# MONTHLY REPORTS

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# MONTHLY FACTSHEETS

03-2024

MULTI-THEMATIC EQUITIES		Mar.	2024	3 years	Inception
Sycomore Francecap (I)	Performance	3.4%	4.4%	14.4%	620.4%
FR0010111724 - Equity Savings Plan (PEA) France - Inception: Oct 01	CAC All-Tradable NR	3.6%	9.0%	44.1%	239.9%
Sycomore Sélection Responsable (I)	Performance	4.9%	12.4%	22.2%	178.5%
FR0010971705 - Equity Savings Plan (PEA) European Union - Inception: Jan 11	EUROSTOXX TR	4.5%	10.0%	28.8%	149.2%
Sycomore Sélection Midcap (I)	Performance	2.7%	3.5%	3.9%	338.3%
FR0013303534 - Equity Savings Plan (PEA) European Union - Inception: Dec 03⁵	MSCI EMU Smid NR	4.9%	5.9%	9.4%	303.0%
Sycomore Sélection PME (I)	Performance	3.8%	0.4%	-5.4%	109.5%
FR0011707470 - Equity Savings Plan (PEA-PME) European Union - Inception: Jul 061	EUROSTOXX TMI Small TR	4.3%	1.6%	10.2%	100.4%
THEMATIC EQUITIES		Mar.	2024	3 years	Inception
Sycomore Europe Eco Solutions (I)	Performance	2.9%	-1.1%	-6.7%	61.9%
LU1183791281 - Equity Savings Plan (PEA) Europe - Inception: Aug 15	MSCI Europe NR	3.9%	7.6%	30.3%	75.4%
Sycomore Global Eco Solutions (IC)	Performance	4.2%	6.6%	-	-8.9%
LU2412098654 - World Equity Fund World - Dec 21	MSCI AC World NR	3.3%	10.6%	-	15.4%
SOCIAL/SOCIETAL					
Sycomore Europe Happy@Work (I)	Performance	2.5%	10.8%	16.3%	90.5%
LU1301026206 - Equity Savings Plan (PEA) European Union - Inception: Nov 15²	EUROSTOXX TR	4.5%	10.0%	28.8%	79.8%
Sycomore Global Happy@Work (IC)	Performance	2.8%	16.6%	-	13.8%
LU2413890901 - World Equity Fund World - Dec 21	MSCI AC World NR	3.3%	10.6%	-	15.8%
Sycomore Social Impact (I)	Performance	3.1%	11.3%	-4.4%	218.3%
FR0010117085 - Equity Savings Plan (PEA) European Union - Inception: Jun 02	EUROSTOXX TR	4.5%	10.0%	28.8%	249.3%
Sycomore Inclusive Jobs (IC)	Performance	2.3%	-0.6%	-	-15.2%
FR0014000IE9 - Equity Solidarity Fund European Union - Inception: May 21	EUROSTOXX TR	4.5%	10.0%	-	23.8%
Sycomore Sustainable Tech (IC)	Performance	1.6%	19.7%	29.7%	59.1%
LU2181906269 - World Equity Fund World - Sector Technology - Sep 20	MSCI AC WId Info Tech. NR	2.3%	14.5%	58.8%	89.2%
FLEXIBLE STRATEGIES		Mar.	2024	3 years	Inception
Sycomore Partners (I)	Performance	3.5%	0.3%	4.8%	81.9%
FR0010601898 - Equity Savings Plan (PEA) European Union - Inception: Mar 08	50%E.STOXX NR+50%EST	2.2%	4.3%	16.5%	80.1%
Sycomore Next Generation (IC)	Performance	1.7%	3.2%	4.2%	10.3%
LU1961857478 - Balanced Fund Global Asset Allocation - Apr 19	Compounded ESTR+2.5%	0.5%	1.6%	11.7%	16.1%
Sycomore Allocation Patrimoine (I)	Performance	1.7%	3.1%	4.5%	64.1%
FR0010474015 - Balanced Fund Global Asset Allocation - Dec 093	Compounded ESTR+2.8%	0.3%	1.0%	3.9%	24.2%
Sycomore Opportunities (I)	Performance	3.5%	0.5%	-12.6%	86.1%
FR0010473991 - Equity Savings Plan (PEA) European Union - Inception: Oct 04	50%E.STOXX NR+50%EST	2.2%	4.3%	16.5%	124.1%
CREDIT		Mar.	2024	3 years	Inception
Sycomore Sélection Crédit (I)	Performance	0.9%	1.1%	0.9%	34.3%
FR0011288489 - Corporate Bond Fund European Union - Inception: Sep 12 <sup>4</sup>	Barclays Eur Corp exFin.	1.2%	0.1%	-7.3%	19.9%
Sycomore Environ. Euro IG Corporate Bon LU2431794754 - Corporate Bond Fund Emissions in € - Inception: Oct 23	According to French regulations, we months existence at least.				ving a 12
Sycoyield 2026 (IC) FR001400A6X2 - Corporate Bond Fund Emissions in € - Inception: Sep 22	Performance	0.5%	1.0%	-	11.6%
Sycoyield 2030 (IC) FR001400MCP8 - Corporate Bond Fund	According to French regulations, we cannot mention the performance of a fund not having a 12 months existence at least. For further information, please contact our team.				

FR001400MCP8 - Corporate Bond Fund Emissions in € - Inception: Jan 24

1 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.



# sycomore

# francecap

Isin code | FR0010111724

NAV | 720.5€

Assets | 132.1 M€

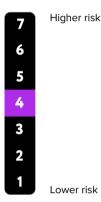
**MARCH 2024** 

#### SFDR 8

Sustainable Investments	
% AUM:	≥ 50%
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% Companies*:	≥ 50%
*Excluding derivatives, cash	& equivalent

#### **Risk indicator**



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



Cyril CHARLOT Fund Manager





**Hadrien BULTE** Fund Manager -Analyst





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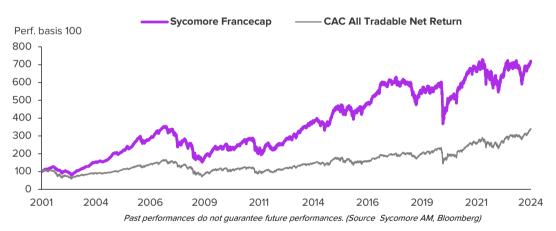
France

#### 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 28.03.2024



	Mar	2024	1 year	3 yrs	5 yrs	Inc.° /	Annu.	2023	2022	2021	2020
Fund %	3.4	4.4	3.3	14.4	32.8	620.5	9.2	8.7	-10.5	23.1	-2.3
Index %	3.6	9.0	14.7	44.1	69.9	239.9	5.6	19.3	-7.4	31.1	-5.6
Statistics											
	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Bench.	Track	. Shar	ре	Info	Draw	Bench.
					Vol	Erro	r Ra	tio F	Ratio	Down	DD
3 years	0.9	0.9	-6.1%	16.1%	17.0%	6.49	%	0.2	-1.3	-25.0%	-21.4%

22.0%

11.5%

0.5

0.3

-56.9%

-57.1%

#### Fund commentary

0.9

0.6

5.1%

16.5%

Inception

March was a very positive month for the CAC 40 index, which hit all-time highs. Top contributors to performance during the month were BNP, Peugeot Invest, Spie, Believe and Société Générale. Banks benefited as ECB policy makers appear to push back rate cuts, while BNP stated it was stepping up its cost-cutting plan. Peugeot Invest announced the departure of its CEO and a net asset value of €238.7 at end December, up 21% thanks to the performance of Stellantis. Believe benefited from the interest shown by Warner, which is prepared to offer over €17 per share. In contrast, Téléperformance, Soitec, and Arverne featured among this month's detractors. Téléperformance remains affected by the threat posed by Al to its business model.

# sycomore francecap

#### **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	97%	Ratio P/E 2024	<b>Fund</b> 10.9x	<b>Index</b> 13.6x
Overlap with benchmark	22%	Croissance bénéficiaire 2024	4.0%	5.0%
Number of holdings	35	Ratio P/BV 2024	1.1x	1.8x
Weight of top 20 stocks	74%	Return on Equity	10.5%	13.2%
Median market cap	5.5 €bn	Rendement 2024	3.5%	3.2%

Valuation

Style breakdown

#### Sector exposure



\*Fund weight - weight CAC All Tradable Net Return

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 o economic, governance, environmental, social, and societal risk and opportunities covering both the company's daily operation

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

SPICE

rating

4.2/5

3.4/5

3.1/5

3.1/5

3.6/5

3.9/5

34/5

3.9/5

37/5

3.8/5

NEC

-14%

+4%

0%

0%

-17%

+16%

+0%

+3%

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18%

Weight

9.3%

6.8%

5.0%

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3.8%

3.6%

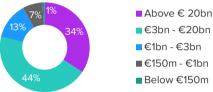
3.6%

35%

2.9%

21% 10%	Dividend yield
15%	Recovery
	Growth/Visibility
54%	Assets

#### Market cap breakdown



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

#### Performance contributors

CS		Avg. weight	Contrib
-22%	Positive		
9%	Peugeot	6.6%	0.82%
38%	<b>BNP</b> Paribas	3.5%	0.62%
88%	SPIE	3.1%	0.37%
-12%	Negative		
32%	Soitec	0.9%	-0.30%
12%	Christian Dior	9.6%	-0.30%
-5%	Arverne	3.1%	-0.25%
37%			

#### **Portfolio changes**

Top 10

Peugeot

Wendel

Sanofi

Verallia

Alten ΔΧΔ

Saint Gobain

**BNP** Paribas

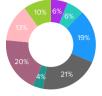
Sopra Steria

Christian Dior

Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction
Edenred	Teleperform.	Chargeurs	Nexans
	Wendel	Renault	Neurones
	Teract	Soitec	Trigano

# sycomore francecap

#### Sustainability thematics



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

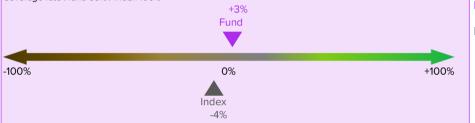
ESG scores

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

#### **Environmental analysis**

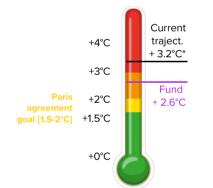
#### Net Environmental Contribution (NEC) \*\*

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 des années 2018 à 2021. *Coverage rate : fund 99% / index 100%* 



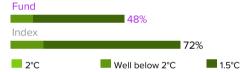
#### Temperature rising - SB2A

Induced average temperature increase by 2100 compared to pre-industrial times, according to the Science-Based 2°C Alignment methodology. *Coverage rate : fund 82%* 



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 100%* 

	Fund	Index
kg. eq. CO ₂ /year/k€	171	179

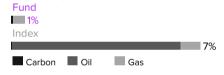
#### European taxonomy

Percentage of revenues derived from eligible activities to the EU taxonomy *Coverage rate : fund 80% / index 100%* Fund



#### Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.

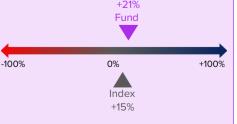


\*IPCC Sixth Assessment Report «Climate Change 2022: Mitigation of Climate Change». https://www.jpcc.ch/assessment-report/ar6/

#### 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 99%* +21%



#### 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 99% / index 100%* Fund



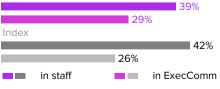


#### Gender equality \$\ o

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



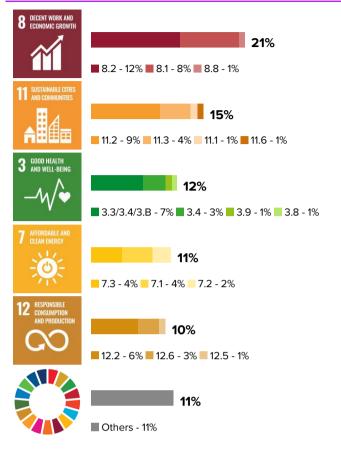
53/100



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.

# sycomore francecap

#### Sustainable development goals exposure



ESG follow-up, news and dialogue

#### **Dialogue and engagement**

#### Nexans

We met the Board of Directors ahead of the AGM and made several recommendations. These include: to submit a Say on Climate to the shareholders' vote; to expand on how the 30% recycled copper target for 2030 will be achieved; to set a new gender diversity target above the 25% goal already achieved and ensure that gender diversity applies to all levels within the company hierarchy. Nexans is working on these points for its next ESG roadmap.

#### **ESG** controversies

#### No comment

#### Votes

**0 / 0** voted general assembly over the month. Details on our votes are available here the day following the company's AGM <u>Here</u>. 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 : 31%

#### Engie

We have held discussions with Engie's Board of Directors as part of a collaborative engagement initiative. During these talks we reviewed several ongoing commitments, and notably the improvement of the climate guidebook, currently being drawn up by the Group. This will offer clear and exhaustive information on the climate strategy, with a particular focus on the connexion between the objectives that were set and the group's contribution to the goal of maintaining the temperature rise below 1.5°C.

Additional disclaimers: although the fund's performances are partly driven by the ESG indicators of portfolio holdings, these are not the sole determing factor. Marketing communication. This information has not been prepared in accordance with legal requirements designed to promote the independence of investment research. Sycomore AM is not banned from trading on these securities prior to the dissemination of this information. Before investing, please read the fund's KID available on our website: www.sycomore-am.com.



# sycomore am

# sycomore sélection responsable

Isin code | FR0010971705 NAV | 557.1€

Assets | 666.7 M€

**MARCH 2024** 

#### SFDR 8

Sustainable Investments	
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Giulia CULOT Fund Manager



Catherine ROLLAND

SRI analyst



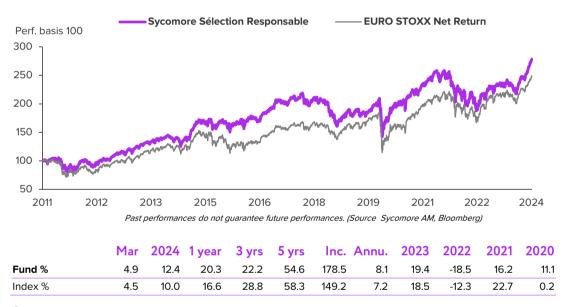
#### Investment strategy

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#### 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 28.03.2024



Statistics										
	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Bench.	Track.	Sharpe	Info	Draw	Bench.
					Vol	Error	Ratio	Ratio	Down	DD
3 years	1.0	0.9	-1.3%	16.1%	16.7%	4.0%	0.4	-0.5	-27.5%	-24.6%
Inception	1.0	0.8	2.0%	16.2%	18.8%	6.0%	0.5	0.2	-35.1%	-37.9%

#### Fund commentary

Eurozone equity markets continued to rally in March, though the stocks and sectors that led the rise underwent a radical change. Growth stocks had outperformed over the past five months, and Value has now taken over. Having repositioned the portfolio in recent weeks with a rotation into Value, we largely benefited from this move, notably via the fund's two largest weightings: the automotive and the banking sectors. Renault (the fund's largest position) rallied by around 20% during the month, and our overall exposure to delivered double digit returns, notably thanks to Santander and Intesa Sanpaolo. Conversely, among the sectors that were trimmed in February, technology - and notably the semiconductors segment – underperformed and therefore contributed positively to the fund's relative performance. In terms of portfolio activity, we initiated a new position in EDP and trimmed Coloplast, Schneider Electric and Cap Gemini.

# 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%

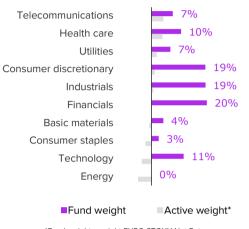
Performance fees 15% > Benchmark

**Transaction fees** None

#### Portfolio

Equity exposure	91%
Overlap with benchmark	34%
Number of holdings	38
Weight of top 20 stocks	71%
Median market cap	61.5 €bn

#### Sector exposure



\*Fund weight - weight EURO STOXX Net Return

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SPICE

rating

3.4/5

3.8/5

3.6/5

3.2/5

4.3/5

3.9/5

3.3/5

4.0/5

3.8/5

3.4/5

NEC

+26%

+28%

0%

0%

+6%

+5%

0%

-2%

-13%

+20%

CS

32%

24%

60%

18%

27%

20%

35%

25%

-22%

43%

Weight

5.6%

4.7%

4.5%

4.4%

4.3%

4.2%

3.8%

3.8%

3.7%

3.7%

	10%	45%	Netherlands	Italy
%	11% 15%		■ Spain	Other
% %				
70	Market cap	break	cdown	
	1 <mark>%</mark> 29%		Above	€ 20bn

Valuation

Ratio P/E 2024

Ratio P/BV 2024

Return on Equity

Rendement 2024

Country breakdown

France

Croissance bénéficiaire 2024

Fund Index SPICE 3.6/5 S score 3.4/5 3.2/5 P score 3.7/5 35/53.8/5 3.7/5 3.8/5 3.6/5 C score 3.6/5 E score 3.2/5

Fund Index

13.4x 59%

1.8x

13.6%

3.3%

11.7x

5.7%

1.4x

12.4%

3.5%

Germany

Others

€7bn to €20bn

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€1bn - €7bn

#### Performance contributors

	Avg. weight	Contrib
Positive		
Renault	5.1%	1.01%
Banco Santander S.A.	3.6%	0.59%
Intesa Sanpaolo	3.3%	0.45%
Negative		
Siemens AG	4.1%	-0.15%
Capgemini	1.4%	-0.07%
EDP-Energias de Portugal	0.9%	-0.07%

#### **Portfolio changes**

Top 10

Renault

Prysmian

KPN

Société

ASML

Banco

Michelin

LVMH

Santander S.A.

