Low correlation with other markets⁷

| Market | Correlation to Indian Government Bonds |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| WTI Crude Oil | -0.15 |
| Global Equities | 0.25 |
| US Government Bonds | 0.27 |
| Global Government Bonds | 0.34 |
| Global High Yield | 0.35 |
| China Bonds | 0.36 |
| Emerging Market USD Bonds | 0.41 |
| Asian Equities (ex-Japan) | 0.45 |
| Emerging Market Local Currrency Bonds | 0.53 |

Allocating to Indian government bonds can complement a diversified portfolio



Exceptionally low foreign ownership of less than 3% accounts for its low correlation with other markets. It is difficult to sufficiently get exposure to India via other diversified strategies. India's strong fiscal performance and outlook for easing in inflation and policy rates support performance. When it comes to managing currency risk, the Reserve Bank of India deploys its substantial reserves to maintain rupee stability.

More robust asset allocation and benefits to wealth managers: Improving risk-return profile⁸



⁷Source: Bloomberg Barclays Indices, abrdn, FE Analytics, USD unhedged, correlation of monthly returns over 10 years to 31 March 2024. ⁸Source: abrdn, Bloomberg Barclays Indices, 31 March 2024. For illustrative purposes only. No assumptions regarding future performance should be made.

⁹The standard deviation of returns is commonly used as a measure of risk for investments. Past performance does not predict future results.



Underpinned by government support, China's capital markets have served as a valuable portfolio diversifier for years. Now the baton is passing to India. India's government bond market is the



in Asia ex-Japan and its local currency bond market is among the most liquid in emerging markets with a

US\$2.3 trillion

market size.¹⁰

Indian bonds have a low correlation with China equities (0.33)¹¹ and offer a



over

China bonds



while the Reserve Bank of India uses its sizable FX reserves to maintain currency stability.

Fund facts

| Fund manager(s) | Asian Fixed Income Team | | |
|----------------------------|---|--|--|
| Fund launch date | 1 Sep 2015 | | |
| Share class availability | A Acc USD A Gross MIncA USD A Gross MIncA HKD A Gross MIncA Hedged CHN | LU1254412205 LU2675280981 LU2675281013 LU2675281104 | |
| Base currency | US Dollar | | |
| Subscription fee | Up to 5% | | |
| Investment management fee | 1% per annum | | |
| Minimum initial investment | USD1,000, or currency equivaler | USD1,000, or currency equivalent | |
| Distribution frequency | Aim at monthly distribution | Aim at monthly distribution | |
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¹⁰Source: Bloomberg, 31 March 2024.

[&]quot;Source: Bloomberg Barclays Indices, abrdn, FE Analytics, USD unhedged, correlation of monthly returns over 10 years to 31 March 2024.

¹²Source: abrdn, TradingEconomics, running yield of Markit iBoxx ALBI India and FTSE Chinese Government Bond, 31 March 2024. A positive yield does not imply a positive return.

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