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# SVS AllianceBernstein Sustainable US Equity Fund Annual SDR Report

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## Fund Details

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SVS AllianceBernstein Sustainable US Equity Fund (the Sub-Fund) has a UK sustainable investment label. The label used for the Sub-Fund is the Sustainability Focus label which identifies funds that invest mainly in assets that focus on sustainability for people or the planet. Sustainable investment labels help investors find products that have a specific sustainability goal.

## Sustainability Goal:

The Sub-Fund's sustainability objective is to positively contribute to environmental and social challenges, by investing in companies that provide solutions to the Fund's sustainability themes (together the "Sustainability Themes") of:

- **Climate** – companies providing solutions to key global climate objectives including lower carbon emissions, biodiversity and resource preservation, and reduced pollution;
- **Health** – companies providing solutions to key global health objectives including improved life expectancy, greater health-related quality of life, and reduced disparities of care; and / or
- **Empowerment** – companies that enable greater economic growth and productivity which may help individuals enjoy more prosperous and fulfilling lives through the provision of solutions which include widening access to previously inaccessible financial systems, communication systems, education and the development of critical social and physical infrastructure.

The Sub-Fund seeks to contribute to these fundamental challenges by investing in companies that have revenue assessed to be aligned to one or more of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) identified by the Investment Manager as positively contributing to the achievement of the Sustainability Themes. This positive contribution requires that companies generate at least 25% of their revenue from the direct provision of products or services aligned with Sustainability Themes, as measured against one or more of the UN SDGs.

While the Sub-Fund's investment strategy may result in a narrower investment universe compared to a fund without a similar sustainability objective, the Investment Manager does not believe that this will have a material effect on the financial risk and return of the Sub-Fund or on the Sub-Fund's ability to meet its financial investment objective.

The Investment Manager does not consider that pursuing the Sub-Fund's sustainability objective will result in material negative environmental and / or social outcomes. While the Investment Manager pursues positive selection criteria, negative environmental and/or social outcomes are mitigated through a number of methodologies:

- The Investment Manager may not invest in a company in the Sub-Fund's Exclusion Policy as detailed in the Prospectus
- The Investment Manager applies a proprietary framework to assess for material negative environmental and / or social outcomes
- The Investment Manager's selection criteria also includes the consideration of ESG risks and opportunities in its fundamental research process

## **Sustainability Objective & Approach:**

The Investment Manager uses the UN SDGs to define and monitor the Sustainability Themes and to identify the investment universe by using fundamental research, engagement and analysis. The Investment Manager applies positive selection criteria, ESG integration and an exclusionary screen to determine the assets in which the Sub-Fund may invest to ensure that all assets eventually selected by the Investment Manager have the relevant sustainability characteristics and are aligned with the objective.

**Positive Selection Criteria:** The degree of revenue alignment with one or more of the UN SDGs mapped to the Sustainability Themes is a key indicator for assessing the companies in which the Sub-Fund may invest. No company deriving less than the minimum revenue threshold of 25% from UN SDG aligned activities is included within the investible universe. The Investment Manager uses a proprietary process based on internal and external data and research to identify companies that meet this minimum threshold. Further information on this process can be found in the prospectus.

**ESG Integration:** ESG considerations are incorporated into the Investment Manager's research and investment process and are one of several considerations for making investment decisions, both in deciding to purchase the holding for the Sub-fund and, on an on-going basis, in deciding whether to retain the holding. After consideration of material ESG factors, and corresponding ESG scoring, including those that could negatively impact a potential holding, the Investment Manager may still purchase the security and / or retain it in the Sub-Fund. The Investment Manager applies a proprietary framework to assess for material negative environmental and / or social outcomes. ESG considerations may not be applicable to all types of instruments or investments. Further information can be found in the prospectus.

**Exclusionary Screen:** Only 'aligned' issuers that satisfy the Investment Manager's inclusion criteria and do not breach the terms of the Sub-Fund's Exclusion Policy are contained within the investible universe. Further information can be found in the prospectus.

**Stewardship:** The Investment Manager engages with companies as part of their fundamental research process and will continue to take an active stewardship role by engaging with companies and actively voting in relation to shares held by the Sub-Fund once it has invested. Further information can be found in the prospectus.

## **Progress against the objective:**

The Sub-Fund seeks to achieve its financial and sustainable investment objectives by investing at

least 80% of the Sub-Fund's total value in shares of US companies that that the Investment Manager has identified as positively contributing to the Sustainability Themes.

Through the period the Sub-Fund met its sustainability objective to positively contribute to environmental and social challenges, by investing in companies that provide solutions to the Sub-Fund's sustainability themes of Climate, Health & Empowerment.

The Sub-Fund met the objective by applying its sustainability approach:

**Positive Selection Criteria:** Through the reporting period, the Sub-Fund invested in companies that have been revenue assessed to be aligned to one or more of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) identified as positively contributing to the achievement of the Sustainability Themes. All companies through the period were assessed to generate at least 25% of their revenue from the direct provision of products or services aligned with the Sustainability Themes, as measured against one or more of the UN SDGs. More information can be found in the Key Performance Indicator Progress section detailed below.

