# **MONTHLY REPORTS**

**Institutional Investors** 



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### MONTHLY FACTSHEETS

12-2023

MULTI-THEMATIC EQUITIES		Dec.	2023	3 years	Inceptior
Sycomore Francecap (I)	Performance	5.8%	8.7%	19.7%	590.4%
FR0010111724 - Equity Savings Plan (PEA) France - Inception: Oct 01	CAC All-Tradable NR	3.4%	17.8%	38.5%	252.8%
Sycomore Sélection Responsable (I)	Performance	3.6%	19.4%	13.2%	147.8%
FR0010971705 - Equity Savings Plan (PEA) European Union - Inception: Jan 11	EUROSTOXX TR	3.2%	18.6%	27.5%	126.4%
Sycomore Sélection Midcap (I)	Performance	7.4%	10.3%	10.0%	30.8%
FR0013303534 - Equity Savings Plan (PEA) European Union - Inception: Dec 03 <sup>s</sup>	MSCI EMU Smid NR	4.3%	10.8%	10.7%	26.9%
Sycomore Sélection PME (I)	Performance	7.3%	7.4%	1.2%	210.6%
FR0011707470 - Equity Savings Plan (PEA-PME) European Union - Inception: Jul 061	EUROSTOXX TMI Small TR	5.5%	12.0%	14.6%	137.1%
THEMATIC EQUITIES		Dec.	2023	3 years	Inception
ENVIRONMENT					
Sycomore Europe Eco Solutions (I)	Performance	7.3%	1.6%	0.5%	63.6%
LU1183791281 - Equity Savings Plan (PEA) Europe - Inception: Aug 15	MSCI Europe NR	3.7%	15.8%	31.2%	62.9%
Sycomore Global Eco Solutions (IC)	Performance	6.1%	-2.2%	-	-14.5%
LU2412098654 - World Equity Fund World - Dec 21	MSCI AC World NR	3.5%	18.1%	-	4.3%
Sycomore Europe Happy@Work (I)	Performance	3.5%	15.1%	7.6%	72.0%
LU1301026206 - Equity Savings Plan (PEA) European Union - Inception: Nov 15 <sup>2</sup>	EUROSTOXX TR	3.2%	18.6%	27.5%	63.4%
Sycomore Global Happy@Work (IC)	Performance	2.3%	22.4%	-	-2.4%
LU2413890901 - World Equity Fund World - Dec 21	MSCI AC World NR	3.5%	18.1%	-	4.7%
Sycomore Social Impact (I)	Performance	3.0%	5.3%	-12.1%	186.0%
FR0010117085 - Equity Savings Plan (PEA) European Union - Inception: Jun 02	EUROSTOXX TR	3.2%	18.6%	27.5%	217.4%
Sycomore Global Education (IC)	Performance	2.4%	20.8%	-	-5.0%
LU2309821630 - World Equity Fund World - Mar 21	MSCI AC World NR	3.5%	18.1%	-	20.6%
Sycomore Inclusive Jobs (IC)	Performance	4.8%	1.4%	-	-14.7%
FR0014000IE9 - Equity Solidarity Fund European Union - Inception: May 21	EUROSTOXX TR	3.2%	18.6%	-	12.6%
Sycomore Sustainable Tech (IC)	Performance	5.1%	42.8%	15.3%	32.9%
LU2181906269 - World Equity Fund World - Sector Technology - Sep 20	MSCI AC WId Info Tech. NR	3.1%	46.5%	46.7%	65.2%
FLEXIBLE STRATEGIES		Dec.	2023	3 years	Inception
Sycomore Partners (I)	Performance	3.0%	6.8%	11.0%	81.4%
FR0010601898 - Equity Savings Plan (PEA) European Union - Inception: Mar 08	50%E.STOXX NR+50%EST	2.1%	9.5%	16.1%	72.7%
Sycomore Next Generation (IC)	Performance	2.3%	9.3%	2.9%	6.9%
LU1961857478 - Balanced Fund Global Asset Allocation - Apr 19	Compounded ESTR+2.5%	0.5%	5.8%	10.5%	14.3%
Sycomore Allocation Patrimoine (I)	Performance	2.3%	9.2%	3.5%	58.9%
FR0010474015 - Balanced Fund Global Asset Allocation - Dec 09 <sup>3</sup>	Compounded ESTR+2.8%	0.4%	5.3%	8.9%	35.0%
Sycomore Opportunities (I)	Performance	3.0%	4.6%	-11.5%	85.2%
FR0010473991 - Equity Savings Plan (PEA) European Union - Inception: Oct 04	50%E.STOXX NR+50%EST	2.1%	9.5%	16.1%	114.9%
CREDIT		Dec.	2023	3 years	Inception
Sycomore Sélection Crédit (I)	Performance	2.5%	10.0%	0.4%	32.8%
FR0011288489 - Corporate Bond Fund European Union - Inception: Sep 12 <sup>4</sup>	Barclays Eur Corp exFin.	2.8%	7.9%	-8.2%	17.4%
Sycoyield 2026 (IC)	Performance	1.8%	9.6%	-	10.5%
FR001400A6X2 - Corporate Bond Fund European Union - Inception: Sep 22					

<sup>1</sup> I share was created on 27/01/14, previous data represents a simulation of performance by the fund's X share. 2 Data calculated since 6/7/15. The performance shown prior 4/11/2015 is the track record of an identical French-domiciled fund. 3 New investment strategy implemented: 29.12.09. 4 Data calculated since 05/12/12, investment start date. 5 The performances achieved before August 10,2020 were achieved according to an investment strategy different from the one currently in force.

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns. Funds do not guarantee returns or performance and might entail capital loss. Before investing, please consult the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for each fund which is available on our site www.sycomore-am.com.



Share I Isin code | FR0010111724

NAV | 690.4€

Assets | 131.0 M€

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#### SFDR8

Sustainable In	vestments
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% AUM: ≥ 50%
% Companies\*: ≥ 50%
\*Excluding derivatives, cash & equivalent

### Risk indicator

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Lower risk

The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 5 years. **Warning:** the actual risk can vary significantly if you cash in at an early stage and you may get back less.

The fund does not offer any guarantee of return or performance and presents a risk of capital loss

#### **Investment Team**



**Cyril CHARLOT** Fund Manager



**Alban PRÉAUBERT** Fund Manager



Anne-Claire IMPERIALE SRI Referent



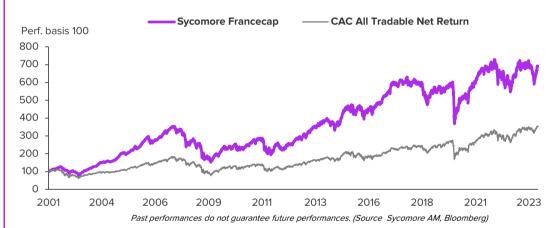
France

#### Investment strategy

#### A responsible selection of French equities based on proprietary ESG analysis

Sycomore Francecap aims to outperform its benchmark index, the CAC All-Tradable NR, over a period of five years, through a multi-thematic and socially responsible investment process drawing from our proprietary "SPICE" methodology and economic and societal contribution indicators. The fund invests without sector or market capitalisation constraints in French equities we believe to be trading at a substantial discount. Depending on the manager's forecasts, a significant portion may be allocated to mid-caps.

#### Performance as of 29.12.2023



	Dec	2023	1 year	3 yrs	5 yrs	Inc.*	Annu.	2022	2021	2020	2019
Fund %	5.8	8.7	8.7	19.7	40.5	590.4	9.1	-10.5	23.1	-2.3	20.1
Index %	3.4	17.8	17.8	38.5	68.4	252.8	5.8	-8.4	28.3	-4.9	27.8

#### Statistics

	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Bench.	Track.	Sharpe	Info	Draw	Bench.
					Vol	Error	Ratio	Ratio	Down	DD
3 years	1.0	0.9	-3.9%	16.2%	16.9%	5.1%	0.3	-1.0	-25.0%	-21.9%
Inception	0.9	0.7	4.6%	16.7%	21.1%	9.8%	0.5	0.3	-56.9%	-57.5%

#### **Fund commentary**

After rising in November, markets remained upbeat in December as the Fed took a much more accommodative tone on the back of the constructive inflation data published recently. In a risk-on environment, the fund benefited from its over-exposure to small and mid-caps (active weight 41%, contributing +1.2%), cyclical industrials (active weight 7%, contribution +2.0%) notably via positions in Saint-Gobain, Verallia, Rexel and Nexans, and to technology (active weight 7%, contributing +0.4%) via positions in Worldline (despite the stock's exit from the CAC40 index after the December reshuffle) and Alten. Another highlight in December was the bid on Chargeurs launched by its CEO, who already owns 27% of the capital, at a price of €12 - a 34% premium over the last closing



#### **Fund Information**

Inception date 30/10/2001

#### **ISIN** codes

Share A - FR0007065743 Share I - FR0010111724 Share ID - FR0012758720 Share R - FR0010111732

#### **Bloomberg tickers**

Share A - SYCMICP FP Share I - SYCMICI FP Share ID - SYCFRCD FP Share R - SYCMICR FP

#### **Benchmark**

CAC All Tradable Net Return

#### Legal form

Mutual fund

#### **Domiciliation**

France

#### **PEA** eligibility

Yes

#### **Investment period**

5 yrs

#### **Minimum investment**

100 EUR

#### **UCITS V**

Yes

#### Valuation

Daily

#### Currency

EUR

#### **Cut-Off**

12pm CET Paris (BPSS)

#### Cash Settlement

D+2

#### Management fees

Share A - 1.50% Share I - 1.00% Share ID - 1.00% Share R - 2.00%

#### Performance fees

15% > Benchmark

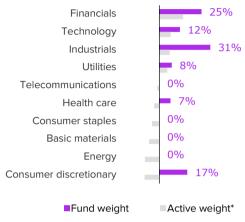
#### Transaction fees

None

#### Portfolio

Equity exposure	98%	2023 PER
Overlap with benchmark	25%	2023 EPS growth
Number of holdings	33	2023 P/BV ratio
Weight of top 20 stocks	76%	Return on Equity
Median market cap	4.7 €bn	2023 Dividend Yiel

#### Sector exposure



#### \*Fund weight - weight CAC All Tradable Net Return

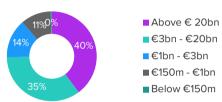
#### Valuation

	Fund	Index
2023 PER	9.3x	11.9x
2023 EPS growth	7.9%	9.0%
2023 P/BV ratio	1.2x	1.7x
Return on Equity	12.4%	14.4%
2023 Dividend Yield	3.3%	3.2%

#### Style breakdown



#### Market cap breakdown



SPICE, for Society & Suppliers, People, Investors, Clients, Environment is our tool for assessing a company's performance on sustainability criteria. This tool incorporates the analysis of economic, governance, environmental, social, and societal risks and opportunities covering both the company's daily operations and its product and service offer.

The analysis process covers 90 criteria and leads to a rating per letter. These 5 ratings are weighted based on the company's most material impacts\*.

	Fund	Index
SPICE	3.7/5	3.6/5
S score	3.5/5	3.1/5
P score	3.7/5	3.6/5
I score	3.8/5	3.8/5
C score	3.8/5	3.7/5
E score	3.5/5	3.2/5

Avg. weight

2.4%

5.3%

9.1%

0.4%

2.1%

1.6%

Contrib

0.75%

0.60%

0.38%

-0.11%

-0.06%

-0.03%

#### **Top 10**

#### SPICE Weight NEC CS rating Christian Dior 9.4% 4.2/5 -14% -22% **Positive** Peugeot 6.0% 3.4/5 +4% 16% Chargeurs Saint Gobain

Saint Gobain	5.2%	3.9/5	+16%	32%
Sanofi	4.8%	3.1/5	0%	88%
Schneider E.	4.3%	4.2/5	+13%	37%
Alten	3.7%	3.9/5	+3%	-5%
Neurones	3.7%	4.0/5	0%	10%
Verallia	3.7%	3.6/5	-16%	0%
Arverne	3.6%	3.6/5	+4%	0%
Engie	3.6%	3.4/5	+21%	35%

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Performance contributors

Christian Dior

#### Portfolio changes

Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction
Wendel		Edenred	Veolia
			Saint-Gobain
			Elis



#### Sustainability thematics



■ Sustainable mgmt of resources

- SPICE Leadership
- Digital and communication
- Energy transition
- Health & Safety
- SPICE transformation
- Nutrition and well-being
- Access and Inclusion

#### **ESG** scores

	Fund	Index
ESG*	3.6/5	3.4/5
Environment	3.5/5	3.2/5
Social	3.6/5	3.4/5
Governance	3.7/5	3.6/5

#### **Environmental analysis**



Index -4%

#### **European taxonomy**

Percentage of revenues derived from eligible activities to the EU taxonomy

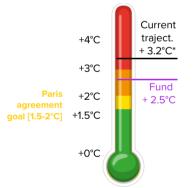
Coverage rate : fund 83% / index 100%



#### Temperature rising - SB2A

Induced average temperature increase by 2100 compared to pre-industrial times, according to the Science-Based 2°C Alignment methodology.

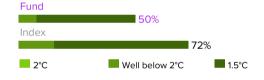
Coverage rate : fund 88%



\*IPCC Sixth Assessment Report «Climate Change 2022: Mitigation of Climate Change», https://www.jpcc.ch/assessment-report/ar6/

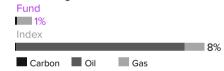
#### Climate alignment - SBTi

Share of companies that have validated their greenhouse gas reduction targets with the Science-Based Targets initiative.



#### Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.



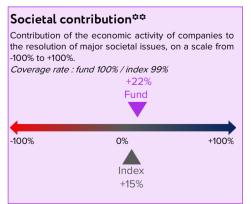
#### Carbon footprint

Annual greenhouse gas emissions (GHG Protocol) from upstream scopes 1, 2 and 3 per thousand euros invested\*\*\*.

Coverage rate : fund 96% / index 100%

Fund Index kg. eq. CO ₂ /year/k€ 205 202

#### Societal and social analysis



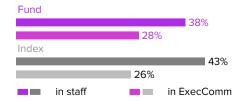
#### The Good Jobs Rating - Quantity

Degree of contribution of companies to sustainable job creation - Focus on the Quantity dimension: direct, indirect and induced job creation over the last three years. Coverage rate: fund 100% / index 100%



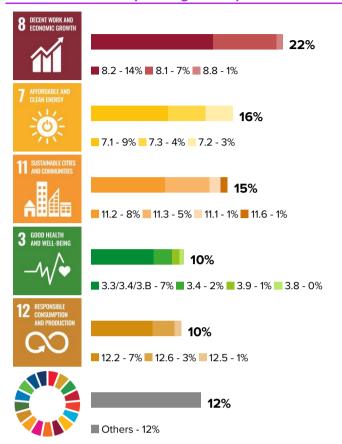
#### Gender equality ♀/ ♂

Percentage of women in total company headcounts and executive committees. Staff cov. rate: fund 100% / index 99% ExecComm cov. rate: fund 100% / index 100%



Sources: company data, Sycomore AM, Trucost, Bloomberg, Science Based Targets, Vigeo. Methodologies and approaches may differ between issuers and providers of extra-financial data. Sycomore AM does not guarantee the accuracy, completeness, and exhaustiveness of the extra-financial reports.\*ESG-SPICE correspondence: E=E, S=(P+S+C)/3, G is a sub-part of I, which represents 40%.\*\*The fund has committed to outperforming the benchmark on these two indicators. The other indicators are shown for illustrative purposes.\*\*\*Footprint allocated prorata to enterprise value, cash included.

#### Sustainable development goals exposure



This chart represents the main exposures to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and their 169 targets. Exposure is defined as the opportunity, for each company, to contribute positively to reaching SDGs, providing their products and services. This exercise doesn't aim to measure the companies effective contribution to SDGs, which is computed through our societal contribution (CS) and net environnemental contribution (NEC) metrics. For each invested company, activities are analysed in order to identify those which are exposed to SDGs. For a same activity, its number of targets can vary between 0 and 2. The company target exposure to one of its activities is weighted by the revenue share gained from this activity. For more details, our annual SRI report is available in our ESG documentation.

No significant exposure: 26%

#### ESG follow-up, news and dialogue

#### Dialogue and engagement

#### Sanofi

During our meeting with the company we discussed recent announcements, including the increase of the R&D budget and plans to spin-off its consumer health business with a separate listing in France, following the appointment of a new Chairman of the Board. Management also shared with us the results of the most recent social barometer, which shows a rise in the employee engagement score.

#### **ESG** controversies

#### Sanofi

On December 6th, Sanofi announced that the Mourenx facility, which produces Dépakine, had been shut down between 15-18 November due to toxic waste emissions exceeding the norms. The necessary works have since been conducted and emissions on the site are no longer above the norm. Since August 2022, a judge from the public health division of the Paris judiciary has been investigating the toxic emissions produced by this factory up until 2018, when work was completed to ensure compliance.

#### Votes

1/1 voted general assembly over the month.

Details on our votes are available here the day following the company's AGM  $\underline{\mathsf{Here}}$ .

#### Alfen

We had asked the company to submit its greenhouse gas emission reduction targets to SBTi. Alfen has now confirmed that these targets have been submitted for future certification.





# sélection responsable

Share I Isin code | FR0010971705

NAV | 495.7€

Assets | 555.5 M€

#### SFDR8

#### Sustainable Investments

% AUM: ≥ 70% % Companies\*: ≥ 70%

\*Excluding derivatives, cash & equivalent

Higher risk

#### Risk indicator

7 6 5

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Lower risk

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#### **Investment Team**



**Olivier CASSÉ** Fund Manager



**Bertille KNUCKEY** Fund Manager



Giulia CULOT Fund Manager









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Belgium Austria

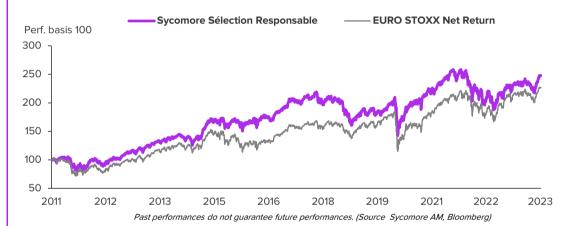
Germany

#### Investment strategy

#### A responsible selection of Eurozone equities based on proprietary ESG analysis

Sycomore Sélection Responsable is a conviction-driven fund which aims to deliver financial returns above those of the EuroStoxx Total Return index over a minimum investment horizon of five years, by applying a multithemed socially responsible investment process (energy transition, health, nutrition, digital, etc.) in keeping with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. The fund mainly invests in the capital of quality Eurozone companies, which benefit from sustainable development opportunities and whose intrinsic valuation is believed to be above their stock market value.

#### Performance as of 29.12.2023



	Dec	2023	1 year	3 yrs	5 yrs	Inc.	Annu.	2022	2021	2020	2019
Fund %	3.6	19.4	19.4	13.2	51.1	147.8	7.3	-18.5	16.2	11.1	20.1
Index %	3.2	18.6	18.6	27.5	61.2	126.4	6.5	-12.3	22.7	0.2	26.1

#### **Statistics**

	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Bench.	Track.	Sharpe	Info	Draw	Bench.
					Vol	Error	Ratio	Ratio	Down	DD
3 years	1.0	0.9	-3.4%	16.3%	16.9%	4.1%	0.2	-1.0	-27.5%	-24.6%
Inception	1.0	0.8	1.7%	16.3%	18.9%	5.9%	0.4	0.1	-35.1%	-37.9%

#### **Fund commentary**

Eurozone equity markets continued to rebound, ending the year close to their all-time highs. Investors are increasingly confident in a dovish pivot before long, both in Europe and in the US (which would add to the likelihood of a soft-landing for the global economy). Cyclical growth stocks therefore outperformed by a large margin and enabled the fund to deliver a robust performance in December. Top contributors to performance included industrials (Prysmian and Siemens), cyclical consumer spending (Brunello Cucinelli and Technogym), and semiconductors (ASML and more recently AMD). In terms of portfolio activity, we added a new position in Renault (favourable product cycle and expected credit rating upgrade) and trimmed our exposure to Merck Kgaa (disappointment over the pharma portfolio).

