

Alternative Investment Company Managers Directive Disclosures

BlackRock Sustainable American Income Trust plc

(the "Company")

This document contains the information required to be made available to investors in the Company before they invest, pursuant to Directive 2011/61/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on Alternative Investment Fund Managers (the "AIFMD") and UK implementing measures (the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Regulations No.1773/2013, and consequential amendments to the FCA Handbook).

The Company's articles of association provide that such information can be made available to investors on the Company's website: <http://www.blackrock.com/uk/brsa>

The table below sets out information required to be disclosed pursuant to the AIFMD.

This document contains solely that information that the Manager is required to make available to investors pursuant to the AIFMD and should not be relied upon as the basis for any investment decision.

In this document references to the Manager are to BlackRock Fund Managers Limited; references to the Investment Manager are to BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited; references to the Board are to the board of the Company; references to Shares are to shares in the capital of the Company and references to Shareholders are to shareholders in the Company.

DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENT	DISCLOSURE OR LOCATION OF RELEVANT DISCLOSURE
Investment strategy and 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.
Master fund domicile, if relevant	N/A
If the Company is a fund of funds, domicile of investee funds	N/A
The types of asset in which the Company may invest	<p>Investment policy</p> <p>The Company invests primarily in a diversified portfolio of North American* equity securities, with a focus on large-cap and medium-cap companies that pay and grow their dividends. "North America", in accordance with the United Nation's publication "Standard Country or Area Codes for Statistical Use", means Bermuda, Canada, Greenland, Saint Pierre and Miquelon and United States of America and "North American" shall be construed accordingly. The Company may also invest in the equity securities of companies outside North America, subject to the restrictions set out below, and may invest in securities denominated in currencies other than the official currencies of the relevant countries or areas within North America. The Company may also hold other securities from time-to-time including, <i>inter alia</i>, options, futures contracts, convertible securities, fixed interest securities, preference shares, non-convertible preferred stock and depositary receipts (such securities other than equity securities, together "Other Securities"). The Company may also write covered call options in respect of its portfolio.</p>