**ESG Integration:** Through the period, ESG considerations were incorporated into the Investment Manager's research and investment process. All companies through the period were assessed against a proprietary framework to assess for material negative environmental and / or social outcomes and all companies were assessed as meeting the investable threshold.

**Exclusionary Screen:** Compliance with the exclusionary screen was monitored throughout the period to ensure continued alignment with the stated investment approach. The Portfolio reports 100% compliance across the portfolio through the period.

**Stewardship:** Through the period the Investment Manager engaged with portfolio companies as part of the fundamental research process. The Investment Manager also exercised voting rights in respect of shares held by the Sub-Fund, consistent with its stewardship policies as disclosed in the prospectus.

## Key Performance Indicator Progress

No.	Metric / Methodology	As at 31 December 2025
1	Weighted average UN SDG-revenue alignment for the Sub-Fund	80.8%
2	Percentage of the Portfolio allocated to the Climate Theme	28.1%
3	Percentage of the Portfolio allocated to the Health Theme	18.8%
4	Percentage of the Portfolio allocated to the Empowerment Theme	48.0%
5	Percentage of the Sub-Fund compliant with its defined exclusion criteria	100%

As at the end of December 2025, 94.9% of the portfolio was assessed to positively contribute to environmental and social challenges, by investing in companies that provide solutions to the Sub-Fund’s sustainability themes with the remainder held in cash. Cash and cash-equivalents are not invested in line with the sustainability objective and the portfolio may also use derivatives for hedging and efficient portfolio management.

The Sub-Fund seeks to contribute to these fundamental challenges by investing in companies that have revenue assessed to be aligned to one or more of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) identified by the Investment Manager as positively contributing to the achievement of the Sustainability Themes. This positive contribution requires that companies generate at least 25% of their revenue from the direct provision of products or services aligned with Sustainability Themes, as measured against one or more of the UN SDGs.

The metrics detailed provide insight into how the portfolio is allocated to positively contribute to the achievement of the sustainability themes. Metric 1 shows a weighted-average of the Investment Manager’s assessment of revenues aligned with the SDGs. Metrics 2 to 4 provide a summary of the level of the portfolio invested in each sustainability theme. Metric 5 reports the percentage of assets compliance with the exclusionary screen.

The highest thematic allocation in the portfolio in this period has been to the Investment Manager’s Empowerment theme. Within this theme, the Investment Manager allocates significant capital to Computing & Connectivity, where technologies underpin a strong digital society—driving productivity, enabling economic growth, and expanding access to information and opportunity, with clear alignment to multiple SDGs. Elsewhere within the Empowerment theme, the Investment Manager allocates to Financial Systems & Solutions which enable more transparent, efficient and inclusive financial systems, supporting entrepreneurship, economic growth and broader participation in the economy. Outside of Empowerment, some of the Investment Manager’s largest sub-theme allocations are Medical Innovation (Health) and Resource Efficiency (Climate). Medical Innovation focuses on advancing new treatments and technologies that address major unmet healthcare needs, helping improve outcomes, extend life expectancy and support global health-related goals. Resource Efficiency targets technologies and processes that use energy and materials more effectively, reducing waste and environmental impact while supporting more sustainable economic growth.

## Sustainability Metrics:

No.	Metric / Methodology
1	Weighted average UN SDG-revenue alignment for the Sub-Fund
2	Percentage of the Portfolio allocated to the Climate Theme
3	Percentage of the Portfolio allocated to the Health Theme
4	Percentage of the Portfolio allocated to the Empowerment Theme
5	Percentage of the Sub-Fund compliant with its defined exclusion criteria

## Stewardship Strategy:

The stewardship strategy has been applied through ongoing company engagement and proxy voting throughout the reporting period, consistent with the Investment Manager’s commitments as a signatory to the UK Stewardship Code 2020 and as set out in the Prospectus.

During the period, the Investment Manager held 43 engagements across 35 distinct issuers, where ESG factors were discussed as part of the fundamental research and monitoring process. Engagement activity covered a range of material sustainability topics, including 10 discussions on environmental matters, 31 on social issues and 28 on governance issues. Engagement topics were

determined based on the material ESG risks and opportunities relevant to issuers held within the portfolio and their alignment with the Sub-Fund's sustainability objective.

Through these engagements, the Investment Manager sought to improve its understanding of issuer practices, risks, opportunities and strategic direction, and where appropriate encouraged issuers to strengthen oversight, disclosures or management of material ESG issues. Insights gained through engagement informed ongoing issuer assessment, including considerations of alignment or misalignment with relevant sustainability outcomes and, where applicable, the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Where appropriate, the Investment Manager actively encouraged issuers to better address material ESG risks and take advantage of ESG opportunities.

Proxy voting was undertaken in accordance with the Investment Manager's proprietary Proxy Voting and Governance Policy, with voting activity forming an integral part of its stewardship approach and supporting accountability on material governance and sustainability matters.

No assets have been escalated and/or removed from the portfolio due to ethical/sustainability concerns identified.

## **Further information**

Further information relating to this fund can be found through the following routes:

Other regulatory documentation, which should be read in conjunction with and form part of this Annual SDR Report, including the Consumer Facing Document, Key Investor Information Document, the Taskforce for Climate-related Financial Disclosures report and the Assessment of Value: [www.tutman.co.uk](http://www.tutman.co.uk).