# Schroder UK Alpha Plus Fund Product-Level Disclosure

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#### **Fund Information**

| Fund Information   | Value                       |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Link to Entity-Level Report  | Entity Level Report         |
| Legal Entity Identifier  | 5493003QHIX39Z1P7810        |
| Fund Name  | Schroder UK Alpha Plus Fund |
| Reporting Currency   | GBP                         |
| Net Asset Value  | £719,732,576.88             |
| Total Public Investments (credit and listed equity) versus the Total NAV | 100%                        |

#### **Data Gaps and Assumptions**

Schroders use MSCI as its only provider of emissions and climate data to enable consistency and reduce ambiguity in our emissions calculations. We are therefore dependent on MSCI for our emissions data across our public investments, and we will continue to work with them to encourage increased coverage. In some instances where reported emissions data is not available, MSCI use an estimation methodology. If no reported or estimated emissions data is available from MSCI, Schroders does not use an internal estimation methodology. Due to the use of two different MSCI climate packages, the 'Scope 1 & 2' and 'Scope 3' fields for the emissions measures below may not sum to their respective 'Total (1,2 & 3)' values.

This report applies to listed corporate (equity and credit) exposure only. The coverage figures below are based on the 'Total public investments (credit and listed equity) versus the total NAV' field above, which is normalised to 100%.

Where applicable for strategies with significant investments in third-party funds, the 'Total public investments (credit and listed equity) versus the total NAV' figure above may be low. This is due to challenges in obtaining third-party data, and we are improving our capability to look through into the underlying holdings for future reporting.

## **Fund Emissions Metrics**

| # | Metric                                      | Definition  | Scope           |       | 2024         |       | 2023         | 2022      |              |
|---|---|---|-----------------|-------|--------------|-------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
|   |   |   |                 | Value | Coverage (%) | Value | Coverage (%) | Value     | Coverage (%) |
| 1 | Total Carbon Emissions                      | The absolute greenhouse gas emissions of a portfolio, expressed in tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> e   | Scope 1 & 2     | -     | -            | -     | -            | 25,829.5  | 98.8         |
|   |   |   | Scope 3         | -     | -            | -     | -            | 88,647.9  | 98.8         |
|   |   |   | Total (1,2 & 3) | -     | -            | -     | -            | 114,477.4 | 98.8         |
| 2 | Carbon Footprint                            | Total carbon emissions for a portfolio normalised by the market value of the portfolio, expressed in tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> e/£M invested | Scope 1 & 2     | -     | -            | -     | -            | 39.9      | 92.8         |
|   |   |   | Scope 3         | -     | -            | -     | -            | 137.0     | 98.8         |
|   |   |   | Total (1,2 & 3) | -     | -            | -     | -            | 186.1     | 98.8         |
| 3 | Weighted Average Carbon<br>Intensity (WACI) | Portfolios exposure to carbon-<br>intensive companies, expressed<br>in tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> e/£M revenue                                | Scope 1 & 2     | -     | -            | -     | -            | 89.6      | 91.1         |
|   |   |   | Scope 3         | -     | -            | -     | -            | 412.5     | 98.8         |
|   |   |   | Total (1,2 & 3) | -     | -            | -     | -            | 557.3     | 96.0         |

The following data quality metrics are relevant to the 'Total Carbon Emissions' metric above

| # | Metric                    | Definition  | Scope       | Value (%) |      |      |  |  |  |
|---|---------------------------|---|-------------|-----------|------|------|--|--|--|
|   |                           |   |             | 2024      | 2023 | 2022 |  |  |  |
| 1 | Data Reported             | Amount of data collected from investee company reports, either directly or indirectly via third-party vendors | Scope 1 & 2 | -         | -    | 85.2 |  |  |  |
|   |                           |   | Scope 3     | -         | -    | 0.0  |  |  |  |
| 2 | Data Estimated Internally | The amount of data that is estimated by Schroders using an internal methodology                               | Scope 1 & 2 | -         | -    | 0.0  |  |  |  |
|   |                           |   | Scope 3     | -         | -    | 0.0  |  |  |  |
| 3 | Data Estimated Externally | The amount of data that is estimated by the third-party vendor  | Scope 1 & 2 | -         | -    | 13.6 |  |  |  |
|   |                           |   | Scope 3     | -         | -    | 98.8 |  |  |  |

## **Fund Implied Temperature Rise and Climate Value at Risk**

We consider climate scenario analysis to be a valuable tool for better understanding a range of possible future states. It can inform investment decision-making and strategy for enhancing risk-adjusted returns, in light of expected climate-driven changes to the economy. The scenarios used are not intended to be predictions of the future, but rather highlight the risks and opportunities from different possible outcomes. The models assume no change or adaptation from companies over time. Furthermore, this analysis is based on a snapshot of current holdings and does not consider action to mitigate risk, such as engagement or asset reallocation. The analysis is based on the exposure to investments in publicly listed equity (common and preferred stock) and corporate bonds only.