	<p>The Investment Manager adopts a stock specific approach in managing the Company's portfolio, selecting investments that it believes will both increase in value over the long term and provide income.</p> <p>The Company does not invest in companies which are not listed, quoted or traded on an exchange at the time of investment, although it may have exposure to such companies where, following investment, the relevant securities cease to be listed, quoted or traded on an exchange.</p> <p>Typically, it is expected that the investment portfolio will comprise between 30 and 60 equity securities.</p> <p><i>Use of derivatives</i></p> <p>The Company may invest in derivatives for efficient portfolio management and in options for investment purposes and may, for investment purposes, write covered call options in respect of its portfolio. Any use of derivatives for efficient portfolio management and/or options for investment purposes is made based on the same principles of risk spreading and diversification that apply to the Company's direct investments.</p> <p>For the avoidance of doubt, the Company does not enter into physical or synthetic short positions or write any uncovered options.</p> <p><i>Risk diversification</i></p> <p>Portfolio risk is mitigated by investing in a diversified spread of investments. In particular, the Company observes the following investment restrictions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no single investment (including for the avoidance of doubt, any single derivative instrument), at the time of investment, shall account for more than 10 per cent. of the gross asset value of the Company; • no more than 25 per cent. of the gross asset value of the Company, at the time of investment, shall be invested in securities which are not deemed to be North American* securities; • no more than 35 per cent. of the gross asset value of the Company, at the time of investment, shall be exposed to any one sector; • no more than 20 per cent. of the gross asset value of the Company, at the time of investment, shall be invested in Other Securities; and • no more than 20 per cent. of the Company's portfolio shall be under option at any given time. <p>(*Securities may be deemed to be North American securities if: (i) the company's principal operations are conducted from North America; or (ii) the company's equity securities are listed, quoted or traded on a North American stock exchange; or (iii) the company does a substantial amount of business in North America; or (iv) the issuer of securities is included in the Company's Reference Index.)</p> <p><i>The Company's sustainable investment principles</i></p> <p>In managing the Company's portfolio, the Investment Manager, in addition to other investment criteria, takes into account the environmental, social and governance ("ESG") characteristics of the relevant issuers of securities and seeks to deliver a superior ESG outcome versus the Reference Index by aiming for the Company's portfolio to achieve: (i) a better ESG score than the Reference Index; and (ii) a lower carbon emissions intensity score than the Reference Index. The "Reference Index" is the Russell 1000 Value Index or such other index as may be agreed by the Company and the Investment Manager to be appropriate from time to time. However,</p>
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	<p>there can be no guarantee that these aims will be achieved and the ESG rating of the Company's portfolio and its carbon emission intensity score may vary.</p> <p>The Investment Manager also applies a screening policy (currently the BlackRock EMEA Baseline Screens policy) at the time of investment through which it seeks to limit and/or exclude direct investment (as applicable) in companies which, in the opinion of the Investment Manager, have exposure to, or ties with, certain sectors (in some cases subject to specific revenue thresholds) including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the production of certain types of controversial weapons; (ii) the distribution or production of firearms or small arms ammunition intended for retail civilians; (iii) the extraction of certain types of fossil fuel and/or the generation of power from them; (iv) the production of tobacco products or certain activities in relation to tobacco-related products; and (v) issuers which have been deemed to have failed to comply with United Nations Global Compact Principles. <p>Following application of the screening policy outlined above, those companies which have not yet been excluded from investment are then evaluated by the Investment Manager based on their ability to manage the risks and opportunities associated with ESG-consistent business practices and their ESG risk and opportunity credentials, such as their leadership and governance framework, which is considered essential for sustainable growth, their ability to strategically manage longer-term issues surrounding ESG and the potential impact this may have on a company's financials. To undertake the required analyses, the Investment Manager may use data provided by external ESG data providers, proprietary models and local intelligence and may undertake site visits.</p> <p>Should holdings which are compliant with the screening policy applied by the Investment Manager outlined above at the time of investment subsequently become ineligible, they will be divested within a reasonable period of time.</p> <p>The Company may gain limited exposure (including, but not limited to, through investment in other listed closed-ended investment funds and derivatives) to issuers with exposures that do not meet the sustainable investment principles described above.</p> <p>Circumstances in which such exposure may arise include, but are not limited to, where a counterparty to a derivative in which the Company invests posts collateral which is inconsistent with the Company's sustainable investment principles or where a fund in which the Company invests does not apply any or the same sustainable investment principles as the Company and so provides exposure to securities which are inconsistent with the Company's sustainable investment principles. The Investment Manager may take corrective action in such circumstances.</p> <p><i>Borrowing and gearing policy</i></p> <p>The Company may borrow up to 20 per cent. of its net asset value (calculated at the time of draw down), although typically borrowings are not expected to exceed 10 per cent. of its net asset value at the time of draw down. Borrowings may be used for investment purposes. The Company has entered into a multi-currency overdraft facility for this purpose. The Company may enter into interest rate hedging arrangements.</p>
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	<p>Currency hedging</p> <p>The Company’s foreign currency investments are not hedged to Sterling as a matter of general policy. However, the investment team may employ currency hedging, either back to Sterling or between currencies (i.e. cross-hedging of portfolio investments).</p> <p>No material change may be made to the investment policy without the passing of an ordinary resolution by the Company’s shareholders.</p>
<p>Investment techniques that may be employed and all associated risks</p>	<p>Please refer to the Circular to Shareholders dated 29 June 2021 https://www.blackrock.com/uk/individual/literature/shareholder-letters/blackrock-sustainable-american-income-trust-plc-general-meeting-circular.pdf. Please also refer to the Company’s investment objective and policy, as set out in the sections “Investment strategy and objective” and “The types of asset in which the Company may invest” of this document.</p> <p>Please refer to the risk disclosures in the Company’s latest annual report.</p> <p>Additional risk disclosures:</p> <p>Derivatives</p> <p>Whilst the Board does not currently intend to engage in currency and/or interest rate hedging, the Company may invest in derivatives for efficient portfolio management (such as currency and/or interest swap agreements, futures contracts, forward currency and/or interest exchanges and other derivative contracts), in options for investment purposes where the investment team considers it to be in the interests of the Company, and the Company may also, for investment purposes, write covered call options in respect of its portfolio. There is no assurance that this can be performed effectively. Expenses and losses of entering into derivatives for efficient portfolio management will affect the overall value of the Company. Currency and/or interest rate hedging may give rise to cash payments to counterparties of hedging contracts. To the extent that such payments are significant, the investment team may need to realise part of the Company’s portfolio in order to fund such payments. Furthermore, were the Company to engage in currency and/or interest rate hedging, it would be exposed to a credit risk with regard to the relevant counterparty, and the Company could encounter problems associated with enforcing its rights under a currency and/or interest rate hedging arrangement in the case of the insolvency of such counterparty. The uses of derivatives may negatively affect the overall value of the Company.</p> <p>Currency</p> <p>The Company expects substantially all of its investments to be made in U.S.\$ denominated assets and distributions and income from or the proceeds from the disposal of certain investments in the portfolio may also be realised in currencies other than Sterling. Consequently, the value of investments in the portfolio made in non-Sterling currencies will be affected by currency movements and will fall as the Sterling currency appreciates against the currency in which such investments are denominated. The Company does not intend to use currency hedging. The Company currently converts U.S.\$ denominated income from the portfolio to Sterling upon receipt. As a result, Shareholders and the target dividend yield will be exposed to currency risk. The Board retains the right to vary the policy on currency hedging at its absolute discretion.</p>