Siemens AG

SAP

Générale

Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction
Edp Energias	Société Générale	Coloplast	Schneider E.
	Deutsche Tel.		Cap Gemini
	Asml		Siemens

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# sycomore sélection responsable

#### Sustainability thematics

5% <sup>7%</sup> 10%	27%
13% 18%	19%

- Health & Safety
   Energy transition
- Digital and communication
   SPICE Leadership
- SPICE Leadership
- Sustainable mgmt of resources
- Others

	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

#### **Environmental analysis**

Temperature rising - SB2A

Alignment methodology.

Paris

goal [1.5-2°C]

Coverage rate : fund 93%

Induced average temperature increase by

2100 compared to pre-industrial times,

according to the Science-Based 2°C

+4°C

+3°C

+2°C

+1.5°C

+0°C

Current

traject.

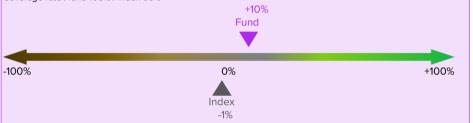
+ 3.2°C\*

Fund

+ 2.5°C

#### 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 des années 2018 à 2021. *Coverage rate : fund 100% / index 99%* 



#### European taxonomy

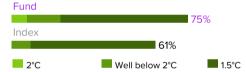
Percentage of revenues derived from eligible activities to the EU taxonomy *Coverage rate : fund 100% / index 99%* 



#### Climate alignment - SBTi

**ESG** scores

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 100%	% / Index 100%	,
	Fund	Index
kg. eq. CO ₂ /year/k€	128	155

#### Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.

Index			
			4%
Carbon	Oil	Gas	

#### **Biodiversity footprint**

Artificialised surface area in m<sup>2</sup> 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.

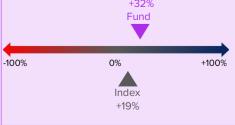
Coverage rate : fui	nd 100% / index 98%	
	Fund	Index
m².MSA/k€	-49	-52

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

#### 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%* +32%



#### Human rights policy

Percentage of portfolio companies that have drawn up a Human Rights policy. *Coverage rate : fund 100% / index 99%* Fund



#### 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%

21%



in staff

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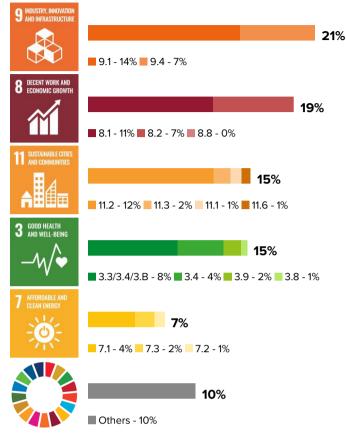
38%

38%

in ExecComm

# sycomore sélection responsable





ESG follow-up, news and dialogue

#### **Dialogue and engagement**

#### Renault

During our meeting with management, we discussed the agreement signed with Managem for the purchase of cobalt from the Bou Azzer mine, which should begin in 2025, for the procurement of 5,000 tons per year. According to Reporterre and several investigative journalists, this mine causes arsenic pollution and the diversion of water resources. Renault has commissioned an external audit. There is an ESG clause in the contract that would enable Renault to terminate the agreement if these suspicions are confirmed.

#### **ESG** controversies

#### SAP

Following a meeting with SAP's compliance team, we reviewed our assessment of business ethics more positively, as the DOJ praised SAP for its top-notch compliance program and in depth collaboration in the investigations. Following the bribery controversies and to support the growth of the company, SAP increased the compliance team to 160-170 people early 2024.

#### Votes

2 / 3 voted general assemblies over the month. Details on our votes are available here the day following the company's AGM <u>Here</u>. 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 : 20%

#### Merck KGAA

We discussed the group's diversity objectives with the management: the group has set a 50% target for women in management roles by 2030, up from 39% at end 2023. Furthermore, the group has included diversity criteria in its succession plans. Merck Kgaa does not publish data on the male/female breakdown by occupation, an issue we discussed together.

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# sycomore sélection midcap

Isin code | FR0013303534 NAV | 104.6€

Assets | 86.4 M€

**MARCH 2024** 

#### SFDR 8

Sustainable Investments	
% AUM:	≥ 50%

% Companies*:	≥ 50%
*Excluding derivatives, cash	& equivalent

#### **Risk indicator**



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#### Investment Team



**Hugo MAS** Fund Manager



**Alban PRÉAUBERT** Fund Manager



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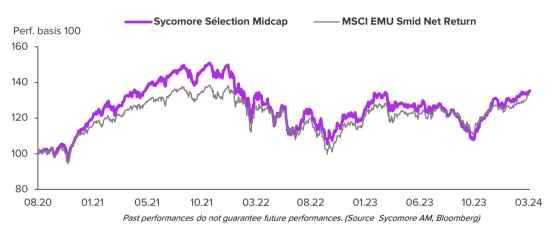
France

#### 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.

#### Performance as of 28.03.2024



	Mar	2024	1 year	3 yrs	°08/20	Annu.	2023	2022	2021
Fund %	2.7	3.5	4.9	3.9	338.3	7.5	10.3	-20.5	25.4
Index %	4.9	5.9	9.7	9.4	303.0	7.1	10.8	-16.0	18.9

\*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*	0.9	0.8	1.8%	14.9%	17.9%	6.6%	0.4	0.1	-62.1%	-64.9%

#### Fund commentary

In today's high interest rate environment, the fund is suffering from its lack of exposure to the financial sector and from its over-exposure to technology, which retreated during the month. As a result, Sopra ranked among the worst-performing stocks in March, for no fundamental reasons, as did Sesa, which has reported disappointing earnings, weighed down by an unexpected slowdown in the resale of software in Italy and the persistent impact of higher interest rates on its borrowing costs. The renewables segment (ERG, Solaria) remains affected by weaker energy prices, notably due to the mild weather and abundant gas supply. We have trimmed our exposure to the sector, and to Brunello Cucinelli after the stock's very strong run. Furthermore, we initiated a position in Robertet, a French producer of natural ingredients and flavours for the cosmetics and food industries.

# sycomore sélection midcap

# Fund Information

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 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 R - 2.00%

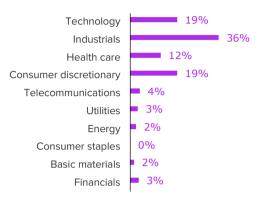
Performance fees 15% > Benchmark

Transaction fees None

#### Portfolio

Equity exposure	94%	Ratio P/E 20
Overlap with benchmark	9%	Croissance
Number of holdings	53	Ratio P/BV
Weight of top 20 stocks	54%	Return on E
Median market cap	4.2 €bn	Rendement

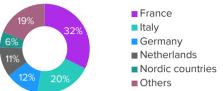
#### Sector exposure



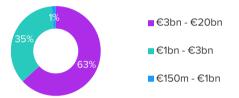
Valuation

	Fund	Index
Ratio P/E 2024	16.4x	12.2x
Croissance bénéficiaire 2024	12.6%	4.0%
Ratio P/BV 2024	2.2x	1.4x
Return on Equity	13.6%	11.3%
Rendement 2024	2.3%	3.5%

#### Country breakdown



#### Market cap breakdown



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The analysis process covers 90 criteria and leads to a rating pe

letter. These 5 ratings are weighted based on the company

SPICE

rating

3.8/5

3.3/5

3.8/5

3.7/5

3.6/5

3.7/5

3.9/5

3.6/5

3.9/5

3.6/5

NEC

0%

0%

0%

0%

-13%

+3%

+22%

+2%

+1%

+20%

Weight

4.4%

4.2%

4.1%

3.8%

3.6%

3.2%

2.9%

2.9%

2.7%

22%

	Fund	Index
SPICE	3.6/5	3.4/5
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l score	3.7/5	3.5/5
C score	3.7/5	3.4/5
E score	3.5/5	3.2/5

#### Performance contributors

CS		Avg. weight	Contrib
18%	Positive		
13%	DEME Group	2.8%	0.42%
37%	Esker	2.8%	0.41%
43%	De Longhi	3.2%	0.37%
50%	Negative		
0%	Sopra Steria	4.7%	-0.26%
-5%	SeSa	1.8%	-0.23%
-9%	ERG	2.0%	-0.15%
39%			

#### Portfolio changes

most material impacts\*.

Top 10

lpsos

Virbac

Arcadis

De Longhi

Corticeira

Amorim Esker

Aalberts

INWIT

Alten

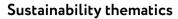
Sopra Steria

Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction
Robertet	Melexis	Aixtron AG	Brunello C.
Husqvarna	Sig Group Ag		Jenoptik
Eiffage	Aalberts		Id Logistics

5%

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# sycomore sélection midcap



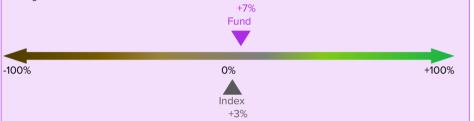
- Sustainable mgmt of resources
  - SPICE Leadership
     Digital and communication
  - Energy transition
  - Nutrition and well-being
  - Health & Safety
  - SPICE transformation
  - Access and Inclusion

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

#### **Environmental analysis**

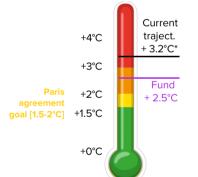
#### Net Environmental Contribution (NEC) \*\*

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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 45%* 

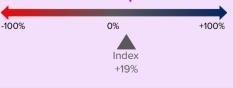


1PCC Sixth Assessment Report «Climate Change 2022: Mitigation of Climate Change», https://www.ipcc.ch/assessment-report/ar6/

#### Societal and social analysis

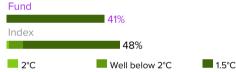
#### Societal contribution\*\*

Contribution of the economic activity of companies to the resolution of major societal issues, on a scale from -100% to +100%. *Coverage rate : fund 91% / index 71%* +24% Fund



#### 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 98%* 

	Fund	Index
kg. eq. CO ₂ /year/k€	116	260

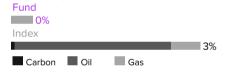
#### European taxonomy

Percentage of revenues derived from eligible activities to the EU taxonomy *Coverage rate : fund 97% / index 95%* Fund

64% Index 51%

#### Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.



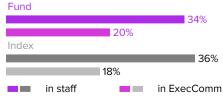
#### The Good Jobs Rating - Quantity

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 95%* Fund



#### Gender equality \$\ o

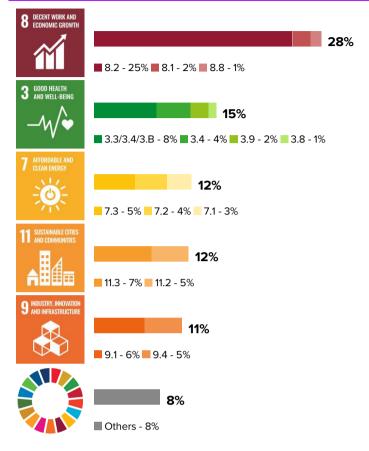
Percentage of women in total company headcounts and executive committees. Staff cov. rate: fund 100% / index 97% ExecComm cov. rate: fund 99% / index 98%



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**ESG** scores





ESG follow-up, news and dialogue

#### **Dialogue and engagement**

#### Nexans

We met the Board of Directors ahead of the AGM and made several recommendations. These include: to submit a Say on Climate to the shareholders' vote; to expand on how the 30% recycled copper target for 2030 will be achieved; to set a new gender diversity target above the 25% goal already achieved and ensure that gender diversity applies to all levels within the company hierarchy. Nexans is working on these points for its next ESG roadmap.

#### **ESG controversies**

#### No comment

#### Votes

4 / 4 voted general assemblies over the month.Details on our votes are available here the day following the company's AGM Here.

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#### No significant exposure : 24%

#### ERG

In its annual report, ERG now publishes its taxonomy-aligned capex (around 96%) in addition to its aligned revenue (62%).

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# sycomore sélection pme

Isin code | FR0011707470 NAV | 6,434.5€

Assets | 80.2 M€

**MARCH 2024** 

#### SFDR 8

am

Sustainable Investments	
% AUM:	≥ 50%
% Companies*:	≥ 50%

\*Excluding derivatives, cash & equivalent

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#### **Risk indicator**



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#### **Investment** Team



Alban PRÉAUBERT Fund Manager

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Fund Manager

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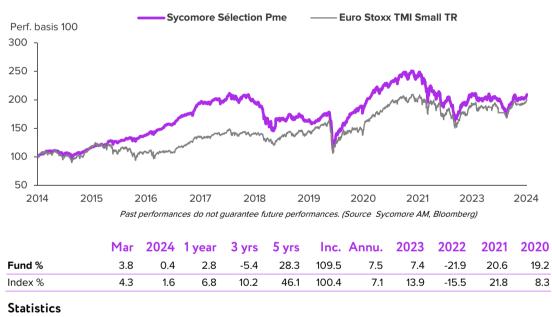
#### Investment strategy

Share I

#### 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 28.03.2024



	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Bench.	Track.	Sharpe	Info	Draw	Bench.
					Vol	Error	Ratio	Ratio	Down	DD
3 years	0.8	0.8	-4.2%	15.0%	16.4%	9.0%	-0.2	-0.6	-34.8%	-28.2%
Inception	0.8	0.6	3.3%	12.9%	17.0%	10.9%	0.6	0.0	-45.0%	-35.4%

#### Fund commentary

In today's high interest rate environment, the fund is suffering from its lack of exposure to the financial sector and from its over-exposure to technology, which erased the positive contribution from stock picking. As a result, PVA Tepla, which manufactures equipment used to produce semiconductor wafers and quality audits, disappointed on its guidance which was deemed cautious by the market. Despite their strong earnings publications, Nexus and Adesso retreated in March after strong runs, and as investors doubted their capacity to deliver higher profitability levels in 2024. Seché, on the other hand, is preparing for a year of transition, impacted by declining energy prices that will weigh heavily on the company's earnings growth forecasts, despite an expected increase in revenue.

# sycomore sélection pme

#### 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** 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 - 1.20% Share R - 2.40%

Performance fees

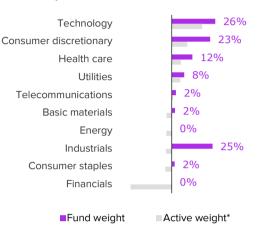
15% > 7% Net Annu. perf. with HWM

Transaction fees None

#### Portfolio

Equity exposure	95%	Ratio P/E 2024
Overlap with benchmark	2%	Croissance bénéficiaire 2024
Number of holdings	55	Ratio P/BV 2024
Median market cap	0.9 €bn	Return on Equity
		Rendement 2024

#### Sector exposure



\*Fund weight - weight Euro Stoxx TMI Small TR

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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

The analysis process covers 90 criteria and leads to a rating pe

letter. These 5 ratings are weighted based on the company'

SPICE

rating

3.9/5

4.1/5

3.5/5

3.8/5

3.5/5

3.5/5

0.0/5

4.0/5

3.8/5

3.4/5

Weight

3.5%

2.7%

2.6%

2.5%

2.5%

2.5%

2.4%

2.4%

24%

2.4%

	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
l score	3.8/5	3.4/5
C score	3.8/5	3.5/5
E score	3.4/5	3.2/5

France

Italy

Fund Index

Germany

Others

€3bn - €20bn

€1bn - €3bn

∎€150m - €1bn

■ Below €150m

10.9x

4.6%

1.5x

13.9%

3.3%

15.2x

10.5%

2.1x

14.1%

2.3%

#### Performance contributors

Valuation

Country breakdown

Market cap breakdown

NEC	CS		Avg. weight	Contrib
+2%	39%	Positive		
-19%	35%	Esker	3.6%	0.56%
0%	69%	El.En.	1.3%	0.45%
+10%	33%	Harvia	2.6%	0.38%
0%	33%	Negative		
-10%	9%	PVA TePla	2.1%	-0.38%
+28%	0%	SeSa	1.9%	-0.23%
0%	10%	Séché Env.	2.3%	-0.15%
0%	0%			
0%	85%			

#### **Portfolio changes**

most material impacts\*.

Top 10

Esker

Harvia

Nexus

Trigano

Inwido

FVS

Neurones

Delta Plus

Vygrs du Mnd

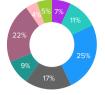
Rovi

Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction
	Wavestone	Sii	Aixtron AG
	Luve	Opdenergy	Chargeurs
	Cancom	Ldlc	Sesa

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# sycomore sélection pme

#### Sustainability thematics



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

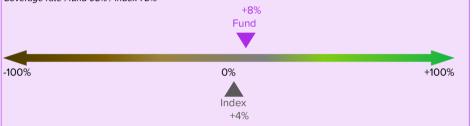
#### ESG scores

	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**

#### 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 des années 2018 à 2021. *Coverage rate : fund 98% / index 78%* 



#### European taxonomy

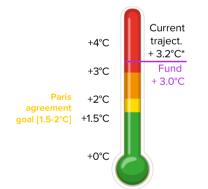
Percentage of revenues derived from eligible activities to the EU taxonomy *Coverage rate : fund 75% / index 90%* 

Fund



#### 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 25%* 



#### Climate alignment - SBTi

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

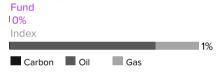


#### Carbon footprint

Annual greenhouse gas emissions (GHG Protocol) from upstream scopes 1, 2 and 3 per thousand euros invested\*\*\*. *Coverage rate : fund 97% / index 97%* Fund Index kg. eq. CO ₂ /year/k€ 150 313

#### Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.