The Implied Temperature Rise metric is provided by MSCI. It is not aligned with the CDP-WWF methodology Schroders uses for Group reporting to determine the alignment of inscope holdings (listed equities, corporate bonds, REITs and ETFs) with its SBTi commitments. The Climate Value at Risk metrics align with those used in the Schroders plc TCFD report.

We have chosen to include quantitative Climate Value at Risk measures for all TCFD products to provide greater context to the qualitative descriptions provided by our investment teams. Their inclusion does not represent 'high' or 'concentrated' exposure to carbon-intensive sectors.

### **Fund Implied Temperature Rise**

| # | Metric                   | Definition  | 2024       |              | 2023       |              | 2022       |              |
|---|--------------------------|---|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
|   |                          |   | Value (°C) | Coverage (%) | Value (°C) | Coverage (%) | Value (°C) | Coverage (%) |
| 1 | Implied Temperature Rise | ITR of the global economy by 2100 if it adhered to the same ratio of undershoot/overshoot of the portfolios aggregated carbon budget <sup>1</sup> | -          | -            | -          | -            | 1.9        | 98.8         |

**Fund Scenario Analysis** 

| # | Scenario         | Definition  |           |              | Climate Val | ue at Risk (VaR | Impact to the fund |              |  |
|---|------------------|---|-----------|--------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|--|
|   |                  |   | :         | 2024         | :           | 2023            | 2                  | 2022         |  |
|   |                  |   | Value (%) | Coverage (%) | Value (%)   | Coverage (%)    | Value (%)          | Coverage (%) |  |
| 1 | Orderly Scenario | Aggregated<br>physical and<br>transition risk<br>under a scenario<br>where global<br>warming is limited<br>to 1.5°C by 2100 | -         | -            | -           | -               | -12.9              | 98.6         | Under this scenario, the model indicates that the fund may have a negative value at risk, however, less pronounced than the comparator index (+3.2% active score). The fund's VaR under this scenario is driven primarily by exposure to companies within the materials sector as well as consumer discretionary exposures. These holdings are exposed to policy risk and extreme weather risk. Presently, the fund has zero exposure to the conventional energy names listed in the UK. |

| # | Scenario                    | Definition  |           |              | Climate Value at Risk (VaR) |              |           |              | Impact to the fund  |
|---|-----------------------------|---|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|---|
|   |                             |   | 2         | 2024         | 2                           | 2023         | 7         | 2022         |   |
|   |                             |   | Value (%) | Coverage (%) | Value (%)                   | Coverage (%) | Value (%) | Coverage (%) |   |
| 2 | Disorderly<br>Scenario      | Aggregated<br>physical and<br>transition risk<br>under a scenario<br>where global<br>warming is limited<br>to 2.0°C by 2100 | -         | -            | -                           | -            | -21.3     | 98.6         | Under this scenario, the model indicates that the fund may have a negative value at risk, however, less pronounced than the comparator index (+10.8% active score). The fund's VaR under this scenario is driven primarily by exposure to companies within the materials, consumer staples and consumer discretionary sectors, and the value at risk is greater than in an "Orderly transition" scenario. However, exposures to the IT sector could offer value creation due to demand for technology opportunities in this scenario. |
| 3 | Hot House World<br>Scenario | Aggregated physical and transition risk under a scenario where global warming is limited to 3.0°C by 2100                   | -         | -            | -                           | -            | -9.5      | 98.6         | Under this scenario, the model indicates that the fund may have a negative value at risk. The value at risk is the lowest compared to the orderly and disorderly transition scenarios. The fund's VaR under this scenario is driven primarily by extreme weather risk most notably within the materials and consumer discretionary sectors.   |

<sup>1 &#</sup>x27;Carbon budget' refers to the budget of GHG emissions allocated to the global economy in order to limit global warming to below 2.0°C by 2100 versus pre-industrial levels. This budget is then allocated to each individual company and aggregated to the portfolio. 'Undershoot/overshoot' refers to the aggregated amount that the portfolio is projected to either undershoot or overshoots its allocated 'carbon budget.' Certain information ©2022 MSCI ESG Research LLC. Reproduced by permission.

## **Material Deviations from Group Level Approach**

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