# sycomore sélection responsable



#### **Fund Information**

Inception date

24/01/2011

#### **ISIN** codes

Share I - FR0010971705 Share ID - FR0012719524 Share ID2 - FR0013277175 Share RP - FR0010971721

#### **Bloomberg tickers**

Share I - SYSEREI FP Share ID - SYSERED FP Share ID2 - SYSERD2 FP Share RP - SYSERER FP

#### **Benchmark**

**EURO STOXX Net Return** 

#### Legal form

Mutual fund

#### **Domiciliation**

France

#### **PEA** eligibility

Yes

#### **Investment period**

5 yrs

#### Minimum investment

None

#### **UCITS V**

Yes

#### Valuation

Daily

#### Currency

EUR

#### **Cut-Off**

12pm CET Paris (BPSS)

#### Cash Settlement

D+2

#### Management fees

Share I - 1.00% Share ID - 1.00% Share ID2 - 1.00% Share RP - 2.00%

#### Performance fees

15% > Benchmark

#### Transaction fees

None

#### **Portfolio**

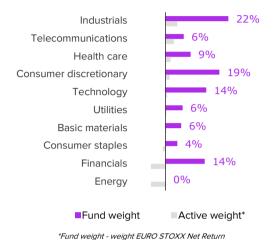
Sector exposure

Equity exposure	95%	2023 PER
Overlap with benchmark	35%	2023 EPS gro
Number of holdings	40	2023 P/BV ra
Weight of top 20 stocks	70%	Return on Equ
Median market cap	60.2 €bn	2023 Dividen

# Country breakdown

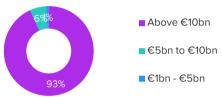
Valuation





6%	France	Germany
6%	Netherlands	■ Spain
16%	■Italy	Others

### Market cap breakdown



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SPICE	3.8/5	3.6/5
S score	3.4/5	3.2/5
P score	3.7/5	3.5/5
I score	3.8/5	3.7/5
C score	3.8/5	3.6/5
E score	3.6/5	3.2/5

#### Top 10

#### Performance contributors

	Weight	SPICE rating	NEC	cs		Avg. weight	Contrib
ASML	5.1%	4.3/5	+6%	27%	Positive		
Siemens AG	5.0%	3.4/5	+20%	47%	Prysmian	3.6%	0.52%
LVMH	4.4%	3.8/5	-13%	-22%	ASML	4.9%	0.48%
Schneider E.	4.3%	4.2/5	+13%	37%	Siemens AG	4.6%	0.43%
KPN	4.3%	3.6/5	0%	60%	Negative		
Air Liquide	4.2%	4.1/5	+1%	18%	Merck	1.5%	-0.28%
Prysmian	4.1%	3.8/5	+22%	24%	SAP	3.4%	-0.11%
Société Générale	4.0%	3.3/5	0%	18%	Coloplast	1.4%	-0.06%
Michelin	3.8%	4.0/5	-2%	25%			
Banco Santander S.A.	3.3%	3.3/5	0%	28%			

#### Portfolio changes

Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction
Renault	Prysmian	Saint-Gobain	Merck Kgaa
Adv Micro	Roche	Intesa S.	Banco Santander
	Axa	Technogym	Sap

# sycomore sélection responsable



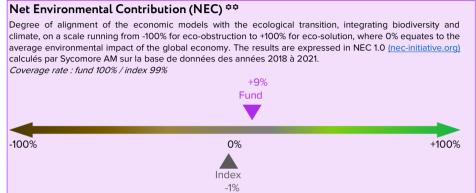
#### Sustainability thematics



#### ESG scores

	Fund	Index
ESG*	3.6/5	3.4/5
Environment	3.6/5	3.2/5
Social	3.6/5	3.4/5
Governance	3.7/5	3.5/5

#### **Environmental analysis**



#### European taxonomy

Percentage of revenues derived from eligible activities to the EU taxonomy

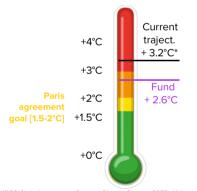
Coverage rate : fund 100% / index 99%



#### Temperature rising - SB2A

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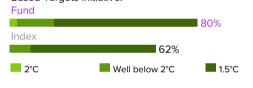
Coverage rate: fund 90%



IPCC Sixth Assessment Report «Climate Change 2022: Mitigation of Climate Change», https://www.ipcc.ch/assessment-report/ar6/

#### Climate alignment - SBTi

Share of companies that have validated their greenhouse gas reduction targets with the Science-Based Targets initiative.



#### Carbon footprint

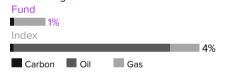
Annual greenhouse gas emissions (GHG Protocol) from upstream scopes 1, 2 and 3 per thousand euros invested\*\*\*

Coverage rate : fund 99% / index 99%

Fund Index kg. eq. CO <sub>2</sub> /year/k€ 153 182

#### Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.



#### **Biodiversity footprint**

Artificialised surface area in  $m^2$  MSA per  $k \varepsilon$  invested\*\*\*, measured by the Corporate Biodiversity Footprint. Mean Species Abundance (MSA) is assessed in comparison with the original state of the environment.

Coverage rate: fund 97% / index 98%

	Fund	Index
m <sup>2</sup> .MSA/k€	-78	-71

#### Societal and social analysis

# Societal contribution contribution contribution of the economic activity of companies to the resolution of major societal issues, on a scale from 100% to 1100%. \*\*Coverage rate: fund 100% / index 95%\*\* -100%\*\* -100%\*\* O%\*\* +100%\* Index\*\* +18%\*

#### Human rights policy

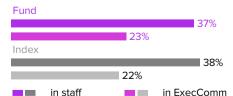
Percentage of portfolio companies that have drawn up a Human Rights policy.

Coverage rate: fund 100% / index 99%



#### Gender equality ♀/ ♂

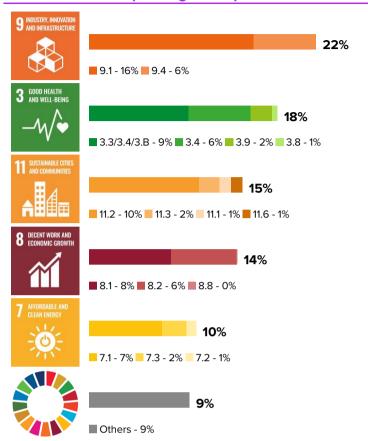
Percentage of women in total company headcounts and executive committees. Staff cov. rate: fund 100% / index 99% ExecComm cov. rate: fund 100% / index 100%



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# sycomore sélection responsable

#### Sustainable development goals exposure



This chart represents the main exposures to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and their 169 targets. Exposure is defined as the opportunity, for each company, to contribute positively to reaching SDGs, providing their products and services. This exercise doesn't aim to measure the companies effective contribution to SDGs, which is computed through our societal contribution (CS) and net environnemental contribution (NEC) metrics. For each invested company, activities are analysed in order to identify those which are exposed to SDGs. For a same activity, its number of targets can vary between 0 and 2. The company target exposure to one of its activities is weighted by the revenue share gained from this activity. For more details, our annual SRI report is available in our ESG documentation.

No significant exposure: 21%

#### ESG follow-up, news and dialogue

#### Dialogue and engagement

#### Sanofi

During our meeting with the company we discussed recent announcements, including the increase of the R&D budget and plans to spin-off its consumer health business with a separate listing in France, following the appointment of a new Chairman of the Board. Management also shared with us the results of the most recent social barometer, which shows a rise in the employee engagement score.

#### **ESG** controversies

#### Novo Nordisk

The group has recently been accused of failing to disclose side effects of Ozempic in Canada. Several patients have reported experiencing severe gastrointestinal or gall bladder-related issues following the use of the drug. There were already similar complaints in the US and in the UK. Ozempic is currently reviewed by The British Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) after reports of suicidal and self-harming thoughts.

#### Votes

1/1 voted general assembly over the month.

Details on our votes are available here the day following the company's AGM  $\underline{\mathsf{Here}}.$ 

#### **Deutsche Telekom**

We recently met DT's management who gave us a very interesting insight on its ESG strategy. The group targets to reduce scope 1-3 emissions by 55% by 2030, from 2020, to be net zero emissions by 2040 and fully circular around technology and devices by 2030. We also discussed DT's strategy on cybersecurity. On the people side, we discussed the potential impact of AI on the company's workforce and started an engagement on the disclosure of the company's global gender pay gap.

#### Sanofi

On December 6th, Sanofi announced that the Mourenx facility, which produces Dépakine, had been shut down between 15-18 November due to toxic waste emissions exceeding the norms. The necessary works have since been conducted and emissions on the site are no longer above the norm. Since August 2022, a judge from the public health division of the Paris judiciary has been investigating the toxic emissions produced by this factory up until 2018, when work was completed to ensure compliance.



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# sélection midcap

Share I Isin code | FR0013303534

Assets | 54.9 M€

#### SFDR 8

Sustainable investment	ts
% AUM:	≥ 50%
% Companies*:	≥ 50%
*Excluding derivatives, cash	a & equivalent

#### Risk indicator

7 6 5 Higher risk

3

Lower risk

The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 5 years. **Warning:** the actual risk can vary significantly if you cash in at an early stage and you may get back less.

The fund does not offer any guarantee of return or performance and presents a risk of capital loss

#### **Investment Team**



**Hugo MAS** Fund Manager



**Alban PRÉAUBERT** Fund Manager



**Cyril CHARLOT** Fund Manager



France

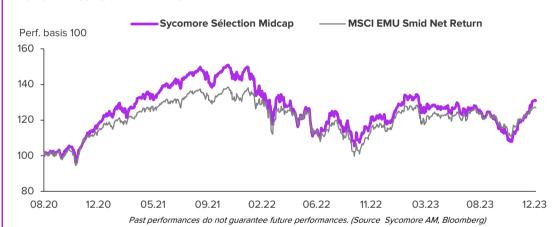
#### Investment strategy

#### A responsible selection of mid-caps

Sycomore Sélection Midcap seeks to outperform the MSCI EMU Smid Cap Net Return index (dividends reinvested) by employing a socially responsible and multi-themed investment process (energy transition, healthcare, nutrition, well-being, digital...) in keeping with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Primarily exposed to EU country equities, the fund specifically targets the mid-cap segment, with no sector constraints. Our ESG exclusion and selection methodology is fully integrated into our corporate fundamental analysis framework.

NAV | 101.1€

#### Performance as of 29.12.2023



	Dec	2023	1 year	3 yrs	°08/20	Annu.	2022	2021
Fund %	7.4	10.3	10.3	10.0	30.8	8.3	-20.5	25.4
Index %	4.3	10.8	10.8	10.7	26.9	7.3	-16.0	18.9

<sup>\*</sup>The performances achieved before August 10, 2020 were achieved according to an investment strategy different from the one currently in force.

#### Statistics

	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Bench.	Track.	Sharpe	Info	Draw	Bench.
					Vol	Error	Ratio	Ratio	Down	DD
08/20*	1.0	1.0	0.9%	18.1%	16.7%	5.4%	0.4	0.2	-30.2%	-27.9%

#### Fund commentary

The year ended on a negative note for small and mid-caps in the Eurozone after the segment underperformed once more, lagging large caps by around 10 bp. Positive signals had nevertheless been observed over the last two months, with the continued retreat in sovereign yields and brighter macro-economic data. This environment is particularly favourable to the segment and is likely to persist over the near-term. During the period and since midcaps rebounded in October, the fund has largely outperformed its benchmark thanks to the rerating of undervalued stocks (Ipsos, Tokmanni), companies exposed to renewable energy (ERG, Solaria, Deme), and robust earnings publications (Virbac and Sesa). Vibrac has upped its topline and operating margin guidance for the second time this year, on the back of an improved momentum on the animal health market and lower than expected R&D expenditure.

# sycomore sélection midcap



#### **Fund Information**

Inception date

10/12/2003

#### **ISIN** codes

Share A - FR0010376343 Share I - FR0013303534 Share R - FR0010376368

#### **Bloomberg tickers**

Share A - SYNSMAC FP Share I - SYNSMAI FP Share R - SYNSMAR FP

#### **Benchmark**

MSCI EMU Smid Net Return

#### Legal form

Mutual fund

#### **Domiciliation**

France

#### **PEA** eligibility

Yes

#### **Investment period**

5 vrs

#### **Minimum investment**

None

#### **UCITS V**

Yes

#### Valuation

Daily

#### Currency

EUR

#### **Cut-Off**

12pm CET Paris (BPSS)

#### **Cash Settlement**

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#### **Management fees**

Share A - 1.50% Share I - 1.00%

Share R - 2.00%

#### Performance fees

15% > Benchmark

#### Transaction fees

None

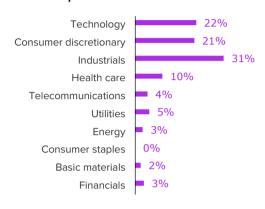
#### **Portfolio**

Equity exposure	98%
Overlap with benchmark	8%
Number of holdings	48
Weight of top 20 stocks	56%
Median market cap	4.0 €bn

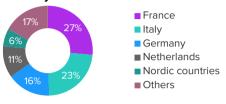
#### Valuation

	Fund	Index
2023 PER	15.3x	11.3x
2023 EPS growth	15.9%	6.1%
2023 P/BV ratio	2.3x	1.3x
Return on Equity	14.8%	11.9%
2023 Dividend Yield	2.3%	3.4%

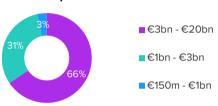
#### Sector exposure



#### Country breakdown



#### Market cap breakdown



SPICE, for Society & Suppliers, People, Investors, Clients, Environment is our tool for assessing a company's performance on sustainability criteria. This tool incorporates the analysis of economic, governance, environmental, social, and societal risks and opportunities covering both the company's daily operations and its product and service offer.

The analysis process covers 90 criteria and leads to a rating per letter. These 5 ratings are weighted based on the company's most material impacts\*.

	Fund	Index
SPICE	3.7/5	3.4/5
S score	3.3/5	3.1/5
P score	3.6/5	3.3/5
I score	3.8/5	3.5/5
C score	3.7/5	3.5/5
E score	3.4/5	3.2/5

#### **Top 10**

#### Performance contributors

	Weight	SPICE rating	NEC	cs		Avg. weight	Contrib
INWIT	4.2%	3.6/5	0%	50%	Positive		
Sopra Steria	4.0%	3.8/5	0%	18%	Ipsos	4.2%	0.65%
Ipsos	3.9%	3.3/5	0%	9%	Virbac	2.9%	0.64%
Arcadis	3.7%	3.7/5	+19%	40%	SeSa	3.8%	0.60%
SeSa	3.7%	3.9/5	0%	10%	Negative		
Virbac	3.2%	3.8/5	0%	37%	Puma	1.8%	-0.29%
ASR Nederland	3.0%	3.7/5	0%	34%	SIG Group AG	1.9%	-0.08%
DEME Group	2.7%	3.5/5	+42%	0%	Gaztransport & Tech.	2.1%	-0.08%
Solaria Energia	2.6%	3.5/5	+62%	50%			
SPIE	2.4%	3.8/5	+14%	38%			

#### Portfolio changes

Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction
Interpump	Brunello C.	Alfen Nv	Aixtron AG
Jenoptik	Aperam		Tokmanni
Gerresheimer	Inwit		Erg

# sycomore sélection midcap



#### Sustainability thematics



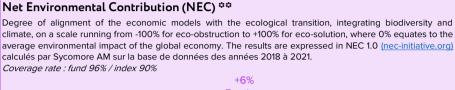
■ Sustainable mgmt of resources

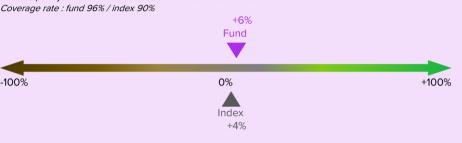
- SPICE Leadership
- Digital and communication
- Energy transition
- Health & Safety
- SPICE transformation
- Nutrition and well-being
- Access and Inclusion

#### **ESG** scores

	Fund	Index
ESG*	3.5/5	3.2/5
Environment	3.4/5	3.2/5
Social	3.5/5	3.3/5
Governance	3.6/5	3.3/5

#### **Environmental analysis**





#### **European taxonomy**

Percentage of revenues derived from eligible activities to the EU taxonomy

Coverage rate : fund 100% / index 95%



#### Temperature rising - SB2A

Induced average temperature increase by 2100 compared to pre-industrial times, according to the Science-Based 2°C Alignment methodology.

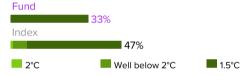
Coverage rate: fund 51%



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#### Climate alignment - SBTi

Share of companies that have validated their greenhouse gas reduction targets with the Science-Based Targets initiative.





Fossil fuel exposure

fossil energies.

Fund 0%

Percentage of income derived from the three

3%

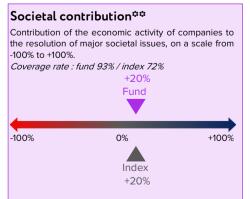
#### Carbon footprint

Annual greenhouse gas emissions (GHG Protocol) from upstream scopes 1, 2 and 3 per thousand euros invested\*\*\*

Coverage rate: fund 100% / index 97%

Fund Index kg. eq. CO 2 /year/k€ 137 286

#### Societal and social analysis



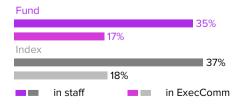
#### The Good Jobs Rating - Quantity

Degree of contribution of companies to sustainable job creation - Focus on the Quantity dimension: direct, indirect and induced job creation over the last three years. Coverage rate: fund 98% / index 91%



#### Gender equality ♀/ ♂

Percentage of women in total company headcounts and executive committees. Staff cov. rate: fund 100% / index 97% ExecComm cov. rate: fund 100% / index 98%

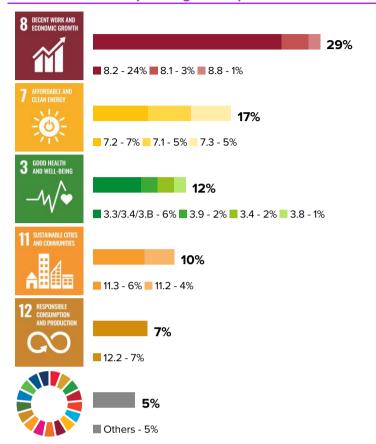


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# sycomore sélection midcap



#### Sustainable development goals exposure



This chart represents the main exposures to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and their 169 targets. Exposure is defined as the opportunity, for each company, to contribute positively to reaching SDGs, providing their products and services. This exercise doesn't aim to measure the companies effective contribution to SDGs, which is computed through our societal contribution (CS) and net environnemental contribution (NEC) metrics. For each invested company, activities are analysed in order to identify those which are exposed to SDGs. For a same activity, its number of targets can vary between 0 and 2. The company target exposure to one of its activities is weighted by the revenue share gained from this activity. For more details, our annual SRI report is available in our ESG documentation.

No significant exposure: 27%

#### ESG follow-up, news and dialogue

#### Dialogue and engagement

#### Alfen

We had asked the company to submit its greenhouse gas emission reduction targets to SBTi. Alfen has now confirmed that these targets have been submitted for future certification.

#### **ESG** controversies

#### Puma

In December 2023, a report from the University of Sheffield Hallam alleged that Puma and several other brands were still exposed to Uyghur forced labour through their supply chain. Puma has already responded to these allegations, denying any business relationship with the mentioned suppliers in Xinjiang, and any sourcing of cotton from the region. We had already contacted the company for supply chain concerns in Cambodia last month and have included this new report in our discussion items.

#### Votes

3 / 3 voted general assemblies over the month.

Details on our votes are available here the day following the company's AGM  $\underline{\mathsf{Here}}$ .





Share I Isin code | FR0011707470

NAV | 6.405.9€

Assets | 79.2 M€

#### SFDR 8

#### Sustainable Investments

 % AUM:
 ≥ 50%

 % Companies\*:
 ≥ 50%

 \*Excluding derivatives, cash & equivalent

#### Risk indicator

7 6 5 Higher risk

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3 2 1

Lower risk

The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 5 years. **Warning:** the actual risk can vary significantly if you cash in at an early stage and you may get back less.

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#### **Investment Team**



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France

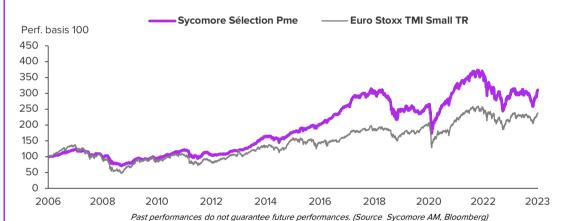
France

#### Investment strategy

#### A responsible selection of SMEs

Sycomore Sélection PME seeks to deliver superior returns over a 5-year investment horizon by employing a socially responsible and multithemed investment process (energy transition, healthcare, nutrition, well-being, digital...) in keeping with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Primarily exposed to EU country equities, the fund specifically targets European SMEs that meet the PEA-PME scheme selection criteria, with no sector constraints. Our ESG exclusion and selection methodology is fully integrated into our corporate fundamental analysis framework.

#### Performance as of 29.12.2023



	Dec	2023	1 year	3 yrs	5 yrs	Inc.	Annu.	2022	2021	2020	2019
Fund %	7.3	7.4	7.4	1.2	37.4	210.6	6.7	-21.9	20.6	19.2	13.9
Index %	5.5	12 0	12.0	14.6	54.8	1371	5.1	-16.7	22.7	43	29.5

#### **Statistics**

	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Bench.	Track.	Sharpe	Info	Draw	Bench.
					Vol	Error	Ratio	Ratio	Down	DD
3 years	0.9	0.9	-3.5%	15.0%	15.9%	6.6%	0.0	-0.6	-34.8%	-28.4%
Inception	0.8	0.5	3.9%	12.4%	19.0%	12.2%	0.5	0.1	-45.0%	-65.8%

#### **Fund commentary**

The year ended on a negative note for small caps in the Eurozone after the segment underperformed once more, lagging large caps by around 8 bp. Positive signals had nevertheless been observed over the last two months, with the continued retreat in sovereign yields and brighter macro-economic data. This environment is particularly favourable to the segment and is likely to persist in the near-term, driven by the gradual return of flows and a rebound in M&A activity. During the month, bids were launched on two portfolio holdings, SII and Chargeurs, offering attractive premiums (> 30%) that however fail to reflect these companies' potential over the mid-term. Both announcements contributed positively to the fund's performance. Generally speaking, the current environment is positive for the IT sector. Sesa, for example, reported a healthy turnover (+13% during the last quarter) and expects market dynamics to accelerate in 2024.



