

# Royal London Sustainable Leaders D Acc (SEDOL: B7SGTR8)

## Fund Description

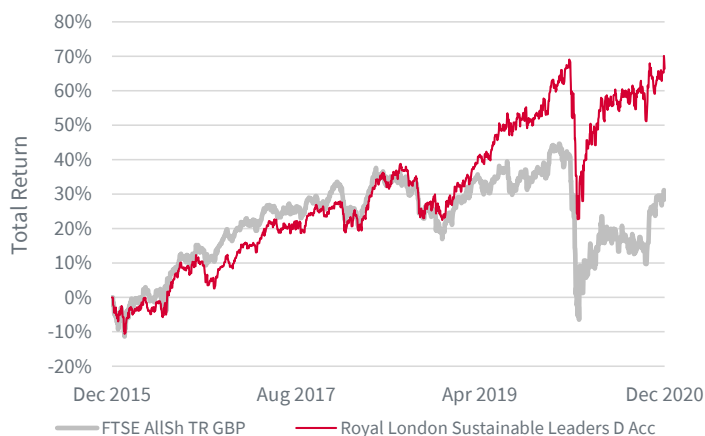
Fund Manager(s): Mike Fox since November 2003

Royal London Sustainable Leaders is a UK equity fund which seeks to outperform the FTSE All Share Index over the long term through a growth orientated strategy with the aim of investing in companies that demonstrate a net benefit to society. Ultimately, the positive contribution should be coming from each company's products and services and ESG standards. The fund is managed by Mike Fox, who has been involved in running this mandate since November 2003 (initially at the Co-Op prior to Royal London acquiring the fund) and so is well versed in sustainable investing. There is an external advisory committee which meets quarterly and acts independently in order to review the research process and output of the investment team. The investment process is primarily driven by positive screening for environmental, social and governance factors. The initial stage of the investment process is a screening process for key ESG and financial factors, using systems such as Holt and MSCI ESG Ratings, in order to identify the opportunity set that they can perform more focused research on. When performing the more detailed analysis, from an ESG standpoint, fundamentally a lot of the assessment is qualitative in nature but this is quantified by a scorecard approach. In which, there is a sustainable score and a financial score which both are scored up to 50 and their hurdle rate is 25 out of 50 for each of the two scores. The scorings are reviewed formally every six months. The resulting portfolio will typically hold around 40-50 stocks (including some overseas companies) and portfolio construction is an outcome of the scoring system, with individual stocks weights tiered based on their scores.

*\*Ethical / ESG / Sustainable / Responsible and Impact investing are all subjective terms. Each fund interprets this differently and therefore it's important that you understand how your chosen fund operates to ensure that it fits with your own values. It is the responsibility of the fund manager to ensure that companies held in the portfolio meet the stated criteria and therefore we can't guarantee that every holding will do so. Additionally, usually these types of mandates have limited exposure to certain sectors and therefore returns can deviate heavily from the mainstream indices.*

Source: AJ Bell Investments Date: 31/12/2020

## Historic Performance



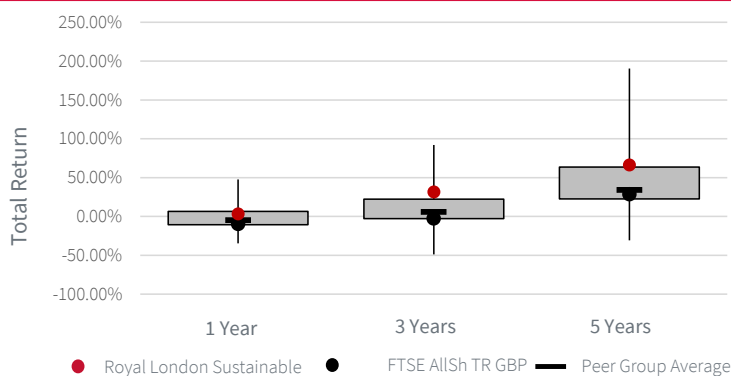
## Trailing Returns (% Annualised)

	YTD <sup>1</sup>	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Royal London Sustainable Leader:	3.4	3.4	9.6	10.7	-
FTSE AllSh TR GBP	-9.8	-9.8	-0.9	5.1	5.6

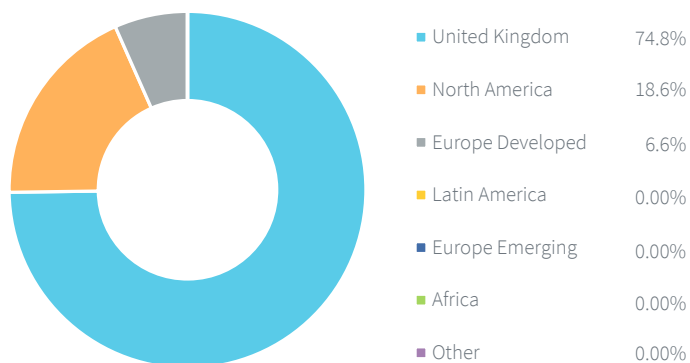
## Calendar Returns (%)

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Royal London Sustainable Leader:	3.4	29.7	-1.8	16.0	9.0
FTSE AllSh TR GBP	-9.8	19.2	-9.5	13.1	16.8

## Performance Relative to Peer Group<sup>2</sup>



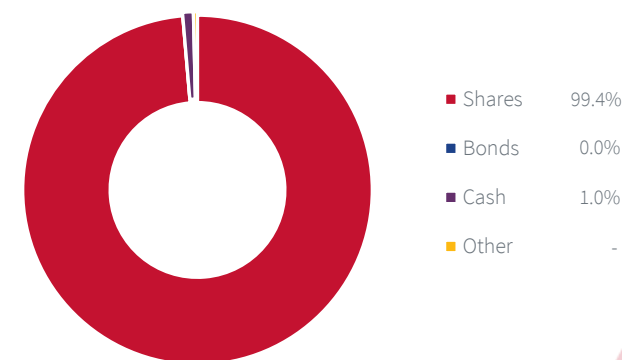
## Share Regional Breakdown



## Fund Snapshot

ISIN	GB00B7SGTR82
Domicile	United Kingdom
Benchmark	FTSE AllSh TR GBP
Morningstar Analyst Rating	Silver
Morningstar Star Rating	★★★★★
Ongoing Charge	0.61
Number of Holdings	70
Fund Size (£m)	2,401.92
Dividend Distribution Frequency	Semi-Annually
12 Month Yield	1.33%
Morningstar Category	EAA Fund UK Large-Cap Equity

## Asset Breakdown



## Top 10 Holdings

Company	Weight (%)
AstraZeneca PLC	5.1
SSE PLC	4.4
Prudential PLC	4.3
Unilever PLC	4.2
Experian PLC	4.2
London Stock Exchange Group PLC	4.1
Rentokil Initial PLC	4.0
Croda International PLC	3.7
Sage Group (The) PLC	3.5
Segro PLC	3.4

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