<p>Investment restrictions</p>	<p>Please refer to the Company’s investment objective and policy, as set out in the sections “Investment strategy and objective” and “The types of asset in which the Company may invest” of this document and to the section “The Company’s sustainable investment principles and related matters”.</p> <p>The management of the Company's assets is also subject to the following investment restrictions.</p> <p>(a) In-House Funds</p> <p>Unless the Company has obtained a special exemption from the HM Revenue & Customs, investment in the Manager’s UK unauthorised unit trusts is prohibited.</p> <p>The Manager may invest in BlackRock’s Institutional Cash Series.</p> <p>The constituent and/or offering documentation of the relevant In-House Funds (including any policy documentation issued) are binding on the Customer and, in the event of a conflict, take precedence over the content of the investment management agreement between the Company and the Manager (the “Investment Management Agreement”).</p> <p>(b) Derivatives</p> <p>The Company may invest in derivatives for efficient portfolio management and in options for investment purposes and may, for investment purposes, write covered call options in respect of its portfolio. Any use of derivatives for efficient portfolio management and/or options for investment purposes is made based on the same principles of risk spreading and diversification that apply to the Company’s direct investments.</p> <p>For the avoidance of doubt, the Company does not enter into physical or synthetic short positions or write any uncovered options.</p> <p>(c) Contingent Liability Investments</p> <p>The Manager:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) may not effect contingent liability investments other than partly paid securities without the prior approval of the Company; and (ii) may not effect contingent liability investments not traded on or under the rules of a recognised or designated investment exchange without the prior approval of the Company. <p>(d) Repurchases</p> <p>Unless otherwise specified in the investment objective and policy of the Company, this document or the Investment Management Agreement, the Manager may enter into repurchase or reverse repurchase transactions on behalf of the Company, in respect of which the Company shall be entitled to such fee as is agreed with the Company. The Manager and the Company may agree further terms in writing in relation to those activities.</p> <p>(e) Underwriting</p> <p>The Manager may commit the Company to underwrite or sub-underwrite any issue or offer for sale of investments provided that there is no</p>
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	<p>potential to breach any other investment limits as a result of the Company being required to acquire the stock arising therefrom.</p> <p>(f) Deposits</p> <p>The Manager is authorised to place money market deposits in BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited designated client bank accounts. The Customer consents to any such deposits being made with those approved banks which meet the Manager’s criteria for such deposit takers from time to time. The Manager may also invest in BlackRock’s Institutional Cash Series.</p> <p>(g) Listing Rules</p> <p>The Manager will not knowingly place the Customer in breach of the constraints set out below:</p> <p>As required under Listing Rule 15.4.2, the Manager shall seek at all times to invest and manage the Company’s portfolio in a way which is consistent with the objective of spreading investment risk and in accordance with the Company’s investment policy.</p> <p>In accordance with Listing Rule 15.2.3A, the Company must not conduct any trading activity which is significant in the context of its group as a whole, but this rule does not prevent the companies whose shares form part of the Company’s investment portfolio from conducting trading activities themselves.</p> <p>In addition, in order to assist compliance of the Company with Listing Rule 15.2.5, the Company will not invest more than 10 per cent. of its gross asset value (calculated at the time of any relevant investment) in other closed-ended investment funds admitted to the Official List (save to the extent that those closed-ended investment funds have stated investment policies to invest no more than 15 per cent. of their gross assets in such other closed-ended investment funds).</p> <p>(h) Corporation Tax Act 2010</p> <p>In order to retain its approval as an investment trust under Section 1158-1159 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010, the Company is required to operate under certain constraints. These include the following limits on investments and operations:</p> <p>(i) the Company must not retain in respect of any accounting period an amount greater than 15 per cent. of its income; and</p> <p>(ii) the business of the Company must consist of investing its funds in shares, land or other assets with the aim of spreading investment risk and giving Shareholders the benefit of the results of the management of its funds.</p> <p>(i) Currency hedging</p> <p>The Fund’s foreign currency investments are not hedged to Sterling as a matter of general policy. However, the investment team may employ currency hedging, either back to Sterling or between currencies (i.e. cross hedging of portfolio investments).</p>
<p>The Company’s sustainable investment</p>	<p>Please refer to the Company’s sustainable investment principles, as set out in the section “The types of asset in which the Company may invest” of this document.</p>

<p>principles and related matters</p>	<p>The screening policy that will be applied by the Investment Manager is the BlackRock EMEA Baseline Screens policy. The BlackRock EMEA Baseline Screens policy will evolve over time as improved data and more research on this subject becomes available. A full list of the current limits and/or exclusions (including any specific threshold criteria) is available at https://www.blackrock.com/corporate/literature/publication/blackrock-baseline-screens-in-europe-middleeast-and-africa.pdf.</p> <p>BlackRock evaluates underlying investments in companies according to good governance criteria, where relevant data is available and as appropriate given the underlying investment type. These criteria relate to sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance. BlackRock may also consider additional factors relating to good governance in its assessment of the sustainability related characteristics of underlying issuers.</p>
<p>Circumstances in which the Company may use leverage</p> <p>The types and sources of leverage permitted</p> <p>Restrictions on the use of leverage</p> <p>The maximum level of leverage which the Company may employ</p>	<p>The Company may borrow up to 20 per cent. of its net asset value (calculated at the time of draw down), although typically borrowings are not expected to exceed 10 per cent. of its net asset value at the time of draw down. Borrowings may be used for investment purposes. The Company has entered into a multi-currency overdraft facility for this purpose. The Company may enter into interest rate hedging arrangements.</p> <p>Gearing may be used for short term liquidity purposes and for enhancing investment returns, always, however, in accordance with, and subject to the limits set out in, the Company's stated investment policy (as set out in the section "The types of asset in which the Company may invest" of this document).</p> <p>The definition of 'leverage' as understood pursuant to the AIFMD is, however, wider than 'gearing', as measured in accordance with AIC guidelines.</p> <p>Pursuant to its regulatory obligations, the Manager is required to express the level which the Company's 'leverage' will not exceed.</p> <p>For the purposes of this disclosure, leverage is any method by which a fund's exposure is increased. A fund's exposure may be increased by using derivatives, by reinvesting cash borrowings, through positions within repurchase or reverse repurchase agreements, through securities lending or securities borrowing arrangements, or by any other means (such increase referred to herein as the "Incremental Exposure"). The AIFMD prescribes two methodologies for calculating overall exposure of a fund: the "gross methodology" and the "commitment methodology". These methodologies are briefly summarised below.</p> <p>The commitment methodology takes account of the hedging and netting arrangements employed by a fund at any given time (purchased and sold derivative positions will be netted where both relate to the same underlying asset). This calculation of exposure includes all Incremental Exposure as well as a fund's own physical holdings; and cash. By contrast, the gross methodology does not take account of the netting or hedging arrangements employed by a Company. This calculation of exposure includes all Incremental Exposure as well as the Company's own physical holdings, cash is excluded.</p> <p>The AIFMD requires that each leverage ratio be expressed as the ratio between a fund's total exposure (including any Incremental Exposure) and its net asset value. Using the methodologies prescribed under the AIFMD and implementing legislation, the Company has set a maximum level of leverage, taking into account atypical and volatile market</p>