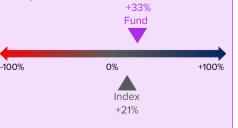


\*IPCC Sixth Assessment Report «Climate Change 2022: Mitigation of Climate Change». https://www.ipcc.ch/assessment-report/ar6/

#### 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 81% / index 54%* +33%



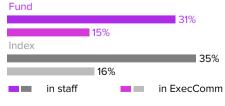
#### The Good Jobs Rating - Quantity

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 89%* Fund



#### Gender equality \$/ of

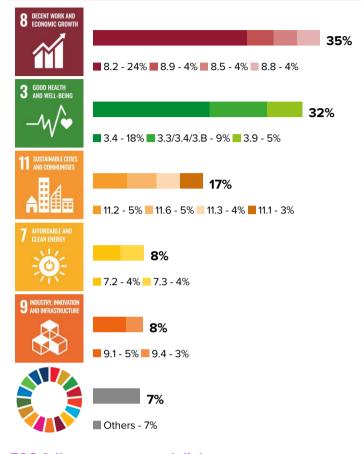
Percentage of women in total company headcounts and executive committees. Staff cov. rate: fund 100% / index 94% ExecComm cov. rate: fund 92% / index 96%



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.

# sycomore sélection pme





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 : 14%

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

#### Dialogue and engagement

No comment

#### **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 <u>Here</u>.

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# sycomore sycomore Share I am

**MARCH 2024** 

# europe éco solutions

Isin code | LU1183791281 NAV | 161.9€ Assets | 512.3 M€

#### SFDR 9

Sustainable Investments					
% AUM:	≥ 80%				
% Companies*	100%				

% Companies*:	100%
*Excluding derivatives, cash &	equivalent

#### **Risk indicator**



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



Anne-Claire ABADIE Fund Manager



Alban PRÉAUBERT Fund Manager

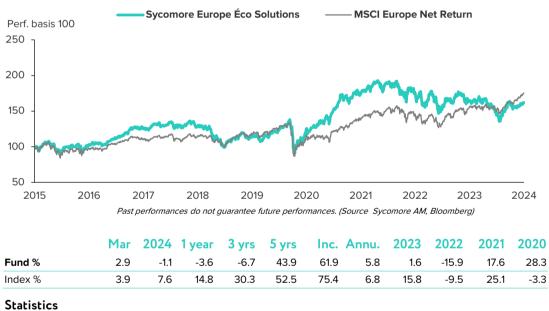


#### Investment strategy

#### 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 28.03.2024



Statistics										
	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Bench.	Track.	Sharpe	Info	Draw	Bench.
					Vol	Error	Ratio	Ratio	Down	DD
3 years	0.9	1.0	-10.4%	16.7%	14.1%	8.5%	-0.2	-1.3	-29.7%	-19.5%
Inception	0.9	0.9	-0.1%	16.7%	16.4%	8.1%	0.3	-0.1	-34.2%	-35.3%
- ,	0.9	1.0	-10.4%	16.7%	<b>Vol</b> 14.1%	Error 8.5%	Ratio -0.2	Ratio -1.3	<b>Down</b> -29.7%	-19

#### Fund commentary

In March, investor attention switched back to inflation readings and interest rate trends.Two impactful themes for the strategy appear to be receiving growing attention: power infrastructure and data center electrification needs. The expansion of the power grid now has pride of place in the transition agenda. EoN, which we have added to the portfolio, has announced a substantial increase in its German grid investments and aims for 10% growth in these regulated activities by 2028. Furthermore, the demand for electricity driven by digitalisation, and notably data centers, now accounts for 2% of global power consumption according to the IEA and could fuel renewed interest for renewable generators, in addition to the existing boost in demand reported by providers of energy efficiency solutions and equipment, such as Schneider Electric. The renewables segment posted mixed returns this month. Neoen rose over 10% after publishing strong earnings, while Solaria continued to lag due to its regional exposure to low electricity prices. The stock was removed from the portfolio.

# 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 - 100% Share R - 2.00%

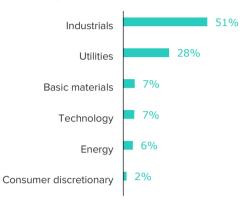
Performance fees 15% > Benchmark

**Transaction fees** None

#### Portfolio

Equity exposure	100%
Overlap with benchmark	5%
Number of holdings	50
Weight of top 20 stocks	63%
Median market cap	10.2 €bn

#### Sector exposure



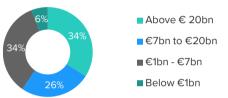
#### Valuation

	Fund	Index
Ratio P/E 2024	15.7x	13.7x
Croissance bénéficiaire 2024	4.2%	6.0%
Ratio P/BV 2024	1.9x	2.0x
Return on Equity	12.2%	14.4%
Rendement 2024	2.5%	3.4%

#### Country breakdown



#### Market cap breakdown



SPICE,	for	Society		Suppliers,	People,	Investors,	Clients,
Enviror		t is our to	ool f	or assessii	ng a com	pany's perfo	ormance
on sus	taina	bility crite	eria.	This tool	incorpora	ites the an	alysis of
econor	nic, g	governan	ce, e	environmer	ntal, socia	l, and socie	etal risks
and op	portu	unities co	verir	ng both the	e compan	y's daily op	erations
and its	prod	uct and s	ervic	e offer.			

Weight

5.4%

5.3%

3.5%

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3.1%

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2.9%

SPICE

rating

4.2/5

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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
l score	3.8/5	3.7/5
C score	3.8/5	3.4/5
E score	4.1/5	3.1/5

#### Performance contributors

NEC		Avg. weight	Contrib
+13%	Positive		
+52%	SPIE	2.7%	0.35%
+100%	SIG Group AG	2.6%	0.29%
+20%	Neoen	2.2%	0.26%
+15%	Negative		
+28%	ERG	2.9%	-0.23%
+11%	Infineon	3.4%	-0.17%
+28%	STMicroelec.	3.4%	-0.15%
+16%			
+16%			

#### **Portfolio changes**

**Top 10** 

Veolia

Arcadis

Infineon

Prysmian

E.ON

STMicroelec.

Saint Gobain

Legrand

Schneider E.

Vestas Wind Sys.

Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction
Knorr Brem.	E.On	Solaria	Saint-Gobain
Renault	Neoen		Spie
	Aurubis		Alstom

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Renewable energy
 Circular enconomy
 Green mobility
 Green building

Others

Energy efficiency & electrification

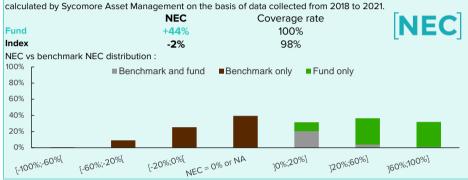
Sustainable natural resources

	Fund	Index
ESG*	3.8/5	3.3/5
Environment	4.1/5	3.1/5
Social	3.6/5	3.3/5
Governance	3.7/5	3.5/5

#### **Environmental analysis**

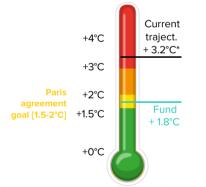
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#### **Temperature rising - SB2A**

Induced average temperature increase by 2100 compared to pre-industrial times, according to the Science-Based 2°C Alignment methodology. *Coverage rate : fund 80%* 



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#### Climate alignment - SBTi Share of companies that have validated their

greenhouse gas reduction targets with the Science-Based Targets initiative. Fund



#### **Carbon footprint**

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

coverage rate . rand 50/	or maex loc	10
	Fund	Index
kg. eq. CO ₂ /year/k€	266	140

#### Greenfin Breakdown\*\*

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

#### Fund

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- Type I > 50% of Revenue (Fund 62%, Index 3%)
- Type II 10 to 50% of Revenue (Fund 38%, Index 5%)
- Type III < 10% of Revenue (Fund 0%, Index 74%)</p>
  Excluded (Fund 0%, Index 16%)
- Non covered (Fund 0%, Index 1%)

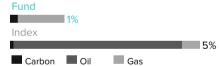
#### European taxonomy

Percentage of revenues derived from eligible activities to the EU taxonomy *Coverage rate : fund 99% / index 99%* Fund Index

	Fund	Index
Eligible share	82%	39%

#### Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.



#### **Biodiversity footprint**

Artificialised surface area in  $m^2$  MSA per  $k {\ensuremath{\varepsilon}}$  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	d 98% / index 99%	
	Fund	Index
m².MSA/k€	-79	-53

#### 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

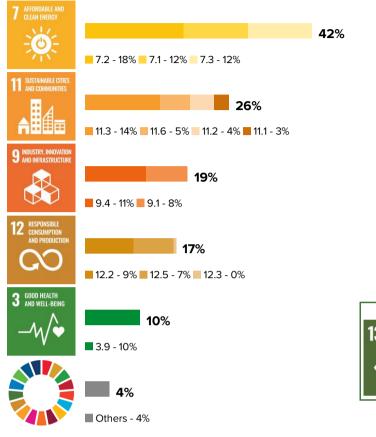
Cumulated growth in company headcounts over the past three financial years (data unadjusted in the event of acquisitions, excluding transformational deals).

Coverage rate : fund 98% / index 98%



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#### Sustainable development goals exposure



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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**

#### Nexans

We met the Board of Directors ahead of the AGM and made several recommendations. These include: to submit a Say on Climate to the shareholders' vote; to expand on how the 30% recycled copper target for 2030 will be achieved; to set a new gender diversity target above the 25% goal already achieved and ensure that gender diversity applies to all levels within the company hierarchy. Nexans is working on these points for its next ESG roadmap.

#### **ESG controversies**

#### No comment

#### Votes

**5 / 6** voted general assemblies over the month. Details on our votes are available here the day following the company's AGM <u>Here</u>.

#### ERG

In its annual report, ERG now publishes its taxonomy-aligned capex (around 96%) in addition to its aligned revenue (62%).

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# sycomore am

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# global éco solutions

Share IC Isin code | LU2412098654 NAV | 91.1€

MARCH 2024

Assets | 85.5 M€

SFDR 9

Sustainable Investments	
% AUM:	≥ 80%
% Companies*:	100%

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*Excluding derivati	ives, cash & equivalent

#### **Risk indicator**



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#### **Investment** Team



Fund Manager

Thibault RENOUX



**Anne-Claire ABADIE** Fund Manager



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#### Investment strategy

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

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#### Performance as of 28.03.2024



#### Statistics

	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.		Sharpe Ratio		
Inception	0.8	0.9	-9.7%	16.3%		-0.4		

#### Fund commentary

In March, investor attention switched back to inflation readings and interest rate trends. We also noted that the expansion of the power grid now has pride of place in the transition agenda. EoN has announced a substantial increase in its German grid investments and aims for 10% growth in these regulated activities by 2028. Growing demand for electricity, notably from data centers, also supported NextEra Energy, which received positive news regarding the investigations in Florida. In contrast, Equinix suffered after a short-selling report unveiled questionable accounting practices, claiming the company had reported maintenance expenses as growth, a metric notably used to determine executive compensation. Within the mobility sector, cycling specialists such as Giant and Shimano are issuing encouraging signals and reporting a normalisation of their inventories. We initiated positions in two companies within the materials sector: Aurubis (copper) and Westrock (packaging).

# sycomore global éco solutions

# Fund Information

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** No

Investment period 5 yrs

Minimum investment None

UCITS V Yes

Valuation Daily

Currency EUR

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Cash Settlement D+2

Management fees Share IC - 1.00% Share RC - 2.00%

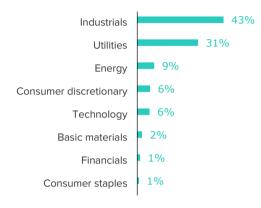
Performance fees 15% > Benchmark

Transaction fees None

#### Portfolio

Equity exposure	99%
Overlap with benchmark	2%
Number of holdings	46
Weight of top 20 stocks	64%
Median market cap	21.7 €bn

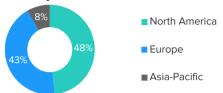
#### Sector exposure



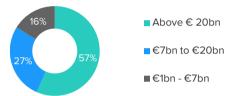
Valuation

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Ratio P/E 2024	17.3x	17.2x
Croissance bénéficiaire 2024	9.5%	9.5%
Ratio P/BV 2024	2.5x	2.9x
Return on Equity	14.7%	17.0%
Rendement 2024	1.7%	2.0%

#### 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 o 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\*.

Weight

5.0%

4.8%

4.7%

4.7%

3.5%

3.5%

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SPICE

rating

3.7/5

3.8/5

3.4/5

3.7/5

3.9/5

3.3/5

3.5/5

3.9/5

3.1/5

3.6/5

NEC

+11%

+100%

+16%

+52%

+42%

+75%

+16%

+16%

+28%

+21%

Fund	Index
3.7/5	3.3/5
3.4/5	2.8/5
3.6/5	3.2/5
3.8/5	3.6/5
3.7/5	3.2/5
3.9/5	3.1/5
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#### Performance contributors

	Avg. weight	Contrib
Positive		
Eaton Corp.	5.9%	0.55%
NextEra Energy	3.2%	0.49%
Quanta Services	5.4%	0.42%
Negative		
Equinix	3.0%	-0.29%
Infineon	2.5%	-0.10%
Shoals Technologies	1.0%	-0.08%

#### Portfolio changes

Top 10

Eaton Corp.

**Quanta Services** 

NextEra Energy

**Owens Corning** 

Saint Gobain

Waste Connections

Wabtec

Veolia

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First Solar

Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction
Aurubis	Giant Manufact.		Equinix
Westrock	BYD		Shimano
Neoen	E.On		Eaton Corp

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#### **Environmental thematics**

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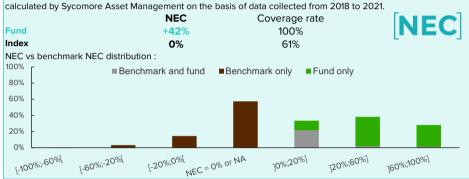
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	Fund	Index
ESG*	3.6/5	3.1/5
Environment	3.9/5	3.1/5
Social	3.5/5	3.0/5
Governance	3.6/5	3.3/5

#### **Environmental analysis**

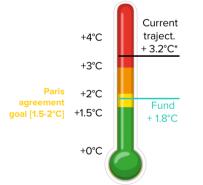
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#### **Temperature rising - SB2A**

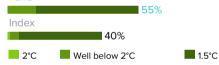
Induced average temperature increase by 2100 compared to pre-industrial times, according to the Science-Based 2°C Alignment methodology. Coverage rate : fund 82%



PCC Sixth Assessment Report «Climate Change 2022: Mitigation of Climate Change». https://www.ipcc.ch/assessm

#### Climate alignment - SBTi Share of companies that have validated their

greenhouse gas reduction targets with the Science-Based Targets initiative. Fund



#### **Carbon footprint**

Annual greenhouse gas emissions (GHG Protocol) from upstream scopes 1, 2 and 3 per thousand euros invested\*\*\*. rate fund 0.0% / index 0.0%

Coverage rate . runu 30.	o index 99	0
	Fund	Index
kg. eq. CO ₂ /year/k€	226	114

#### Greenfin Breakdown\*\*

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

#### Fund

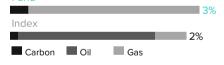
Index Type I > 50% of Revenue (Fund 47%, Index 2%) Type II 10 to 50% of Revenue (Fund 41%, Index 2%) Type III < 10% of Revenue (Fund 5%, Index 49%) Excluded (Fund 5%, Index 25%) Non covered (Fund 1%, Index 22%)

#### European taxonomy

Percentage of revenues derived from eligible activities to the EU taxonomy Coverage rate : fund 100% / index 77% Fund Index Eligible share 87% 45%

#### Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil eneraies. Fund



#### **Biodiversity footprint**

Artificialised surface area in  $m^2~\text{MSA}$  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 : fun	d 80% / index 40%	
	Fund	Index
m².MSA/k€	-47	-25

#### 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 53%



#### Staff growth

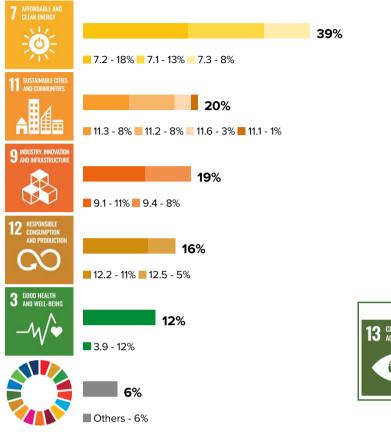
Cumulated growth in company headcounts over the past three financial years (data unadjusted in the event of acquisitions, excluding transformational deals).

Coverage rate : fund 95% / index 77%



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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 : 11%



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**

#### Nexans

We met the Board of Directors ahead of the AGM and made several recommendations. These include: to submit a Say on Climate to the shareholders' vote; to expand on how the 30% recycled copper target for 2030 will be achieved; to set a new gender diversity target above the 25% goal already achieved and ensure that gender diversity applies to all levels within the company hierarchy. Nexans is working on these points for its next ESG roadmap.

#### **ESG** controversies

#### Equinix

Hindenburg Research unveiled a short position on the data center company Equinix, which operates as a real estate investment trust, alleging that it overstated a profitability metric in a race with major cloud companies.

#### Votes

2 / 3 voted general assemblies over the month.Details on our votes are available here the day following the company's AGM <u>Here</u>.

#### NextEra Energy

NEE was notified by the Federal Election Commission that it would close the case against NEE for alleged violations of campaign funding rules. This ends a two-year period of uncertainties.

