



BlackRock Sustainable American Income Trust plc

July 2022

Key risk factors

Capital at risk. The value of investments and the income from them can fall as well as rise and are not guaranteed. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

The Company invests in a large portion of assets that are denominated in currencies other than sterling; hence changes in the relevant exchange rate will affect the value of the investment.

The Company can use derivatives, predominantly covered call options for investment purposes which may negatively affect the overall value of the Company.

Investors in this Company should understand that capital growth is not the main priority and values may fluctuate and the level of income may vary from time to time and is not guaranteed.

The Company may from time to time utilise gearing. A fuller definition of gearing is given in the glossary.

The information contained in this release was correct as at 31 July 2022. Information on the Company's up to date net asset values can be found on the London Stock Exchange Website at:

<https://www.londonstockexchange.com/exchange/news/market-news/market-news-home.html>

Company objective

The Company's investment objective is to provide an attractive level of income together with capital appreciation over the long term in a manner consistent with the principles of sustainable investing adopted by the Company.

Fund information (as at 31/07/22)

Net asset value - capital only:	213.97p
Net asset value - cum income:	214.51p
Share price:	205.00p
Discount to cum income NAV:	4.4%
Net yield ¹ :	3.9%
Total assets including current year revenue:	£172.1m
Gearing:	2.8%
Ordinary shares in issue ² :	80,229,044
Ongoing charges ³ :	1.1%

The figures shown relate to past performance. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current or future results and should not be the sole factor of consideration when selecting a product or strategy.

¹ Based on two quarterly interim dividends of 2.00p per share declared on 5 August 2021 and 3 November 2021 for the year ended 31 October 2021, and two quarterly dividends of 2.00p per share declared on 22 March 2022 and 11 May 2022 for the year ending 31 October 2022 and based on the share price as at close of business on 31 July 2022.

² Excluding 20,132,261 ordinary shares held in treasury.

³ Ongoing charges represent the management fee and all other operating expenses excluding interest as a % of average shareholders' funds for the year ended 31 October 2021.

Comments from the Portfolio Managers

Please note that the commentary below includes historic information on the Company's NAV performance data and index and share price performance.

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For the one-month period ended 31 July 2022, the Company's NAV increased by 5.6% and the share price by 9.6% (all in sterling). The Company's reference index, the Russell 1000 Value Index, returned +6.4% for the period.

The largest contributor to relative performance was stock selection in the consumer staples sector. Specifically, selection decisions in the household products industry helped relative returns, as did our allocation decisions within the food products industry. Stock selection in the financials sector boosted relative results, most notably our investment decisions within the banks and insurance industries. Other notable contributors during the period included allocation decisions within the utilities sector and, at the industry level, our security selection within chemicals.

The largest detractor from relative performance was due to allocation decisions in the industrial sector as our selection decisions within the machinery industry and underweight to electrical equipment dampened relative results. Our stock selection within information technology also hurt relative returns, mostly notably in IT services. Other notable detractors for the period included stock selection in the communications services and materials sectors.

Transactions

During the month, the Company initiated new purchases in Prudential, Zebra Technologies and CBRE. Conversely, the Company sold its positions in CDK Global and Warner Bros Discovery. The Company also trimmed its position to AstraZeneca during the month.

Positioning

As of the period end, the Company's largest overweight positions relative to the reference index were in the information technology, consumer discretionary and health care sectors. The Company's largest underweight positions relative to the reference index were in the industrials, real estate and communication services sectors.

Source: Unless otherwise stated all data is sourced from BlackRock as at 31 July 2022.

Source: ¹ Datastream as at 31 July 2022.

Risk: Reference to the names of each company mentioned in this communication is merely for explaining the investment strategy, and should not be construed as investment advice or investment recommendation of those companies.

Any opinions or forecasts represent an assessment of the market environment at a specific time and is not intended to be a forecast of future events or a guarantee of future results. This information should not be relied upon by the reader as research, investment advice or a recommendation.

Annual performance to the last quarter end (as at June 2022)

	30/06/21 30/06/22 %	30/06/20 30/06/21 %	30/06/19 30/06/20 %	30/06/18 30/06/19 %	30/06/17 30/06/18 %
Net asset value	7.5	23.0	-3.0	9.9	6.1
Share price	5.5	27.9	-14.1	11.5	15.5
Reference index ¹	6.0	28.5	-6.1	12.5	5.0

Performance statistics source: BlackRock, Datastream.