	<p>conditions. Leverage will not exceed the ratio of 2:1 using the commitment methodology and 4:1 using the gross methodology.</p>
Collateral and re-use arrangements	<p>The Company may be required to deliver collateral from time to time to its trading counterparties and/or brokers under the terms of the relevant trading agreements (including, but not limited to, ISDA master agreement, related credit support documentation and/or securities lending, repurchase, master forward, foreign exchange and/or futures clearing agreements), by posting initial margin and/or variation margin and on a daily mark-to-market basis. The Company may deliver such collateral by way of title transfer or by way of security interest (and, in certain circumstances, may grant a right of re-use in respect of any such collateral that is the subject of a security interest arrangement) to a trading counterparty or broker. The treatment of such collateral varies according to the type of transaction and where it is traded.</p>
The main implications of the contractual relationship entered into for the purpose of investment	<p>The Company is a company limited by shares, incorporated in England and Wales. While investors acquire an interest in the Company on subscribing for or purchasing Shares, the Company is the sole legal and/or beneficial owner of its investments. Consequently, Shareholders have no direct legal or beneficial interest in those investments. The liability of Shareholders for the debts and other obligations of the Company is limited to the amount unpaid, if any, on the Shares held by them.</p> <p>Shareholders' rights in respect of their investment in the Company are governed by the Company's articles of association and the Companies Act 2006. Under English law, the following types of claim may in certain circumstances be brought against a company by its shareholders: contractual claims under its articles of association; claims in misrepresentation in respect of statements made in its prospectus and other marketing documents; unfair prejudice claims; and derivative actions. In the event that a shareholder considers that it may have a claim against the Company in connection with such investment in the Company, such Shareholder should consult its own legal advisers.</p> <p>Jurisdiction and applicable law As noted above, Shareholders' rights are governed principally by the articles of association and the Companies Act. By subscribing for Shares, investors agree to be bound by the articles of association which is governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of England and Wales.</p> <p>Recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments Regulation (EC) 593/2008 ("Rome I") must be applied in all member states of the European Union (other than Denmark). Accordingly, where a matter comes before the courts of a relevant member state, the choice of a governing law in any given agreement is subject to the provisions of Rome I. Under Rome I, the member state's courts may apply any rule of that member state's own law which is mandatory irrespective of the governing law and may refuse to apply a rule of governing law if it is manifestly incompatible with the public policy of that member state. Further, where all other elements relevant to the situation at the time of the choice are located in a country other than the country whose law has been chosen, the choice of the parties shall not prejudice the application of provisions of the law of that other country which cannot be derogated from by agreement.</p> <p>Shareholders should note that there are a number of legal instruments providing for the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments in England. Depending on the nature and jurisdiction of the original judgment, Council Regulation (EC) No 44/2001 on jurisdiction and the</p>

	<p>recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters, Regulation (EC) No 805/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 creating a European Enforcement Order for uncontested claims, the Convention on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters done at Lugano on 30 October 2007, the Administration of Justice Act 1920 and the Foreign Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement) Act 1933 may apply. There are no legal instruments providing for the recognition and enforcement of judgments obtained in jurisdictions outside those covered by the instruments listed above, although such judgments might be enforceable at common law.</p>
Manager's compliance with IPRU-INV 11.3.11G	<p>Professional liability risks resulting from those activities which the Manager carries out pursuant to the AIFMD, are, to the extent required by law, covered by the Manager through 'own funds' (within the meaning of INPRU-INV).</p>
Valuation procedure and methods	<p>All investments are designated upon initial recognition as held at fair value through profit or loss. The fair value of the financial instruments is based on their quoted bid price. Unquoted investments are valued at fair value using International Private Equity and Venture Capital Valuation Guidelines.</p>
Liquidity risk management	<p>The Company is a closed ended listed investment company and, as such, shareholders in the Company have no right to redeem their shares. Any redemption offered to shareholders shall be at the discretion of the directors of the Company.</p> <p>Liquidity risk is therefore the risk that a position held by the Company cannot be realised at a reasonable value sufficiently quickly to meet the obligations (primarily, debt) of the Company as they fall due.</p> <p>In managing the Company's assets, therefore, the Manager seeks to ensure that the Company holds at all times a sufficient portfolio of assets listed on recognised investment exchanges to enable it to discharge its payment obligations. The Company also has an uncommitted overdraft facility for up to £10 million from Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited which it utilises from time to time for short term liquidity purposes.</p>
Fair treatment of shareholders / preferential treatment	<p>As a company listed on the UK Listing Authority's Official List, the Company is required to treat all shareholders of a given class equally.</p>
Latest net asset value of the Company	<p>The latest published net asset value of the Company can be found in the Announcements section of the Company's website https://www.blackrock.com/uk/individual/products/investment-trusts/our-range/blackrock-sustainable-american-income-investment-trust/trust-information#useful-information</p>
Historical performance of the Company	<p>Please refer to the Company's latest annual report http://www.blackrock.com/uk/individual/literature/annual-report/blackrock-sustainable-american-income-trust-plc-annual-report.pdf which contains historical performance information on the Company.</p>