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Share I

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Isin code | LU1301026206 NAV | 179.8€

Assets | 463.6 M€

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#### SFDR 9

Sustainable Investments	
% AUM:	≥80%
% Companies*:	100%

\*Excluding derivatives, cash & equivalent

#### **Risk indicator**



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



**Cyril CHARLOT** Head of Portfolio Management

**Giulia** CULOT

Fund Manager





Luca FASAN Fund Manager





Investment strategy

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

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#### Performance as of 28.03.2024



Past performances do not guarantee future performances. (Source Sycomore AM, Bloomberg)

	Mar	2024	1 year	3 yrs	5 yrs	Inc. A	Annu.	2023	2022	2021	2020
Fund %	2.5	10.8	17.7	16.3	48.2	90.5	7.7	15.1	-19.0	15.5	13.0
Index %	4.5	10.0	16.6	28.8	58.3	79.8	6.9	18.5	-12.3	22.7	0.2

Performance prior to 11/04/2015 was achieved by an identical French fund created on 07/06/2015, which was liquidated in favour or 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	-2.4%	15.5%	16.5%	5.5%	0.3	-0.7	-29.4%	-24.6%
Inception	0.9	0.7	2.3%	14.8%	18.2%	7.6%	0.5	0.1	-31.4%	-37.9%

#### Fund commentary

March has been another positive month for the European equity market but characterized by the overperformance of the sectors that lagged year today. Financial, Energy and Basic Materials led the asset class, while Consumer Discretionary and Technology underperformed. In this environment the performance of the fund has suffered due to our underweight on Financials and lack of exposure on Energy. On the positive side our stock picking on Technology (where we have a sizable exposure to Al) and Industrials (where we have an exposure to electrification) contributed positively. In terms of specific stocks the fund benefited from the position on NVDA (Information Technology) SPIE (industrial) and Novo Nordisk (health care) while Brunello Cuccinelli contributed negatively, for the Italian luxury company results were solid but the guidance didn't surprise positively investors.

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Fund Index

12.8x

6.0%

1.8x

13.7%

2.9%

18.2x

9.9%

3.1x

16.9%

2.1%

#### 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%

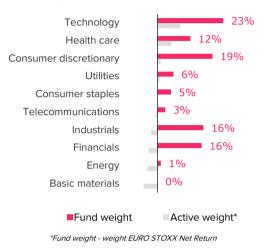
Performance fees 15% > Benchmark

Transaction fees None

#### Portfolio

Equity exposure	97%	Ratio P/E 2024
Overlap with benchmark	27%	Croissance bénéficiaire 2024
Number of holdings	39	Ratio P/BV 2024
Weight of top 20 stocks	72%	Return on Equity
Median market cap	72.8 €bn	Rendement 2024

#### Sector exposure



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\*.

Weight

9.4%

5.3%

4.7%

4.4%

4.3%

4.2%

3.7%

3.4%

3 1%

3.1%

SPICE

rating

4.3/5

3.6/5

3.9/5

3.4/5

4.0/5

4.2/5

3.8/5

3.8/5

3.9/5

3.9/5

France Germany Italy Netherlands United States Others

#### Market cap breakdown

Country breakdown

Valuation



	Fund	Index
SPICE	3.9/5	3.6/5
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C score	3.8/5	3.6/5
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#### Performance contributors

People Score		Avg. weight	Contrib
4.4/5	Positive		
4.0/5	Intesa Sanpaolo	2.8%	0.37%
4.0/5	SPIE	2.3%	0.27%
3.9/5	Novo Nordisk	3.3%	0.25%
4.2/5	Negative		
4.4/5	ERG	1.6%	-0.12%
4.2/5	Brunello C.	2.0%	-0.09%
4.1/5	STMicroelec.	2.0%	-0.08%
3.6/5			
4.2/5			

#### Portfolio changes

Top 10

ASMI

AXA

SAP

Munich Re.

Schneider E.

Novo Nordisk

BioMérieux

Prysmian

RELX

L'Oreal

Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction
	Intesa S.		Asml
	Kbc Holdings		Adv Micro
	Servicenow		Nvidia

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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

#### Training number of hours\*\*

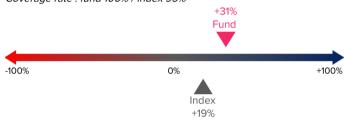
Average number of hours of training delivered per employee per year in companies. *Coverage rate : fund 92% / index 91%* Fund 33h/yr/employee

Index

26h/yr/employee

#### 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%

Fund
39%
24%
Index
38%
21%
in staff
in ExecComm

#### **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.



#### Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.

4%

Fund	
0%	
Index	

Carbon Oil Gas

#### 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 73% / index 69%

Fullu	
	9%
Index	
	11%

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.

#### Carbon footprint

•	Annual	greenhouse	gas	emissions	(GHG
	Protocol)	from upstrea	m scop	bes 1, 2 an	d 3 per
	thousand	l euros investe	ed***.		
	Coverage	e rate : fund 99	9% / inc	lex 100%	
			F	und I	ndex
	kg. eq. C	O ₂ /year/k€		73	155

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including university.

#### Sustainable development goals exposure



Adopt policies, especially fiscal, wage and social protection policies, and progressively achieve greater equality.

Ensure equal access for all women and men to affordable

and guality technical, vocational and tertiary education,

Achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all women and men, including for young people and persons with disabilities, and equal pay for work of equal value.

Ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decisionmaking in political, economic and public life.

Reduce by one third premature mortality from noncommunicable diseases through prevention and treatment and promote mental health and well-being.

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

#### **Dialogue and engagement**

#### SAP

We followed-up on our engagements regarding the responsible management of the reorganisation, change of culture, management changes and impact of AI on employees at SAP. We understand that the back to the office policy and the new performance system will be discussed with employee representatives. Target for the reorganisation is one third voluntary departure / early retirement / upskilling. We also discussed the departure of the expected 2024 Chair : SAP plans to appoint a temporary chair.

#### **ESG** controversies

#### Hermès

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#### Votes

1 / 2 voted general assembly over the month.Details on our votes are available here the day following the company's AGM Here.

#### **Deutsche Telekom**

Ahead of the AGM, we have shared our voting intentions with DT. In particular, this was an opportunity to discuss : the executive compensation packages (quantum, transparency, ESG criteria), director independence, and the new organisation of the company with different committees. The company also shared with us that it does not plan to publish a CEO pay ratio as this is not required by the European Shareholder Rights Directive and there are no common calculation standards.

#### SAP

Following a meeting with SAP's compliance team, we reviewed our assessment of business ethics more positively, as the DOJ praised SAP for its top-notch compliance program and in depth collaboration in the investigations. Following the bribery controversies and to support the growth of the company, SAP increased the compliance team to 160-170 people early 2024.

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30%

26%

20%

14%

10%





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**MARCH 2024** 

Share IC

Isin code | LU2413890901 NAV | 113.8€

Assets | 164.8 M€

#### SFDR 9

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Sustainable Investments	
% AUM:	≥ 80%

% Companies*:	100%
*Excluding derivatives, cash & e	equivalent

#### **Risk indicator**



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#### **Investment** Team

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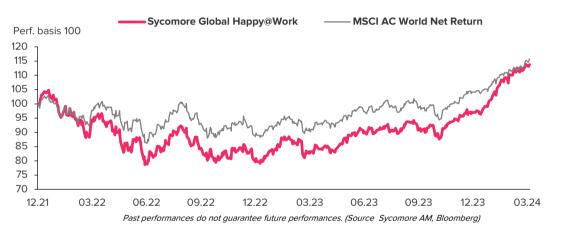
France

#### Investment strategy

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

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#### Performance as of 28.03.2024



		Mar	2024	1	year	Inc.	Annu.	:	2023	2022
Fund %		2.8	16.6		32.9	13.8	5.8		22.4	-23.2
Index %		3.3	10.6		23.9	15.8	6.6		18.1	-13.0
Statistics										
	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Bench.	Track.	Sharpe	Info	Draw	Bench.
					Vol	Error	Ratio	Ratio	Down	DD
Inception	0.9	1.1	-1.2%	16.8%	14.1%	6.3%	0.2	-0.1	-25.0%	-16.3%

#### Fund commentary

March has been another positive month for the Global equity market but characterized by the overperformance of the sectors that lagged year today. Financial, Energy and Basic Materials led the asset class while Consumer Discretionary and Technology underperformed. In this environment the performance of the fund was in line with the relevant benchmark. Our stock picking in Technology and Financials contributed positively while the lack of exposure to the Energy sector detracted from performance. In terms of specific stocks the fund benefited from the position on NVDA (Information Technology) TSMC (Information Technology) and Eaton (Industrial) while Accenture and Verisk contributed negatively. Both companies reported solid results but the guidance was uninspiring. As for Accenture, it is interesting to note that ex Al the demand for investment in technology is muted.

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Fund Index

17.2x

95%

2.9x

17.0%

2.0%

25.5x

16.8%

5.4x

21.2%

1.2%

North America

Europe

Asia-Pacific

#### 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** 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%

Performance fees 15% > Benchmark

Transaction fees

#### Portfolio

Equity exposure	96%	Ratio P/E 2024
Overlap with benchmark	17%	Croissance bénéficiaire 2024
Number of holdings	51	Ratio P/BV 2024
Weight of top 20 stocks	62%	Return on Equity
Median market cap	158.7 €bn	Rendement 2024

#### Sector exposure



% 29% 63% 63% Market cap breakdown

Country breakdown

Valuation



PICE, for Society & Suppliers, People, Investors, Clients,	
nvironment is our tool for assessing a company's performance	SF
n sustainability criteria. This tool incorporates the analysis of	51
conomic, governance, environmental, social, and societal risks	S
nd opportunities covering both the company's daily operations	P
nd its product and service offer.	١s

SPICE

rating

4.1/5

3.8/5

3.3/5

3.7/5

3.2/5

3.8/5

3.5/5

3.9/5

37/5

4.0/5

People

Score

4.0/5

3.6/5

4.0/5

4.1/5

4.1/5

3.8/5

4.1/5

3.6/5

4 1/5

4.0/5

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Weight

7.6%

6.0%

5.6%

3.8%

3.4%

3.0%

3.0%

2.9%

27%

2.6%

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

#### Performance contributors

	Avg. weight	Contrib
Positive		
NVIDIA Corporation	5.8%	0.74%
Taiwan Semi.	3.0%	0.33%
Eaton Corp.	3.7%	0.32%
Negative		
Advanced Micro Devices	2.1%	-0.12%
Equinix	0.7%	-0.10%
Verisk Analytics	2.5%	-0.09%

#### Portfolio changes

**Progressive Corporation** 

Top 10

Microsoft Corp.

Eli Lilly & Co

Eaton Corp.

Taiwan Semi.

Thermo Fisher

Stryker

RELX

Moncler

**NVIDIA** Corporation

Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction
Amat	Intesa S.	Salesforce	Verisk Analytics
Micron Trech.	Nvidia	Equinix	Advantest
Duolingo			Asml

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#### ESG scores

	Fund	Index
ESG*	3.5/5	3.1/5
Environment	3.3/5	3.1/5
Social	3.6/5	3.0/5
Governance	3.7/5	3.3/5

#### Societal and social analysis

#### Human rights policy 🌣

Percentage of portfolio companies that have drawn up a Human Rights policy. Coverage rate : fund 100% / index 92%

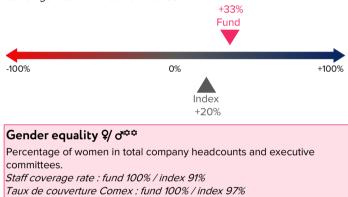
Fund 94%

Index

#### 84%

#### Societal contribution

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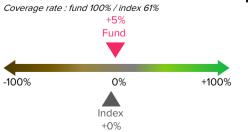


# Fund 38% 24% Index 37% 22% in staff in ExecComm

#### **Environmental analysis**

#### Net Environmental Contribution (NEC)

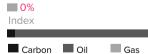
Degree of alignment of the economic models with the ecological transition, integrating biodiversity and climate, on a scale running from -100% for eco-obstruction to +100% for eco-solution, where 0% equates to the average environmental impact of the global economy. The results are expressed in NEC 1.0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



#### Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies. Fund

2%



#### 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

#### Carbon footprint

Annual greenhouse	gas	emissions	(GHG
Protocol) from upstream	n scope	es 1, 2 and	3 per
thousand euros invested	l***.		
Coverage rate : fund 100	0% / ind	lex 99%	
	Fu	nd In	dex
kg. eq. CO ₂ /year/k€	3	6 1	14

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#### Sustainable development goals exposure



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

#### **Dialogue and engagement**

#### Advantest

We discussed governance changes at Advantest for 2024. We positively noted that effective April 1st, the role of Chairman and CEO will be separated. We also followed-up on our engagement regarding the gender pay gap. While the company discloses this indicator and its calculation for the parent company Advantest Japan, we encourage Advantest to calculate and disclose a global indicator, including all employees.

#### **ESG** controversies

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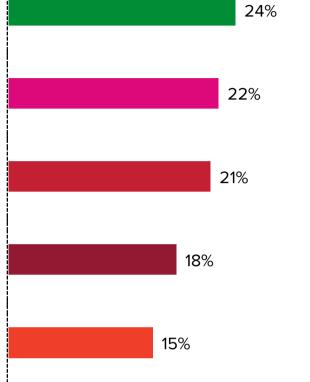
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# sycomore social impact

Isin code | FR0010117085

**MARCH 2024** 

Share I

NAV | 477.5€

Assets | 248.2 M€

#### SFDR 9

am

Sustainable Investments	
% ΔΗΜ·	> 80%

% Companies*:	100%
*Excluding derivatives, cash	& equivalent

#### **Risk indicator**



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#### Investment Team



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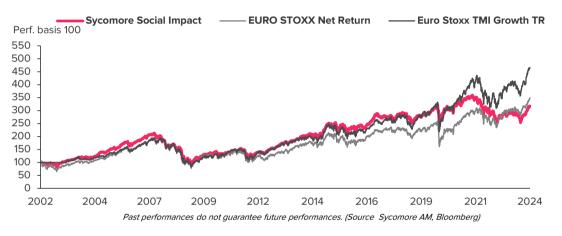
France

#### 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 28.03.2024



	Ma	ar 2024	4 1 year	3 yrs	5 yrs	Inc.° A	nnu.	2023	2022	2021	2020
Fund %	Э	.1 11.	3 10.4	-4.4	14.6	218.3	5.5	5.3	-20.7	7 5.3	5.2
Index %	4	5 10.	0 16.6	28.8	58.3	249.3	5.9	18.5	-12.3	3 22.7	0.2
Statistics											
	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Bench.	Track.	Sharp	е	Info	Draw	Bench.
					Vol	Error	Rati	o F	Ratio	Down	DD
3 years	0.9	0.6	-7.1%	12.1%	16.7%	8.3%	-0	.2	-1.2	-30.8%	-24.6%
Inception	0.9	0.6	1.7%	13.2%	20.6%	10.9%	0	.3	0.0	-55.7%	-60.2%

#### Fund commentary

March has been another positive month for the European equity market but characterized by the overperformance of the sectors that lagged year to date. Financial, Energy and Basic Materials led the asset class, while Consumer Discretionary and Technology underperformed. In this environment the performance of the fund has suffered due to our underweight on Financials and lack of exposure on Energy. On the positive side our underweight on Consumer Discretionary stocks and the stock picking in the sector contributed positively. In terms of specific stocks the fund benefited by the position on Renault (consumer discretionary) SPIE (industrial) and Novo Nordisk (health care) while BESI contributed negatively due to the postpone of the adoption of one of their product by memory producer.

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Fund Index

13.4x

6.0%

1.8x

13.6%

3.3%

16.4x

9.5%

2.6x

15.6%

2.8%

#### 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%

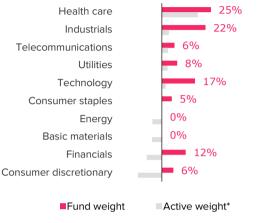
Performance fees 15% > Benchmark

Transaction fees None

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Equity exposure	94%	Ratio P/E 2024	
Overlap with benchmark	29%	Croissance bénéficiaire 2024	
Number of holdings	43	Ratio P/BV 2024	
Weight of top 20 stocks	68%	Return on Equity	
Median market cap	63.3 €bn	Rendement 2024	

#### Sector exposure



\*Fund weight - weight EURO STOXX Net Return

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\*.

Weight

7.5%

4.6%

4.6%

4.4%

4.4%

4.4%

3.6%

3.4%

3.1%

3.0%

SPICE

rating

4.3/5

3.9/5

3.6/5

3.3/5

4.2/5

3.7/5

3 5/5

3.4/5

3.9/5

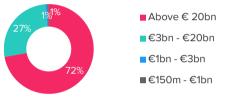
3.8/5

13% 2%	France	Germany		
8%	■ Italy	■ Netherlands		
28%	Switzerland			

#### Market cap breakdown

Country breakdown

Valuation



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

#### Performance contributors

CS		Avg. weight	Contrib
27%	Positive		
20%	BBVA	1.8%	0.33%
87%	Intesa Sanpaolo	2.3%	0.32%
64%	Renault	1.5%	0.30%
38%	Negative		
37%	BESI	1.4%	-0.30%
50%	ERG	2.0%	-0.16%
43%	Siemens AG	3.5%	-0.12%
53%			
92%			

#### Portfolio changes

Deutsche Telekom

**Siemens Healthineers** 

Top 10

ASMI

Merck

AXA

Schneider E.