#### **Fund Information**

Inception date

31/07/2006

#### **ISIN** codes

Share I - FR0011707470 Share R - FR0011707488

#### **Bloomberg tickers**

Share I - SYCPMEI FP Share R - SYCPMER FP

#### **Benchmark**

None

#### Comparison index

Euro Stoxx TMI Small TR

#### Legal form

Mutual fund

#### **Domiciliation**

France

#### **PEA** eligibility

#### **Investment period**

#### **Minimum investment**

None

#### **UCITS V**

Yes

#### **Valuation**

Daily

#### Currency

**EUR** 

#### **Cut-Off**

12pm CET Paris (BPSS)

#### **Cash Settlement**

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#### **Management fees**

Share I - 1.20%

Share R - 2.40%

#### Performance fees

15% > 7% Net Annu. perf. with **HWM** 

#### **Transaction fees**

None

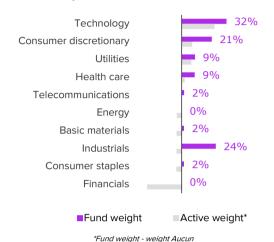
#### **Portfolio**

Equity exposure	96%
Overlap with benchmark	2%
Number of holdings	56
Median market cap	0.9 €bn

#### Valuation

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2023 PER	14.9x	9.8x
2023 EPS growth	10.8%	5.0%
2023 P/BV ratio	2.2x	1.3x
Return on Equity	14.9%	13.1%
2023 Dividend Yield	2.2%	3.2%

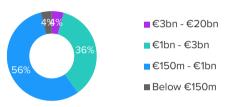
#### Sector exposure



# Country breakdown



#### Market cap breakdown



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The analysis process covers 90 criteria and leads to a rating per letter. These 5 ratings are weighted based on the company's most material impacts\*.

	Fund	Index
SPICE	3.7/5	3.4/5
S score	3.3/5	3.1/5
P score	3.6/5	3.3/5
I score	3.8/5	3.4/5
C score	3.8/5	3.5/5
E score	3.4/5	3.2/5

#### Top 10

#### Performance contributors

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	Weight	SPICE rating	NEC	CS		Avg. weight	Contrib
Esker	3.6%	3.8/5	+3%	34%	Positive		
SII	2.7%	4.1/5	0%	6%	SII	2.8%	1.07%
Nexus	2.6%	3.5/5	0%	86%	EnergieKontor	2.4%	0.49%
EnergieKontor	2.6%	3.8/5	+94%	50%	Chargeurs	1.5%	0.48%
Cembre	2.6%	3.8/5	+14%	0%	Negative		
Vygrs du Mnd	2.5%	3.8/5	+10%	33%	Poujoulat	1.7%	-0.29%
Amadeus Fire AG	2.4%	3.5/5	0%	19%	Medios	1.9%	-0.18%
Inwido	2.4%	3.9/5	0%	0%	Elmos	2.3%	-0.15%
Neurones	2.3%	4.0/5	0%	10%			
SeSa	2.3%	3.9/5	0%	10%			

#### Portfolio changes

Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction
Wavestone	Evs Broadcast	Burelle	Sii
	Marr	Aubay	Puuilo Oyj
	Cewe		Rovi



#### Sustainability thematics

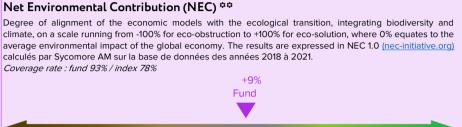


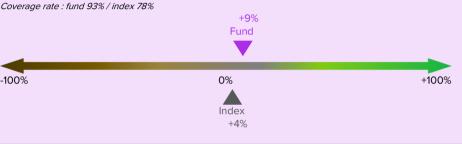
- Sustainable mgmt of resources
- SPICE Leadership
- Digital and communication
- Energy transition
- Health & Safety
- SPICE transformation
- Nutrition and well-being
- Access and Inclusion

#### **ESG** scores

	Fund	Index
ESG*	3.5/5	3.3/5
Environment	3.4/5	3.2/5
Social	3.5/5	3.3/5
Governance	3.5/5	3.3/5

#### **Environmental analysis**





#### **European taxonomy**

Percentage of revenues derived from eligible activities to the EU taxonomy

Coverage rate : fund 71% / index 91%



#### Temperature rising - SB2A

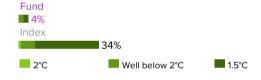
Induced average temperature increase by 2100 compared to pre-industrial times, according to the Science-Based 2°C Alignment methodology.

Coverage rate: fund 32%



#### Climate alignment - SBTi

Share of companies that have validated their greenhouse gas reduction targets with the Science-Based Targets initiative.



#### Carbon footprint

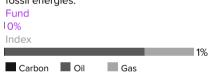
Annual greenhouse gas emissions (GHG Protocol) from upstream scopes 1, 2 and 3 per thousand euros invested\*\*\*

Coverage rate: fund 96% / index 94%

	Fund	Index
kg. eg. CO 2 /year/k€	162	342

#### Fossil fuel exposure

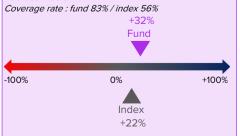
Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.



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#### Societal and social analysis

#### Societal contribution Contribution of the economic activity of companies to the resolution of major societal issues, on a scale from -100% to +100%. Coverage rate : fund 83% / index 56% +32% Fund



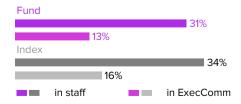
#### The Good Jobs Rating - Quantity

Degree of contribution of companies to sustainable job creation - Focus on the Quantity dimension: direct, indirect and induced job creation over the last three years. Coverage rate: fund 95% / index 83%



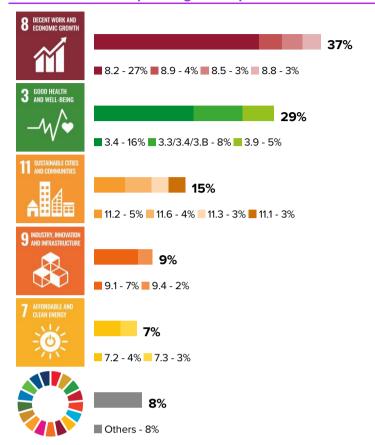
#### Gender equality ♀/ ♂

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#### Sustainable development goals exposure



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No significant exposure: 15%

#### ESG follow-up, news and dialogue

#### Dialogue and engagement

#### Alfen

We had asked the company to submit its greenhouse gas emission reduction targets to SBTi. Alfen has now confirmed that these targets have been submitted for future certification.

#### **ESG** controversies

#### No comment

#### Votes

1 / 1 voted general assembly over the month.

Details on our votes are available here the day following the company's AGM  $\underline{\mathsf{Here}}$ .





# sycomore

# europe éco solutions

Share I

Isin code | LU1183791281 NAV | 163.6€

Assets | 537.9 M€

#### SFDR 9

#### Sustainable Investments

% AUM:	≥ 80%
% Companies*:	100%
*Excluding derivatives,	cash & equivalent

#### Risk indicator



Higher risk

2

Lower risk

The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 5 years. **Warning:** the actual risk can vary significantly if you cash in at an early stage and you may get back less.

The fund does not offer any guarantee of return or performance and presents a risk of capital loss

#### **Investment Team**



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France France

Belgium Germany

#### Investment strategy

#### A European selection of companies supporting the environmental transition

Sycomore Europe Eco Solutions invests in listed European companies across the entire market capitalisation spectrum. The fund focuses on companies with business models that support the environmental transition according to the Net Environmental Contribution (NEC) metric, covering a wide range of areas: renewable energy, energy efficiency and electrification, mobility, natural resources, renovation and construction, circular economy, food, and ecosystem services. The fund excludes businesses that destroy biodiversity, contribute towards global warming, or display poor Environmental, Societal and Governance ratings.

#### Performance as of 29.12.2023



	Dec	2023	1 year	3 yrs	5 yrs	Inc.	Annu.	2022	2021	2020	2019
Fund %	7.3	1.6	1.6	0.5	61.2	63.6	6.1	-15.9	17.6	28.3	25.1
Index %	3.7	15.8	15.8	31.2	59.9	62.9	6.0	-9.5	25.1	-3.3	26.0

#### **Statistics**

	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Bench.	Track.	Sharpe	Info	Draw	Bench.
					Vol	Error	Ratio	Ratio	Down	DD
3 years	0.9	1.0	-8.7%	17.0%	14.5%	8.5%	0.0	-1.1	-29.7%	-19.5%
Inception	0.9	0.9	0.8%	16.9%	16.6%	7.9%	0.4	0.0	-34.2%	-35.3%

#### **Fund commentary**

The fund ended the year in slight positive territory but lagged the European market by a significant margin. The fund's 20% rebound over the past two months suggests that the theme has begun a re-rating now that the interest rate environment is more conducive. In addition to the improving macroeconomic factors, the value chains within renewables and the environmental transition are heading towards a better equilibrium: the robust momentum on orders for onshore wind farms is back - as demonstrated by the recent performance of Vestas, the market for solar equipment suppliers (Nextracker) is vigorous, and capital is being deployed across the electric grid, offering attractive yields (such as Elia). While the comings and goings in European policy fuelled concern for the theme in 2023, the COP28 has marked the "beginning of the end" for fossil fuels and is spurring on the transition.

# sycomore europe éco solutions



#### **Fund Information**

Inception date

31/08/2015

#### **ISIN** codes

Share I - LU1183791281 Share R - LU1183791794

#### **Bloomberg tickers**

Share I - SYCECOI LX Share R - SYCECOR LX

#### **Benchmark**

MSCI Europe Net Return

#### **Legal form**

SICAV compartment

#### **Domiciliation**

Luxembourg

#### **PEA** eligibility

Yes

#### **Investment period**

5 yrs

#### **Minimum investment**

None

#### **UCITS V**

Yes

#### **Valuation**

Daily

#### Currency

EUR

#### **Cut-Off**

11am CET Paris (BPSS LUX)

#### **Cash Settlement**

D+2

#### **Management fees**

Share I - 1.00% Share R - 2.00%

#### Performance fees

15% > Benchmark

#### Transaction fees

None

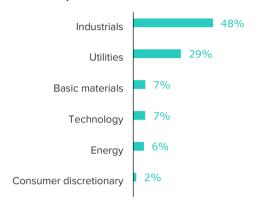
#### Portfolio

Equity exposure	99%	2023 PER
Overlap with benchmark	5%	2023 EPS g
Number of holdings	53	2023 P/BV
Weight of top 20 stocks	61%	Return on E
Median market cap	8.3 €bn	2023 Divide

#### Valuation

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2023 PER	15.7x	12.0x
2023 EPS growth	8.1%	7.2%
2023 P/BV ratio	2.0x	1.8x
Return on Equity	12.9%	15.3%
2023 Dividend Yield	2.1%	3.4%

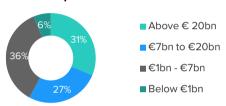
#### Sector exposure



#### Country breakdown



#### Market cap breakdown



SPICE, for Society & Suppliers, People, Investors, Clients, Environment is our tool for assessing a company's performance on sustainability criteria. This tool incorporates the analysis of economic, governance, environmental, social, and societal risks and opportunities covering both the company's daily operations and its product and service offer.

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	Fund	Index
SPICE	3.8/5	3.5/5
S score	3.5/5	3.1/5
P score	3.7/5	3.4/5
I score	3.8/5	3.7/5
C score	3.8/5	3.4/5
E score	4.1/5	3.1/5

#### **Top 10**

# Performance contributors Weight SPICE rating NEC Avg. weight 4.9% 3.7/5 +52% Positive

Veolia	4.9%	3.7/5	+52%	
Schneider E.	4.8%	4.2/5	+13%	
Vestas Wind Sys.	3.7%	4.0/5	+100%	
EDP Renovaveis	3.6%	4.0/5	+99%	
Infineon	3.6%	3.8/5	+14%	
STMicroelec.	3.6%	3.8/5	+11%	
Saint Gobain	3.4%	3.9/5	+16%	
ERG	3.2%	4.0/5	+93%	
Arcadis	3.2%	3.7/5	+19%	
Solaria Energia	2.9%	3.5/5	+62%	

Prysmian	2.8%	0.44%
Vestas Wind Sys.	3.7%	0.38%
Schneider E.	4.8%	0.38%
Negative		
SIG Group AG	2.7%	-0.09%
Verbund	2.0%	-0.07%
Afyren	0.2%	-0.04%

#### Portfolio changes

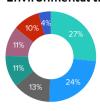
Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction
	Stmicroelec.	Mp Materials	Stora Enso
	ABB LTD	Voltalia	Vestas
	Rexel		Grp Séché

Contrib

# sycomore europe éco solutions



#### **Environmental thematics**



■ Renewable energy	
■ Energy efficiency & electrification	
■ Circular enconomy	
■ Green mobility	
■Green building	
■Sustainable natural resources	

#### **ESG** scores

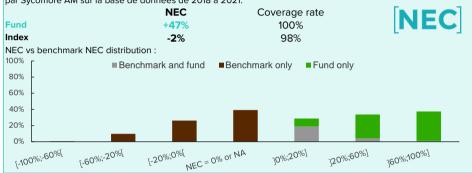
	Fund	Index
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Environment	4.1/5	3.1/5
Social	3.6/5	3.3/5
Governance	3.7/5	3.5/5

#### **Environmental analysis**

#### Net Environmental Contribution (NEC)\*\*

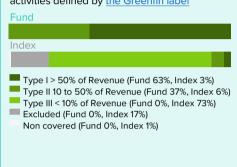
Others

Degree of alignment of the economic models with the ecological transition, integrating biodiversity and climate, on a scale running from -100% for eco-obstruction to +100% for eco-solution, where 0% equates to the average environmental impact of the global economy. The results are expressed in NEC 1.0 (nec-initiative.org) calculés par Sycomore AM sur la base de données de 2018 à 2021.



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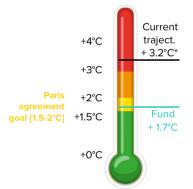
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#### Temperature rising - SB2A

Induced average temperature increase by 2100 compared to pre-industrial times, according to the Science-Based 2°C Alignment methodology.

Coverage rate : fund 81%



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#### Climate alignment - SBTi

Share of companies that have validated their greenhouse gas reduction targets with the Science-Based Targets initiative.



#### Carbon footprint

Annual greenhouse gas emissions (GHG Protocol) from upstream scopes 1, 2 and 3 per thousand euros invested\*\*\*.

Coverage rate: fund 98% / index 99%

kg. eq. CO  $_2$  /year/k€ Fund Index 156

#### European taxonomy

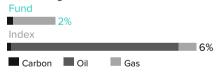
Percentage of revenues derived from eligible activities to the EU taxonomy

Coverage rate : fund 99% / index 99%

Fund Index Eligible share 81% 38%

#### Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.



#### **Biodiversity footprint**

Artificialised surface area in  $m^2$  MSA per  $k \in Invested^{***}$ , measured by the Corporate Biodiversity Footprint. Mean Species Abundance (MSA) is assessed in comparison with the original state of the environment.

Coverage rate: fund 98% / index 99%

3	Fund	Index
m <sup>2</sup> .MSA/k€	-80	-69

#### Societal and social analysis

#### Societal contribution

Contribution of the economic activity of companies to the resolution of major societal issues, on a scale from -100% to +100%.

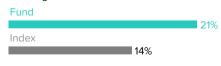
Coverage rate : fund 99% / index 77%



#### Staff growth

Cumulated growth in company headcounts over the past three financial years (data unadjusted in the event of acquisitions, excluding transformational deals).

Coverage rate : fund 98% / index 98%

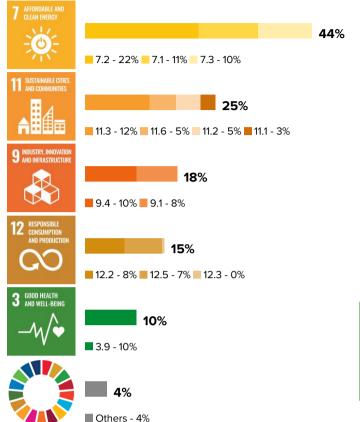


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### sycomore europe éco solutions



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No significant exposure: 10%



Note: while SDG # 13 does not feature explicitly in this classification, this SDG remains one of the key objectives of our investment strategy and a factor that is systematically integrated and assessed, both at stock picking level and in our measurement of impacts. Nevertheless, based on the wording chosen by the UN, SDG # 13 cannot apply to a corporate company.

#### ESG follow-up, news and dialogue

#### Dialogue and engagement

#### **STMicroelectronics**

We continued our dialogue with STM on the environmental impact of its activities (PFAS, water) and encouraged the company to communicate more transparently on the percentage of income that contributes positively to society and to environment, to highlight these initiatives. In the context our engagement dialogue on diversity with the Club 30%, STM also provided more information on how it calculates the adjusted wage gap. The company plans to publish a non-adjusted indicator in 2025.

#### **ESG** controversies

#### **Alstom**

The European Metropolis of Lille is taking legal action against Alstom over delivery setbacks that will cause 10-year delays to the modernisation of the city's underground system. Though we believe the financial risk is limited, the Court may order Alstom to fulfil its contractual obligations. Reputation risk is high as other entities could use the case-law to take legal action against the company.

#### Votes

1/1 voted general assembly over the month.

Details on our votes are available here the day following the company's AGM  $\underline{\text{Here}}$ .

#### Alfen

We had asked the company to submit its greenhouse gas emission reduction targets to SBTi. Alfen has now confirmed that these targets have been submitted for future certification.





# global éco solutions

Share IC Isin code | LU2412098654 NAV | 85.5€

Assets | 86.1 M€

#### SFDR 9

#### **Sustainable Investments**

% AUM: ≥ 80% % Companies\*: 100%

\*Excluding derivatives, cash & equivalent

#### Risk indicator

7 6 5 Higher risk

4

2

Lower risk

The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 5 years. **Warning:** the actual risk can vary significantly if you cash in at an early stage and you may get back less.

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**Thibault RENOUX** Fund Manager



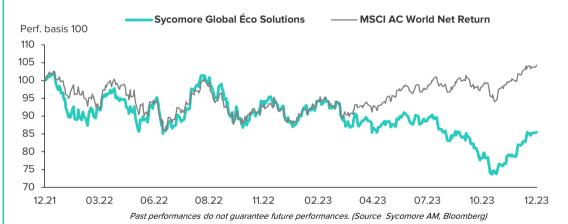
France

#### Investment strategy

#### A global selection of companies supporting the environmental transition

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#### Performance as of 29.12.2023



	Dec	2023	1 year	Inc.	Annu.	2022
Fund %	6.1	-2.2	-2.2	-14.5	-7.5	-13.9
Index %	3.5	18.1	18.1	4.3	2.1	-13.0

#### **Statistics**

	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Bench.	Track.	Sharpe	Info	Draw	Bench.
					Vol	Error	Ratio	Ratio	Down	DD
Inception	0.8	1.0	-9.4%	16.9%	14.5%	9.7%	-0.5	-1.0	-27.9%	-16.3%

#### **Fund commentary**

The fund ended the year close to zero, lagging the global equity market by a significant margin. The fund's 15% rebound over the past two months suggests that the theme has begun a re-rating now that the interest rate environment is more conducive. In addition to the improving macroeconomic factors, the value chains within renewables and the environmental transition are heading towards a better equilibrium: the robust momentum on orders for onshore wind farms is back - as demonstrated by the recent performance of Vestas, the market for solar equipment suppliers (Nextracker and Shoals) is vigorous, and the monetisation of tax credits from the Inflation Reduction Act in the United States has been initiated (announcements made by First Solar). While the US elections will certainly feed debate around the theme in 2024, the COP28 has marked the "beginning of the end" for fossil fuels and is spurring on the transition.

# sycomore global éco solutions



#### **Fund Information**

Inception date

21/12/2021

#### **ISIN** codes

Share IC - LU2412098654 Share RC - LU2412098902

#### **Bloomberg tickers**

Share IC - SYGESIE LX Share RC - SYGESRE LX

#### **Benchmark**

MSCI AC World Net Return

#### **Legal form**

SICAV compartment

#### **Domiciliation**

Luxembourg

#### **PEA** eligibility

INO

#### Investment period

5 yrs

#### **Minimum investment**

None

#### **UCITS V**

Yes

#### Valuation

Daily

### Currency

EUR

#### Cut-Off

11am CET Paris (BPSS LUX)

#### **Cash Settlement**

D+2

#### **Management fees**

Share IC - 1.00% Share RC - 2.00%

#### Performance fees

15% > Benchmark

#### Transaction fees

None

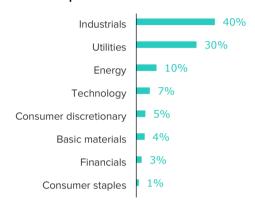
#### **Portfolio**

Equity exposure	98%	2
Overlap with benchmark	2%	2
Number of holdings	46	2
Weight of top 20 stocks	62%	F
Median market cap	20.6 €bn	2

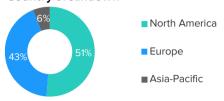
#### Valuation

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2023 PER	17.3x	15.9x
2023 EPS growth	8.8%	8.9%
2023 P/BV ratio	2.7x	2.7x
Return on Equity	15.5%	17.3%
2023 Dividend Yield	1.5%	2.1%

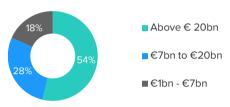
#### Sector exposure



#### Country breakdown



#### Market cap breakdown



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The analysis process covers 90 criteria and leads to a rating peletter. These 5 ratings are weighted based on the company!