¹ The Company's reference index is the Russell 1000 Value Index.**Cumulative performance (as at 31/07/22)**

Sterling	1M%	3M%	6M%	1Y%	3Y%	5Y%
Net asset value	5.6	1.0	3.8	14.6	29.1	57.8
Share price	9.6	-1.4	5.8	16.3	17.6	63.1
Reference index ¹	6.4	2.4	4.9	12.6	29.9	61.1

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The above Net Asset Value (NAV) performance statistics are based on a NAV including income with any dividends reinvested on the ex-dividend date, net of ongoing charges and any applicable performance fee.

Share price performance figures are calculated on a mid market basis in sterling terms with income reinvested on the ex-dividend date.

The performance of the Company's portfolio, or NAV performance, is not the same as share price performance and shareholders may not realise returns which are the same as NAV performance.

A fuller definition of ongoing charges, which includes the annual management fee, is given in the glossary. Details of the management fee are given in the key company details section. The Company does not have a performance fee.

Performance statistics source: BlackRock, Datastream.

The latest performance data can be found on the BlackRock website at blackrock.com/uk/brsa.

Sector allocations (as at 31/07/22)	% of total assets	Country allocations (as at 31/07/22)	% of total assets
Financials	21.6	United States	81.9
Health Care	19.7	United Kingdom	5.9
Information Technology	14.4	Japan	4.3
Consumer Discretionary	10.0	France	3.2
Energy	7.6	Australia	2.0
Materials	6.2	Canada	1.9
Consumer Staples	5.5	Switzerland	1.6
Communication Services	5.1	Net Current Liabilities	-0.8
Utilities	4.7	Total	100.0
Industrials	4.6		
Real Estate	1.4		
Net Current Liabilities	-0.8		
Total	100.0		

Allocations are as of date shown and do not necessarily represent current or future portfolio holdings.

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Ten largest investments (as at 31/07/2022)	Country of risk	% total assets
Sanofi	France	3.2
Laboratory Corporation of America	United States	3.2
Verizon Communications	United States	3.2
AstraZeneca	United Kingdom	3.1
Cisco Systems	United States	3.1
Cigna	United States	2.7
Wells Fargo	United States	2.7
Willis Towers Watson	United States	2.6
Sempra	United States	2.6
Pepsico	United States	2.6

Holdings are as at the date shown and do not necessarily represent current or future portfolio holdings. This information should not be relied upon by the reader as research, investment advice or a recommendation.

Risk: The specific companies identified and described opposite do not represent all of the companies purchased or sold, and no assumptions should be made that the companies identified and discussed were or will be profitable. This should not be construed as investment advice or investment recommendation of those companies.

A full disclosure of portfolio investments for the Company as at 30 June 2022 has been made available on the Company's website at the link given below:
<https://www.blackrock.com/uk/individual/literature/policies/blackrock-sustainable-american-portfolio-disclosure.pdf>

Key company details

Fund characteristics:

Launch date	24 October 2012
Dealing currencies	Sterling
Association of Investment Companies (AIC) sector	North America
Reference Index	Russell 1000 Value Index
Traded	London Stock Exchange

Management:

Alternative Investment Fund Manager (with effect from 2 July 2014)	BlackRock Fund Managers Limited
Portfolio managers	Tony DeSpirito, David Zhao and Lisa Yang
Annual Management fee	0.70% per annum of the Company's net assets (the annual management fee forms part of the ongoing charges as disclosed in the Fund Information section)

Financial calendar:

Year end	31 October
Results announced	June (half yearly) January (final)
Annual General Meeting	March
Dividends paid	(Quarterly) April/July/October/January

Fund codes:

ISIN	GB00B7WOXJ61
Sedol	B7WOXJ6
Bloomberg	BRSA LN
Reuters	BRSA.L
Ticker	BRSA/LON

NMPI status

The Company currently conducts its affairs so that its securities can be recommended by Independent Financial Advisers to ordinary retail investors in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority's (FCA) rules in relation to Non-Mainstream Pooled Investments (NMPI) and intends to continue to do so for the foreseeable future. The securities are excluded from the FCA's restrictions which apply to non-mainstream pooled investments because they are shares in an investment trust.

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

DELTA

Delta is one of four major risk measures used by option traders and investors. Delta measures the sensitivity of the option price to changes in the price of the underlying asset (i.e. stock). For example, if a stock option has a delta value of 0.80, this means that if the underlying stock increases in price by \$1 per share, the option on it will rise in value by \$0.80, all else being equal.