Siemens AG

**Bureau Veritas** 

Novo Nordisk

SAP

Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction
	Sap		Asml
			Besi

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# Sustainability thematics



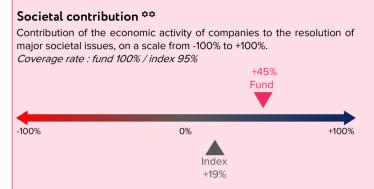
# Health & Safety

Digital and communication

Sustainable lifestyles

Access and Inclusion

# Societal and social analysis

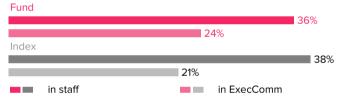


# Gender equality \$\/ \$

Percentage of women in total company headcounts and executive committees.

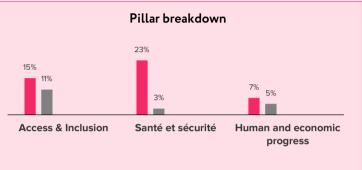
Staff coverage rate : fund 100% / index 99%

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



# ESG scores

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

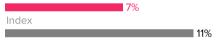


# Staff growth

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 99%

#### Fund



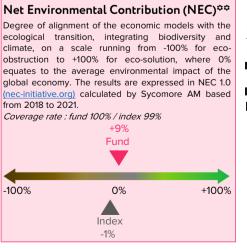
# The Good Jobs Rating

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 92%* 

#### Fund

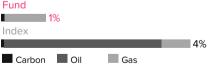


# **Environmental analysis**



# Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.



# Carbon footprint

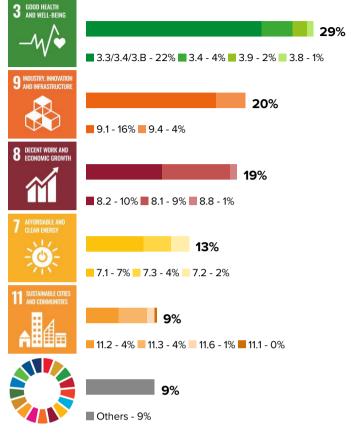
Annual greenhouse Protocol) from upstream	i scopes 1, 1	•
thousand euros invested Coverage rate : fund 100		0%
kg. eq. CO ₂ /year/k€	Fund 83	Index 155

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.

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# Sustainable development goals exposure



ESG follow-up, news and dialogue

#### **Dialogue and engagement**

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#### **ESG** controversies

#### SAP

Following a meeting with SAP's compliance team, we reviewed our assessment of business ethics more positively, as the DOJ praised SAP for its top-notch compliance program and in depth collaboration in the investigations. Following the bribery controversies and to support the growth of the company, SAP increased the compliance team to 160-170 people early 2024.

#### Votes

**3 / 4** voted general assemblies over the month. Details on our votes are available here the day following the company's AGM Here. 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 : 10%

#### SAP

We followed-up on our engagements regarding the responsible management of the reorganisation, change of culture, management changes and impact of AI on employees at SAP. We understand that the 'back to the office' policy and the new performance system will be discussed with employee representatives. The target for the reorganisation is one third voluntary departure / early retirement / upskilling. We also discussed the expected departure of the chair in 2024: SAP plans to appoint a temporary chair.

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# sycomore inclusive jobs

**MARCH 2024** 

# Share IC

Isin code | FR0014000IE9 NAV | 84.8€ Assets | 85.6 M€

#### SFDR 9

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

#### **Risk indicator**



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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Frédéric

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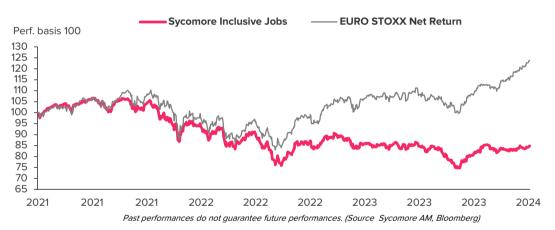


France

#### 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 28.03.2024



		Mar	2024	1	year	Inc.	Annu		2023	2022
Fund %		2.3	-0.6		-1.6	-15.2	-5.5	<b>i</b>	1.4	-19.9
Index %		4.5	10.0		16.6	23.8	7.7	,	18.5	-12.3
Statistics										
	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Bench.	Track.	Sharpe	Info	Draw	Bench.
					Vol	Error	Ratio	Ratio	Down	DD
1 year	0.8	0.8	-14.2%	10.7%	11.3%	6.2%	-0.5	-2.9	-13.6%	-10.4%
Inception	0.9	0.8	-11.5%	14.0%	16.8%	6.8%	-0.5	-1.9	-29.9%	-24.6%

### Fund commentary

The fund underperformed in March against a backdrop of high interest rates; these continue to weigh on the segments most represented within the portfolio (small and mid-caps, renewables...) and to support financials, to which the fund is under-exposed. Despite the potential deals announced (Encavis taken over by KKR, Neoen's disposal of stakes in Australian assets...) which have revealed attractive premiums over listed market valuations, renewable energy players continue to post disappointing returns (Solaria, Neoen, ERG, EDP Renovaveis remain the top 5 detractors in 2024). Conversely, Medios rose on the back of the announced takeover of Ceban Pharmaceuticals, a deal that will be accretive as early as 2024 and will strengthen its international business expansion strategy. Jungheinrich also rallied after the company's target revenue for 2025 was revised upward.

The labels aim to guide investors in identifying sustainable and responsible investments. The composition of the management team is subject to change without notice. Before investing, first consult the Fund's KID available on our www.sycomore-am.com website.

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### **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

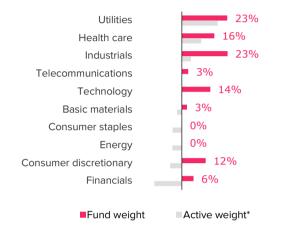
**Transaction fees** None

# Portfolio

			Fund	Index
Equity exposure	85%	Ratio P/E 2024	14.6x	13.4x
Overlap with benchmark	8%	Croissance bénéficiaire 2024	7.4%	6.0%
Number of holdings	51	Ratio P/BV 2024	1.7x	1.8x
Weight of top 20 stocks	53%	Return on Equity	11.4%	13.6%
Median market cap	7.3 €bn	Rendement 2024	2.7%	3.3%
Solidarity exposure	9%			

Valuation

## Sector exposure



\*Fund weight - weight EURO STOXX Net Return

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\*.

Weight

4.9%

3.9%

3.9%

3.8%

3.2%

3.1%

2.7%

2.4%

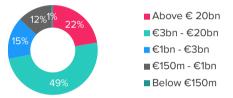
2 4%

2.2%

6% 6% 32%	■ Italy	France
14%	Germany	■ Spain
31%	Netherlands	Others

### Market cap breakdown

Country breakdown



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and opportunities covering both the company's daily operations
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SPICE

rating

4.3/5

4.0/5

3.8/5

3.7/5

3.2/5

3.9/5

3.6/5

3.8/5

4.0/5

3.3/5

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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
l score	3.8/5	3.7/5
C score	3.8/5	3.6/5
E score	3.6/5	3.2/5

# Performance contributors

TGJR		Avg. weight	Contrib
56	Positive		
52	El.En.	0.8%	0.29%
47	Neoen	2.1%	0.26%
52	Poste Italiane	3.2%	0.22%
52	Negative		
47	ERG	2.7%	-0.21%
69	SeSa	1.7%	-0.20%
51	Nexi	1.0%	-0.14%
47			

# **Portfolio changes**

**Top 10** 

ASML

Michelin

Prysmian

Poste Italiane

STMicroelec.

BioMérieux

Veolia

INWIT

FRG

Merck

Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction
	Eiffage		Boliden
	Danieli		Reply Spa
			Technogym

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# sycomore inclusive jobs



Bourgogne-Franche-Comté

Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes

Ile-de-France

Ile-de-France

Provence-Alpes-Côte d Azur

### ESG scores

1		
	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

### 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 99%

#### Fund

34% Index

11% 

### 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%



criteria.****	
FCPR Sycomore Impact Emploi by INCO	
Number of jobs in SSE enterprises financed (+11% since 2020)	15379
Number of persons on reintegration contracts (+17% since 2020)	6966
<b>Dynamic exit rate</b> Sustainable jobs, transitional jobs an positive exits as defined by the DIRECCTE	70%

#### **Environmental analysis**

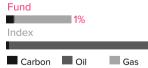
### Net Environmental Contribution (NEC)

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.



### Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the th fossil energies.



# **Carbon footprint**

ree	Annual	greenhouse	gas	emissions	(GHG	
	Protocol)	from upstrea	m sco	pes 1, 2 an	d 3 per	
	thousand euros invested***.					
	Coverage	e rate : fund 10	0% / in	dex 100%		
			F	und l	ndex	
	kg. eq. C	O ₂ /year/k€	2	209	155	

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 extrafinancial 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.\*\*\*\*Unlisted Equities. Data provided on an annual basis.

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

Top 5 – Solidarity holdings – Unlisted shares

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 92%

Fund

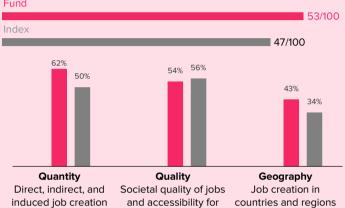
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Ammareal

Moulinot

Archer

La Varappe (Optima)



vulnerable populations.

years. ENT WORK AND

4%

over the past three

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 work for all.

with the greatest

needs.

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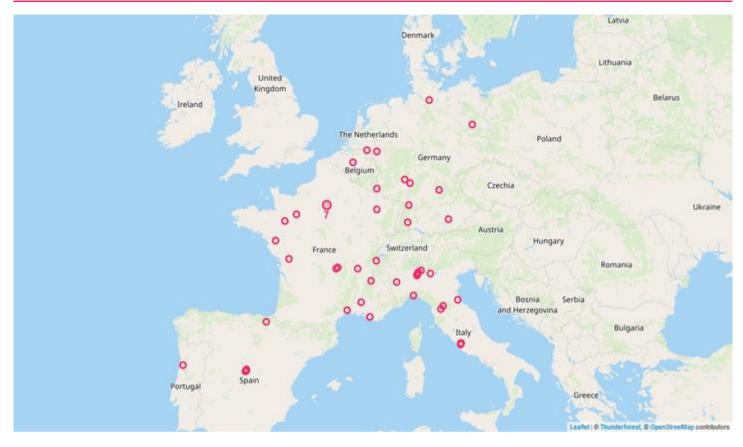
Achieving full and productive employment and guaranteeing that all men and women, including young and disabled people, are offered decent work and equal pay for work of equal value.

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

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# Map of companies headquarters in portfolio



### ESG follow-up, news and dialogue

#### **Dialogue and engagement**

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#### **ESG** controversies

No comment

#### Votes

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# sycomore sustainable tech

**MARCH 2024** 

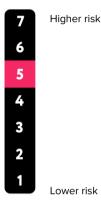
Share IC

Isin code | LU2181906269 NAV | 159.1€ Assets | 253.2 M€

### SFDR 9

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

#### **Risk indicator**



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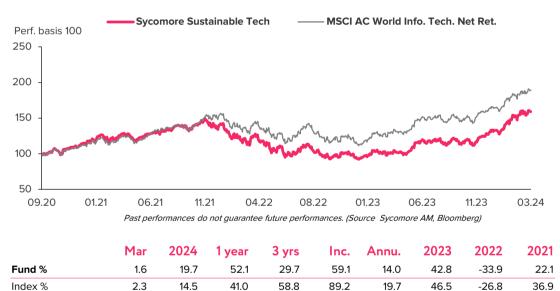
France France

#### 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 28.03.2024



Statistics										
	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Bench.	Track.	Sharpe	Info	Draw	Bench.
					Vol	Error	Ratio	Ratio	Down	DD
1 year	0.9	1.0	7.2%	19.0%	16.4%	8.7%	2.5	1.3	-8.5%	-8.3%
Inception	0.9	0.9	-3.3%	21.6%	20.9%	9.6%	0.6	-0.6	-38.3%	-29.0%

#### Fund commentary

March was a more volatile and less directional month for the technology sector, following a hot start of the year in January and February. Sycomore Sustainable Tech performed roughly in line with the sector, up more than 2% at the time of writing. Our software exposure was particularly hurtful with names like MongoDB, GitLab and SentinelOne all weighting heavily on performance after posting disappointing guidance for the year 2024. The software snap back in bookings is progressing, albeit at a slower paced than we had hoped. We continue to be bullish the sector as investor exposure is a multi-year low, and we believe consensus expectations are conservative enough to provide attractive outperformance in the second half of the year. On the semis side, Nvidia performed well but given UCITs 10% cap rules, we are now underweight the benchmark which cost us another 50bps against the benchmark. On the bright side, the rest of our semis and hardware exposure posted strong returns. We continue to be upbeat on Al investments benefiting the semis supply chain and see continued demand for tech equities in the coming quarters.

# sycomore sustainable tech



Fund Index

13.4%

26 5x

19.2%

37.2%

1.8x

8.5x

18.6%

35.1x

28.3%

33.3%

1.6x

8.9x

#### **Fund Information Inception date** 09/09/2020

#### **ISIN codes**

Share AC - LU2331773858 Share FD - LU2211504738 Share IC - LU2181906269 Share RC - LU2181906426 Share RD - LU2181906699

#### **Bloomberg tickers**

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

#### Benchmark

MSCI AC World Info. Tech. Net Ret

Legal form SICAV compartment

Domiciliation Luxembourg

**PEA** eligibility No

Investment period 5 yrs

Minimum investment None

UCITS V Yes

Valuation Daily

Currency EUR

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Cash Settlement D+2

#### Management fees

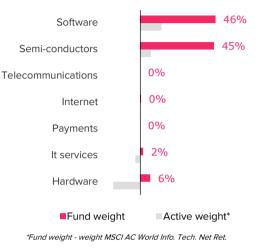
Share AC - 1.50% Share FD - 0.75% Share IC - 1.00% Share RC - 2.00% Share RD - 2.00%

**Performance fees** 15% > Benchmark

**Transaction fees** None

# Portfolio

### Sector exposure



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economic, governance, environmental, social, and societal risk and opportunities covering both the company's daily operation

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letter. These 5 ratings are weighted based on the company

SPICE

rating

4.1/5

3.8/5

3.8/5

3.3/5

4.3/5

3.2/5

3.9/5

3.6/5

4.0/5

3.7/5

NEC

+5%

0%

+1%

+4%

+6%

0%

+2%

+2%

0%

0%

Weight

9.5%

9.5%

6.8%

5.3%

4.6%

4.6%

4.5%

4.1%

4 0%

3.8%

Country breakdown United States Taiwan Netherlands Others Market cap breakdown Above €250bn

Valuation

Croissance CA 2026

Croissance bénéficiaire 2026

Marge opérationnelle 2026

Ratio P/E 2026

Ratio PEG 2026

EV/CA 2026



	Fund	Index
SPICE	3.7/5	3.6/5
S score	3.2/5	2.8/5
P score	3.7/5	3.5/5
l score	3.9/5	3.9/5
C score	3.8/5	3.5/5
E score	3.2/5	3.3/5

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## Performance contributors

CS		Avg. weight	Contrib
24%	Positive		
17%	NVIDIA Corp.	9.9%	1.33%
19%	Micron Tech.	4.4%	1.24%
35%	Taiwan Semi.	6.4%	0.56%
27%	Negative		
31%	MongoDB	3.7%	-0.82%
20%	Gitlab	1.9%	-0.42%
24%	BESI	1.2%	-0.29%
13%			
25%			

#### **Portfolio changes**

most material impacts\*.

Top 10

Microsoft Corp.

NVIDIA Corp.

Taiwan Semi.

Micron Tech.

Broadcom

Intuit Inc.

ServiceNow

Applied Mat.

ΔSMI

AMD

Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction
Astera Labs	Sentinel One	Gartner	Salesforce
	Servicenow	Equinix	Nvidia
	Wiwynn	Sap	Besi

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# sycomore sustainable tech



Index

3.3/5

3.3/5

3.2/5

3.6/5

### **Responsible Tech Dimensions**

	Tech For Good CS ≥ 10% or NEC > 0%	Good in Tech	Improvement enabler	
		Client risk score ≥ 3/5	SD* Management score ≥ 3/5	
Number of holdings	34	33	28	
Weight	100%	99%	84%	
*SD : Sustainable development				

**Environmental analysis** 

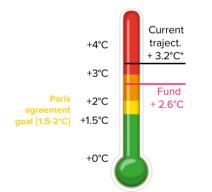
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### **Temperature rising - SB2A**

Induced average temperature increase by 2100 compared to pre-industrial times, according to the Science-Based 2°C Alignment methodology. Coverage rate : fund 48%



Climate alignment - SBTi

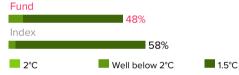
Share of companies that have validated their greenhouse gas reduction targets with the Science-Based Targets initiative.

**ESG** scores

Environment

ESG\*

Social Governance



# **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€	23	28

#### European taxonomy

Percentage of revenues derived from eligible activities to the EU taxonomy

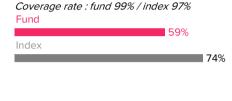
Fund

3.4/5

3.2/5

3.6/5

3.5/5



### Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.

Fund		
0%		
Index		
0%		
Carbon	Oil	Gas

IPCC Sixth Assessment Report «Climate Change 2022: Mitigation of Climate Change». https://www.ipcc.

