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AB SUSTAINABLE GLOBAL THEMATIC PORTFOLIO¹

Investing for Better Environmental, Social and Investment Outcomes

The Portfolio seeks to increase the value of your investment over time by primarily investing in companies that are positively exposed to environmentally or socially oriented sustainable investment themes derived from the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

SPOTLIGHT ON SUSTAINABILITY

Challenges caused by the pandemic, extreme weather conditions and recent social unrest have served as a wake-up call for the importance of a sustainable lens in investing. Investors should look for portfolios with strong environmental, social and governance (ESG) credentials that address the dramatic changes unfolding around the world.

AllianceBernstein (AB) has been one of the pioneers in using the UN Sustainable Development Goals as a framework for defining and measuring sustainable investments that also deliver attractive investment returns.

The UN SDGs, agreed to by 193 countries, consist of 17 goals to be achieved by 2030 that address challenges related to economic prosperity, environmental sustainability and social inclusion. Their achievement will cost an estimated US\$90 trillion, most of which will have to come from the private sector.* They therefore represent powerful sustainable thematic investment opportunities underappreciated by traditional investors.



For illustrative purposes only. Source: United Nations

* Source: United Nations (<https://www.un.org/press/en/2017/ga11905.doc.htm>)

At AB, we believe that focusing on specific sustainable themes can illuminate new investment opportunities. Through the lens of the SDGs, we have identified the three largest crises of our time—Climate, Health and Inequality—and investable sub-themes of companies providing solutions today, and for years to come.



CLIMATE CRISIS

Man-made climate change will have profound effects on economies and people around the world – both physical risks and those from changing policies.



HEALTH CRISIS

We face many challenges to human health, not just in the form of disease, but also accidents and the access to, and affordability of, healthcare.



INEQUALITY CRISIS

The divide between rich and poor has been exacerbated by central bank policies, regressive tax regimes, inequality of opportunity, and the digital divide.

CLIMATE

- Cleaner Energy
- Resource Efficiency
- Sanitation and Recycling
- Sustainable Transportation

HEALTH

- Access to Quality Care
- Food Security and Clean Water
- Medical Innovation
- Well Being

EMPOWERMENT

- Education and Employment Services
- Financial Security and Inclusion
- Information and Communication Technologies
- Sustainable Infrastructure

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WHY THE AB SUSTAINABLE GLOBAL THEMATIC PORTFOLIO

Investing in Sustainable Themes

The Portfolio employs a “top-down” approach to identify sustainable investment themes that are broadly consistent with achieving the UN SDGs such as Climate, Health and Empowerment.

ESG Integration

In its long-term approach, the Portfolio integrates ESG factors at all stages of a robust, bottom-up investment process.

Active Engagement

We engage company management teams on material issues.

FUND PROFILE

- **Portfolio Manager:** Daniel C. Roarty, CFA
- **Inception Date:** 01/08/1996 (Class A - USD)
- **Base Currency:** USD
- **Currency-hedged Share Classes^:** AUD, EUR, SGD



DANIEL ROARTY
CIO - Sustainable Thematic Equities

KEY RISKS TO CONSIDER

Equity Securities Risk: The value of equity investments may fall as well as rise and you may get back less than you originally invested.

Emerging/Frontier Markets Risk: Emerging Markets, including frontier markets, are less established and more volatile than developed markets and more sensitive to challenging market conditions. Compared with developed markets, Emerging Markets involve higher risks, both as to frequency and intensity, particularly market, credit, liquidity, legal and currency risks.

Derivatives Risk: The Portfolio may invest in financial derivative instruments for investment purposes in addition to hedging and/or efficient portfolio management purposes and hence this may lead to a higher volatility to the net asset value of the Portfolio.

Other Risks Include: Convertible securities risk, currency risk, hedging risk, leverage risk, market risk, REIT investment risk, securities lending risk and small/mid-cap equities risk. These and other risks are described in the Portfolio's prospectus.

Please refer to the Prospectus for the full list of share classes and currencies offered.

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