	Fund	Index
SPICE	3.7/5	3.3/5
S score	3.4/5	2.8/5
P score	3.6/5	3.2/5
I score	3.8/5	3.6/5
C score	3.7/5	3.2/5
E score	3.9/5	3.1/5

#### Top 10

#### SPICE Weight NEC rating Eaton Corp. 5.1% 3.7/5 +10% Waste Connections 4.1% 3.9/5 +42% Quanta Services 4.0% 3.4/5 +16% Wabtec 3.8% 3.6/5 +100% Veolia 3.6% 3.7/5 +52% Clean Harbors 3.6% 3.7/5 +53% First Solar 3.3/5 3.6% +65% **EDP** Renovaveis 3.6% 4.0/5 +99% +71% Kurita Water Industries 3.6% 3.9/5 Republic Services 3.6% 3.8/5 +44%

#### Performance contributors

	Avg. weight	Contrib
Positive		
Quanta Services	4.8%	0.64%
Nextracker	3.1%	0.57%
Waste Connections	5.0%	0.42%
Negative		
Neste	1.6%	-0.09%
Equinix	3.1%	-0.07%
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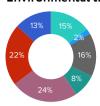
#### Portfolio changes

Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction
ABB LTD	Iberdrola	Tomra Sys. A/S	Neste
Mastec	Owens Corn.		Gant Manufacturing
Procore Tech.	Nextera Energy		Shoals Tec.

# sycomore global éco solutions



#### **Environmental thematics**



- Circular enconomy
- Eco-services
- Green mobility
- Green building
- Renewable energy ■ Energy efficiency & electrification
- ■Sustainable natural resources

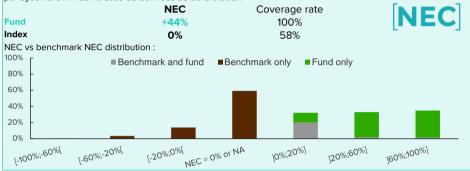
#### **ESG** scores

	Fund	Index
ESG*	3.6/5	3.1/5
Environment	3.9/5	3.1/5
Social	3.6/5	3.0/5
Governance	3.6/5	3.3/5

#### **Environmental analysis**

#### Net Environmental Contribution (NEC) \*\*

Degree of alignment of the economic models with the ecological transition, integrating biodiversity and climate, on a scale running from -100% for eco-obstruction to +100% for eco-solution, where 0% equates to the average environmental impact of the global economy. The results are expressed in NEC 1.0 (nec-initiative.org) calculés par Sycomore AM sur la base de données de 2018 à 2021.



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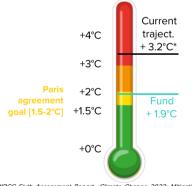
Companies breakdown according to their revenue generated by eco and excluded activities defined by the Greenfin label



#### Temperature rising - SB2A

Induced average temperature increase by 2100 compared to pre-industrial times, according to the Science-Based 2°C Alignment methodology.

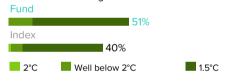
Coverage rate : fund 83%



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#### Climate alignment - SBTi

Share of companies that have validated their greenhouse gas reduction targets with the Science-Based Targets initiative.



#### Carbon footprint

Annual greenhouse gas emissions (GHG Protocol) from upstream scopes 1, 2 and 3 per thousand euros invested\*\*\*.

Coverage rate: fund 98% / index 92%

kg. eq. CO  $_2$  /year/k€ Fund Index 174 134

#### European taxonomy

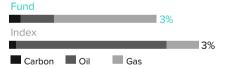
Percentage of revenues derived from eligible activities to the EU taxonomy

Coverage rate: fund 100% / index 76%

	Fund	Index
Eligible share	85%	45%

#### Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.



#### **Biodiversity footprint**

Artificialised surface area in  $m^2$  MSA per  $k \in \mathbb{R}$  invested\*\*\*, measured by the Corporate Biodiversity Footprint. Mean Species Abundance (MSA) is assessed in comparison with the original state of the environment.

Coverage rate: fund 82% / index 38%

_	Fund	Index
m² MSA/k€.	-54	-36

#### Societal and social analysis

#### Societal contribution

Contribution of the economic activity of companies to the resolution of major societal issues, on a scale from -100% to +100%.

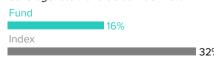
Coverage rate : fund 99% / index 47%



#### Staff growth

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Coverage rate: fund 96% / index 76%

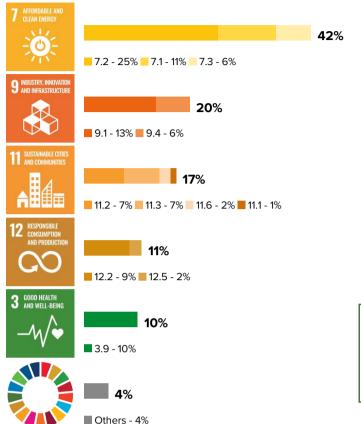


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# sycomore global éco solutions



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No significant exposure: 13%



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#### ESG follow-up, news and dialogue

#### Dialogue and engagement

#### **STMicroelectronics**

We continued our dialogue with STM on the environmental impact of its activities (PFAS, water) and encouraged the company to communicate more transparently on the percentage of income that contributes positively to society and to environment, to highlight these initiatives. In the context our engagement dialogue on diversity with the Club 30%, STM also provided more information on how it calculates the adjusted wage gap. The company plans to publish a non-adjusted indicator in 2025.

#### **ESG** controversies

No comment

#### Votes

1/1 voted general assembly over the month.

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#### Alfen

We had asked the company to submit its greenhouse gas emission reduction targets to SBTi. Alfen has now confirmed that these targets have been submitted for future certification.





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Share I

Isin code | LU1301026206

NAV | 162.3€

Assets | 432.0 M€

#### SFDR 9

#### Sustainable Investments

% AUM:	≥ 80%
% Companies*:	100%
*Excluding derivatives, cash	h & equivalent

#### Risk indicator

Higher risk

2

Lower risk

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#### **Investment Team**



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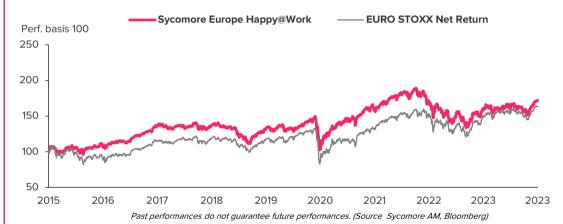
Germany

#### Investment strategy

#### A responsible selection of people-driven European companies

Sycomore Europe Happy@Work invests in European companies that pay particular attention to the importance of human capital as a key performance driver. The fund seeks to contribute positively to the human capital issues highlighted in the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. Stocks are selected on the basis of rigorous fundamental analysis combined with in-depth ESG research, focusing on a company's ability to promote employee fulfillment and engagement, using a proprietary assessment framework. The analysis draws from the experience and knowledge of field experts, human capital managers and employees. Fund managers also carry out on-site visits. The fund seeks to outperform the Euro Stoxx TR index over 5 years.

#### Performance as of 29.12.2023



	Dec	2023	1 year	3 yrs	5 yrs	Inc.	Annu.	2022	2021	2020	2019
Fund %	3.5	15.1	15.1	7.6	50.5	72.0	6.6	-19.0	15.5	13.0	23.8
Index %	3.2	18.6	18.6	27.5	61.2	63.4	6.0	-12.3	22.7	0.2	26.1

Performance prior to 11/04/2015 was achieved by an identical French fund created on 07/06/2015, which was liquidated in favour of the Luxembourg sub-fund.

#### **Statistics**

	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Bench.	Track.	Sharpe	Info	Draw	Bench.
					Vol	Error	Ratio	Ratio	Down	DD
3 years	0.9	0.9	-4.5%	15.6%	16.8%	5.4%	0.1	-1.1	-29.4%	-24.6%
Inception	0.9	0.7	1.9%	14.9%	18.4%	7.5%	0.4	0.1	-31.4%	-37.9%

#### Fund commentary

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Fund Index

12.1x

6.0%

1.7x

14.0%

3.0%

16.9x

8.5%

2.8x

16.7%

2.2%

#### **Fund Information**

#### Inception date

04/11/2015

#### **ISIN** codes

Share I - LU1301026206 Share R - LU1301026388

#### **Bloomberg tickers**

Share I - SYCHAWI LX Share R - SYCHAWR LX

#### **Benchmark**

**EURO STOXX Net Return** 

#### Legal form

SICAV compartment

#### **Domiciliation**

Luxembourg

#### **PEA** eligibility

Yes

#### **Investment period**

5 yrs

#### **Minimum investment**

None

#### **UCITS V**

Yes

#### Valuation Daily

Currency

# EUR Cut-Off

11am CET Paris (BPSS LUX)

#### Cash Settlement

D+2

#### Management fees

Share I - 1.00% Share R - 2.00%

#### Performance fees

15% > Benchmark

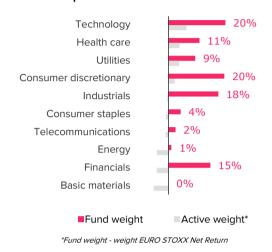
#### Transaction fees

None

#### Portfolio

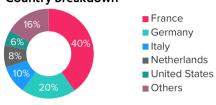
Equity exposure	99%	2023 PER
Overlap with benchmark	26%	2023 EPS growth
Number of holdings	40	2023 P/BV ratio
Weight of top 20 stocks	70%	Return on Equity
Median market cap	65.6 €bn	2023 Dividend Yield

#### Sector exposure



#### Country breakdown

Valuation



#### Market cap breakdown



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The analysis process covers 90 criteria and leads to a rating per letter. These 5 ratings are weighted based on the company's most material impacts\*.

	Fund	Index
SPICE	3.9/5	3.6/5
S score	3.5/5	3.2/5
P score	4.0/5	3.5/5
I score	4.0/5	3.7/5
C score	3.9/5	3.6/5
E score	3.6/5	3.2/5

#### Top 10

	Weight	SPICE rating	People Score
ASML	7.7%	4.3/5	4.4/5
AXA	5.0%	3.6/5	4.0/5
Schneider E.	4.8%	4.2/5	4.4/5
L'Oreal	4.2%	4.0/5	4.2/5
EDP Renovaveis	4.1%	4.0/5	4.2/5
Munich Re.	4.0%	3.4/5	3.9/5
SAP	4.0%	3.9/5	4.3/5
Prysmian	3.3%	3.8/5	4.2/5
Novo Nordisk	3.3%	3.8/5	4.1/5
BioMérieux	3.2%	3.9/5	4.2/5

#### Performance contributors

	Avg. weight	Contrib
Positive		
ASML	7.0%	0.62%
Schneider E.	4.3%	0.32%
EDP Renovaveis	3.3%	0.32%
Negative		
Puma	2.5%	-0.40%
SAP	3.8%	-0.16%
Munich Re.	3.8%	-0.15%

#### Portfolio changes

Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction
Siemens	Biomérieux	Mastercard	Novartis Ag-Reg
Siemens H.	Erg		Astra Zeneca
	Edp Renov.		Saint-Gobain

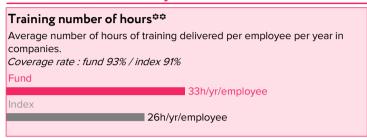
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#### **ESG** scores

	Fund	Index
ESG*	3.7/5	3.4/5
Environment	3.6/5	3.2/5
Social	3.8/5	3.4/5
Governance	3.8/5	3.5/5

#### Societal and social analysis



#### Societal contribution

Contribution of the economic activity of companies to the resolution of major societal issues, on a scale from -100% to +100%.

Coverage rate: fund 100% / index 95%



#### Gender equality ♀/ ♂ ≎ ≎ Percentage of women in total company headcounts and executive committees. Staff coverage rate : fund 100% / index 99% Taux de couverture Comex : fund 100% / index 100% 125% Index 38% 22% in staff in ExecComm

#### **Best People score**

Best 5 P score in portfolio regarding to our fundamental analysis model.

	People Score
Brunello C.	4.9/5
Hermès	4.5/5
ASML	4.4/5
Schneider E.	4.4/5
Gaztransport & Tech.	4.4/5

#### Staff turnover

Average employee exits and recruitments divided by the company's headcount at the start of the period.

Coverage rate : fund 75% / index 69%



Average turnover rates vary greatly depending on countries and sectors. As a result, while the fund naturally invests in companies displaying a lower turnover relative to their sector and region, the portfolio's sector and regional breakdown may have a bearing on its average turnover.

#### **Environmental analysis**

#### Net Environmental Contribution (NEC)

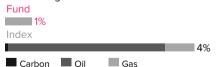
Degree of alignment of the economic models with the ecological transition, integrating biodiversity and climate, on a scale running from -100% for ecoobstruction to +100% for eco-solution, where 0% equates to the average environmental impact of the global economy. The results are expressed in NEC 1.0 (nec-initiative.org) calculated by Sycomore AM based from 2018 to 2021.

Coverage rate : fund 100% / index 99%



#### Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.



#### Carbon footprint

Annual greenhouse gas emissions Protocol) from upstream scopes 1, 2 and 3 per thousand euros invested\*\*\*

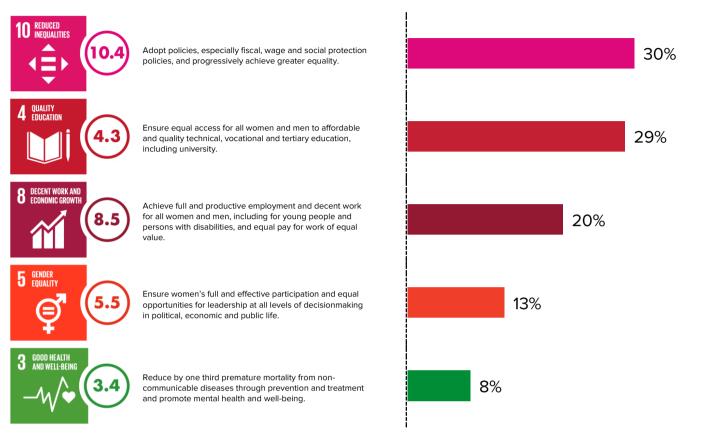
Coverage rate: fund 98% / index 99%

Fund Index kg. eq. CO 2 /year/k€ 182

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#### Sustainable development goals exposure



#### ESG follow-up, news and dialogue

#### Dialogue and engagement

#### Hermès

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#### Votes

1/1 voted general assembly over the month.

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#### **Deutsche Telekom**

We recently met DT's management who gave us a very interesting insight on its ESG strategy. The group targets to reduce scope 1-3 emissions by 55% by 2030, from 2020, to be net zero emissions by 2040 and fully circular around technology and devices by 2030. We also discussed DT's strategy on cybersecurity. On the people side, we discussed the potential impact of AI on the company's workforce and started an engagement on the disclosure of the company's global gender pay gap.





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Share IC

NAV | 97.6€ Isin code | LU2413890901

Assets | 45.6 M€

#### SFDR 9

#### **Sustainable Investments**

% AUM: > 80% % Companies\*: 100%

\*Excluding derivatives, cash & equivalent

Higher risk

#### Risk indicator

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Lower risk

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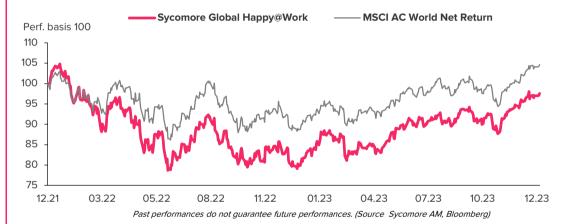
France

#### Investment strategy

#### A responsible selection of people-driven global companies

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#### Performance as of 29.12.2023



	Dec	2023	1 year	Inc.	Annu.	2022
Fund %	2.3	22.4	22.4	-2.4	-1.2	-23.2
Index %	3.5	18.1	18.1	4.7	2.3	-13.0

#### **Statistics**

	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Bench.	Track.	Sharpe	Info	Draw	Bench.
					Vol	Error	Ratio	Ratio	Down	DD
Inception	0.9	1.1	-3.4%	17.3%	14.6%	6.3%	-0.2	-0.6	-25.0%	-16.3%

#### **Fund commentary**

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#### **Fund Information**

#### Inception date

17/12/2021

#### **ISIN** codes

Share IC - LU2413890901

#### **Bloomberg tickers**

Share IC - SYGHWIE LX

#### **Benchmark**

MSCI AC World Net Return

#### Legal form

SICAV compartment

#### **Domiciliation**

Luxembourg

#### **PEA** eligibility

#### **Investment period**

5 yrs

#### **Minimum investment**

None

#### **UCITS V**

Yes

#### **Valuation**

Daily

#### Currency

**EUR** 

#### **Cut-Off**

11am CET Paris (BPSS LUX)

#### **Cash Settlement**

D+2

#### **Management fees**

Share IC - 1.00%

#### Performance fees

15% > Benchmark

#### **Transaction fees**

None

#### **Portfolio**

Equity exposure	98%
Overlap with benchmark	15%
Number of holdings	51
Weight of top 20 stocks	61%
Median market cap	131.1 €bn

#### Valuation

Country breakdown

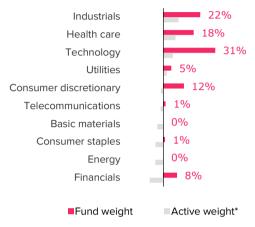
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2023 PER	22.6x	15.9x
2023 EPS growth	14.6%	8.9%
2023 P/BV ratio	4.8x	2.7x
Return on Equity	21.4%	17.3%
2023 Dividend Yield	1.3%	2.1%

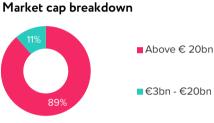
■ North America

Europe

Asia-Pacific

#### Sector exposure





\*Fund weight - weight MSCI AC World Net Return

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	Fund	Index
SPICE	3.8/5	3.3/5
S score	3.3/5	2.8/5
P score	4.0/5	3.2/5
I score	3.9/5	3.6/5
C score	3.7/5	3.2/5
E score	3.4/5	3.1/5

#### **Top 10**

Weight	rating	Score
7.8%	4.1/5	4.1/5
4.9%	3.4/5	4.0/5
4.6%	3.8/5	3.6/5
3.4%	3.7/5	4.1/5
3.4%	3.2/5	4.1/5
3.1%	3.9/5	3.6/5
3.1%	3.7/5	3.4/5
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#### Performance contributors

	Avg. weight	Contrib
Positive		
United Rentals, Inc.	2.2%	0.39%
ASML	2.3%	0.22%
Advanced Micro Devices	1.4%	0.21%
Negative		
Progressive Corporation	3.4%	-0.22%
Microsoft Corp.	8.0%	-0.20%
Eli Lilly & Co	5.0%	-0.14%

#### Portfolio changes

Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction
	Tsmc		Progressive Us
	Toyota Motor		
	Era		

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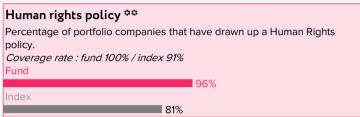
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#### **ESG** scores

	Fund	Index
ESG*	3.5/5	3.1/5
Environment	3.4/5	3.1/5
Social	3.6/5	3.0/5
Governance	3.6/5	3.3/5

#### Societal and social analysis

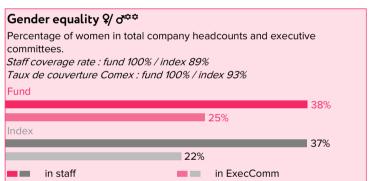


#### Societal contribution

Contribution of the economic activity of companies to the resolution of major societal issues, on a scale from -100% to +100%.

Coverage rate: fund 90% / index 47%





#### **Best People score**

Best 5 P score in portfolio regarding to our fundamental analysis model.

	People Score			
Brunello C.	4.9/5			
Waste Connections	4.5/5			
Hermès	4.5/5			
ASML	4.4/5			
Schneider E.	4.4/5			

#### **Environmental analysis**

#### Net Environmental Contribution (NEC)

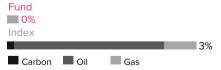
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Coverage rate : fund 89% / index 58%



#### Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.