# Societal and social analysis

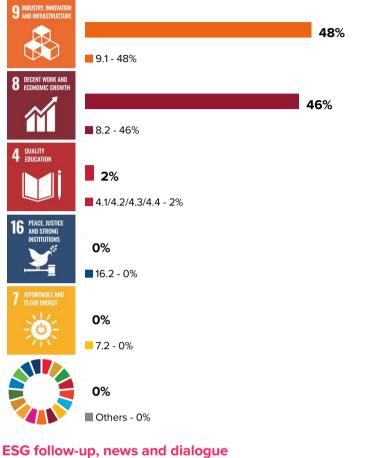
# Secietal contribution

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 94% +27% Fund			Human rights policy ** Percentage of portfolio companies that have drawn up a Human Rights policy. <i>Coverage rate : fund 94% / index 99%</i> Fund 94% Index 80%	Staff growth Cumulated growth in company headcour over the past three financial years (da unadjusted in the event of acquisition excluding transformational deals). Coverage rate : fund 90% / index 96% Fund	
-100%	0% Index +21%	+100%		84% Index 48%	

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# Sustainable development goals exposure



### **Dialogue and engagement**

#### Confluent

We initiated a dialogue with Confluent to set up a reduction traget on Scope 3 carbon emissions, issue a Human Rights policy and report on additional human capital KPIs, including employee health & safety, employee satisfaction and participation to satisfaction surveys, average number of training hours per employee per year and employee voluntary turnover.

#### **ESG** controversies

#### Equinix

Hindenburg Research unveiled a short position on the data center company Equinix, which operates as a real estate investment trust, alleging that it overstated a profitability metric in a race with major cloud companies.

#### Votes

voted general assembly over the month. 1/1

Details on our votes are available here the day following the company's AGM Here.

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%

#### Esker

During our meeting, Esker highlighted an ESG reporting opportunity, using Al to estimate its clients' Scope 3 emissions using recovered bills (energy or travel bills). On the human capital side, Esker aims to reduce recruitments and to lower employee pay increases to be able toachieve its target margin.

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Share I

Isin code | FR0010601898 N

NAV | 1,818.9€

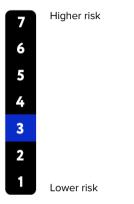
Assets | 276.8 M€

**MARCH 2024** 

# SFDR 8

Sustainable Investments					
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### **Risk indicator**



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Fund Manager -Analyst



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# Performance as of 28.03.2024



	Mar	2024	1 year	3 yrs	5 yrs	Inc.	Annu.	2023	2022	2021	2020
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Index %	2.2	4.3	9.3	16.5	27.9	80.1	3.7	9.5	-5.1	11.7	-0.3

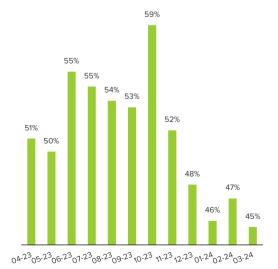
### Statistics

	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Bench.	Track.	Sharpe	Info	Draw	Bench.
					Vol	Error	Ratio	Ratio	Down	DD
3 years	0.8	1.0	-3.4%	9.0%	7.2%	5.2%	0.0	-0.7	-15.2%	-10.8%
Inception	0.6	0.8	1.3%	12.0%	9.4%	9.9%	0.3	0.0	-31.7%	-28.3%

# Fund commentary

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Benchmark 50% STOXX 600 NR + 50% ESTR

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

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Cash Settlement D+2

Management fees Share I - 0.50%

Share IB - 1.00% Share P - 1.80%

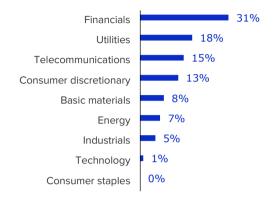
Performance fees 15% > Benchmark with HWM

Transaction fees None

# Portfolio

Equity exposure	45%
Number of holdings	24
Median market cap	12.9 €bn

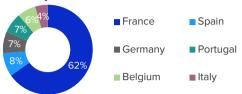
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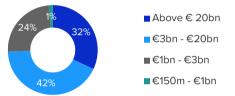
Valuation

#### Fund Index Ratio P/E 2024 9.3x 13.7x 6.0% Croissance bénéficiaire 2024 4.8% Ratio P/BV 2024 0.8x 2.0x Return on Equity 8.7% 14.3% Rendement 2024 2.3% 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	3.4/5	3.6/5
S score	3.2/5	3.2/5
P score	3.5/5	3.5/5
l score	3.5/5	3.7/5
C score	3.5/5	3.6/5
E score	3.2/5	3.2/5

# Performance contributors

Weight	SPICE rating		Avg. weight	Contrib
5.2%	3.2/5	Positive		
5.0%	3.2/5	Peugeot	5.0%	0.67%
5.0%	3.4/5	Banco Santander S.A.	3.8%	0.64%
4.5%	3.3/5	Technip Energies	4.0%	0.58%
4.2%	3.1/5	Negative		
3.9%	2.9/5	Deutsche Post	2.5%	-0.46%
3.9%	3.9/5	Covestro	2.7%	-0.26%
3.6%	3.0/5	Teleperform.	0.5%	-0.10%
2.7%	3.4/5			
2.5%	3.4/5			

# Portfolio changes

Top 10

Orange

Peugeot

Proximus Amundi

Sodexo

RWE

Société Générale

Banco Santander S.A.

EDP-Energias de Portugal

**Technip Energies** 

Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction
Enel Spa	Société Générale	Bureau Veritas	Bnp Paribas
	Banco Santander	Veolia	Rwe
	Proximus	Vivendi	Technip Energies

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# Sustainability thematics

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

ESG scores

# **Environmental analysis**

#### Net Environmental Contribution (NEC)

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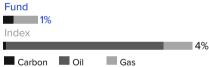
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Percentage of revenues derived from eligible activities to the EU taxonomy



### Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.



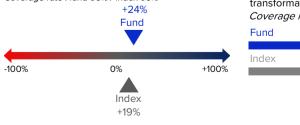
#### Carbon footprint

Annual greenhouse	gas emissions	(GHG			
Protocol) from upstre	am scopes 1, 2	and 3			
per thousand euros invested***.					
<i>Coverage rate : fund 98% / index 100%</i>					
	Fund I	ndex			
kg. eq. CO $_2$ /year/k€	338	155			

#### 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 95% / index 95%



# 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 99% / index 99%

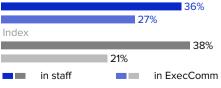




# Gender equality ♀/ ♂

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





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### ESG follow-up, news and dialogue

#### **Dialogue and engagement**

#### Renault

We spoke to management about the agreement signed with Managem to purchase 5,000 tonnes of cobalt per year from the Bou Azzer mine, due to start up in 2025. According to Reporterre and several journalistic investigations, this mine is responsible for arsenic pollution and detour of water resources. Renault has commissioned an external audit. There is an ESG clause in the contract which would allow it to be broken if these suspicions were confirmed.

#### **ESG** controversies

#### SAP

Following a meeting with SAP's compliance team, we reviewed our assessment of business ethics more positively, as the DOJ praised SAP for its top-notch compliance program and in depth collaboration in the investigations. Following the bribery controversies and to support the growth of the company, SAP increased the compliance team to 160-170 people early 2024.

### Votes

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



#### **EDP Energias**

We expressed our voting intentions prior to the AGM. We appreciate the quality of the climate report submitted by the company to the shareholders' vote, which reflects a robust and credible climate strategy. During our discussions, we shared our recommendations on the company's climate strategy and notably the inclusion of absolute reduction targets - in addition to the pre-defined intensity targets, and the further inclusion of short-term objectives for scope 3.

#### Renault

On March 20, 2024, Groupe Renault was summoned to appear before the criminal court in Le Havre on a charge of "making a temporary employee available for long-term and habitual employment". The charges (massive and abusive use of temporary staff at its Sandouville (Seine-Maritime) site, dedicated to the manufacture of the Trafic model) were committed between January 1, 2014 and December 31, 2018.

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Share IB

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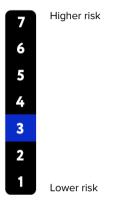
NAV | 1.784.9€

Assets | 276.8 M€

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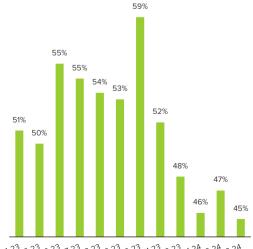
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#### Net equity exposure



04-23 05-23 06-23 07-23 08-23 09-23 10-23 12-23 01-24 02-24 03-24

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Benchmark 50% STOXX 600 NR + 50% **FSTR** 

**Comparison index** STOXX 600

Legal form Mutual fund

Domiciliation France

**PEA** eligibility Yes

Investment period 5 vrs

**Minimum investment** None

**UCITS V** Yes

Valuation Daily

Currency EUR

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**Cash Settlement** D+2

Management fees Share I - 0.50%

Share IB - 1.00% Share P - 1.80%

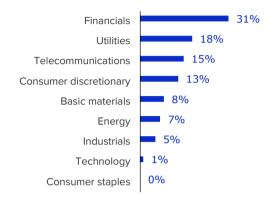
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**Transaction fees** None

# Portfolio

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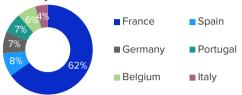
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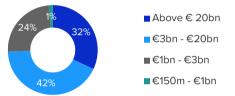
Valuation

#### Fund Index Ratio P/E 2024 9.3x 13.7x 6.0% Croissance bénéficiaire 2024 4.8% Ratio P/BV 2024 0.8x 2.0x Return on Equity 8.7% 14.3% Rendement 2024 2.3% 3.4%

# Country breakdown



# Market cap breakdown



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# Performance contributors

	Weight	SPICE rating		Avg. weight	Contrib
Société Générale	5.2%	3.2/5	Positive		
Orange	5.0%	3.2/5	Peugeot	5.0%	0.67%
Peugeot	5.0%	3.4/5	Banco Santander S.A.	3.8%	0.64%
Banco Santander S.A.	4.5%	3.3/5	Technip Energies	4.0%	0.58%
RWE	4.2%	3.1/5	Negative		
Technip Energies	3.9%	2.9/5	Deutsche Post	2.5%	-0.46%
EDP-Energias de Portugal	3.9%	3.9/5	Covestro	2.7%	-0.26%
Proximus	3.6%	3.0/5	Teleperform.	0.5%	-0.10%
Amundi	2.7%	3.4/5			
Sodexo	2.5%	3.4/5			

# **Portfolio changes**

most material impacts\*.

Top 10

Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction
Enel Spa	Société Générale	Bureau Veritas	Bnp Paribas
	Banco Santander	Veolia	Rwe
	Proximus	Vivendi	Technip Energies

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# Sustainability thematics

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

ESG scores

# **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.



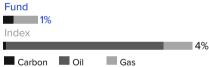
#### European taxonomy

Percentage of revenues derived from eligible activities to the EU taxonomy



### Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.



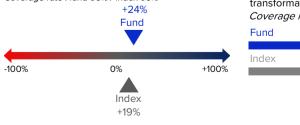
#### Carbon footprint

Annual greenhouse	gas emissions	(GHG					
Protocol) from upstre	am scopes 1, 2	and 3					
per thousand euros invested***.							
<i>Coverage rate : fund 98% / index 100%</i>							
	Fund I	ndex					
kg. eq. CO $_2$ /year/k€	338	155					

#### 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 95% / index 95%



# 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 99% / index 99%

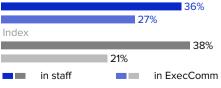




# Gender equality ♀/ ♂

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





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### ESG follow-up, news and dialogue

#### **Dialogue and engagement**

#### Renault

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#### **ESG** controversies

#### SAP

Following a meeting with SAP's compliance team, we reviewed our assessment of business ethics more positively, as the DOJ praised SAP for its top-notch compliance program and in depth collaboration in the investigations. Following the bribery controversies and to support the growth of the company, SAP increased the compliance team to 160-170 people early 2024.

### Votes

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



#### **EDP Energias**

We expressed our voting intentions prior to the AGM. We appreciate the quality of the climate report submitted by the company to the shareholders' vote, which reflects a robust and credible climate strategy. During our discussions, we shared our recommendations on the company's climate strategy and notably the inclusion of absolute reduction targets - in addition to the pre-defined intensity targets, and the further inclusion of short-term objectives for scope 3.

#### Renault

On March 20, 2024, Groupe Renault was summoned to appear before the criminal court in Le Havre on a charge of "making a temporary employee available for long-term and habitual employment". The charges (massive and abusive use of temporary staff at its Sandouville (Seine-Maritime) site, dedicated to the manufacture of the Trafic model) were committed between January 1, 2014 and December 31, 2018.

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# sycomore

# next generation

**MARCH 2024** 

Share IC

Isin code | LU1961857478 NAV | 110.2€

Assets | 464.4 M€

# SFDR 8

Sustainable Investments						
% AUM:	≥ 25%					
% Companies*:	≥ 50%					
*Excluding derivatives, cash & equivalent						

### **Risk indicator**

7	Higher risk
6	
5	
4	
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



**Stanislas de BAILLIENCOURT** Fund Manager

Alexandre TAIEB Fund Manager

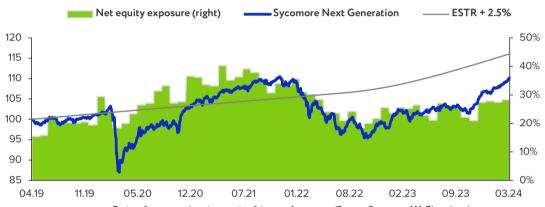


France

### Investment strategy

Sycomore Next Generation is a flexible, multi-asset SRI fund that combines Sycomore's proven expertise in responsible stock and bond picking and international asset allocation, to achieve performance and diversification. The fund's investment process draws from a thorough fundamental analysis, combined with the ESG analysis of companies and countries, with an additional macroeconomic overlay. Managed actively, the fund's exposure to equities (0-50%) and fixed income (0-100%) - including corporate and sovereign debt - is designed to enhance its risk-return profile, to achieve steady capital growth. Employing a multi-themed SRI approach, the fund seeks to invest in companies addressing social, environmental, and technological challenges as highlighted by the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, for the generations to come.

### Performance as of 28.03.2024



Past performances do not guarantee future performances. (Source Sycomore AM, Bloomberg)

Fund %	<b>Ma</b>		<b>4 1 year</b> 2 8.8	<b>3 yrs</b> 4.2	<b>5 yrs</b> 10.3	<b>Inc.</b> <i>A</i> 10.3	<b>Annu.</b> 2.0	<b>2023</b> 9.3	<b>2022</b> -10.6	<b>2021</b> 5.3	<b>2020</b> 2.8
Index %	0.			11.7	16.1	16.1	3.1	5.8	2.5	1.9	2.0
Statistics											
	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Sharpe	Info	Dra	w	Yie ensi.	eld to Y	'ield to
					Ratio	Ratic	Dov	vn Se	ensi.	mat.	worst
3 years	0.9	0.2	-0.8%	4.4%	0.0	-0.6	5 -13.7	7%			
Inception	0.9	0.2	-0.4%	5.4%	0.3	-0.4	4 -15.8	3%	1.7	4.9%	4.5%

### Fund commentary

Economic activity data was resilient in March, while inflation readings in the US paused in their retreat. In Europe, the ECB has revised its inflation forecasts downward for the Eurozone in 2024. In this environment, yields in the Eurozone dropped by 15 to 20 bp over 5 and 10-years. Combined with narrowing credit spreads, these lower yields enabled the fund's bond holdings to deliver positive returns. The primary market was busy in March and offered many investment opportunities. We took part in the issuances by Forvia 2029 and 2031, Fnac 2029, Neopharmed 2029, Nexans 2030, and in the hybrid bonds issued by Orange and Arkema. Within the equity envelope, our investments in cyclical sectors performed particularly well, driven by Renault and Stellantis in the automotive sector, and by Santander, BNP and Société Générale in the banking industry. The fund's market exposure remains high, with money market investments weighing 10% of net assets.

# sycomore next generation



119.0

66.0

### **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

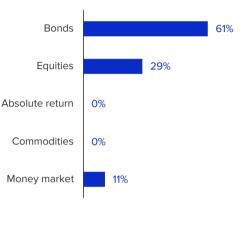
Transaction fees None

# Equities

Number of holdings Weight of top 20 stocks

# Asset class breakdown

Equity country breakdown



Bonds

39

14%

Number of bonds

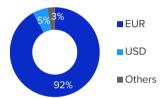
Number of issuers

Bond allocation



Govies

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Europe

Others

North America

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

# Performance contributors

most material impacts\*.

Positive		Avg. we	ight	Contrib	Negative	Avg. weight	Contrib
Banco Santander	S.A.	0.7	77%	0.13%	STMicroelec.	0.67%	-0.03%
<b>BNP</b> Paribas		0.7	72%	0.13%	Vivendi	0.69%	-0.03%
Renault		0.6	62%	0.12%	Italy 3.75% 2024	1.73%	-0.03%
Direct Equities	;				Bond holdings		
	Weight	SPICE	NEC	CS			Weight
	weight	rating	score	score	Italy 2.8% 2028		1.9%
Eni	1.2%	3.1/5	-12%	3%	Italy 3.75% 2024		1.7%
Alphabet	0.9%	3.4/5	-4%	25%	Accor Sa 2.625% Perp		1.3%
Deutsche Telekom	0.9%	3.5/5	0%	50%	Scor 3.875% perp		1.3%
AXA	0.8%	3.7/5	0%	37%	USA 2.5% 2025		1.2%
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# sycomore next generation



# Sustainability thematics

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

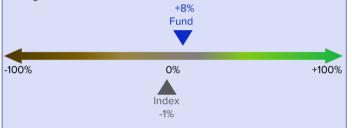
# **ESG** scores

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

# **Environmental analysis**

# Net Environmental Contribution (NEC)\*\*

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# **European taxonomy**

Percentage of revenues derived from eligible activities to the EU taxonomy

Coverage rate : fund 67% Eund

		63%
Index		
	47%	

# Climate alignment - SBTi

Share of companies that have validated their Percentage of income derived from the three greenhouse gas reduction targets with the Science-Based Targets initiative.

