

# AB SUSTAINABLE INTERNATIONAL THEMATIC FUND

Advisor Class: AWPYX

# **OBJECTIVE**

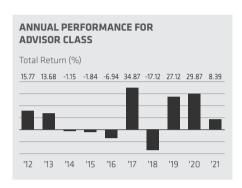
+ Long-term growth of capital

# **PRIMARY INVESTMENTS**

- Normally holds 30 to 60 stocks, all exposed to long-term sustainable investment themes
- + Equities of developed- and emerging-market companies, diversified across industries
- + Both newer companies and well-known, established companies of all market caps

#### **FUND OVERVIEW**

- + Employs "top-down" and "bottom-up" investment process with the goal of identifying securities that fit into sustainable investment themes
- Identifies sustainable investment themes that are broadly consistent with achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals, such as health, climate and empowerment
- + Uses "bottom-up" company analysis, focusing on prospective earnings growth, valuation, and quality of company management and its exposure to environmental, social and corporate governance ("ESG") factors



#### **AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS: ADVISOR CLASS PERFORMANCE**

	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	Since Inception	Expense Ratios as of 10/29/21
Sustainable International Thematic Fund <sup>†</sup>	-14.21%	-14.21%	-5.96%	11.44%	8.81%	6.13%	6.71%	Gross 0.86%
MSCI AC World ex-US Index (net)	-5.44	-5.44	-1.48	7.51	6.76	5.55	5.36	Net <sup>‡</sup> –
MSCI AC World ex-US Index (gross)	-5.33	-5.33	-1.04	8.01	7.26	6.04	5.74	
MSCI World ex-US Index (net)	-4.81	-4.81	3.04	8.55	7.14	6.25	5.20	
Morningstar Foreign Large Growth Category	-13.43	-13.43	-6.83	9.62	8.92	7.29	5.36	

The performance shown above represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance information shown. You may obtain performance information current to the most recent month-end by visiting www.abfunds.com. The investment return and principal value of an investment in the Portfolio will fluctuate, so that your shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Advisor Class shares have no front-end or contingent deferred sales charges, however when purchased through a financial advisor additional fees may apply. Returns for other share classes will vary due to different charges and expenses. Performance assumes reinvestment of distributions and does not account for taxes. If applicable, high double-digit returns are highly unusual and cannot be sustained; such returns are primarily achieved during favorable market conditions.

†The Fund's Advisor Class share inception date is 10/1/96 and is the date used to calculate since inception annualized performance.

‡ If applicable, this reflects the Adviser's contractual waiver of a portion of its advisory fee and/or reimbursement of a portion of the Fund's operating expenses. Absent reimbursements or waivers, performance would have been lower.

Sources: FactSet, Morningstar Inc. and AB.

## **PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT AND YEARS OF INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE**

- + William Johnston, 36 years
- + Daniel C. Roarty, 29 years

Class	Ticker	Inception Date
А	AWPAX	6/2/94
С	AWPCX	2/8/95
Advisor	AWPYX	10/1/96
1	AWPIX	3/1/05
Z	AWPZX	7/26/21

Portfolio Characteristics & Statistics	
Assets (\$mil)	\$827.88
Beta (Trailing 3-year) <sup>1</sup>	0.93
Standard Deviation (Trailing 3-year) <sup>2</sup>	17.05
Weighted Avg Cap	\$65.0B
Emerging Markets Exposure	11.46%
Total Number of Holdings	53
Portfolio Turnover Rate (as of 10/29/21) <sup>3</sup>	33%

Country Breakdown <sup>4</sup>	
United States	13.90%
Switzerland	10.99
Netherlands	8.12
United Kingdom	7.50
France	6.62
Germany	6.09
Denmark	5.97
Sweden	4.62
Japan	4.37
Other	31.82

- 1 Beta measures a fund's volatility relative to its benchmark.
- 2 Standard Deviation is a measure of the dispersion of a portfolio's return from its mean.
- 3 Portfolio Turnover Rate is a measure of how frequently securities are bought and sold.
- 4 Holdings are expressed as a percentage of total investments and may vary over time. They are provided for informational purposes only and should not be deemed as a recommendation to buy or sell the securities mentioned.

Top Ten Holdings <sup>4</sup>		
Company	Sector	
STERIS PLC	Healthcare	2.82%
Vestas Wind Systems A/S	Industrials	2.74
Partners Group Holding AG	Financials	2.69
Alcon, Inc.	Healthcare	2.63
STMicroelectronics NV	Information Technology	2.63
Erste Group Bank AG	Financials	2.62
HDFC Bank Ltd.	Financials	2.54
Nestle SA	Consumer Staples	2.46
Dassault Systemes SE	Information Technology	2.40
SMC Corp.	Industrials	2.37

Sector Breakdown <sup>4</sup>	
Financials	19.38%
Information Technology	18.41
Healthcare	17.27
Industrials	14.82
Consumer Discretionary	7.62
Materials	6.74
Consumer Staples	5.56
Utilities	1.91
Energy	1.88
Communication Services	1.26
Other	5.15

Net Currency Exposure <sup>4</sup>	
Euro	17.18%
Japanese Yen	13.44
Pound Sterling	9.33
Canadian Dollar	8.05
Swiss Franc	6.79
Other	45.21

MSCI AC (All Country) World ex-US Index (free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted) represents the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets, excluding the United States. MSCI World ex-US Index (free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted) represents the equity market performance of developed markets, excluding the United States. Net index reflects the reinvestment of dividends. MSCI makes no express or implied warranties or representations, and shall have no liability whatsoever with respect to any MSCI data contained herein. The MSCI data may not be further redistributed or used as a basis for other indices, any securities or financial products. This report is not approved, reviewed or produced by MSCI. Investors cannot invest directly in indices or averages, and their performance does not reflect fees and expenses or represent the performance of any AB fund.

### A WORD ABOUT RISK

Market Risk: The market values of the portfolio's holdings rise and fall from day to day, so investments may lose value. Foreign (Non-US) Risk: Non-US securities may be more volatile because of political, regulatory, market and economic uncertainties associated with such securities. Fluctuations in currency exchange rates may negatively affect the value of the investment or reduce returns. These risks are magnified in emerging or developing markets. Capitalization Size Risk (Small/Mid): Small- and mid-cap stocks are often more volatile than large-cap stocks—smaller companies generally face higher risks due to their limited product lines, markets and financial resources. Derivatives Risk: Investing in derivative instruments such as options, futures, forwards or swaps can be riskier than traditional investments, and may be more volatile, especially in a down market. ESG Risk: Applying ESG and sustainability criteria to the investment process may exclude securities of certain issuers for nonfinancial reasons and, therefore, the Fund may forgo some market opportunities available to funds that do not use ESG or sustainability criteria.

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