#### Carbon footprint

Annual greenhouse gas emissions (GHG Protocol) from upstream scopes 1, 2 and 3 per thousand euros invested\*\*\*

Coverage rate: fund 100% / index 92%

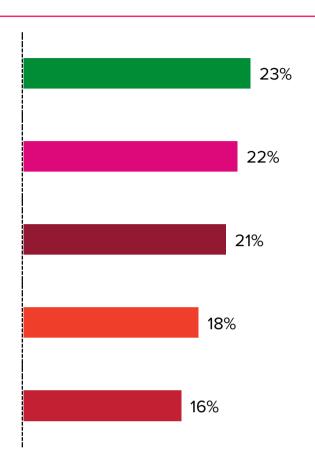
Fund Index kg. eq. CO 2 /year/k€ 134

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#### Sustainable development goals exposure





#### ESG follow-up, news and dialogue

#### Dialogue and engagement

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#### Votes

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#### **STMicroelectonics**

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# sycomore social impact

Share I Isin code | FR0010117085

NAV | 429.0€

Assets | 227.0 M€

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#### SFDR 9

#### **Sustainable Investments**

% AUM:	≥ 80%
% Companies*:	100%
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#### \*Excluding derivatives, cash & equivalent

#### Risk indicator

7 6 5 Higher risk

4 3 2

Lower risk

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#### **Investment Team**



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Catherine ROLLAND SRI analyst



France

#### Investment strategy

#### A selection of growth securities with a positive societal impact

Sycomore Social Impact is a Eurozone equity fund that focuses on companies of any size that offer solutions to global societal challenges, and that have embedded this pursuit of positive impacts into their strategy to deliver profitable and sustainable growth. The fund aims to outperform the benchmark, the Euro Stoxx Total Return index, through a socially responsible investment process. Stock selection is based on our proprietary SPICE methodology, notably on the societal contribution of products & services indicator.

#### Performance as of 29.12.2023



	Dec	2023	1 year	3 yrs	5 yrs	Inc.®	Annu.	2022	2021	2020	2019
Fund %	3.0	5.3	5.3	-12.1	12.0	186.0	5.0	-20.7	5.3	5.2	21.2
Index %	3.2	18.6	18.6	27.5	61.2	217.4	5.5	-12.3	22.7	0.2	26.1

#### Statistics

	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Bench.	Track.	Sharpe	Info	Draw	Bench.
					Vol	Error	Ratio	Ratio	Down	DD
3 years	0.9	0.6	-9.3%	12.1%	16.9%	8.5%	-0.4	-1.5	-30.8%	-24.6%
Inception	0.9	0.6	1.5%	13.3%	20.9%	10.8%	0.3	0.0	-55.7%	-60.2%

#### **Fund commentary**

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#### **Fund Information**

#### Inception date

24/06/2002

#### **ISIN** codes

Share A - FR0007073119 Share I - FR0010117085 Share ID - FR0012758704 Share R - FR0010117093

#### **Bloomberg tickers**

Share A - SYSYCTE FP Share I - SYCMTWI FP Share ID - SYSMTWD FP Share R - SYSMTWR FP

#### **Benchmark**

**EURO STOXX Net Return** 

#### Legal form

Mutual fund

#### **Domiciliation**

France

#### **PEA** eligibility

Yes

#### **Investment period**

5 yrs

#### Minimum investment

None

#### **UCITS V**

Yes

#### Valuation

Daily

#### Currency

EUR

#### **Cut-Off**

12pm CET Paris (BPSS)

#### **Cash Settlement**

D+2

#### Management fees

Share A - 1.50% Share I - 1.00% Share ID - 1.00% Share R - 2.00%

#### Performance fees

15% > Benchmark

#### Transaction fees

None

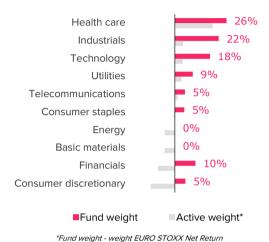
#### **Portfolio**

Equity exposure	97%	2023
Overlap with benchmark	28%	2023
Number of holdings	43	2023
Weight of top 20 stocks	67%	Retur
Median market cap	58.7 €bn	2023

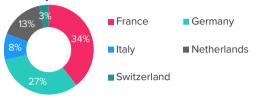
#### Valuation

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2023 PER	14.8x	12.1x
2023 EPS growth	8.1%	6.0%
2023 P/BV ratio	2.4x	1.7x
Return on Equity	16.2%	14.0%
2023 Dividend Yield	2.7%	3.4%

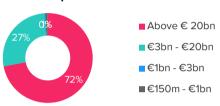
#### Sector exposure



#### Country breakdown



#### Market cap breakdown



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	Fund	Index
SPICE	3.7/5	3.6/5
S score	3.5/5	3.2/5
P score	3.7/5	3.5/5
I score	3.8/5	3.7/5
C score	3.8/5	3.6/5
E score	3.6/5	3.2/5

weight

7.1%

4.4%

2.3%

4.0%

3.3%

2.4%

Contrib

0.61%

0.42%

0.35%

-0.47%

-0.14%

-0.10%

#### **Top 10**

# Performance contributors CS

	Weight	rating	CS		Avg.
ASML	7.7%	4.3/5	27%	Positive	
Siemens Healthineers	4.7%	3.6/5	75%	ASML	
Siemens AG	4.6%	3.4/5	47%	Siemens AG	
Schneider E.	4.5%	4.2/5	37%	Prysmian	
Merck	4.2%	3.3/5	64%	Negative	
AXA	4.1%	3.6/5	35%	Merck	
SAP	3.3%	3.9/5	20%	SAP	
Iberdrola	3.3%	3.8/5	0%	Munich Re.	
Deutsche Telekom	3.0%	3.5/5	40%		
BioMérieux	2.9%	3.9/5	76%		

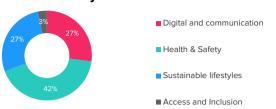
#### Portfolio changes

Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction
Sonova	Bureau Veritas	Medincell	Saint-Gobain
Renault	Siemens		Novartis Ag-Reg
	Asml		Rovi

# sycomore social impact



#### Sustainability thematics



#### **ESG** scores

	Fund	Index
ESG*	3.6/5	3.4/5
Environment	3.6/5	3.2/5
Social	3.6/5	3.4/5
Governance	3.6/5	3.5/5

#### Societal and social analysis

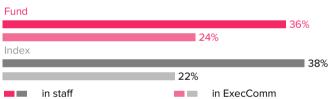


#### Gender equality ♀/ ♂

Percentage of women in total company headcounts and executive committees.

Staff coverage rate : fund 100% / index 99%

Taux de couverture Comex : fund 100% / index 100%



#### Staff growth

Cumulated growth in company headcounts over the past three financial years (data unadjusted in the event of acquisitions, excluding transformational deals).

Coverage rate : fund 100% / index 100%



#### The Good Jobs Rating

Degree to which companies contribute to the creation of sustainable and quality jobs, accessible to the greatest number, particularly in regions, countries or territories most in need.

Coverage rate : fund 100% / index 91%



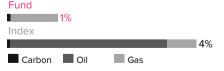
#### **Environmental analysis**

# Degree of alignment of the economic models with the ecological transition, integrating biodiversity and climate, on a scale running from -100% for eco-obstruction to +100% for eco-solution, where 0% equates to the average environmental impact of the global economy. The results are expressed in NEC 1.0 (nec-initiative.org) calculated by Sycomore AM based from 2018 to 2021. Coverage rate: fund 100% / index 99% +10% Fund -100% 0% +100% Index -1%

Net Environmental Contribution (NEC) \*\*

#### Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.



#### Carbon footprint

Annual greenhouse gas emissions (GHG Protocol) from upstream scopes 1, 2 and 3 per thousand euros invested\*\*\*.

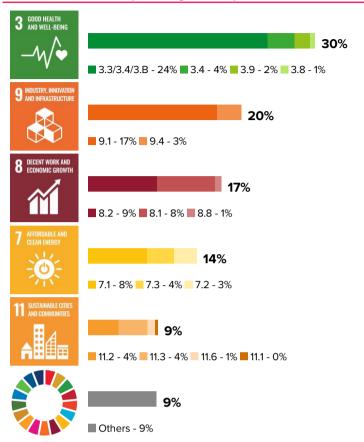
Coverage rate: fund 100% / index 99%

kg. eq. CO  $_2$  /year/k $\in$  Fund Index 182

# sycomore social impact



#### Sustainable development goals exposure



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No significant exposure: 10%

#### ESG follow-up, news and dialogue

#### Dialogue and engagement

#### Sanofi

During our meeting with the company we discussed recent announcements, including the increase of the R&D budget and plans to spin-off its consumer health business with a separate listing in France, following the appointment of a new Chairman of the Board. Management also shared with us the results of the most recent social barometer, which shows a rise in the employee engagement score.

#### **ESG** controversies

#### Novo Nordisk

The group has recently been accused of failing to disclose side effects of Ozempic in Canada. Several patients have reported experiencing severe gastrointestinal or gall bladder-related issues following the use of the drug. There were already similar complaints in the US and in the UK. Ozempic is currently reviewed by The British Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) after reports of suicidal and self-harming thoughts.

#### Votes

1/1 voted general assembly over the month.

Details on our votes are available here the day following the company's AGM  $\underline{\mathsf{Here}}$ .

#### **Deutsche Telekom**

We recently met DT's management who gave us a very interesting insight on its ESG strategy. The group targets to reduce scope 1-3 emissions by 55% by 2030, from 2020, to be net zero emissions by 2040 and fully circular around technology and devices by 2030. We also discussed DT's strategy on cybersecurity. On the people side, we discussed the potential impact of AI on the company's workforce and started an engagement on the disclosure of the company's global gender pay gap.

#### Sanofi

On December 6th, Sanofi announced that the Mourenx facility, which produces Dépakine, had been shut down between 15-18 November due to toxic waste emissions exceeding the norms. The necessary works have since been conducted and emissions on the site are no longer above the norm. Since August 2022, a judge from the public health division of the Paris judiciary has been investigating the toxic emissions produced by this factory up until 2018, when work was completed to ensure compliance.

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# global education

Share IC

Isin code | LU2309821630 NAV | 95.0€

Assets | 96.2 M€

#### SFDR 8

Sustainable investments	
% AUM:	≥ 70%
% Companies*:	≥ 70%
*Excluding derivatives, cash &	equivalent

#### Risk indicator

7 6 5 Higher risk

3

Lower risk

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#### **Investment Team**



**Luca FASAN** Fund Manager



Frédéric PONCHON Fund Manager



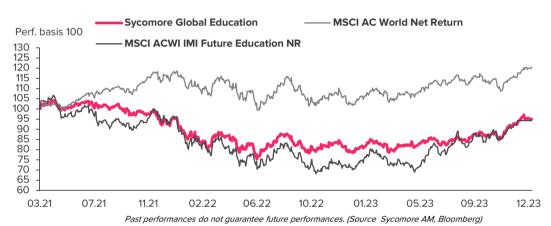
France

#### Investment strategy

#### An international selection of companies supporting lifelong quality education

The objective of the Sycomore Global Education fund is to outperform the MSCI AC World Net Return index by investing in three types of listed companies that contribute to education and/or vocational training: i/ companies providing education products and services, ii/ companies creating favourable learning conditions by providing products and services addressing student needs, iii/ companies that are leveraging education to deliver shared value with their stakeholders, creating positive economic and societal impact. The fund has no constraints in terms of the sectors or education fields it covers. Stock selection relies on the SPICE rating and societal contribution, on the theme of education, in keeping with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals and in particular SDG 4.

#### Performance as of 29.12.2023



	Dec	2023	1 year	Inc.	Annu.	2022
Fund %	2.4	20.8	20.8	-5.0	-1.8	-17.4
Index %	3.5	18.1	18.1	20.6	7.0	-13.0

#### **Statistics**

	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Bench.	Track.	Sharpe	Info	Draw	Bench.
					Vol	Error	Ratio	Ratio	Down	DD
1 year	0.8	0.8	5.4%	10.9%	10.6%	7.3%	1.6	0.4	-7.7%	-7.3%
Inception	0.8	0.9	-7.6%	14.0%	13.5%	7.8%	-0.2	-1.1	-27.7%	-16.3%

#### **Fund commentary**

In December, most equity indexes posted positive returns on the back of improving economic data. The change in tone from the FED and the expectation of rate cuts in 2024 on the second week of the month, had an impact on sector allocation with small cap outperforming large cap in US and Europe for the first time in 2023. In this environment, the fund has underperformed. During the month, the fund benefited from the exposure to Blackbaud (software company specialized on proving (providing?) products to non-profit institutions), Duolingo (application to learn languages) and Wiley (content provider active in the scientific space). On the negative side, some of the year-to-date's contributors took a pause like Microsoft, Verisk (data provider to the insurance sector) and Stride (virtual schools in US).

# sycomore global education



#### **Fund Information**

#### Inception date

29/03/2021

#### **ISIN** codes

Share IC - LU2309821630 Share RC - LU2309821804

#### **Bloomberg tickers**

Share IC - SYSGEIE LX Share RC - SYSGERE LX

#### **Benchmark**

MSCI AC World Net Return

#### Legal form

SICAV compartment

#### **Domiciliation**

Luxembourg

#### **PEA** eligibility

No

#### **Investment period**

5 yrs

#### **Minimum investment**

None

#### **UCITS V**

Yes

#### Valuation

Daily

## Currency

EUR

## Cut-Off

11am CET Paris (BPSS LUX)

#### **Cash Settlement**

D+2

#### Management fees

Share IC - 1.00% Share RC - 2.00%

#### Performance fees

15% > Benchmark

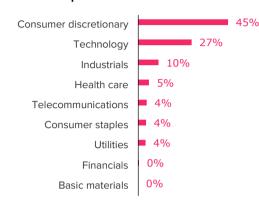
#### Transaction fees

None

#### **Portfolio**

Equity exposure	98%	202
Overlap with benchmark	7%	202
Number of holdings	38	202
Weight of top 20 stocks	78%	Ret
Median market cap	31.3 €bn	202

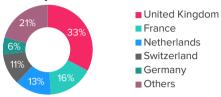
#### Sector exposure



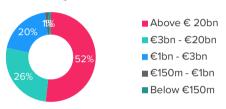
#### Valuation

	Fund	Index
2023 PER	20.3x	15.9x
2023 EPS growth	14.7%	8.9%
2023 P/BV ratio	3.8x	2.7x
Return on Equity	18.6%	17.3%
2023 Dividend Yield	1.4%	2.1%

#### Country breakdown



#### Market cap breakdown



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I score	3.8/5	3.6/5
C score	3.7/5	3.2/5
E score	3.3/5	3.1/5

#### **Top 10**

	Weight	SPICE rating	CS
Microsoft Corp.	8.7%	4.1/5	24%
RELX	5.9%	3.9/5	35%
Blackbaud	5.6%	3.5/5	34%
Pearson	5.0%	3.1/5	33%
Duolingo	4.7%	3.7/5	62%
Coursera	4.5%	3.5/5	57%
Stride	4.4%	3.4/5	56%
ASML	4.4%	4.3/5	27%
Novartis	4.2%	3.7/5	0%
Gartner	4.2%	3.4/5	35%

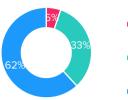
#### Performance contributors

	Avg. weight	Contrib
Positive		
Blackbaud	5.5%	0.72%
Duolingo	4.7%	0.43%
ASML	4.0%	0.33%
Negative		
Microsoft Corp.	8.6%	-0.20%
Stride	4.5%	-0.13%
IDP Education	0.9%	-0.09%

# sycomore global education



#### Pillar breakdown

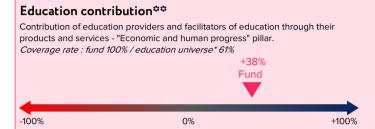


- Education supporter
- Lifelong education sponsor
- Education provider

#### **ESG** scores

	Fund	Index
ESG*	3.4/5	3.1/5
Environment	3.3/5	3.1/5
Social	3.5/5	3.0/5
Governance	3.5/5	3.3/5

#### Societal and social analysis



Education universe

+26%

# Training number of hours

Average number of training hours provided per employee and per year within lifelong education sponsor companies.

Coverage rate: fund 100% / fund universe 52%

Fund 34h/yr/employee

Fund universe 22h/yr/employee

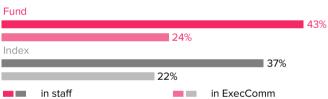
#### Gender equality ♀/ ♂

Percentage of women in total company headcounts and executive committees.

\*Education providers and supporters actively monitored by Sycomore AM

Staff coverage rate: fund 94% / index 89%

Taux de couverture Comex : fund 100% / index 93%



#### Human rights policy \*\*

Percentage of portfolio companies that have drawn up a Human Rights policy.

Coverage rate : fund 100% / index 91%

Fund

ex

81%

#### **Environmental analysis**

#### Net Environmental Contribution (NEC)

Degree of alignment of the economic models with the ecological transition, integrating biodiversity and climate, on a scale running from -100% for eco-obstruction to +100% for eco-solution, where 0% equates to the average environmental impact of the global economy. The results are expressed in NEC 1.0 (nec-initiative.org) calculated by Sycomore AM based from 2018 to 2021.

Coverage rate : fund 93% / index 58%



#### Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.



#### Carbon footprint

Annual greenhouse gas emissions (GHG Protocol) from upstream scopes 1, 2 and 3 per thousand euros invested\*\*\*.

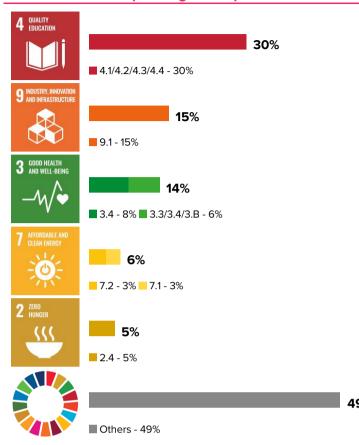
Coverage rate : fund 97% / index 92%

kg. eq. CO ₂ /year/k€ Fund Index 134

# sycomore global education



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No significant exposure: 12%

#### ESG follow-up, news and dialogue

#### Dialogue and engagement

No comment

#### **ESG** controversies

No comment

#### Votes

3 / 3 voted general assemblies over the month.
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# inclusive jobs

Share IC Isin code | FR0014000IE9

NAV | 85.3€

Assets | 86.1 M€

#### SFDR 9

#### **Sustainable Investments**

% AUM:	≥ 80%
% Companies*:	100%
*Excluding derivatives, ca	ash & equivalent

#### Risk indicator

7 6 5 Higher risk

3 2

Lower risk

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#### **Investment Team**



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**Alban PRÉAUBERT** Fund Manager



Catherine ROLLAND SRI analyst





France

France

#### Investment strategy

A selection of listed and unlisted European companies supporting the creation of durable, inclusive employment Sycomore Inclusive Jobs is an inclusive equity fund that invests in companies creating durable, inclusive jobs, according to Sycomore AM's analysis. The fund invests 85 to 95% of its assets in listed European stocks and 5 to 10% in units of FCPR Sycomore Impact Emploi By INCO. The FCPR, managed by INCO Ventures, invests in unlisted companies and associations that are active in creating inclusive employment for people with difficult access to the job market. The main selection metric is the Good Jobs Rating, which employs three key factors to assess a company's contribution towards meeting job-related societal challenges: quantity, quality and geography. The companies in the portfolio must also operate activities aligned with the societal and environmental transitions.

#### Performance as of 29.12.2023



	Dec	2023	1 year	Inc.	Annu.	2022
Fund %	4.8	1.4	1.4	-14.7	-5.8	-19.9
Index %	3.2	18.6	18.6	12.6	4.6	-12.3

#### **Statistics**

	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Bench.	Track.	Sharpe	Info	Draw	Bench.
					Vol	Error	Ratio	Ratio	Down	DD
1 year	0.9	8.0	-12.8%	12.5%	14.0%	6.8%	-0.2	-2.5	-17.5%	-10.4%
Inception	0.9	0.8	-10.2%	14.9%	18.0%	7.1%	-0.5	-1.5	-29.9%	-24.6%

#### Fund commentary

Easing bond yields and the soft-landing scenario have fostered an ideal environment for equity markets, despite the emergence of military and logistics-related tensions in the Red Sea. This environment remains constructive for sectors exposed to declining interest rates and to a cyclical rebound, including industry, renewable energy, and small and mid-caps - which feature rather heavily in the portfolio. Within this segment, the fund is benefiting from the rebound of Italian IT service companies, and notably Sesa which has reported strong quarterly growth (+13%) and is expecting vigorous market dynamics in 2024. Europe's leading industrial forklift manufacturers, Kion, may prove more resilient than expected in 2024 thanks to the potential recovery of warehouse automation investments for e-commerce.