SERVICE PROVIDERS AND COMPANY EXPENSES DISCLOSURE	
Manager (AIFM) and Administrator	BlackRock Fund Managers Limited whose registered office is 12 Throgmorton Avenue London EC2N 2DL

	<p>The Manager, as the alternative investment fund manager of the Company, is responsible for the discretionary portfolio management of the Company and exercising the risk management function in respect of the Company.</p> <p>In addition, the Manager performs certain administration, fund accounting and valuation services for the Company.</p> <p>The Manager receives an annual management fee, which is payable quarterly in arrears, of 0.70% of the Company's net asset value.</p> <p>The Manager has delegated day-to-day discretionary portfolio management, risk management, administrative and fund accounting activities to BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited.</p> <p>Conflicts may arise between the interests of the Manager and its permitted delegates in certain circumstances, for example, where there is likelihood that: (i) the delegate and an investor in the Company are members of the same group or have any other contractual relationship, if the investor controls the delegate or has the ability to influence its actions; (ii) the delegate makes a financial gain, or avoids a financial loss, at the expense of the Company or the investors in the Company; (iii) the delegate has an interest in the outcome of a service or an activity provided to the Manager or the Company; (iv) the delegate has a financial or other incentive to favour the interest of another client or fund over the interests of the Company or the investors in the Company; (v) the delegate receives or will receive from a person other than the Manager an inducement in relation to the collective portfolio management activities provided to the Manager and the Company in the form of monies, goods or services other than the standard commission or fee for that service.</p> <p>Although conflicts of interest can also arise where the delegate and the Manager are members of the same group or have any other contractual relationship and the delegate controls the Manager or has the ability to influence its actions, it is not currently considered that there are material existing conflicts of interest between the Manager and the Investment Manager, its parent company.</p> <p>The BlackRock Group has policies and procedures in place to monitor the conflicts of interest that may arise in the context of the Manager's delegation of certain of its functions. To the extent any actual conflicts of interest are determined to have arisen, the BlackRock Group will manage such conflicts to minimise any impact on the investment performance of the Company and will also seek to prevent them from reoccurring.</p>
<p>Company secretary</p>	<p>BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited whose registered office is 12 Throgmorton Avenue London EC2N 2DL.</p> <p>The company secretary's duties include the arrangement of, co-ordination and preparation of board and committee meetings and papers; ensuring that packs provided for board meetings shall include required documents; and attendance and minuting of board meetings.</p> <p>The fee payable for company secretarial services is covered by the management fee described above.</p>
<p>Depository</p>	<p>The Company's appointed depository is The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited whose registered office is 1 Canada Square, London E14 5AL.</p>

	<p>The depositary's duties include, amongst others, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) ensuring that the Company's cash flows are properly monitored, and that all payments made by or on behalf of investors upon the subscription for shares are received; (b) safekeeping the assets of the Company, which includes (i) holding in custody all financial instruments that can be registered in a financial instrument account opened in the Depositary's books and all financial instruments that can be physically delivered to the Depositary; and (ii) for other assets, verifying the ownership of such assets and maintaining records accordingly; (c) ensuring that the sale, issue, re-purchase, redemption and cancellation of shares in the Company are carried out in accordance with applicable law and the Company's articles of association; (d) ensuring that the value of the shares in the Company is calculated in accordance with applicable law and the articles of association; (e) carrying out the instructions of the Manager, unless they conflict with applicable law or the articles of association; (f) ensuring that in transactions involving the Company's assets any consideration is remitted to the Company within the usual time limits; and (g) ensuring that the Company's income is applied in accordance with applicable law and the articles of association. <p>The depositary receives an annual fee of 0.95 basis points of the Company's net asset value (calculated in accordance with AIC guidelines) at each quarter end.</p>
Registrar	<p>Computershare Investor Services PLC whose registered office is The Pavilions, Bridgwater Road, Bristol, BS99 6ZZ.</p> <p>The principal duty of the registrar is the maintenance of the register of shareholders (including registering transfers). It also provides services in relation to corporate actions (including tender offers), dividend administration, shareholder documentation, the Common Reporting Standard and the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act.</p> <p>Computershare receives a fee of £17,150 per annum plus disbursements and VAT. Fees in respect of corporate actions are negotiated on an arising basis.</p>
Auditors	<p>PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP whose registered office is Atria One, 144 Morrison Street, Edinburgh EH3 8EX.</p> <p>The Auditors' responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements of each Company in accordance with applicable law and auditing standards.</p> <p>The Auditors' remuneration is determined by the Directors of the Company and for the year ended 31 October 2020 amounted to £33,678 in respect of the annual audit.</p>
Rights against third party service providers	<p>The Company is reliant on the performance of third-party service providers, including the Manager, the Registrar, and the Depositary.</p>