Fund		
	45%	
Index		
	61%	
2°C	Well below 2°C	1.5°C

# Fossil fuel exposure

fossil energies.

Index	1%		
			4%
Carbon	Oil	Gas	

# Carbon footprint

Annual greenhouse gas en	nissions (GHG
Protocol) from upstream scop	bes 1, 2 and 3
per thousand euros invested**	*.
Coverage rate : fund 59%	
	Fund
kg. eq. CO ₂ /year/k€	289

# 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 82%/ index 95%

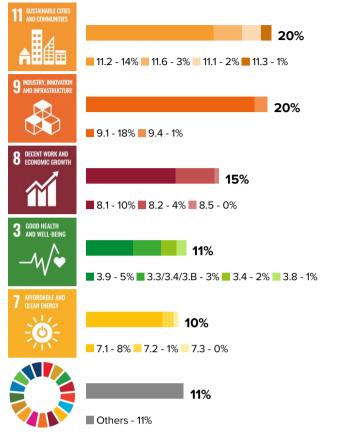


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# sycomore next generation



# Sustainable development goals exposure



ESG follow-up, news and dialogue

#### **Dialogue and engagement**

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#### SAP

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#### Votes

**1/2** voted general assembly over the month. Details on our votes are available here the day following the company's AGM <u>Here</u>. 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 : 25%

#### Nexans

We met the Board of Directors ahead of the AGM and made several recommendations. These include: to submit a Say on Climate to the shareholders' vote; to expand on how the 30% recycled copper target for 2030 will be achieved; to set a new gender diversity target above the 25% goal already achieved and ensure that gender diversity applies to all levels within the company hierarchy. Nexans is working on these points for its next ESG roadmap.

#### Renault

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# allocation patrimoine

**MARCH 2024** 

Share I

Isin code | FR0010474015 NAV | 164.1€

Assets | 211.1 M€

### SFDR 8

Sustainable Investments						
% AUM:	≥ 25%					
% Companies*:	≥ 50%					

\*Excluding derivatives, cash & equivalent

#### **Risk indicator**

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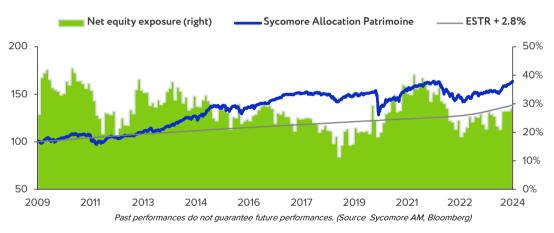


France

#### Investment strategy

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# Performance as of 28.03.2024



	Mar	2024	1 year	3 yrs	5 yrs	Inc.°	Annu.	2023	2022	2021	2020
Fund %	1.7	3.1	8.8	4.5	11.3	64.0	3.5	9.2	-10.6	6.0	1.3
Index %	0.5	1.5	5.7	10.1	13.5	37.0	2.2	5.3	2.0	1.4	1.5

Statistics										
	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Sharpe	Info	Draw	Y Sonsi Y	ield to ۱	ield to
					Ratio	Ratio	Down	Jensi.		
3 years	0.9	0.2	-0.7%	4.4%	0.0	-0.6	-13.5%			
Inception	0.8	0.2	2.0%	4.4%	0.7	-0.2	-16.7%	1.7	4.9%	4.5%

### Fund commentary

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# sycomore allocation patrimoine



119.0

66.0

### 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** No

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 Share I - 0.80%

Performance fees 15% > Benchmark with HWM

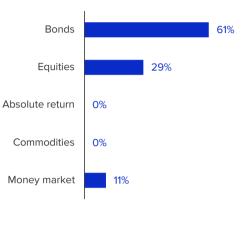
Transaction fees None

# Equities

Number of holdings Weight of top 20 stocks

# Asset class breakdown

Equity country breakdown





Bonds

39

14%

Number of bonds

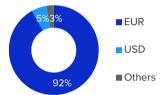
Number of issuers

Bond allocation



Govies

# Currency breakdown



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Europe

Others

North America

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

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BNP Paribas		0.7	72%	0.13%	Vivendi	0.69%	-0.03%
Renault		0.6	52%	0.12%	Italy 3.75% 2024	1.73%	-0.03%
Direct Equities					Bond holdings		
	Weight	SPICE	NEC	CS			Weight
	TT CLOIL	rating	score	score	Italy 2.8% 2028		1.9%
Eni	1.2%	3.1/5	-12%	3%	Italy 3.75% 2024		1.7%
Alphabet	0.9%	3.4/5	-4%	25%	Accor Sa 2.625% Perp		1.3%
Deutsche Telekom	0.9%	3.5/5	0%	50%	Scor 3.875% perp		1.3%
AXA	0.8%	3.7/5	0%	37%	USA 2.5% 2025		1.2%
Banco Santander	0.8%	3.3/5	0%	35%			

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# sycomore allocation patrimoine



# Sustainability thematics

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

# **ESG** scores

	Fund
ESG*	3.3/5
Environment	3.3/5
Social	3.3/5
Governance	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) calculated by Sycomore AM based from 2018 to 2021. Coverage rate : fund 99% / index 99% +8% Fund

0%

Index -1%

# **European taxonomy**

Percentage of revenues derived from eligible activities to the EU taxonomy

Coverage rate : fund 67%

Fullu		
		63%
Index		
	47%	

# Climate alignment - SBTi

100%

Share of companies that have validated their Percentage of income derived from the three greenhouse gas reduction targets with the Science-Based Targets initiative.

Fund		
	45%	
Index		
	61%	
2°C	Well below 2°C	■ 1.5°C

# Fossil fuel exposure

+100%

fossil energies.

Fund 1% Index		
		4%
Carbon Oil	Gas	

# Carbon footprint

Annual greenhouse	gas emissions (GHG
Protocol) from upstre	am scopes 1, 2 and 3
per thousand euros in	vested***.
Coverage rate : fund &	59%
	Fund
kg. eq. CO ₂ /year/k€	289

# 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 82%/ index 95%

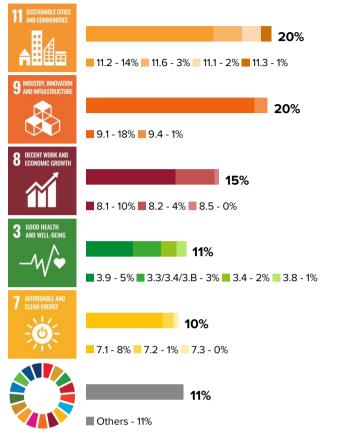


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# sycomore allocation patrimoine



# Sustainable development goals exposure



ESG follow-up, news and dialogue

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#### Votes

**1/2** voted general assembly over the month. Details on our votes are available here the day following the company's AGM <u>Here</u>. 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 : 25%

#### Nexans

We met the Board of Directors ahead of the AGM and made several recommendations. These include: to submit a Say on Climate to the shareholders' vote; to expand on how the 30% recycled copper target for 2030 will be achieved; to set a new gender diversity target above the 25% goal already achieved and ensure that gender diversity applies to all levels within the company hierarchy. Nexans is working on these points for its next ESG roadmap.

#### Renault

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# sycomore opportunities

Share I

Isin code | FR0010473991

NAV | 372.3€

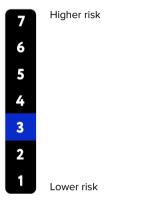
Assets | 145.1 M€

### SFDR 8

Sustainable Investments	
% AUM:	≥1%
% Companies*:	≥ 25%
*Excluding derivatives, cash &	equivalent

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*Excluding	derivatives,	cash &	equiv

### **Risk indicator**



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

Gilles LENOIR Fund Manager





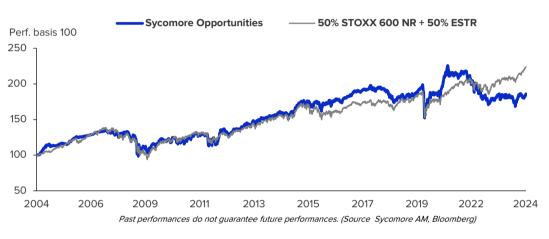
Hadrien BULTE Fund Manager -Analyst

Anne-Claire IMPERIALE ESG Referent

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 28.03.2024



	Mar	2024	1 year	3 yrs	5 yrs	Inc.°	Annu.	2023	2022	2021	2020
Fund %	3.5	0.5	1.5	-12.6	3.0	86.1	3.2	4.6	-16.2	1.0	8.7
Index %	2.2	4.3	9.3	16.5	27.9	124.1	4.2	9.5	-5.1	11.7	-0.3

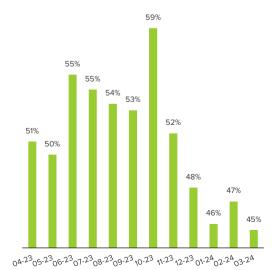
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Statistics	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Bench.	Track.	Sharpe	Info	Draw	Bench.
					Vol	Error	Ratio	Ratio	Down	DD
3 years	0.8	1.0	-9.3%	8.6%	7.2%	5.1%	-0.7	-1.9	-23.0%	-10.8%
Inception	0.8	0.8	-0.1%	9.8%	9.1%	6.5%	0.2	-0.2	-27.0%	-32.3%

# Fund commentary

The market rebound gained further momentum in March as equity investors appear increasingly convinced by the stronger economic growth and central bank narrative confirming the policy pivot this year. Banks, real estate, chemicals, and commodities outperformed the European market. During the month, the fund benefited from the rebound of its cyclical positions (Technip Energie, Peugeot Invest, Freeport and Eramet) and banks (Santander and Société Générale). In contrast, the fund's exposure to telecoms and integrated utilities (EDP and RWE) continued to lag the market.

#### Net equity exposure



The labels aim to quide investors in identifying sustainable and responsible investments. The composition of the management team is subject to change without notice. Before investing, first consult the Fund's KID available on our <u>www.sycomore-am.com</u> website. \*Shareclass I created on 29/06/2007, past values over this date are simulated from the shareclass A.

# sycomore opportunities



#### **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

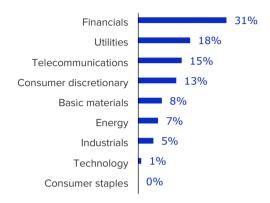
None - (Master fund) : 15% > benchmark

**Transaction fees** None

# Portfolio

Equity exposure	45%	I
Gross active exposure	53%	(
Number of holdings	24	I
Weight of top 20 stocks	46%	I
Median market cap	12.9 €bn	I

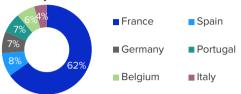
### Sector exposure



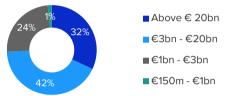
### Valuation

	Fund	Index
Ratio P/E 2024	9.3x	13.7x
Croissance bénéficiaire 2024	4.8%	6.0%
Ratio P/BV 2024	0.8x	2.0x
Return on Equity	8.7%	14.3%
Rendement 2024	2.3%	3.4%

#### 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.

SPICE 3.4/5 3.6/5 3.2/5 3.2/5 S score P score 3.5/5 3.5/5 l score 3.5/5 3.7/5 The analysis process covers 90 criteria and leads to a rating per 3.5/5 3.6/5 C score letter. These 5 ratings are weighted based on the company's 3.2/5 3.2/5 E score

Fund

Index

#### Performance contributors

Weight	SPICE rating		Avg. weight	Contrib
5.2%	3.2/5	Positive		
5.0%	3.2/5	Peugeot	5.0%	0.67%
5.0%	3.4/5	Banco Santander S.A.	3.8%	0.64%
4.5%	3.3/5	Technip Energies	4.0%	0.58%
4.2%	3.1/5	Negative		
3.9%	2.9/5	Deutsche Post	2.5%	-0.46%
3.9%	3.9/5	Covestro	2.7%	-0.26%
3.6%	3.0/5	Teleperform.	0.5%	-0.10%
2.7%	3.4/5			
2.5%	3.4/5			

# **Portfolio changes**

most material impacts\*.

Top 10

Orange

Peugeot

Proximus

∆mundi Sodexo

RWE

Société Générale

Banco Santander S.A.

EDP-Energias de Portugal

**Technip Energies** 

Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction
Enel Spa	Société Générale	Bureau Veritas	<b>Bnp Paribas</b>
	Banco Santander	Veolia	Rwe
	Proximus	Vivendi	Technip Energies

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# sycomore opportunities



# Sustainability thematics

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Digital and communication		Fund	Index
-	ESG*	3.3/5	3.4/5
Energy transition	Environment	3.2/5	3.2/5
Health & Safety	Social	3.3/5	3.4/5
SPICE transformation	Governance	3.4/5	3.5/5
Others			

**ESG** scores

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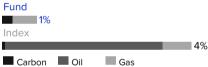
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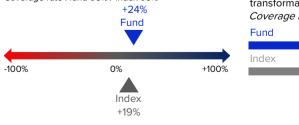
#### Carbon footprint

Annual greenhouse	gas emissions	(GHG
Protocol) from upstre	am scopes 1, 2	and 3
per thousand euros in	vested***.	
Coverage rate : fund 9	98% / index 100%	6
	Fund I	ndex
kg. eq. CO ₂ /year/k€	338	155

#### 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 95% / index 95%



### 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 99% / index 99%

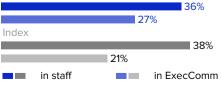




# Gender equality ♀/ ♂

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





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### Votes

- **1 / 1** voted general assembly over the month.
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#### **EDP Energias**

We expressed our voting intentions prior to the AGM. We appreciate the quality of the climate report submitted by the company to the shareholders' vote, which reflects a robust and credible climate strategy. During our discussions, we shared our recommendations on the company's climate strategy and notably the inclusion of absolute reduction targets - in addition to the pre-defined intensity targets, and the further inclusion of short-term objectives for scope 3.

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# sycomore sélection crédit

**MARCH 2024** 

Isin code | FR0011288489

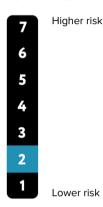
NAV | 134.3€

Assets | 790.9 M€

# SFDR 8

Sustainable Investments	
% AUM:	≥ 50%
% Companies*:	≥ 50%
*Excluding derivatives, cash &	& equivalent

### **Risk indicator**



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#### **Investment** Team



**Stanislas de BAILLIENCOURT** Fund Manager

Emmanuel de SINETY Fund Manager



Tony LEBON Credit analyst



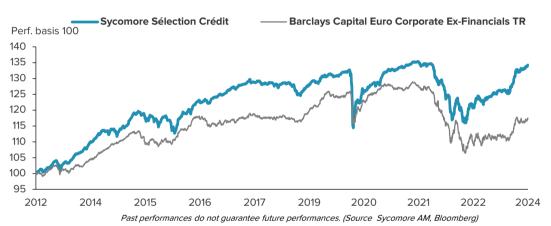
#### Investment strategy

Share I

#### 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 28.03.2024



	Mar	2024	1 year	3 yrs	5 yrs	Inc. A	nnu.	2023	2022	2021	2020
Fund %	0.9	1.1	8.7	0.9	4.5	34.3	2.6	10.0	-10.4	l 1.9	0.2
Index %	1.2	0.1	5.9	-7.3	-2.5	19.9	1.6	7.9	-13.9	-1.2	3.0
Statistics											
	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Bench.	Track.	Sharp	е	Info	Draw	Bench.
					Vol	Error	Rati	o R	latio	Down	DD
3 years	0.5	0.4	1.3%	3.3%	4.9%	4.2%	-0.	.3	0.7	-14.3%	-17.5%

3.3%

3.0%

0.8

0.3

-14.3%

-17.5%

2.9%

### Fund commentary

0.5

0.5

1.9%

Inception

Economic activity data was resilient in March, while inflation readings in the US paused in their retreat. In Europe, the ECB has revised its inflation forecasts downward for the Eurozone in 2024. In this environment, yields in the Eurozone dropped by 15 to 20 bp over 5 and 10-years. The primary market was busy in March and offered many investment opportunities. We took part in the issuances by Forvia 2029 and 2031, Fnac 2029, Neopharmed 2029, Nexans 2030, and in the hybrid bonds issued by Orange and Arkema. We considered the terms to be attractive as they offered a premium over the yields on the current bonds. While several issuers came under pressure, including Altice, Atos and Grifols (which are not held in the fund), the remainder of the market remained constructive, with a slight drop in credit spreads.