# sycomore inclusive jobs



France

■ Spain

#### **Fund Information**

#### Inception date

07/05/2021

#### ISIN codes

Share IC - FR0014000IE9 Share RC - FR0014000IG4 Share RD - FR0014000IH2

#### **Bloomberg tickers**

Share IC - SYSIJIE FP Share RC - SYSIJRC FP Share RD - SYSIJRE FP

#### **Benchmark**

**EURO STOXX Net Return** 

#### Legal form

**FIVG** 

#### **Domiciliation**

France

#### **PEA** eligibility

Yes

#### **Investment period**

5 yrs

#### **Minimum investment**

None

#### **UCITS V**

No

#### Valuation

Daily

#### Currency

EUR

#### **Cut-Off**

12pm CET Paris (BPSS)

#### Cash Settlement

D+2

#### **Management fees**

Share IC - 1.00% Share RC - 2.00% Share RD - 2.00%

#### Performance fees

15% > Benchmark

#### Transaction fees

None

#### **Portfolio**

Equity exposure	86%
Overlap with benchmark	7%
Number of holdings	52
Weight of top 20 stocks	52%
Median market cap	7.6 €bn
Solidarity exposure	9%

#### Valuation

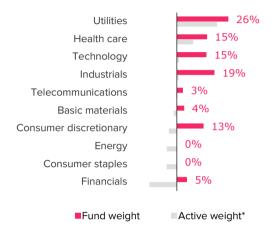
	Fund	Index
2023 PER	14.9x	12.1x
2023 EPS growth	10.6%	6.0%
2023 P/BV ratio	1.7x	1.7x
Return on Equity	11.6%	14.0%
2023 Dividend Yield	2.5%	3.4%

Italy

Germany

Others

# Country breakdown Sector exposure





Performance contributors



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	Fund	Index
SPICE	3.7/5	3.6/5
S score	3.5/5	3.2/5
P score	3.7/5	3.5/5
I score	3.8/5	3.7/5
C score	3.7/5	3.6/5
E score	3.6/5	3.2/5

#### Top 10

	Weight	SPICE rating	TGJR		Avg. weight	Contrib
Prysmian	3.7%	3.8/5	45	Positive		
ASML	3.7%	4.3/5	56	Prysmian	3.7%	0.58%
Veolia	3.6%	3.7/5	50	ASML	3.7%	0.36%
Michelin	3.6%	4.0/5	53	Boliden	2.1%	0.32%
ERG	3.2%	4.0/5	43	Negative		
BioMérieux	3.1%	3.9/5	53	Puma	2.2%	-0.37%
Poste Italiane	2.9%	3.2/5	46	Merck	2.1%	-0.30%
STMicroelec.	2.7%	3.8/5	50	A2A	2.0%	-0.13%
INWIT	2.6%	3.6/5	62			
Neoen	2.5%	4.0/5	58			

#### Portfolio changes

Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction
	Eiffage	Sartorius Sb	Tokmanni
	Stmicroelec.	Medincell	Merck Kgaa
	Puma	Renewcell	Rovi

<sup>\*</sup>Fund weight - weight EURO STOXX Net Return

# sycomore inclusive jobs



#### **ESG** scores

	Fund	Index
ESG*	3.6/5	3.4/5
Environment	3.6/5	3.2/5
Social	3.6/5	3.4/5
Governance	3.6/5	3.5/5

#### Top 5 - Solidarity holdings - Unlisted shares

Id EES Interim	Bourgogne-Franche-Comté
La Varappe (Optima)	Provence-Alpes-Côte d Azur
Ammareal	lle-de-France
Moulinot	lle-de-France
Archer	Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes

#### Societal and social analysis

#### Staff growth\*\*

Cumulated growth in company headcounts over the past three financial years (data unadjusted in the event of acquisitions, excluding transformational deals).

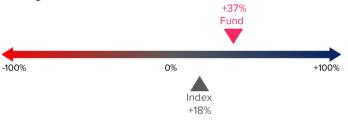
Coverage rate: fund 100% / index 100%

Fund Index 12%

#### Societal contribution

Contribution of the economic activity of companies to the resolution of major societal issues, on a scale from -100% to +100%.

Coverage rate: fund 98% / index 95%

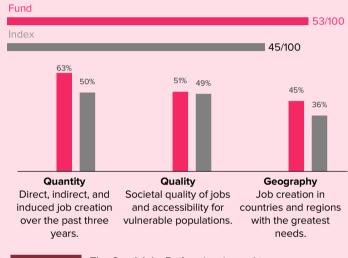




#### The Good Jobs Rating \*\*

Degree to which companies contribute to the creation of sustainable and quality jobs, accessible to the greatest number, particularly in regions, countries or territories most in need.

Coverage rate: fund 100% / index 91%





The Good Jobs Rating developped to measure companies alignment with SDG 8 - Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent

8.5

Achieving full and productive employment and guaranteeing that all men and women, including young and disabled people, are offered decent work and equal pay for work of equal value.

8.6

Considerably reduce the proportion of young people not in employment, education or training.

#### **Environmental analysis**

#### Net Environmental Contribution (NEC)

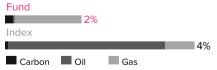
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Coverage rate: fund 100% / index 99%



#### Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.



#### Carbon footprint

Annual greenhouse gas emissions Protocol) from upstream scopes 1, 2 and 3 per thousand euros invested\*\*\*

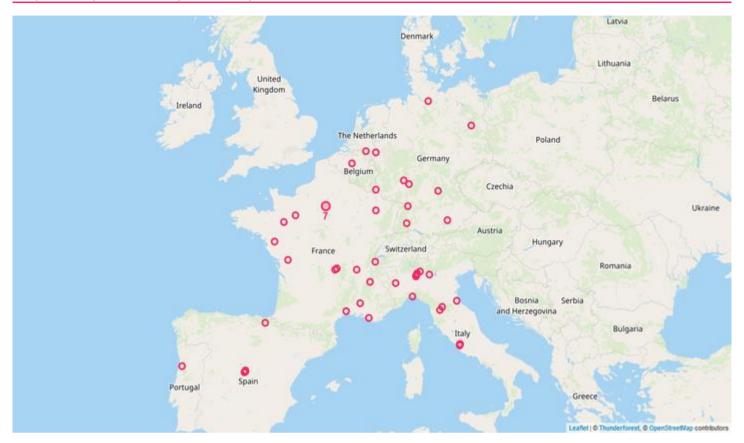
Coverage rate: fund 100% / index 99%

Fund Index kg. eq. CO 2 /year/k€ 182

# sycomore inclusive jobs



#### Map of companies headquarters in portfolio



#### ESG follow-up, news and dialogue

#### Dialogue and engagement

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#### **ESG** controversies

#### Puma

In December 2023, a report from the University of Sheffield Hallam alleged that Puma and several other brands were still exposed to Uyghur forced labour through their supply chain. Puma has already responded to these allegations, denying any business relationship with the mentioned suppliers in Xinjiang, and any sourcing of cotton from the region. We had already contacted the company for supply chain concerns in Cambodia last month and have included this new report in our discussion items.

#### Votes

1/1 voted general assembly over the month.

Details on our votes are available here the day following the company's AGM  $\underline{\mathsf{Here}}$ .

#### **Bouygues**

Our meeting was an opportunity to look back at the integration of Equans within the Bouygues Group, following the takeover in October 2022. Equans is now Bouygues' leading business (in terms of revenue). The turnover rate at Equans has fallen since the integration. Employees were able to take part in a specific stock issuance programme - employee ownership is important for the Bouygues group, which already totalled 51,000 employee shareholders before this latest issuance.

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 Assets | 213.0 M€

#### SFDR 9

#### **Sustainable Investments**

% AUM: ≥ 80% % Companies\*: 100%

#### \*Excluding derivatives, cash & equivalent

#### Risk indicator

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Higher risk

5

**4 3** 

2

Lower risk

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#### **Investment Team**



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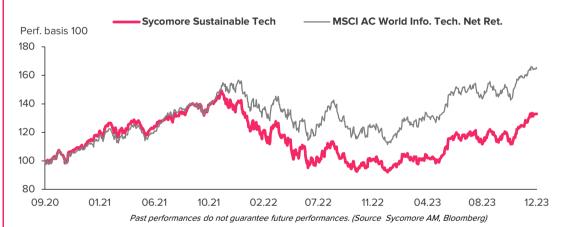
France

#### Investment strategy

#### A selection of global responsible technology players

Sycomore Sustainable Tech invests in technology companies listed on international markets and employs an innovative SRI process. Stocks are selected with no regional or market capitalisation constraints. The ESG approach focuses on three dimensions: 1- "Tech for Good": for goods and services with positive social or environmental impacts; 2- "Good in Tech": for a responsible use of goods and services that will reduce negative externalities impacting individuals or the environment; 3-"Improvement Enablers": companies engaged in making progress in the two previous dimensions.

#### Performance as of 29.12.2023



	Dec	2023	1 year	3 yrs	Inc.	Annu.	2022	2021
Fund %	5.1	42.8	42.8	15.3	32.9	9.0	-33.9	22.1
Index %	3.1	46.5	46.5	46.7	65.2	16.4	-26.8	36.8

#### **Statistics**

	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Bench.	Track.	Sharpe	Info	Draw	Bench.
					Vol	Error	Ratio	Ratio	Down	DD
1 year	0.9	1.0	-1.8%	18.0%	16.6%	7.7%	2.2	-0.5	-8.5%	-8.3%
Inception	0.9	1.0	-6.1%	21.6%	20.4%	8.0%	0.4	-0.9	-38.3%	-28.8%

#### **Fund commentary**

Technology returns were buoyed by softer than expected inflation data in the US which was then compounded by a change in the Fed's tone signaling about the future path of interest rates. The fund was up around 5% in December, outperforming our benchmark by approximately 2%. The relative strength was driven by our software stock picking (but helped by Microsoft's underperformance) as well as a strong performance in semiconductors (particularly from our overweight in Broadcom). We continue to be upbeat on a normalization of IT spend in 2024, but would not be surprised if the rally took a small pause tactically given that certain pockets of the tech sector are now trading on valuations not seen since the bull market of 2021. Overall, we expect 2024 to be a year of positive estimates revisions, and probably less so of multiple appreciation.



#### **Fund Information**

#### Inception date

09/09/2020

#### **ISIN** codes

Share AC - LU2331773858 Share FD - LU2211504738 Share IC - LU2181906269 Share RD - LU2181906699

#### **Bloomberg tickers**

Share AC - SYSTAEA LX Share FD - SYSSTFE LX Share IC - SYSTIEC LX Share RD - SYSTRED LX

#### **Benchmark**

MSCI AC World Info. Tech. Net Ret

#### Legal form

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#### Domiciliation

Luxembourg

#### **PEA** eligibility

No

#### Investment period

5 yrs

#### **Minimum investment**

None

#### **UCITS V**

Yes

#### Valuation

Daily

#### Currency

**EUR** 

#### Cut-Off

11am CET Paris (BPSS LUX)

#### **Cash Settlement**

D+2

#### Management fees

Share AC - 1.50% Share FD - 0.75% Share IC - 1.00% Share RD - 2.00%

#### Performance fees

15% > Benchmark

#### **Transaction fees**

None

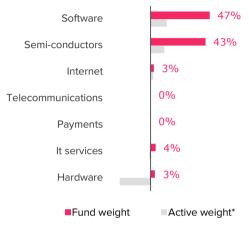
#### **Portfolio**

Equity exposure	96%
Overlap with benchmark	39%
Number of holdings	38
Weight of top 20 stocks	77%
Median market cap	158.5 €bn

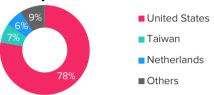
#### **Valuation**

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2025 Sales Growth	20.1%	14.4%
2025 P/E ratio	28.4x	26.1x
2025 EPS growth	39.8%	24.8%
2025 Operating margin	31.6%	34.5%
2025 PEG ratio	5.7x	3.5x
2025 P/Sales ratio	8.4x	7.6x

#### Sector exposure



# Country breakdown



#### Market cap breakdown



\*Fund weight - weight MSCI AC World Info. Tech. Net Ret.

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	Fund	Index
SPICE	3.7/5	3.6/5
S score	3.3/5	2.7/5
P score	3.7/5	3.4/5
I score	3.9/5	3.9/5
C score	3.8/5	3.4/5
E score	3.2/5	3.3/5

#### **Top 10**

	Weight	SPICE rating	NEC	CS
NVIDIA Corporation	9.6%	3.8/5	0%	17%
Microsoft Corp.	9.5%	4.1/5	+5%	24%
Taiwan Semi.	5.3%	3.8/5	+1%	19%
Broadcom	4.8%	3.3/5	0%	31%
ASML	4.3%	4.3/5	+6%	27%
Salesforce	4.2%	3.9/5	+1%	21%
Intuit Inc.	4.1%	3.9/5	+2%	23%
Advanced Micro Devices	4.0%	3.6/5	+2%	24%
Micron Technology	3.5%	3.2/5	0%	35%
MongoDB	3.2%	3.6/5	+8%	31%

#### Performance contributors

	Avg. weight	Contrib
Positive		
Broadcom	4.7%	0.84%
Sentinel One	2.1%	0.78%
Advanced Micro Devices	3.5%	0.66%
Negative		
Oracle Corp.	2.5%	-0.32%
Synopsys	3.2%	-0.19%
Microsoft Corp.	9.1%	-0.18%

#### Portfolio changes

Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction
Esker	Amat	Mastercard	Gartner
	Microsoft	T-Mobile Us	Oracle
	Nvidia		Palo Alto



#### **Responsible Tech Dimensions**

	Tech For Good	Good in Tech	Improvement enabler
	CS ≥ 10% or NEC > 0%	Client risk score ≥ 3/5	SD* Management score ≥ 3/5
Number of holdings	38	35	34
Weight	100%	97%	91%

\*SD: Sustainable development

#### **ESG** scores

	Fund	Index
ESG*	3.4/5	3.2/5
Environment	3.2/5	3.3/5
Social	3.6/5	3.2/5
Governance	3.6/5	3.6/5

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Coverage rate: fund 100% / index 92%



#### European taxonomy

Percentage of revenues derived from eligible activities to the EU taxonomy

Coverage rate : fund 100% / index 96%



#### Temperature rising - SB2A

Induced average temperature increase by 2100 compared to pre-industrial times, according to the Science-Based 2°C Alignment methodology.

Coverage rate: fund 50%

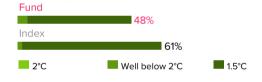
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\*IPCC Sixth Assessment Report «Climate Change 2022: Mitigation of Climate Change», https://www.ipcc.ch/assessment-report/ar6/

#### Climate alignment - SBTi

Share of companies that have validated their greenhouse gas reduction targets with the Science-Based Targets initiative.



#### Carbon footprint

Annual greenhouse gas emissions (GHG Protocol) from upstream scopes 1, 2 and 3 per thousand euros invested\*\*\*.

Coverage rate : fund 98% / index 100%

	Fund	Index
kg. eq. CO ₂ /year/k€	15	35

#### Fossil fuel exposure

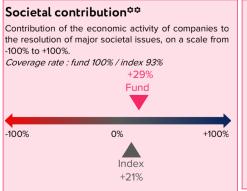
Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.

Gas

Fund 0% Index 0%

Carbon Oil

#### Societal and social analysis



# Human rights policy \*\* Percentage of portfolio companies that have

Fund

drawn up a Human Rights policy.

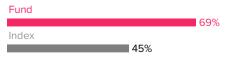
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#### Staff growth

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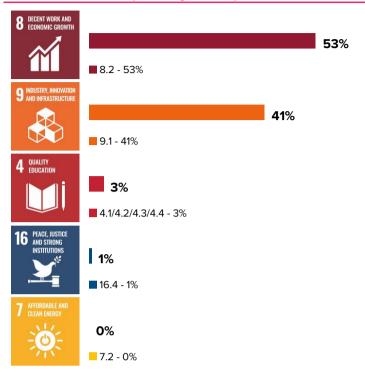
Coverage rate : fund 92% / index 96%



Sources: company data, Sycomore AM, Trucost, Bloomberg, Science Based Targets, Vigeo. Methodologies and approaches may differ between issuers and providers of extra-financial data. Sycomore AM does not guarantee the accuracy, completeness, and exhaustiveness of the extra-financial reports.\*ESG-SPICE correspondence: E=E, S=(P+S+C)/3, G is a sub-part of I, which represents 40%.\*\*The fund has committed to outperforming the benchmark on these two indicators. The other indicators are shown for illustrative purposes.\*\*\*Footprint allocated prorata to enterprise value, cash included.



#### Sustainable development goals exposure



This chart represents the main exposures to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and their 169 targets. Exposure is defined as the opportunity, for each company, to contribute positively to reaching SDGs, providing their products and services. This exercise doesn't aim to measure the companies effective contribution to SDGs, which is computed through our societal contribution (CS) and net environnemental contribution (NEC) metrics. For each invested company, activities are analysed in order to identify those which are exposed to SDGs. For a same activity, its number of targets can vary between 0 and 2. The company target exposure to one of its activities is weighted by the revenue share gained from this activity. For more details, our annual SRI report is available in our ESG documentation.

No significant exposure: 6%

#### ESG follow-up, news and dialogue

#### Dialogue and engagement

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#### **ESG** controversies

#### **TSMC**

Health and Safety measures are questionned by Unions and construction workers at the new plant of TSMC in Phoenix Arizona. We reached out to the company to analyze the issue and how TSMC ensures worker safety at the construction site in Arizona.

#### Votes

2 / 2 voted general assemblies over the month.

Details on our votes are available here the day following the company's AGM  $\underline{\mathsf{Here}}$ .

#### Nvidia

We met with Nvidia Head of sustainability Joshua Parker who shared a positive outline for next steps for the company and its human rights program with additional human ressources dedicated to human rights, oversight at top management level and impact assessment including upstream and downstream risks.

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Isin code | FR0010601898 Share I

NAV | 1.813.5€

Assets | 307.3 M€

#### SFDR 8

#### **Sustainable Investments**

% AUM: > 1% % Companies\*: ≥ 25%

\*Excluding derivatives, cash & equivalent

#### Risk indicator

Lower risk

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#### Performance as of 29.12.2023



	Dec	2023	1 year	3 yrs	5 yrs	Inc.	Annu.	2022	2021	2020	2019
Fund %	3.0	6.8	6.8	11.0	11.8	81.4	3.9	-5.7	10.2	-3.3	4.1
Index %	2.1	9.5	9.5	16.1	30.4	72.7	3.5	-5.0	11.7	-0.3	12.6

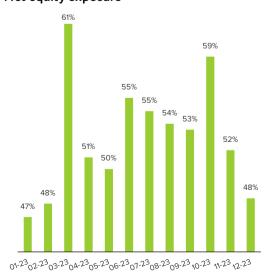
#### **Statistics**

	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Bench.	Track.	Sharpe	Info	Draw	Bench.
					Vol	Error	Ratio	Ratio	Down	DD
3 years	0.8	1.0	-1.5%	9.1%	7.4%	5.2%	0.3	-0.3	-15.2%	-10.8%
Inception	0.9	1.1	0.3%	12.5%	10.0%	6.4%	0.3	0.1	-31.7%	-27.6%

#### Fund commentary

The market rebound that began on October 27th continued into December, fuelled by positive reports on US inflation and business activity. Considering that investor sentiment and valuations are now relatively high, we trimmed our equity exposure further, taking profits on companies such as Euronext and Saint Gobain. In December, the fund benefited from Vivendi's announced plans to split activities into separate entities and from the rebound on the French mid-cap market (Spie, Edenred and Amundi). In contrast, our positions in Deutsche Telekom (German government plans to reduce its shareholding) and Sodexo both underperformed.

#### Net equity exposure





#### **Fund Information**

#### Inception date

31/03/2008

#### **ISIN** codes

Share I - FR0010601898 Share IB - FR0012365013 Share P - FR0010738120

#### **Bloomberg tickers**

Share I - SYCPRTI FP Share IB - SYCPRTB FP Share P - SYCPARP FP

#### **Benchmark**

50% STOXX 600 NR + 50% FSTR

#### Comparison index

STOXX 600

#### Legal form

Mutual fund

#### Domiciliation

France

#### **PEA** eligibility

Yes

#### **Investment period**

5 yrs

#### **Minimum investment**

100 EUR

#### **UCITS V**

Yes

#### Valuation

Daily

#### Currency

EUR

#### Cut-Off

12pm CET Paris (BPSS)

#### **Cash Settlement**

D+2

#### Management fees

Share I - 0.50% Share IB - 1.00% Share P - 1.80%

#### Performance fees

15% > Benchmark with HWM

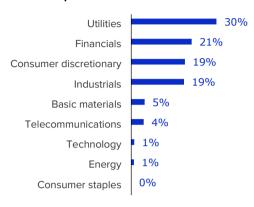
#### Transaction fees

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#### **Portfolio**

Equity exposure	48%
Number of holdings	28
Median market cap	14.6 €bn

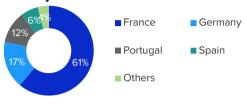
#### Sector exposure



#### **Valuation**

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2023 PER	10.5x	12.1x
2023 EPS growth	9.3%	7.2%
2023 P/BV ratio	1.0x	1.8x
Return on Equity	9.2%	15.2%
2023 Dividend Yield	3.7%	3.4%

#### Country breakdown



#### Market cap breakdown



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	Fund	Index
SPICE	3.5/5	3.6/5
S score	3.2/5	3.2/5
P score	3.4/5	3.5/5
I score	3.5/5	3.7/5
C score	3.5/5	3.6/5
E score	3.3/5	3.2/5

#### **Top 10**

	Weight	SPICE rating
RWE	7.1%	3.1/5
EDP-Energias de Portugal	6.5%	3.9/5
Vivendi	3.9%	3.4/5
Banco Santander S.A.	3.6%	3.3/5
Société Générale	3.4%	3.3/5
Veolia	3.3%	3.7/5
SPIE	3.1%	3.8/5
Bureau Veritas	3.1%	3.9/5
Amundi	3.1%	3.4/5
Sodexo	2.5%	3.4/5

#### Performance contributors

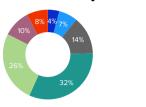
	Avg. weight	Contrib
Positive		
Vivendi	4.3%	0.59%
Amundi	3.2%	0.30%
RWE	6.3%	0.29%
Negative		
Veolia	3.0%	-0.03%
Deutsche Telekom	2.3%	-0.02%
Gaztransport & Tech.	0.6%	-0.01%

#### Portfolio changes

Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction
Bureau Veritas	Teleperform.	Edp Renov.	Vivendi
Edenred	Imerys	Euronext	Banco Santander
Freeport MM	Sodexo	Saint-Gobain	Amundi



#### Sustainability thematics



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- SPICE Leadership
- Digital and communication
- Energy transition
- Health & Safety ■ SPICE transformation
- Nutrition and well-being

#### **ESG** scores

	Fund	Index
ESG*	3.3/5	3.4/5
Environment	3.3/5	3.2/5
Social	3.3/5	3.4/5
Governance	3.5/5	3.5/5

#### **Environmental analysis**

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Coverage rate: fund 99% / index 99%



#### European taxonomy

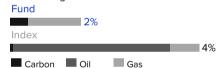
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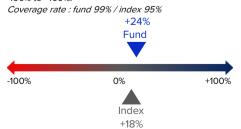
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#### Societal and social analysis

#### Societal contribution

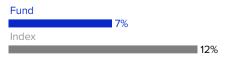
Contribution of the economic activity of companies to the resolution of major societal issues, on a scale from -100% to +100%.