	<p>Without prejudice to any potential right of action in tort that a Shareholder may have to bring a claim against a service provider, each Shareholder's contractual relationship in respect of its investment in Shares is with the Company only.</p> <p>Accordingly, no Shareholder will have any contractual claim against any service provider with respect to such service provider's default.</p> <p>In the event that a Shareholder considers that it may have a claim against a third-party service provider in connection with such Shareholder's investment in the Company, such Shareholder should consult its own legal advisers.</p> <p>The above is without prejudice to any right a shareholder may have to bring a claim against an FCA authorised service provider under section 138D of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (which provides that breach of an FCA rule by such service provider is actionable by a private person who suffers loss as a result), or any tortious or contractual cause of action. Shareholders who believe they may have a claim under section 138D of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, or in tort or contract, against any service provider in connection with their investment in the Company, should consult their legal adviser.</p> <p>Shareholders who are "Eligible Complainants" for the purposes of the FCA "Dispute Resolutions Complaints" rules (natural persons, micro-enterprises and certain charities or trustees of a trust) are able to refer any complaints against the Manager to the Financial Ombudsman Service ("FOS") (further details of which are available at www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk). Additionally, Shareholders may be eligible for compensation under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme ("FSCS") if they have claims against an FCA authorised service provider (including the Investment Manager) which is in default. There are limits on the amount of compensation available. Further information about the FSCS is at www.fscs.org.uk. To determine eligibility in relation to either the FOS or the FSCS, Shareholders should consult the respective websites above and speak to their legal advisers.</p>
Directors' fees	<p>The aggregate fees payable to the directors of the Company were £164,000 for the year ending 31 October 2020, excluding out of pocket expenses.</p> <p>The aggregate emoluments of the Directors for the last financial year can be found in the Company's annual report http://www.blackrock.com/uk/individual/literature/annual-report/blackrock-sustainable-american-income-trust-plc-annual-report.pdf.</p>
Other ongoing expenses	<p>Other ongoing operational expenses that will be borne by the Company including travel, accommodation, printing, D&O insurance, website maintenance, marketing and legal fees.</p> <p>Out of pocket expenses of the Manager, Administrator, the Registrar, the CREST agent and the Directors relating to the Company will also be borne by the Company.</p> <p>These expenses will be deducted from the assets of the Company and, although they may vary, are estimated to be in the region of £224,000 per annum, excluding any non-recurring or extraordinary expenses. This includes custody and depositary fees incurred by the Depositary in the course of the performance of its duties which are estimated to be approximately £19,000 for the year to 31 October 2021.</p>

	<p>The fees and expenses for the Company in the last financial year (including the ongoing expenses of the Company) can be found in the Company's annual report</p> <p>http://www.blackrock.com/uk/individual/literature/annual-report/blackrock-sustainable-american-income-trust-plc-annual-report.pdf.</p>
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ONGOING AND PERIODIC DISCLOSURES	
Information to be made available, as a minimum, as part of the Company's annual report	<p>The Manager must periodically disclose to shareholders certain information in relation to the Company. This includes providing disclosure on the Company's risk profile, which, as prescribed in the AIFMD, shall outline:</p> <p>(i) the measures used to assess the sensitivity of the Company's portfolio to the most relevant risks to which the Company is or could be exposed; and (ii) if risk limits set by the Manager have been or are likely to be exceeded and, where these risk limits have been exceeded, a description of the circumstances and the remedial measures taken. The Company will, in the annual report, disclose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the current risk profile of the Company and the risk management systems employed by the Manager to manage those risks; and • the total amount of leverage employed by the Company. <p>Shareholders will also be notified whenever the Manager makes material changes to liquidity management systems and procedures it employs in respect of the Company.</p>
Information to be made available without undue delay	<p>Information will also be provided regarding changes to (i) the maximum level of leverage which the Company, or the Manager on the Company's behalf, may employ; or (ii) the rights for re-use of collateral under the Company's leveraging arrangements; or (iii) any guarantee granted under the Company's leveraging arrangements.</p> <p>This information will be made available by way of update to this document, or in such other manner as the Manager and directors of the Company determine as appropriate.</p>

TERMS OF ISSUE	
Procedure and conditions for the issue of shares	<p>Shares will be issued in registered form.</p> <p>Shares will be eligible for settlement through CREST. Shares allocated will be transferred to placees through the CREST system unless otherwise stated. Member firms will be requested to give their CREST settlement details to the Company. The Company will arrange for Euroclear to be instructed to credit the appropriate Euroclear accounts of the subscribers concerned or their nominees with their respective entitlements to Shares. The names of subscribers or their nominees that invest through their Euroclear accounts will be entered directly on to the share register of the Company.</p>

SECURITIES FINANCING TRANSACTION REGULATION (SFTR) DISCLOSURES	
General	Securities Financing Transactions ("SFTs") such as securities lending, repurchase transactions, total return swaps (TRS) and contracts for difference (CFDs) may be used by the Company (subject to its