# sycomore sélection crédit

None



Fund Information	Portfolio			Valuation			
Inception date 01/09/2012	Exposure rate Number of bonds		99% 217	Modified Dura Yield to matur	ity	3.4 5.0%	ó
ISIN codes Share I - FR0011288489	Number of issuers		140	Yield to worst Average matu		4.5% 3.6years	
Share ID - FR0011288505 Share R - FR0011288513	Sector breakdown		С	ountry break	down		
Bloomberg tickers	Autos & comp.	12%		France Italy	12%		50%
Share I - SYCSCRI FP Share ID - SYCSCRD FP	Telecommunications Utilities	10%	19%	Netherlands Spain	<b>4</b> %		
Share R - SYCSCRR FP Benchmark	Other services	7%	U	nited Kingdom United States	<ul><li>3%</li><li>3%</li></ul>		
Barclays Capital Euro Corporate Ex-Financials TR	Insurance	6%		Luxembourg Belgium	<ul><li>3%</li><li>3%</li></ul>		
	Media	5%		Germany Sweden	<ul><li>2%</li><li>2%</li></ul>		
Legal form Mutual fund	Comm & pro services	6%		Norway Denmark	<ul><li>1%</li><li>1%</li></ul>		
Domiciliation France	Transportation	7%		Portugal Mexico	<ul> <li>1%</li> <li>1%</li> </ul>		
PEA eligibility	Food & beverage Real estate	5% 4%		Ireland	0%		
No		470		sset class bre			
Investment period 5 yrs	Rating breakdown	Cash 🛛 🗛 🔹 A		sset class bre 5%	akdown		
Minimum investment 100 EUR	19% <sup>1</sup> / <sub>6</sub> (2) 32%	BBB ∎BB ∎B			Bonds	Other	S
<b>UCITS V</b> Yes	37%	CCC NR		95%			
Valuation Daily	Maharita kasalalaran						
Currency EUR	Maturity breakdown			21%			
Cut-Off 12pm CET Paris (BPSS)	5%	13% <sup>15%</sup>	9%	14	8%	6%	9%
Cash Settlement D+3	1% Cash 2024	2025 2026	2027	2028 20	29 2030	2031	> 2031
Management fees							
Share I - 0.60% Share ID - 0.60% Share R - 1.20%	SPICE, for Society & Environment is our tool f on sustainability criteria.	for assessing a compa	ny's perforn	nance		<b>Fund</b> 3.4/5	<b>Index</b> 3.3/5
Performance fees 10% > Benchmark	economic, governance, e and opportunities coverin and its product and service	environmental, social, and social, and social, and source the social of the social social social social social s	and societa	l risks S scor		3.3/5 3.3/5	3.1/5 3.3/5
Transaction fees			ds to a ratin	l score		3.4/5	3.5/5

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

Main issuers	Weight	Sector	SPICE rating	Sustainable theme
Renault	4.0%	Autos & Comp.	3.4/5	SPICE transformation
Orange	2.6%	Telecommunications	3.2/5	Digital and communication
Rci Banque	2.6%	Autos & Comp.	3.4/5	SPICE transformation
Loxam	2.3%	Comm & pro services	3.6/5	SPICE Leadership
Accor	2.2%	Consumer Serv.	3.5/5	SPICE transformation
Forvia	2.2%	Autos & Comp.	3.5/5	SPICE Leadership

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3.5/5

# sycomore sélection crédit



# Sustainability thematics



- Sustainable mgmt of resources
- SPICE Leadership
- Digital and communication
- Energy transitionNutrition and well-being
- Nutrition and well-be
- Health & SafetySPICE transformation
- Access and Inclusion

# ESG criteria

ESG eligibility (% of eligible bonds) 36%

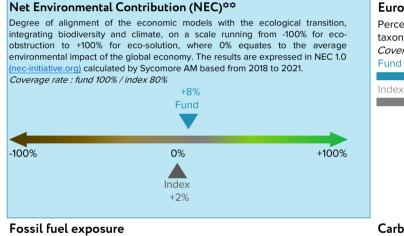
#### **ESG** scores

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

# **ESG** best scores

	ESG	E	S	G
Orsted	4.1/5	4.7/5	4.0/5	3.7/5
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**



2%

# European taxonomy

Percentage of revenues derived from eligible activities to the EU taxonomy

Coverage rate : fund 70% / index 90%

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53%

66%

# Carbon footprint

Annual greenhouse gas emissions (GHG Protocol) from upstream scopes 1, 2 and 3 per thousand euros invested<sup>\*\*\*</sup>. *Coverage rate : fund 55% / index 88%* 

C C	Fund	Index
kg. eq. CO ₂ /year/k€	280	237

# Societal and social analysis

# Staff growth\*\*

0%

Carbon 📕 Oil

Fund

Index

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

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.

Gas

Coverage rate : fund 88% / index 91%

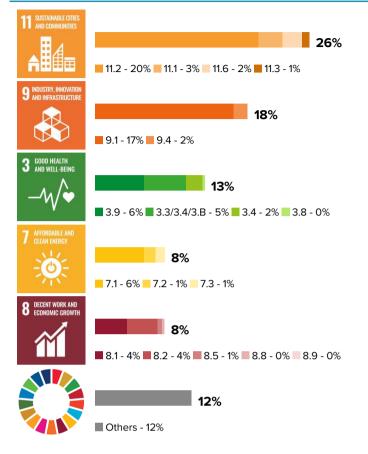
Fund	24%
Index 4%	
478	

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# sycomore sélection crédit



# Sustainable development goals exposure



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

#### **Dialogue and engagement**

#### Nexans

We met the Board of Directors ahead of the AGM and made several recommendations. These include: to submit a Say on Climate to the shareholders' vote; to expand on how the 30% recycled copper target for 2030 will be achieved; to set a new gender diversity target above the 25% goal already achieved and ensure that gender diversity applies to all levels within the company hierarchy. Nexans is working on these points for its next ESG roadmap.

#### **ESG** controversies

#### Biogroup / Cerba / Synlab

Mid-March, the French antitrust authorities raided companies suspected of anti-competitive business practices within the medical biology industry. The authority has provided no details on the number of companies concerned, their identity, or the practices involved. 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%

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# sycomore environmental euro ig corporate bonds

**MARCH 2024** 

Isin code | LU2431794754

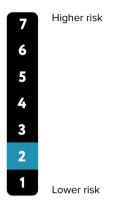
NAV | 103.8€

Assets | 56.2 M€

### SFDR 9

Sustainable Investments					
% AUM:	≥ 80%				
% Companies*:	≥ 100%				
*Excluding derivatives, cas	h & equivalent				

#### **Risk indicator**



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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Anne-Claire IMPERIALE ESG Referent

### Investment strategy

Share IC

#### A responsible and opportunistic selection of Investment Grade bonds based on a proprietary ESG analysis

Sycomore Environmental Euro IG Corporate Bonds aims to outperform the Barclays Capital Euro Corporate ex-Financials Bond TR index over a recommended minimum investment period of 3 years by investing in companies whose business model, products, services or production processes make a positive contribution to the challenges of energy and ecological transition through a thematic SRI strategy.

### Performance as of 28.03.2024

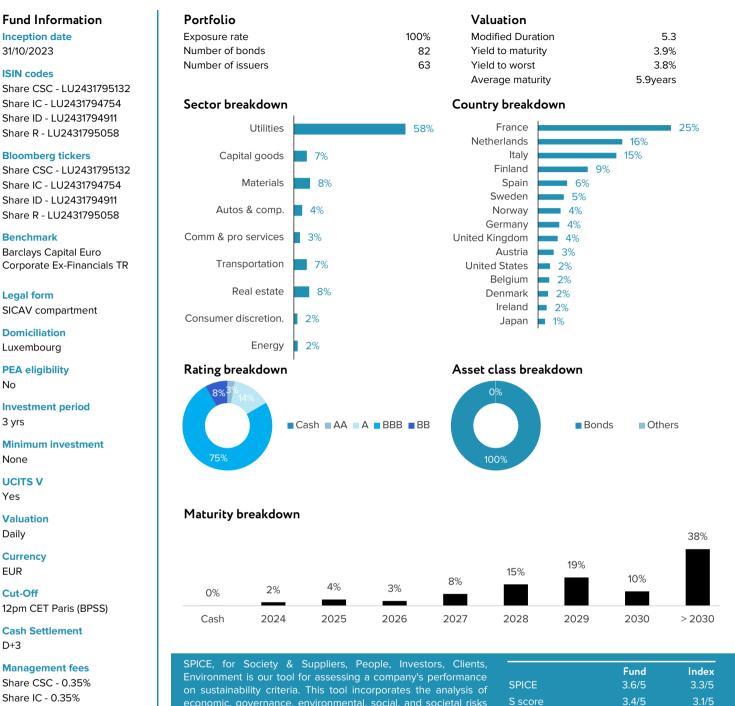
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#### **Fund commentary**

Economic activity data was resilient in March, while inflation readings in the US paused in their retreat. In Europe, the ECB has revised its inflation forecasts downward for the Eurozone in 2024. In this environment, yields in the Eurozone dropped by 15 to 20 bp over 5 and 10-years. This combination of lower yields and contracting credit premiums enabled the fund to post a sharp rise during the month, and to outperform its benchmark on a year-to-date basis. The primary market remained buoyant. We subscribed to Orsted's hybrid issue, designed to refinance a bond recalled on the first call date. This transaction reflects the permanent nature of these hybrids in the issuer's capital structure, a criterion scrutinised by the rating agencies.

# sycomore environmental euro ig corporate bonds





**Performance fees** None

Share ID - 0.35%

Share R - 0.70%

No

**Transaction fees** None

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\*

Main issuers	Weight	Sector	SPICE rating	Sustainable theme
Enel	3.2%	Utilities	3.7/5	Energy transition
Edf	3.1%	Utilities	3.3/5	Energy transition
Iberdrola	3.1%	Utilities	3.8/5	Energy transition
Statkraft As	3.1%	Utilities	3.5/5	Energy transition
Rte Réseau De Transport D Electricité	2.9%	Utilities	3.3/5	Energy transition

P score

C score

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3.3/5

3.3/5

3.2/5

3.5/5

3.9/5

# sycomore environmental euro ig corporate bonds



Index

3 2/5

3.2/5

3.2/5

3.3/5

# Sustainability thematics

8%	
21%	
	71%

Energy transition
Sustainable mgmt of resources
Others

# **Environmental thematics**



- Renewable energy
- Energy efficiency & electrification
- Sustainable natural resources

# **ESG** criteria

ESG eligibility (% of eligible bonds) 79%

# **Environmental analysis**

#### Net Environmental Contribution (NEC)\*\* **European taxonomy** Degree of alignment of the economic models with the ecological transition, Percentage of revenues derived from eligible activities to the EU integrating biodiversity and climate, on a scale running from -100% for ecotaxonomy obstruction to +100% for eco-solution, where 0% equates to the average Coverage rate : fund 88% / index 90% environmental impact of the global economy. The results are expressed in NEC 1.0 Fund (nec-initiative.org) calculated by Sycomore AM based from 2018 to 2021. 65% Coverage rate : fund 100% / index 80% Index +45% 53% Fund -100% +100% 0% Index +2% Fossil fuel exposure Carbon footprint Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies. 1, 2 and 3 per thousand euros invested\*\*\*. Fund 4% Co

Index kg. eq. CO ₂ /year/k€ 295 237

# Societal and social analysis

2%

Gas

# Staff growth\*\*

Carbon 📕 Oil

Index

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

Coverage rate : fund 92% / index 91%

Fund		10%	
Index	4%		

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# **ESG** best scores

**ESG** scores

ESG\*

Social

Environment

Governance

	ESG	E	S	G
Erg	4.2/5	4.8/5	3.7/5	4.0/5
Upm-Kymmene	4.2/5	4.5/5	3.8/5	4.3/5
Orsted	4.1/5	4.7/5	4.0/5	3.7/5
Acciona Energia	4.0/5	4.5/5	4.2/5	3.4/5
United Utilities	4.0/5	4.4/5	3.8/5	4.3/5

Fund

3.5/5

3.9/5

3.5/5

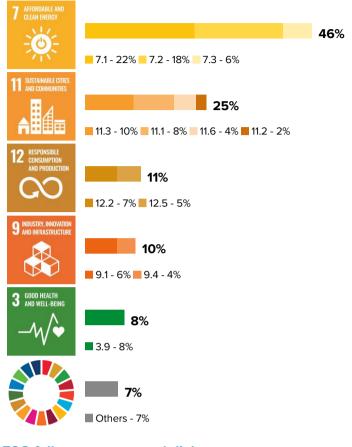
3.4/5

Annual greenhouse gas emissions (GHG Protocol) from upstream scopes

verage ra	te : fun	nd 69% /	index	88%		
					Fund	
		-				



# Sustainable development goals exposure



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No significant exposure : 13%

# ESG follow-up, news and dialogue

Dialogue and engagement

No comment

ESG controversies

No comment

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# sycomore sycoyield 2026

Share IC

Isin code | FR001400A6X2 NA

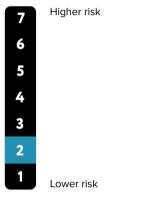
NAV | 111.6€

Assets | 445.0 M€

### SFDR 8

Sustainable Investments	5
% AUM:	≥1%
% Companies*:	≥ 1%
*Excluding derivatives, cash	& equivalent

#### **Risk indicator**



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



**Emmanuel de SINETY** Fund Manager



Stanislas de BAILLIENCOURT Fund Manager

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 28.03.2024



	Mar	2024	1 year	Inc.	Annu.	2023
Fund %	0.5	1.0	8.0	11.6	7.2	9.6
Statistics						
	Vol.		Sharpe Ratio		Draw Dow	'n
Inception	2.9%		1.5		-3.4%	

# Fund commentary

Economic activity data was resilient in March, while inflation readings in the US paused in their retreat. In Europe, the ECB has revised its inflation forecasts downward for the Eurozone in 2024. In this environment, yields in the Eurozone dropped by 10 bp over 2 and 3-years. While several issuers came under pressure, including Altice, Atos and Grifols (which are not held in the fund), the remainder of the market remained constructive, with a slight drop in credit spreads. This combination of lower yields and contracting credit premiums enabled the fund to post a sharp rise during the month, and to deliver year-to-date returns aligned with its yield.

# sycoyield 2026



#### Portfolio Valuation Exposure rate 100% Modified Duration 2.0 Number of bonds 100 Yield to maturity 4.8% Number of issuers 71 Yield to worst 4.2% Average maturity 2.2years Sector breakdown Country breakdown France 53% Telecommunications 14% Autos & comp. Comm & pro services 12% Italy 11% 10% Food & beverage 7% **United States** 7% 6% Transportation Technology Other services Consumer serv. 6% Spain 5% 6% Germany 4% 5% Capital goods 4% Sweden 4% Materials 4% Pharmacie 3% 3% 3% Luxembourg 4% Household products Retailing Netherlands 4% Software 3% Real estate Banks 3% Ireland 3% 3% Insurance United Kingdom 3% Utilities Belgium 1% Energy Chemical products Norway 0% Retail Media 1% Packaging 0% **Rating breakdown** Asset class breakdown BBB Cash A Bonds Convertibles Cash BR B YTW YTM Main issuers Weight Sector 3.9% Masmovil Telecommunications 4.8% 4.8% Loxam 3.7% Comm & pro services 4.1% 4.1% Forvia 3.4% Autos & Comp. 4.2% 4.2% Technology 4.6% Quadient 3.4% 4.6% Coty 3.3% Produits domest. 4.4% 4.4%

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** No

Investment period 4 years

Minimum investment None

UCITS V Yes

Valuation 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

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# sycomore sycoyield 2030

**MARCH 2024** 

Share IC

Isin code | FR001400MCP8 NAV | 101.2€

Assets | 18.6 M€

### SFDR 8

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

#### **Risk indicator**

7	Higher risk
6	
5	
4	
3	
2	
1	Lower risk

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#### **Investment** Team



Stanislas de BAILLIENCOURT Fund Manager





SINETY Fund Manager

Emmanuel de



# Investment strategy

Sycoyield 2030 is a maturity fund seeking yield opportunities on the bond markets. It invests mainly in high-yield corporate bonds issued in euros, maturing mainly in 2030 and intended to be held until maturity. The selection of issuers takes into account environmental, social and governance issues.

#### Performance as of 28.03.2024

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#### Fund commentary

Economic activity data was resilient in March, while inflation readings in the US paused in their retreat. In Europe, the ECB has revised its inflation forecasts downward for the Eurozone in 2024. In this environment, yields in the Eurozone dropped by 15 to 20 bp over 5 and 10-years. The primary market was busy in March and offered many investment opportunities. We took part in the issuances by Forvia 2029 and 2031, Fnac 2029, Neopharmed 2029, Evoca 2030, and in the hybrid bonds issued by Orange and Arkema. We considered the terms to be attractive as they offered a premium over the yields on the current bonds. While several issuers came under pressure, including Altice, Atos and Grifols (which are not held in the fund), the remainder of the market remained constructive, with a slight drop in credit spreads.

# sycoyield 2030



# **Fund Information Inception date**

31/01/2024

# **ISIN codes**

Share IC - FR001400MCP8 Share ID - FR001400MCR4 Share RC - FR001400MCQ6

### **Bloomberg tickers**

Share IC - FR001400MCP8 Share ID - FR001400MCR4 Share RC - FR001400MCQ6

Benchmark None

Legal form Mutual fund

Domiciliation France

**PEA** eligibility No

**Investment period** 7 ans

**Minimum investment** None

**UCITS V** Yes

Valuation 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

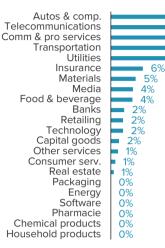
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exposure rate	
Number of bonds	
Number of issuers	

# Sector breakdown



# **Rating breakdown**







Valuation Modified Duration

#### 3.8 Yield to maturity 5.3% Yield to worst 4.9% Average maturity 4.1years

# Country breakdown

93%

56 48

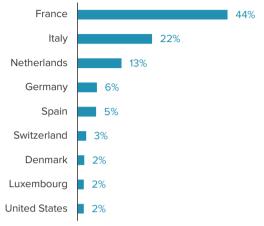
22%

17%

10%

10%

10%



### Asset class breakdown



Main issuers	Weight	Sector	YTW	YTM
Rci Banque	3.8%	Autos & Comp.	5.4%	5.1%
Infopro	3.0%	Media	7.0%	3.3%
Tereos	2.9%	Food & Beverage	5.5%	4.6%
Poste Italiane	2.9%	Insurance	5.2%	5.2%
Kiloutou	2.7%	Comm & pro services	6.0%	6.0%

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