Key Information Document

Purpose: This document provides you with key information about this investment product. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature, risks, costs, potential gains and losses of this product and to help you compare it with other products.

Product

Ordinary shares in abrdn Equity Income Trust plc

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This product is managed by abrdn Fund Managers Limited, a firm authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority in the United Kingdom.

What is this product?

Type

Ordinary shares in abrdn Equity Income Trust plc, an actively managed investment company registered in England and listed on the London Stock Exchange. Shares of abrdn Equity Income Trust plc (the "Company") are bought and sold via markets. At any time, the price you would pay to acquire a share will normally be higher than the price at which you could sell it. The price may be at a premium or discount to the net asset value of the Company.

Term

The Company does not have a fixed life but shareholders have the opportunity to vote for the continuation of the Company every 5 years. Further, in certain other circumstances the Company may be wound up subject to shareholder approval and compliance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements. abrdn Fund Managers Limited cannot wind up the Company.

Objectives

The Company's investment objective is to provide shareholders with an above average income from their equity investment while also providing real growth in capital and income by investing in a diversified portfolio consisting mainly of quoted UK equities which will normally comprise between 50 and 70 individual equity holdings. In order to reduce risk in the Company without compromising flexibility:

- no holding within the portfolio will exceed 10% of net assets; and
- the top ten holdings within the portfolio will not exceed 50% of net assets.

The Company can borrow to invest and will operate between holding 5% net cash and 15% net gearing.

Borrowing may magnify any gains or losses.

Intended Retail Investor

Investors with basic investment knowledge. Investors who understand the basics of buying and selling shares in stockmarket listed companies and the way these shares are valued. Investors who can accept large short term losses. Investors wanting a return (growth) over the longer term (5 years or more). The Company has specific and generic risks with a risk rating as per the risk indicator. The Company is intended for general sale to retail and professional investors through all distribution channels with or without professional advice.

What are the risks and what could I get in return?

Risk Indicator

1	2	3	4	**5**	6	7

Lower risk ⟷ Higher risk

The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 5 years. The actual risk can vary significantly if you sell it at an earlier stage. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up, and you may get back less than you invested.

The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because the Company is not able to pay you.

We have classified this product as 5 out of 7, which a medium-high risk class. This rates the potential losses from future performance at a medium-high level, and poor market conditions will likely impact our capacity to pay you.

Further information on risks is detailed in the Company's annual report available in the literature library on www.aberdeenstandardequityincometrust.com/en/literature-library.

This product does not include any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment.

The Company borrows/ may borrow in order to purchase assets, and this may magnify gains or losses. Shares in the Company may trade at a discount to their Net Asset Value, which may adversely affect the value of your investment, particularly when you come to sell your shares.

Investment performance information

The portfolio is actively managed and the investment process works on a bottom-up, stock-selection basis. The Company invests in equities and the performance of the Company is liable to be affected by the performance of the underlying equity markets. In addition, investment styles may be in, or out of, favour. The portfolio is domestically focused and strengthening Sterling may be beneficial to the portfolio, while weakening Sterling may lead to relative underperformance. The Company may borrow to invest and this could magnify gains and losses. The share price does not always reflect the underlying net asset value

(NAV) and variations in the relative movements in the share price relative to the NAV could affect returns. For more detail see the Annual Report's Principal Risks and Uncertainties section.

The Company has no benchmark, but the most relevant Reference Index for the Company is the FTSE All-Shares Index and most of the holdings in the portfolio are likely to be drawn from its constituents. The portfolio is actively managed meaning that the weighting of holdings reflects the manager's conviction, rather than the stock's weighting in the index. Performance and volatility can be expected to vary significantly, both positively and negatively, from that of the Reference Index.

What could affect my return positively?

Good stock selection may deliver positive relative performance. The portfolio may increase in value if UK equities are generally rising. Movements in exchange rates relative to Sterling may affect returns. Changes in political, geopolitical or market conditions may increase the value of investments. There may be times when the UK market is particularly in favour relative to other markets leading to outperformance of the Company relative to companies invested in other markets. Gearing may also enhance returns relative to the Index, particularly if interest rates are low or falling. Improving sentiment towards the Company and / or to the sector may lead to a narrowing of the discount of the share price to the NAV, or an increase in the premium of the share price to the NAV.

What could affect my return negatively?