	<p>investment objective and policy) either to help meet the investment objective of a Company and/or as part of efficient portfolio management.</p> <p>The types of assets that may be subject to SFTs include equity securities, fixed income securities, collective investment schemes, money market instruments and cash. Use of such assets is subject to the Company's investment objective and policy.</p>
Securities Lending	<p>The maximum proportion of the net asset value of the Company that can be subject to securities lending is 0%.</p> <p>The demand to borrow securities is a significant driver for the amount that is lent from a fund. Borrowing demand fluctuates over time and depends to a large extent on market factors that cannot be forecasted precisely. Based on historical data, lending volumes for funds typically range between 0% and 0% of the Company's net asset value, though past levels are no guarantee of future levels.</p>
Total Return Swaps and Contracts for Difference	<p>The maximum proportion of the net asset value of the Company that can be subject to Total Return Swaps and Contracts for Difference is 50%.</p> <p>The expected proportion of the Company's net asset value that will be subject to Total Return Swaps and Contracts for Difference is up to 0%. The expected proportion is not a limit and the actual percentage may vary over time depending on factors including, but not limited to, market conditions.</p>
Repurchase and Reverse Repurchase Agreements	<p>The maximum proportion of net asset value of the Company that can be subject to repurchase transactions is 0%.</p> <p>The expected proportion of the Company's net asset value that will be subject to repurchase transactions is up to 0%. The expected proportion is not a limit and the actual percentage may vary over time depending on factors including, but not limited to, market conditions.</p>
Counterparty Selection & Review	<p>BlackRock selects from an extensive list of full service and execution-only brokers and counterparties. All prospective and existing counterparties require the approval of the Counterparty Risk Group ("CRG"), which is part of BlackRock's independent Risk & Quantitative Analysis department ("RQA").</p> <p>In order for a new counterparty to be approved, a requesting portfolio manager or trader is required to submit a request to the CRG. The CRG will review relevant information to assess the creditworthiness of the proposed counterparty in combination with the type and settlement and delivery mechanism of the proposed security transactions. A list of approved trading counterparties is maintained by the CRG and reviewed on an on-going basis.</p> <p>Counterparty reviews take into account the fundamental creditworthiness (ownership structure, financial strength, regulatory oversight) and commercial reputation of specific legal entities in conjunction with the nature and structure of proposed trading activities. Counterparties are monitored on an ongoing basis through the receipt of audited and interim financial statements, via alert portfolios with market data service providers, and where applicable, as part of BlackRock's internal research process. Formal renewal assessments are performed on a cyclical basis.</p>

	<p>BlackRock select brokers based upon their ability to provide good execution quality (i.e. trading), whether on an agency or a principal basis; their execution capabilities in a particular market segment; and their operational quality and efficiency; and we expect them to adhere to regulatory reporting obligations.</p> <p>Once a counterparty is approved by the CRG, broker selection for an individual trade is then made by the relevant dealer at the point of trade, based upon the relative importance of the relevant execution factors. For some trades, it is appropriate to enter into a competitive tender amongst a shortlist of brokers. BlackRock perform pre-trade analysis to forecast transaction cost and to guide the formation of trading strategies including selection of techniques, division between points of liquidity, timing and selection of broker. In addition, BlackRock monitors trade results on a continuous basis.</p> <p>Broker selection will be based on a number of factors including, but not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to execute and execution quality; • Ability to provide Liquidity/capital; • Price and quote speed; • Operational quality and efficiency; and • Adherence to regulatory reporting obligations.
<p>Acceptable collateral and valuation</p>	<p>Collateral obtained in respect of derivatives (including forward exchange) and efficient portfolio management techniques, such as repo transactions or securities lending arrangements (“Collateral”), must comply with the following criteria:</p> <p>liquidity: Collateral (other than cash) should be sufficiently liquid in order that it can be sold at a price that is close to its pre-sale valuation</p> <p>valuation: Collateral should be capable of being valued on a daily basis and assets that exhibit high price volatility should not be accepted as Collateral unless suitably conservative haircuts are in place;</p> <p>issuer: Collateral (other than cash) may be issued by a range of issuers;</p> <p>correlation: Collateral should be issued by an entity that is independent from the counterparty and is expected not to display a high correlation with the performance of the counterparty;</p> <p>diversification: there is no restriction on the level of diversification required with respect to any country, market or issuer; and</p> <p>maturity: Collateral received may have a maturity date such as bonds or may not have a maturity date such as cash and equity.</p> <p>The value of Collateral obtained is marked to market on a daily basis. Subject to the framework of agreements in place with the relevant counterparty, which may or may not include minimum transfer amounts, it is the general intention of the BlackRock Group that any Collateral received shall have a value, adjusted in light of the haircut policy, which equals or exceeds the relevant counterparty exposure where appropriate. In addition, the BlackRock Group has implemented a haircut policy in respect of each class of assets received as Collateral. A haircut is a discount applied to the value of a Collateral asset to account for the fact that its valuation, or liquidity profile, may deteriorate over time. The haircut policy takes account of the characteristics of the relevant asset class, including the credit standing of the issuer of the Collateral and the price volatility of the Collateral.</p> <p>Collateral must be held by the Depositary or its agent (where there is title transfer). This is not applicable in the event that there is no title transfer in which case the Collateral can be held by a third party custodian which is subject to prudential supervision; and which is unrelated to the provider of the Collateral.</p>

Returns generated by SFTs	Any revenues from repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements and total return swaps not received directly by the Company will be returned to the Company, net of direct and indirect operational costs and fees (which do not include hidden revenue).
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DISCLOSURES IN RESPECT OF THE EU SUSTAINABLE FINANCE DISCLOSURES REGULATION (SFDR)

ESG Integration

Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) investing is often conflated or used interchangeably with the term “sustainable investing”. BlackRock has identified sustainable investing as being the overall framework and ESG as a data toolkit for identifying and informing our solutions. BlackRock has defined ESG Integration as the practice of incorporating material ESG information and consideration of sustainability risks into investment decisions in order to enhance risk-adjusted returns. BlackRock recognises the relevance of material ESG information across all asset classes and styles of portfolio management. The Investment Manager may incorporate sustainability considerations in its investment processes across all investment platforms. ESG information and sustainability risks are included as a consideration in investment research, portfolio construction, portfolio review, and investment stewardship processes.