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Coverage rate: fund 100% / index 100%



#### Gender equality ♀/ ♂

Percentage of women in total company headcounts and executive committees. Staff cov. rate: fund 100% / index 99% ExecComm cov. rate: fund 100% / index 100%

Fund 36% 28% Index 38% 22% in staff in ExecComm



#### ESG follow-up, news and dialogue

#### Dialogue and engagement

#### **Deutsche Telekom**

We recently met DT's management who gave us a very interesting insight on its ESG strategy. The group targets to reduce scope 1-3 emissions by 55% by 2030, from 2020, to be net zero emissions by 2040 and fully circular around technology and devices by 2030. We also discussed DT's strategy on cybersecurity. On the people side, we discussed the potential impact of AI on the company's workforce and started an engagement on the disclosure of the company's global gender pay gap.

#### **ESG** controversies

#### Renault

Renault has signed a contract in 2022 with Managem, manager of the Bou Azzer cobalt mine in Morocco. In July 2023, Reporterre highlighted the poor working and health and safety conditions at the site, which was allegedly contaminated with arsenic. These accusations were confirmed by the German newspaper SZ in November. Managem denies the accusations. Although the site has been certified by RMI, NQC and EcoVadis, Renault has announced the launch of an audit by an external third party.

#### Votes

1 / 1 voted general assembly over the month.
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# partners

Share IB Isin code | FR0012365013

NAV | 1.780.9€

Assets | 307.3 M€

#### SFDR8

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% AUM:  $\geq$  1% % Companies\*:  $\geq$  25% \*Excluding derivatives, cash & equivalent

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Fund %	3.0	6.5	6.5	10.4	10.6	74.9	3.6	-5.7	9.9	-3.5	3.9
Index %	2.1	9.5	9.5	16.1	30.4	72.7	3.5	-5.0	11.7	-0.3	12.6

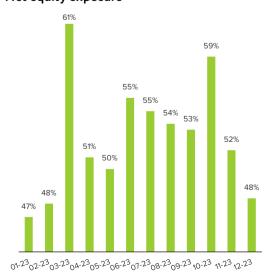
#### Statistics

	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Bench.	Track.	Sharpe	Info	Draw	Bench.
					Vol	Error	Ratio	Ratio	Down	DD
3 years	8.0	1.0	-1.6%	9.1%	7.4%	5.2%	0.3	-0.3	-15.1%	-10.8%
Inception	0.9	1.1	0.1%	12.5%	10.0%	6.4%	0.3	0.0	-31.9%	-27.6%

#### **Fund commentary**

The market rebound that began on October 27th continued into December, fuelled by positive reports on US inflation and business activity. Considering that investor sentiment and valuations are now relatively high, we trimmed our equity exposure further, taking profits on companies such as Euronext and Saint Gobain. In December, the fund benefited from Vivendi's announced plans to split activities into separate entities and from the rebound on the French mid-cap market (Spie, Edenred and Amundi). In contrast, our positions in Deutsche Telekom (German government plans to reduce its shareholding) and Sodexo both underperformed.

#### Net equity exposure





#### **Fund Information**

#### Inception date

31/03/2008

#### **ISIN** codes

Share I - FR0010601898 Share IB - FR0012365013 Share P - FR0010738120

#### **Bloomberg tickers**

Share I - SYCPRTI FP Share IB - SYCPRTB FP Share P - SYCPARP FP

#### **Benchmark**

50% STOXX 600 NR + 50% FSTR

#### **Comparison index**

STOXX 600

#### Legal form

Mutual fund

#### **Domiciliation**

France

#### **PEA** eligibility

Yes

#### Investment period

5 yrs

#### **Minimum investment**

None

#### **UCITS V**

Yes

#### Valuation

Daily

#### Currency

EUR

#### Cut-Off

12pm CET Paris (BPSS)

#### **Cash Settlement**

D+2

#### Management fees

Share I - 0.50% Share IB - 1.00% Share P - 1.80%

#### Performance fees

15% > Benchmark with HWM

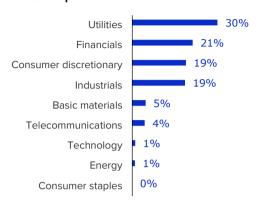
#### Transaction fees

None

#### **Portfolio**

Equity exposure	48%
Number of holdings	28
Median market cap	14.6 €bn

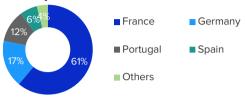
#### Sector exposure



#### **Valuation**

< 12.1x
5 7.2%
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3.4%

#### Country breakdown



#### Market cap breakdown



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#### **Top 10**

	Weight	SPICE rating
RWE	7.1%	3.1/5
EDP-Energias de Portugal	6.5%	3.9/5
Vivendi	3.9%	3.4/5
Banco Santander S.A.	3.6%	3.3/5
Société Générale	3.4%	3.3/5
Veolia	3.3%	3.7/5
SPIE	3.1%	3.8/5
Bureau Veritas	3.1%	3.9/5
Amundi	3.1%	3.4/5
Sodexo	2.5%	3.4/5

#### Performance contributors

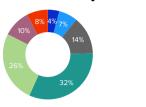
	Avg. weight	Contrib
Positive		
Vivendi	4.3%	0.59%
Amundi	3.2%	0.30%
RWE	6.3%	0.29%
Negative		
Veolia	3.0%	-0.03%
Deutsche Telekom	2.3%	-0.02%
Gaztransport & Tech.	0.6%	-0.01%

#### Portfolio changes

Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction
Bureau Veritas	Teleperform.	Edp Renov.	Vivendi
Edenred	Imerys	Euronext	Banco Santander
Freeport MM	Sodexo	Saint-Gohain	Δmundi



#### Sustainability thematics



Sus	taiı	nable	9	mgmt	of	resources

- SPICE Leadership
- Digital and communication
- Energy transition
- Health & Safety ■ SPICE transformation
- Nutrition and well-being

#### **ESG** scores

	Fund	Index
ESG*	3.3/5	3.4/5
Environment	3.3/5	3.2/5
Social	3.3/5	3.4/5
Governance	3.5/5	3.5/5

#### **Environmental analysis**

#### Net Environmental Contribution (NEC)

Degree of alignment of the economic models with the ecological transition, integrating biodiversity and climate, on a scale running from -100% for eco-obstruction to +100% for eco-solution, where 0% equates to the average environmental impact of the global economy. The results are expressed in NEC 1.0 (nec-initiative.org) calculated by Sycomore AM based from 2018 to 2021.

Coverage rate: fund 99% / index 99%



#### European taxonomy

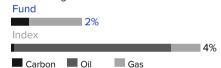
Percentage of revenues derived from eligible activities to the EU taxonomy

Coverage rate : fund 96% / index 99%



#### Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.



#### Carbon footprint

Annual greenhouse gas emissions (GHG Protocol) from upstream scopes 1, 2 and 3 per thousand euros invested\*\*\*.

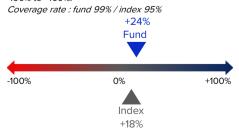
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#### Societal and social analysis

#### Societal contribution

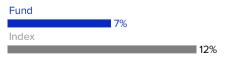
Contribution of the economic activity of companies to the resolution of major societal issues, on a scale from -100% to +100%.



#### Staff growth

Cumulated growth in company headcounts over the past three financial years (data unadjusted in the event of acquisitions, excluding transformational deals).

Coverage rate: fund 100% / index 100%



#### Gender equality ♀/ ♂

Percentage of women in total company headcounts and executive committees. Staff cov. rate: fund 100% / index 99% ExecComm cov. rate: fund 100% / index 100%

Fund 36% 28% Index 38% 22% in staff in ExecComm



#### ESG follow-up, news and dialogue

#### Dialogue and engagement

#### **Deutsche Telekom**

We recently met DT's management who gave us a very interesting insight on its ESG strategy. The group targets to reduce scope 1-3 emissions by 55% by 2030, from 2020, to be net zero emissions by 2040 and fully circular around technology and devices by 2030. We also discussed DT's strategy on cybersecurity. On the people side, we discussed the potential impact of AI on the company's workforce and started an engagement on the disclosure of the company's global gender pay gap.

#### **ESG** controversies

#### Renault

Renault has signed a contract in 2022 with Managem, manager of the Bou Azzer cobalt mine in Morocco. In July 2023, Reporterre highlighted the poor working and health and safety conditions at the site, which was allegedly contaminated with arsenic. These accusations were confirmed by the German newspaper SZ in November. Managem denies the accusations. Although the site has been certified by RMI, NQC and EcoVadis, Renault has announced the launch of an audit by an external third party.

#### Votes

voted general assembly over the month.

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# next generation

Share IC

Isin code | LU1961857478

NAV | 106.9€

Assets | 463.4 M€

#### SFDR 8

Sustainable investments					
% AUM:	≥ 25%				
% Companies*:	> 50%				

\*Excluding derivatives, cash & equivalent

#### Risk indicator

Higher risk

Lower risk

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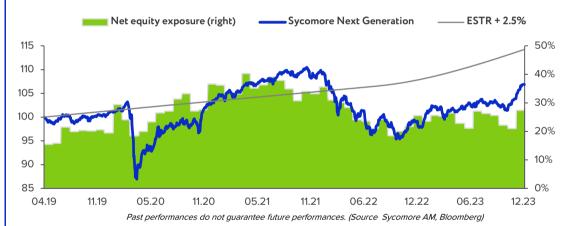


France

#### Investment strategy

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Index %	0.5	5.8	5.8	10.5	14.3	2.9	2.5	1.9	2.0

#### Statistics

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# sycomore next generation



#### **Fund Information**

#### Inception date

29/04/2019

#### **ISIN** codes

Share IC - LU1961857478 Share ID - LU1973748020 Share RC - LU1961857551

#### **Bloomberg tickers**

Share IC - SYCNXIE LX Share ID - SYCNXID LX Share RC - SYCNXRE LX

#### **Benchmark**

ESTR + 2.5%

#### Legal form

SICAV compartment

#### **Domiciliation**

Luxembourg

#### **PEA** eligibility

No

#### **Investment period**

3 yrs

#### **Minimum investment**

None

#### **UCITS V**

Yes

#### Valuation

Daily

#### Currency

EUR

#### **Cut-Off**

11am CET Paris (BPSS LUX)

#### **Cash Settlement**

D+2

#### **Management fees**

Share IC - 0.80% Share ID - 0.80% Share RC - 1.20%

#### Performance fees

15% > Benchmark

#### Transaction fees

None

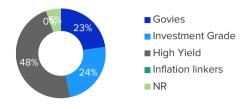
#### **Equities**

Number of holdings 39 Weight of top 20 stocks 14%

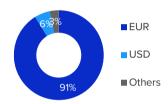
#### Bonds

Number of bonds 104.0 Number of issuers 58.0

#### Bond allocation



#### Currency breakdown



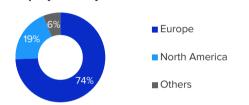
# Bonds 56% Equities 28% Absolute return 0%



Commodities

Money market

Asset class breakdown



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#### Performance contributors

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#### **Direct Equities**

	Weight	SPICE	NEC	CS
	vveignt	rating	score	score
Eni	1.2%	3.1/5	-12%	3%
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#### **Bond holdings**

	Weight
France 0.0% 2024	3.6%
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Accor Sa 2.625% Perp	1.3%
Scor 3.875% perp	1.2%
La Mondiale 5.05% Perp	1.2%

# sycomore next generation



#### Sustainability thematics



■ Sustainable mgmt of resources

SPICE Leadership

■ Digital and communication

■ Energy transition

■ Health & Safety
■ SPICE transformation

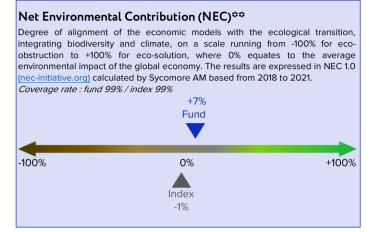
■ Nutrition and well-being

Access and Inclusion

#### **ESG** scores

	Fund
ESG*	3.2/5
Environment	3.3/5
Social	3.3/5
Governance	3.3/5

#### **Environmental analysis**



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#### European taxonomy

Percentage of revenues derived from eligible activities to the EU taxonomy

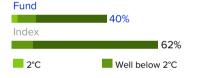
Coverage rate : fund 69%

Fund



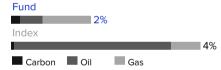
#### Climate alignment - SBTi

Share of companies that have validated their greenhouse gas reduction targets with the Science-Based Targets initiative.



#### Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.



#### Carbon footprint

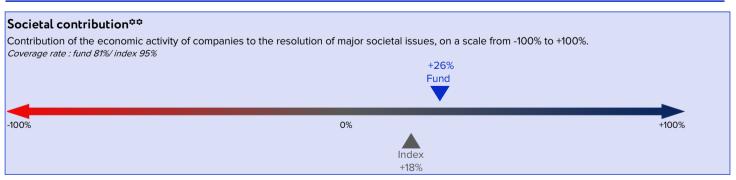
Annual greenhouse gas emissions (GHG Protocol) from upstream scopes 1, 2 and 3 per thousand euros invested\*\*\*.

Coverage rate : fund 58%

kg. eq. CO 2 /year/k€

Fund 261

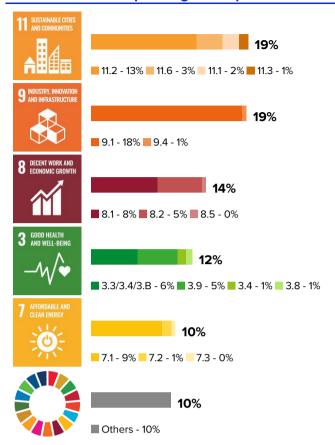
#### Societal and social analysis



# sycomore next generation



#### Sustainable development goals exposure



This chart represents the main exposures to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and their 169 targets. Exposure is defined as the opportunity, for each company, to contribute positively to reaching SDGs, providing their products and services. This exercise doesn't aim to measure the companies effective contribution to SDGs, which is computed through our societal contribution (CS) and net environnemental contribution (NEC) metrics. For each invested company, activities are analysed in order to identify those which are exposed to SDGs. For a same activity, its number of targets can vary between 0 and 2. The company target exposure to one of its activities is weighted by the revenue share gained from this activity. For more details, our annual SRI report is available in our ESG documentation.

No significant exposure: 27%

#### ESG follow-up, news and dialogue

#### Dialogue and engagement

No comment

#### **ESG** controversies

No comment

#### Votes

1 / 1 voted general assembly over the month.
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# sycomore allocation patrimoine

Share I

Isin code | FR0010474015 NAV | 159.1€ Assets | 215.5 M€

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#### SFDR 8

Sustamable investment	.5
% AUM:	≥ 25%
% Companies*:	≥ 50%
*Excluding derivatives, cash	& equivalent

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#### Risk indicator

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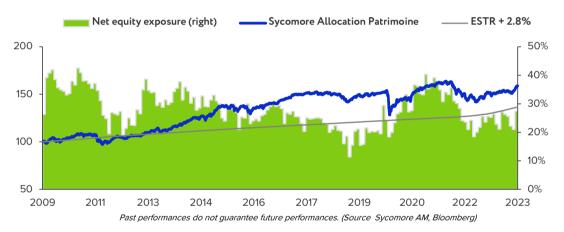


France

#### Investment strategy

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Index %	0.4	5.3	5.3	8.9	12.3	35.0	2.2	2.0	1.4	1.5	1.6

#### **Statistics**

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# sycomore allocation patrimoine



#### **Fund Information**

Inception date

27/11/2002

#### **ISIN** codes

Share I - FR0010474015

#### **Bloomberg tickers**

Share I - SYCOPAI FP

#### **Benchmark**

ESTR + 2.8%

#### Legal form

Mutual fund

#### **Domiciliation**

France

#### **PEA** eligibility

NIA

#### **Investment period**

3 yrs

#### **Minimum investment**

None

#### **UCITS V**

Yes

#### **Valuation**

Daily

#### Currency

EUR

#### Cut-Off

9am CET Paris (BPSS)

#### **Cash Settlement**

D+2

#### Management fees

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#### Performance fees

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#### Transaction fees

None

#### **Equities**

Asset class breakdown

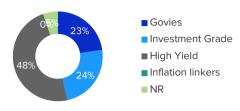
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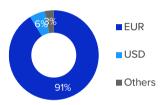
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#### Bond allocation

**Bonds** 

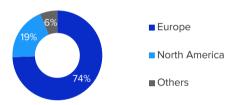


#### Currency breakdown



# Bonds Equities 28% Absolute return 0% Commodities 0% Money market 16%

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	Weight	rating	score	score
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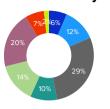
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#### Sustainability thematics



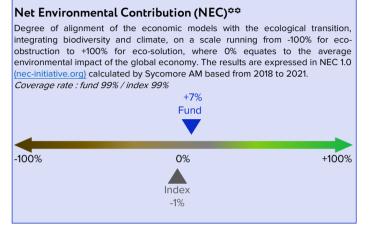
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#### **ESG** scores

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1.5°C

#### European taxonomy

Percentage of revenues derived from eligible activities to the EU taxonomy

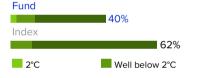
Coverage rate : fund 69%

Fund



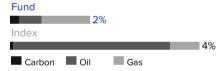
#### Climate alignment - SBTi

Share of companies that have validated their greenhouse gas reduction targets with the Science-Based Targets initiative.



#### Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.



#### Carbon footprint

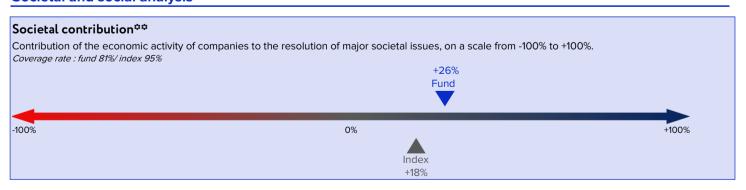
Annual greenhouse gas emissions (GHG Protocol) from upstream scopes 1, 2 and 3 per thousand euros invested\*\*\*.

Coverage rate : fund 58%

kg. eq. CO ₂ /year/k€ 261

Fund

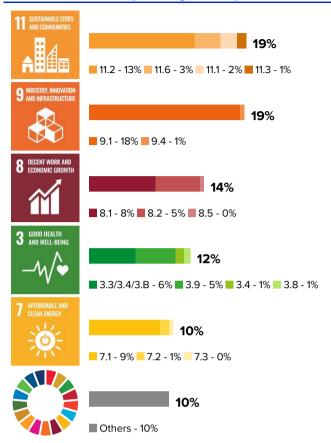
#### Societal and social analysis



# sycomore allocation patrimoine



#### Sustainable development goals exposure



This chart represents the main exposures to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and their 169 targets. Exposure is defined as the opportunity, for each company, to contribute positively to reaching SDGs, providing their products and services. This exercise doesn't aim to measure the companies effective contribution to SDGs, which is computed through our societal contribution (CS) and net environnemental contribution (NEC) metrics. For each invested company, activities are analysed in order to identify those which are exposed to SDGs. For a same activity, its number of targets can vary between 0 and 2. The company target exposure to one of its activities is weighted by the revenue share gained from this activity. For more details, our annual SRI report is available in our ESG documentation.

No significant exposure: 27%

#### ESG follow-up, news and dialogue

#### Dialogue and engagement

No comment

#### **ESG** controversies

No comment

#### Votes

1 / 1 voted general assembly over the month.
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# sycomore

# opportunities

Share I Isin o

Isin code | FR0010473991 NAV | 370.3€

Assets | 157.3 M€

#### SFDR8

#### Sustainable Investments

% AUM:	≥ 1%
% Companies*:	≥ 25%

\*Excluding derivatives, cash & equivalent

#### Risk indicator

Higher risk

Lower risk

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#### **Investment Team**



**Gilles LENOIR** Fund Manager



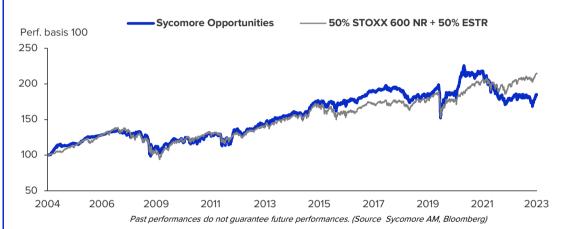
**Hadrien BULTE** Fund Manager -Analyst

#### Investment strategy

Sycomore Opportunities is a feeder fund of Sycomore Partners (Master Fund) and invests at least 95% of its net assets in "MF" units of its Master Fund and up to 5% in cash.