Poor stock selection may lead to negative relative performance. The portfolio may decline in value if UK equities are generally falling. Movements in exchange rates relative to Sterling may affect returns. Changes in political, geopolitical or market conditions may reduce the value of investments. There may be times when the UK market is particularly out of favour relative to other markets leading to underperformance of the Company relative to companies invested in other markets. Gearing may also reduce returns relative to the Reference Index, particularly if interest rates are high or rising.Negative sentiment towards the Company and / or to the sector may lead to a widening of the discount of the share price to the NAV, or a decrease in the premium of the share price to the NAV.

The Company is a listed Investment Company and is not subject to redemptions / subscriptions. However, in the event that the Company is wound up under severely adverse market conditions, the reported NAV at the time of the decision may significantly overstate the realisable value of the portfolio meaning that the amounts distributed per share may be less than the reported NAV. The liquidity profile of the portfolio at the time may affect the degree of discount that would be end up being applied. The Company currently has borrowings which would need to be repaid prior to any distribution to shareholders. The repayment cost may be above the carrying value in the accounts and penalties may also be applied for early repayment.

What happens if the Company is unable to pay out?

As a shareholder of the Company you would not be able to make a claim to the Financial Services Compensation Scheme in the event that the Company is unable to pay any dividends due to you, or if it were unable to pay any amounts due to you on the winding up of the Company.

What are the costs?

The Reduction in Yield (RIY) shows what impact the total costs you pay will have on the investment return you might get. The total costs take into account one-off, ongoing and incidental costs. The amounts shown here are the cumulative costs of the product itself, for three different holding periods. They include potential early exit penalties. The figures assume you invest 10,000 GBP. The figures are estimates and may change in the future. The person selling you or advising you about this product may charge you other costs. If so, this person will provide you with information about these costs, and show you the impact that all costs will have on your investment over time.

Costs over time

Investment 10,000.00 GBP			
Scenarios	**If you cash in after 1 year**	**If you cash in after 3 years**	**If you cash in at 5 years**
Total costs	169.00 GBP	321.00 GBP	457.00 GBP
Impact on return (RIY) per year	1.69%	1.25%	1.25%

Composition of cost

The table below shows the impact each year of the different types of costs on the investment return you might get at the end of the recommended holding period and, what the different cost categories mean.

One-off costs	Entry costs	0.00%	The impact of the costs you pay when entering your investment.
	Exit costs	0.00%	The impact of the costs of exiting your investment when it matures.
Ongoing costs	Portfolio transaction costs	0.22%	The impact of the costs of us buying and selling underlying investments for the product.
	Other ongoing costs	1.85%	The impact of the costs that we take each year for managing your investments.
Incidental costs	Performance fees	0.00%	The impact of a performance fee, where applicable.
	Carried interests	0.00%	The impact of a Carried interest, where applicable.

The 'Other ongoing costs' set out above represent the costs of the Company and includes the management fee and administrative expenses. In addition, the figure includes the impact of the interest cost paid to third-party lenders for borrowing money to invest in the portfolio (0.84%) but not any income or capital benefit from so doing.

How long should I hold it and can I take money out early?

Recommended holding period: 5 years.

This product has no required minimum holding period but is designed for medium to long-term investment. Since the value of investments and the income from them can rise and fall over differing time periods, you should have an investment horizon of at least 5 years.

As the shares are listed on the London Stock Exchange, you may buy or sell shares in the product, without penalty, on any normal business day.

How can I complain?

If you have any complaints about the Company, the KID or the conduct of the manufacturer, you can refer to the 'Contact Us' section of the Manager's website www.invtrusts.co.uk or you may lodge your complaint by writing to us at The Complaints Team, abrdn Investment Trusts, PO Box 11020 Chelmsford CM99 2DB. Complaints regarding the conduct of the person(s) advising on or selling the product should be addressed to the person(s) or to their organisation.

Other relevant information

The cost and risk calculations included in this KID are based on prescribed methodologies. The data used in these calculations and the specific methodology applied may change in the future. Depending on how you buy your shares, you may incur other costs including broker commission, platform fees and stamp duty. Please ask your broker or platform provider for additional information where necessary. Further information on the Company's investment policies, the types of assets in which the Company may invest, the markets in which it invests, borrowing limits as well as details of its management, administration and depositary arrangements can be found in the Company's Annual Report and Investor Disclosure Document on the Company's website www.abrdnequityincome.com. Paper copies of these documents are available on request, free of charge, via the contact details above.