The Investment Manager considers ESG insights and data, including sustainability risks, within the total set of information in its research process and makes a determination as to the materiality of such information in its investment process. ESG insights are not the sole consideration when making investment decisions and the extent to which ESG insights are considered during investment decision making will also be determined by the ESG characteristics or objectives of the Company. The Investment Manager’s evaluation of ESG data may be subjective and could change over time in light of emerging sustainability risks or changing market conditions. This approach is consistent with the Investment Manager’s regulatory duty to manage the Company in accordance with its investment objective and policy and in the best interests of the Company’s investors. The Investment Manager’s Risk and Quantitative Analysis group will review portfolios, in partnership with the portfolio managers, to ensure that sustainability risks are considered regularly alongside traditional financial risks, that investment decisions are taken in light of relevant sustainability risks and that decisions exposing portfolios to sustainability risks are deliberate, and the risks diversified and scaled according to the investment objectives of the Company.

BlackRock’s approach to ESG integration is to broaden the total amount of information the Investment Manager considers with the aim of improving investment analysis and understanding the likely impact of sustainability risks on the Company’s investments. The Investment Manager assesses a variety of economic and financial indicators, which may include ESG data and insights, to make investment decisions appropriate for the Company objectives. This can include relevant third-party insights or data, internal research or engagement commentary and input from BlackRock Investment Stewardship.

Sustainability risks are identified at various steps of the investment process, where relevant, from research, allocation, selection, portfolio construction decisions, or management engagement, and are considered relative to the Company’s risk and return objectives. Assessment of these risks is done relative to their materiality (i.e. likelihood of impacting returns of the investment) and in tandem with other risk assessments (e.g. liquidity, valuation, etc.).

Investment Stewardship

BlackRock undertakes investment stewardship engagements and proxy voting with the goal of protecting and enhancing the long-term value of clients’ investments for relevant asset classes. In our experience, sustainable financial performance and value creation are enhanced by sound governance practices, including risk management oversight, board accountability and compliance with regulations. We focus on board composition, effectiveness and accountability as a top priority. In our experience, high standards of corporate governance are the foundations of board leadership and oversight. In our experience, high standards of corporate governance are the foundations of board leadership and oversight. We engage to better understand how boards assess their effectiveness and performance, as well as their position on director responsibilities and commitments, turnover and succession planning, crisis management and diversity.

BlackRock takes a long-term perspective in its investment stewardship work informed by two key characteristics of our business: the majority of our investors are saving for long-term goals, so we presume they are long-term shareholders; and BlackRock offers strategies with varying investment horizons, which means BlackRock has long-term relationships with its investee companies.

For further detail regarding BlackRock's approach to sustainable investing and investment stewardship please refer to the website at www.blackrock.com/corporate/sustainability and <https://www.blackrock.com/corporate/about-us/investment-stewardship#our-responsibility>

Sustainability Risks - General

Sustainability risk is an inclusive term to designate investment risk (probability or uncertainty of occurrence of material losses relative to the expected return of an investment) that relates to environmental, social or governance issues.

Sustainability risk around environmental issues includes but is not limited to climate risk, both physical and transition risk. Physical risk arises from the physical effects of climate change (acute or chronic). For example, frequent and severe climate-related events can impact products and services and supply chains. Transition risk (whether policy, technology, market or reputation risk) arises from the adjustment to a low-carbon economy in order to mitigate climate change. Risks related to social issues can include but are not limited to labour rights and community relations. Governance related risks can include but are not limited to risks around board independence, ownership & control, or audit & tax management. These risks can impact an issuer's operational effectiveness and resilience as well as its public perception and reputation, affecting its profitability and, in turn, its capital growth, which ultimately may impact the value of holdings in the Company.

These are only examples of sustainability risk factors and sustainability risk factors do not solely determine the risk profile of the investment. The relevance, severity, materiality and time horizon of sustainability risk factors and other risks can differ significantly.

Sustainability risk can manifest itself through different existing risk types (including but not limited to market, liquidity, concentration, credit, asset-liability mismatches etc.). By way of example, the Company may invest in the securities of an issuer that could face potentially reduced revenues or increased expenditures from physical climate risk (e.g. decreased production capacity due to supply chain perturbations, lower sales due to demand shocks or higher operating or capital costs) or transition risk (e.g. decreased demand for carbon-intensive products and services or increased production costs due to changing input prices). As a result, sustainability risk factors may have a material impact on an investment, may increase the volatility, affect liquidity and may result in a loss to the value of the Company's shares.

The impact of those risks may be higher for strategies with particular sectoral or geographic concentrations, for example, strategies with geographical concentration in locations susceptible to adverse weather conditions where the value of investments in may be more susceptible to adverse physical climate events, or strategies with specific sectoral concentrations such as investing in industries or issuers with high carbon intensity or high switching costs associated with the transition to low carbon alternatives, which may be more impacted by climate transition risks.

All or a combination of these factors may have an unpredictable impact on the Company's investments. Under normal market conditions such events could have a material impact on the value of shares of the Company.

Assessments of sustainability risk are specific to the asset class and to the Company's objective. Different asset classes require different data and tools to apply heightened scrutiny, assess materiality, and make meaningful differentiation among issuers and assets. Risks are considered and risk managed concurrently, by prioritising based on materiality and on the Company's objective.

The impacts of sustainability risk are likely to develop over time and new sustainability risks may be identified as further data and information regarding sustainability factors and impacts becomes available and the regulatory environment regarding sustainable finance evolves. These emerging risks may have further impacts on the value of shares in the Company.