Sycomore Partners, a concentrated stock picking fund whose exposure to equities may range between 0 and 100%. The fund aims to achieve superior returns over a minimum investment horizon of five years by applying a thorough stock selection process based on the fundamental, in-depth analysis of European and international stocks, incorporating strict ESG criteria. In addition, the fund's exposure to stock markets is managed according to an opportunistic and discretionary approach. The fund seeks to exclude companies displaying significant ESG risks and focuses on those driven by sustainability considerations and that appear clearly committed to shifting towards more sustainable economic models.

#### Performance as of 29.12.2023



	Dec	2023	1 year	3 yrs	5 yrs	Inc.º	Annu.	2022	2021	2020	2019
Fund %	3.0	4.6	4.6	-11.5	5.7	85.2	3.3	-16.2	1.0	8.7	9.9
Index %	2.1	9.5	9.5	16.1	30.4	114.9	4.1	-5.0	11.7	-0.3	12.6

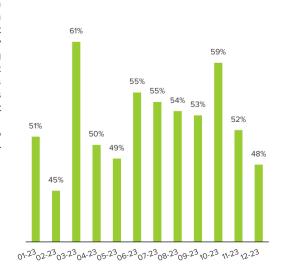
#### **Statistics**

	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Bench.	Track.	Sharpe	Info	Draw	Bench.
					Vol	Error	Ratio	Ratio	Down	DD
3 years	0.8	0.9	-8.9%	9.1%	7.4%	5.8%	-0.5	-1.6	-25.5%	-10.8%
Inception	0.8	0.9	-0.1%	9.9%	9.2%	6.2%	0.2	-0.1	-27.0%	-32.3%

#### **Fund commentary**

The market rebound that began on October 27th continued into December, fuelled by positive reports on US inflation and business activity. Considering that investor sentiment and valuations are now relatively high, we trimmed our equity exposure further, taking profits on companies such as Euronext and Saint Gobain. In December, the fund benefited from Vivendi's announced plans to split activities into separate entities and from the rebound on the French mid-cap market (Spie, Edenred and Amundi). In contrast, our positions in Deutsche Telekom (German government plans to reduce its shareholding) and Sodexo both underperformed.

#### Net equity exposure



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#### **Fund Information**

#### Inception date

11/10/2004

#### **ISIN** codes

Share I - FR0010473991 Share ID - FR0012758761 Share R - FR0010363366

#### **Bloomberg tickers**

Share I - SYCOPTI FP Share ID - SYCLSOD FP Share R - SYCOPTR FP

#### **Benchmark**

50% STOXX 600 NR + 50% ESTR

#### Legal form

Mutual fund

#### Domiciliation

France

#### **PEA** eligibility

Yes

#### Investment period

5 yrs

#### **Minimum investment**

None

#### **UCITS V**

Yes

#### Valuation

Daily

#### Currency

EUR

#### **Cut-Off**

10am CET Paris (BPSS)

#### **Cash Settlement**

D+2

#### **Management fees**

Share I - 0.50% Share ID - 0.50% Share R - 1.80%

#### Performance fees

None - (Master fund) : 15% > benchmark

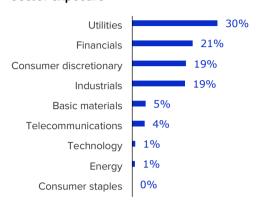
#### Transaction fees

None

#### **Portfolio**

Equity exposure	48%	2023 PER
Gross active exposure	53%	2023 EPS growth
Number of holdings	28	2023 P/BV ratio
Weight of top 20 stocks	46%	Return on Equity
Median market cap	14.6 €bn	2023 Dividend Yie

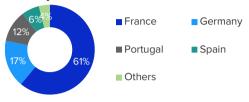
#### Sector exposure



#### Valuation

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2023 PER	10.5x	12.1x
2023 EPS growth	9.3%	6.0%
2023 P/BV ratio	1.0x	1.7x
Return on Equity	9.2%	14.0%
2023 Dividend Yield	3.7%	3.4%

#### Country breakdown



#### Market cap breakdown



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The analysis process covers 90 criteria and leads to a rating per letter. These 5 ratings are weighted based on the company's most material impacts\*.

	Fund	Index
SPICE	3.5/5	3.6/5
S score	3.2/5	3.2/5
P score	3.4/5	3.5/5
I score	3.5/5	3.7/5
C score	3.5/5	3.6/5
E score	3.3/5	3.2/5

#### **Top 10**

	Weight	SPICE rating
RWE	7.1%	3.1/5
EDP-Energias de Portugal	6.5%	3.9/5
Vivendi	3.9%	3.4/5
Banco Santander S.A.	3.6%	3.3/5
Société Générale	3.4%	3.3/5
Veolia	3.3%	3.7/5
SPIE	3.1%	3.8/5
Bureau Veritas	3.1%	3.9/5
Amundi	3.1%	3.4/5
Sodexo	2.5%	3.4/5

#### Performance contributors

	Avg. weight	Contrib
Positive		
Vivendi	4.3%	0.59%
Amundi	3.2%	0.30%
RWE	6.3%	0.29%
Negative		
Veolia	3.0%	-0.03%
Deutsche Telekom	2.3%	-0.02%
Gaztransport & Tech.	0.6%	-0.01%

#### Portfolio changes

Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction
Bureau Veritas	Teleperform.	Edp Renov.	Vivendi
Edenred	Imerys	Euronext	Banco Santander
Freeport MM	Sodexo	Saint-Gobain	Amundi

# sycomore opportunities



#### Sustainability thematics



■Sustainable mgmt of resources
■ SPICE Leadership

■ Digital and communication
■ Energy transition

Health & Safety

■ SPICE transformation

■ Nutrition and well-being

#### **ESG** scores

	Fund	Index
ESG*	3.3/5	3.4/5
Environment	3.3/5	3.2/5
Social	3.3/5	3.4/5
Governance	3.5/5	3.5/5

#### **Environmental analysis**

#### Net Environmental Contribution (NEC)

Degree of alignment of the economic models with the ecological transition, integrating biodiversity and climate, on a scale running from -100% for eco-obstruction to +100% for eco-solution, where 0% equates to the average environmental impact of the global economy. The results are expressed in NEC 1.0 (nec-initiative.org) calculated by Sycomore AM based from 2018 to 2021.

Coverage rate: fund 99% / index 99%



#### European taxonomy

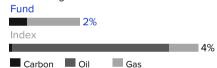
Percentage of revenues derived from eligible activities to the EU taxonomy

Coverage rate : fund 96% / index 99%



#### Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.



#### Carbon footprint

Annual greenhouse gas emissions (GHG Protocol) from upstream scopes 1, 2 and 3 per thousand euros invested\*\*\*.

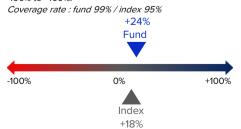
Coverage rate : fund 100% / index 99%

Fund Index kg. eq. CO ₂ /year/k€ 413 182

#### Societal and social analysis

#### Societal contribution

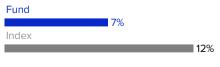
Contribution of the economic activity of companies to the resolution of major societal issues, on a scale from -100% to +100%.



#### Staff growth

Cumulated growth in company headcounts over the past three financial years (data unadjusted in the event of acquisitions, excluding transformational deals).

Coverage rate: fund 100% / index 100%



#### Gender equality ♀/ ♂

Percentage of women in total company headcounts and executive committees. Staff cov. rate: fund 100% / index 99% ExecComm cov. rate: fund 100% / index 100%

Fund

28%

Index

38%

22%

in staff

in ExecComm

# sycomore opportunities



#### ESG follow-up, news and dialogue

#### Dialogue and engagement

#### **Deutsche Telekom**

We recently met DT's management who gave us a very interesting insight on its ESG strategy. The group targets to reduce scope 1-3 emissions by 55% by 2030, from 2020, to be net zero emissions by 2040 and fully circular around technology and devices by 2030. We also discussed DT's strategy on cybersecurity. On the people side, we discussed the potential impact of AI on the company's workforce and started an engagement on the disclosure of the company's global gender pay gap.

#### **ESG** controversies

#### Renault

Renault has signed a contract in 2022 with Managem, manager of the Bou Azzer cobalt mine in Morocco. In July 2023, Reporterre highlighted the poor working and health and safety conditions at the site, which was allegedly contaminated with arsenic. These accusations were confirmed by the German newspaper SZ in November. Managem denies the accusations. Although the site has been certified by RMI, NQC and EcoVadis, Renault has announced the launch of an audit by an external third party.

#### Votes

1/1 voted general assembly over the month.
Details on our votes are available here the day following the company's AGM Here.



# sélection crédit

Share I Isin code | FR0011288489

NAV | 132.8€

Assets | 754.1 M€

#### SFDR8

Sustainable Investmen	its
% AUM:	≥ 50%
% Companies*:	≥ 50%
*Excluding derivatives, cas	h & equivalent

#### Risk indicator

Higher risk

Lower risk

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Investment strategy





Austria



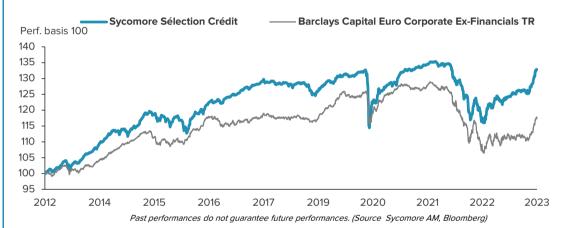
Germany

France Belgium

#### A responsible and opportunistic selection of European bonds based on proprietary ESG analysis

Sycomore Sélection Crédit aims to deliver financial returns above those of the Barclays Capital Euro Corporate ex-Financial Bonds (reinvested coupons) over a minimum investment horizon of five years, within a modified duration range of 0 to +5, by applying a socially responsible investment process. The fund also aims to outperform its benchmark on the Net Environmental Contribution (NEC) indicator and on the 3-year headcount variation indicator, to select durable companies, particularly on environmental and/or contribution to employment criteria.

#### Performance as of 29.12.2023



	Dec	2023	1 year	3 yrs	5 yrs	Inc.	Annu.	2022	2021	2020	2019
Fund %	2.5	10.0	10.0	0.4	6.1	32.8	2.6	-10.4	1.9	0.2	5.5
Index %	2.8	7.9	7.9	-8.2	0.6	17.4	1.5	-13.9	-1.2	3.0	6.3

#### **Statistics**

	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Bench.	Track.	Sharpe	Info	Draw	Bench.
					Vol	Error	Ratio	Ratio	Down	DD
3 years	0.5	0.4	1.2%	3.3%	4.8%	4.2%	-0.2	0.7	-14.3%	-17.5%
Inception	0.5	0.5	1.9%	2.9%	3.3%	3.1%	0.9	0.4	-14.3%	-17.5%

#### Fund commentary

Inflation continued to ebb on either side of the Atlantic. The Fed issued dovish statements, paving the way for interest rate cuts in the very near future. The ECB's meeting was rather more cautious: no rate cuts have yet been mentioned. The PEPP asset purchase programme that was set up during the pandemic will be gradually unwound from July 2024. Yields eased considerably in the wake of this macro news, with 5 and 10-year OAT French bond yields dipping by around 70 bp. Spreads contracted across all segments. Investment Grade and High-Yield narrowed by around 10 and 30 bp, respectively. As is customary, the primary market gradually dried up. We nevertheless subscribed to the Loxam issuance: a bond maturing in 2029, rated BB- and bearing a coupon of 6.37%. The Synlab pharma company, rated B, also issued a bond maturing in 2031 and bearing a coupon of 7.87%.

# sycomore sélection crédit



#### **Fund Information**

Inception date

01/09/2012

#### **ISIN** codes

Share I - FR0011288489 Share ID - FR0011288505 Share R - FR0011288513

#### **Bloomberg tickers**

Share I - SYCSCRI FP Share ID - SYCSCRD FP Share R - SYCSCRR FP

#### **Benchmark**

Barclays Capital Euro Corporate Ex-Financials TR

#### Legal form

Mutual fund

#### Domiciliation

France

#### **PEA** eligibility

Nο

#### **Investment period**

5 yrs

#### **Minimum investment**

100 EUR

#### **UCITS V**

Yes

#### Valuation

Daily

#### Currency

EUR

#### **Cut-Off**

12pm CET Paris (BPSS)

#### **Cash Settlement**

D+3

#### Management fees

Share I - 0.60% Share ID - 0.60%

Share R - 1.20%

#### Performance fees

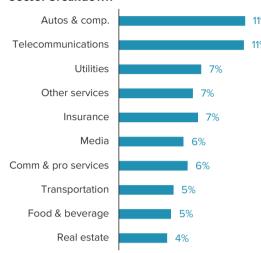
10% > Benchmark

#### **Transaction fees**

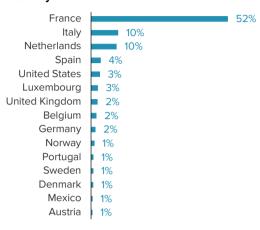
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Portfolio		Valuation	
Exposure rate	94%	Modified Duration	3.2
Number of bonds	206	Yield to maturity	4.9%
Number of issuers	136	Yield to worst	4.1%
		Average maturity	3.4years

#### Sector breakdown



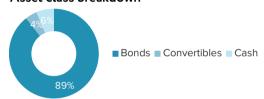
#### Country breakdown



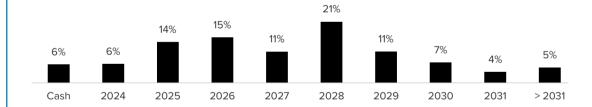
#### Rating breakdown



#### Asset class breakdown



#### Maturity breakdown



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	Fund	Index
SPICE	3.4/5	3.3/5
S score	3.2/5	3.1/5
P score	3.3/5	3.3/5
I score	3.4/5	3.5/5
C score	3.5/5	3.3/5
E score	3.3/5	3.1/5

Main issuers	Weight	Sector	SPICE rating	Sustainable theme
Renault	3.7%	Autos & Comp.	3.4/5	SPICE transformation
Veolia	3.2%	Utilities	3.7/5	Sustainable mgmt of resources
Loxam	3.0%	Comm & pro services	3.6/5	SPICE Leadership
Autodistribution	2.5%	Autos & Comp.	3.5/5	SPICE transformation
Accor	2.2%	Services conso	3.5/5	SPICE transformation

# sycomore sélection crédit



#### Sustainability thematics



- Sustainable mgmt of resources
- SPICE Leadership
- Digital and communication
- ■Energy transition
- Health & Safety
- SPICE transformation
- Nutrition and well-being
- Access and Inclusion

#### ESG criteria

ESG eligibility (% of eligible bonds)

#### **ESG** scores

	Fund	Index
ESG*	3.3/5	3.2/5
Environment	3.3/5	3.1/5
Social	3.3/5	3.2/5
Governance	3.3/5	3.3/5

#### **ESG** best scores

	ESG	Е	S	G
Orsted	4.2/5	4.7/5	4.0/5	3.8/5
Neoen	4.1/5	4.4/5	3.6/5	4.2/5
Nexans	4.0/5	4.1/5	3.8/5	4.2/5
Lenzing	3.9/5	4.4/5	3.6/5	4.2/5
Iberdrola	3.9/5	4.2/5	3.6/5	3.9/5

#### **Environmental analysis**

#### Net Environmental Contribution (NEC)\*\*

Degree of alignment of the economic models with the ecological transition, integrating biodiversity and climate, on a scale running from -100% for eco-obstruction to +100% for eco-solution, where 0% equates to the average environmental impact of the global economy. The results are expressed in NEC 1.0 (nec initiative orn) exclusive by Sycomore AM based from 2018 to 2021



#### European taxonomy

Percentage of revenues derived from eligible activities to the EU taxonomy

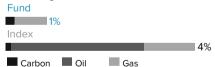
Coverage rate: fund 72% / index 90%

Fund



#### Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.



#### Carbon footprint

Annual greenhouse gas emissions (GHG Protocol) from upstream scopes 1, 2 and 3 per thousand euros invested\*\*\*.

Coverage rate : fund 55% / index 88%

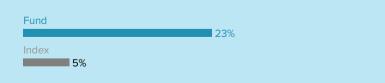
Fund Index kg. eq. CO 2 /year/k€ 260 268

#### Societal and social analysis

#### Staff growth \*\*

Cumulated growth in company headcounts over the past three financial years (data unadjusted in the event of acquisitions, excluding transformational deals).

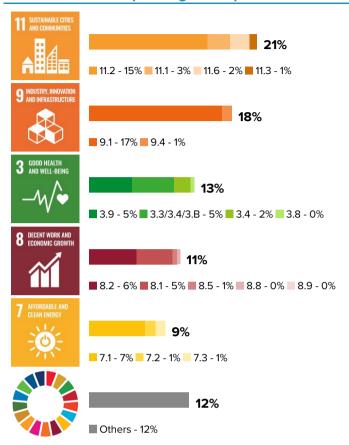
Coverage rate : fund 88% / index 91%



# sycomore sélection crédit



#### Sustainable development goals exposure



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No significant exposure: 28%

#### ESG follow-up, news and dialogue

#### Dialogue and engagement

#### Sartorius

We informed the group that we wish the Gender Pay Gap to be published.

#### **ESG** controversies

No comment

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# sycomore sycoyield 2026

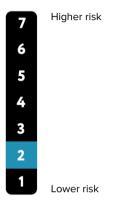
Share IC Isin code | FR001400A6X2 NAV | 110.5€

Assets | 398.0 M€

#### SFDR8

Sustainable Investments		
% AUM:	≥ 1%	
% Companies*:	≥ 1%	
*Excluding derivatives, cash	& equivalent	

#### Risk indicator



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#### **Investment Team**



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**Tony LEBON** Credit analyst

#### Investment strategy

Sycoyield 2026 is a maturity fund seeking yield opportunities in the bond markets. It invests mainly in high-yield corporate bonds issued in euros, with a maturity date mainly in 2026 and which are intended to be held until their maturity. The selection of issuers takes into account environmental, social and governance issues.

#### Performance as of 29.12.2023



	Dec	2023	1 year	Inc.	Annu.
Fund %	1.8	9.6	9.6	10.5	7.8

#### **Statistics**

	Vol.	Sharpe Ratio	Draw Down
Inception	3.2%	1.6	-3.4%

#### **Fund commentary**

Inflation continued to ebb on either side of the Atlantic. The Fed issued dovish statements, paving the way for interest rate cuts in the very near future. The market currently expects a 150 bp rate cut in 2024. The ECB's meeting was rather more cautious: no cuts have yet been mentioned. The PEPP asset purchase programme that was set up during the pandemic will be gradually unwound from July 2024. Yields eased considerably in the wake of this macro news, with 5 and 10-year OAT French bond yields dipping by around 70 bp. Spreads contracted across all segments. Investment Grade and High-Yield narrowed by around 10 and 30 bp, respectively. As is customary, the primary market gradually dried up as the year drew to a close.

# sycoyield 2026



#### **Fund Information**

#### Inception date

01/09/2022

#### **ISIN** codes

Share IC - FR001400A6X2 Share ID - FR001400H3J1 Share RC - FR001400A6Y0

#### **Bloomberg tickers**

Share IC - SYCOYLD FP Share ID - SYCOYLDID FP Share RC - SYCYLDR FP

#### **Benchmark**

None

#### Legal form

Mutual fund

#### **Domiciliation**

France

#### **PEA** eligibility

NIA

#### **Investment period**

4 vears

#### Minimum investment

None

#### **UCITS V**

Yes

#### Valuation Daily

Daily

#### Currency

EUR

#### Cut-Off

12pm CET Paris (BPSS)

#### **Cash Settlement**

D+3

#### **Management fees**

Share IC - 0.50% Share ID - 0.50%

# Share RC - 1.00% Performance fees

None

#### Transaction fees

None

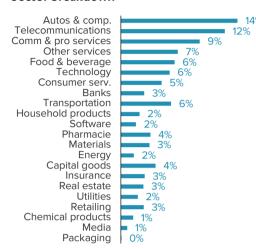
#### **Portfolio**

Exposure rate	97%
Number of bonds	104
Number of issuers	72

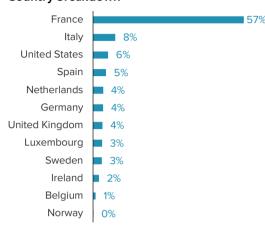
#### Valuation

Modified Duration	2.1
Yield to maturity	4.8%
Yield to worst	4.0%
Average maturity	2.3years

#### Sector breakdown



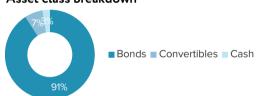
#### Country breakdown



#### Rating breakdown



#### Asset class breakdown



Main issuers	Weight	Sector	YTW	YTM
Masmovil	3.7%	Telecommunications	4.6%	4.6%
Autodistribution	3.4%	Autos & Comp.	6.1%	1.9%
Quadient	3.3%	Technology	4.6%	4.6%
Picard	3.2%	Food & Beverage	6.3%	1.7%
Europcar	3.1%	Consumer Serv.	4.3%	4.3%

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