BlackRock Sustainable American Income Trust plc portfolio invests in stocks and also utilises an option overwriting strategy (i.e. writing and selling covered call options) to enhance the portfolio's income. Therefore, the delta of the portfolio (stocks and options securities combined) measures the portfolio's price sensitivity to changes in the price of the portfolio's underlying equity securities, all else being equal.

DISCOUNT/PREMIUM

Investment trust shares frequently trade at a discount or premium to the NAV. This occurs when the share price is less than (a discount) or more than (a premium) to the NAV. The discount or premium is the difference between the share price (based on mid-market share prices) and the NAV, expressed as a percentage of the NAV.

Discounts and premiums are mainly the consequence of supply and demand for the shares on the stock market.

GEARING

Investment companies can borrow to purchase additional investments. This is called 'gearing'. It allows investment companies to take advantage of a long-term view on a sector or to take advantage of a favourable situation or a particularly attractive stock without having to sell existing investments.

Gearing works by magnifying the company's performance. If a company 'gears up' and then markets rise and the returns on the investments outstrip the costs of borrowing, the overall returns to investors will be even greater. But if markets fall and the performance of the assets in the portfolio is poor, then losses suffered by the investor will also be magnified.

NET YIELD

The net yield is calculated using total dividends declared in the last 12 months (as at date of this factsheet) as a percentage of the month end share price.

NAV (Net Asset Value)

A company's undiluted NAV is its available shareholders' funds divided by the number of shares in issue (excluding treasury shares), before making any adjustment for any

potentially dilutive securities which the Company may have in issue, such as subscription shares, convertible bonds or treasury shares. A diluted NAV is calculated on the assumption that holders of any convertibles have converted, subscription shares have been exercised and treasury shares are re-issued at the mid-market price, to the extent that the NAV per share is higher than the price of each of these shares or securities and that they are 'in the money'. The aim is to ensure that shareholders have a full understanding of the potential impact on the Company's NAV if these instruments had been exercised on a particular date.

ONGOING CHARGES RATIO

Ongoing charges (%) =

$$\frac{\text{Annualised ongoing charges}}{\text{Average undiluted net asset value in the period}}$$

Ongoing charges are those expenses of a type which are likely to recur in the foreseeable future, whether charged to capital or revenue, and which relate to the operation of the investment company as a collective fund, excluding the costs of acquisition/disposal of investments, financing charges and gains/losses arising on investments. Ongoing charges are based on costs incurred in the year as being the best estimate of future costs and include the annual management fee.

OPTIONS

An option is a contract that offers the buyer the right, but not the obligation, to buy (call) or sell (put) a security or other financial asset at an agreed-upon price (the strike price) during a certain period of time or on a specific date (exercise date) for a fee (the premium). The sale of call or put options on stocks that are believed to be overpriced or underpriced, based on the assumption that the options will not be exercised, is referred to as an 'options overwriting' strategy. The seller of the option collects a premium but if the option subsequently expires without being exercised, there will be no down side for the seller. However, if the stock rises above the exercise price the holder of the option is likely to exercise the option and this strategy can reduce returns in a rising market.

The Company may write options to generate income and for efficient portfolio management. Risk is mitigated by ensuring that any call options are covered (meaning that call options are only written in respect of stocks already owned within the Company's portfolio such that, if the options are exercised, the Company does not need to purchase stock externally at fluctuating market prices to meet its obligations under the options contract). Any use of derivatives for efficient portfolio management and options for investment purposes will be made on the basis of the same principles of risk spreading and diversification that apply to the Company's direct investments.

Risk Warnings

Capital at risk. The value of investments and the income from them can fall as well as rise and are not guaranteed. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current or future results and should not be the sole factor of consideration when selecting a product or strategy.

Changes in the rates of exchange between currencies may cause the value of investments to diminish or increase. Fluctuation may be particularly marked in the case of a higher volatility fund and the value of an investment may fall suddenly and substantially. Levels and basis of taxation may change from time to time.

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Trust specific risks

Exchange rate risk. The return of your investment may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.

Risk to capital through derivative use. The fund may use derivatives to aim to generate more income. This may reduce the potential for capital growth.

Capital Growth/Income variation. Investors in this Fund should understand that capital growth is not a priority and values may fluctuate and the level of income may vary from time to time and is not guaranteed.

Derivative Risk. The Fund uses derivatives as part of its investment strategy. Compared to a fund which only invests in traditional instruments such as stocks and bonds, derivatives are potentially subject to a higher level of risk.

Gearing Risk. Investment strategies, such as borrowing, used by the Trust can result in even larger losses suffered when the value of the underlying investments fall.

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