# **MONTHLY REPORTS**

**Institutional Investors** 

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# **MONTHLY FACTSHEETS**

09-2023

MULTI-THEMATIC EQUITIES		Sept.	2023	3 years	Inception
Sycomore Francecap (I)	Performance	-4.7%	4.6%	29.0%	564.4%
FR0010111724 - Equity Savings Plan (PEA) France - Inception: Oct 01	CAC All-Tradable NR	-2.7%	11.4%	51.3%	233.5%
Sycomore Sélection Responsable (I)	Performance	-3.8%	9.5%	12.8%	127.2%
FR0010971705 - Equity Savings Plan (PEA) European Union - Inception: Jan 11	EUROSTOXX TR	-3.1%	10.0%	33.2%	110.1%
Sycomore Sélection Midcap (I)	Performance	-6.1%	-1.2%	14.6%	17.2%
FR0013303534 - Equity Savings Plan (PEA) European Union - Inception: Dec 03 <sup>5</sup>	MSCI EMU Smid NR	-4.1%	3.9%	19.3%	19.0%
Sycomore Sélection PME (I)	Performance	-7.1%	-3.4%	1.1%	179.4%
FR0011707470 - Equity Savings Plan (PEA-PME) European Union - Inception: Jul 06¹	EUROSTOXX TMI Small TR	-4.5%	3.7%	22.1%	119.4%
THEMATIC EQUITIES		Sept.	2023	3 years	Inception
ENVIRONMENT					
Sycomore Europe Eco Solutions (I)	Performance	-5.3%	-6.1%	11.3%	51.3%
LU1183791281 - Equity Savings Plan (PEA)	MSCI Europe NR	-1.6%	8.8%	36.6%	53.1%
Europe - Inception: Aug 15  Sycomore Global Eco Solutions (IC)	Performance	-4.9%	-7.3%	-	-19.0%
LU2412098654 - World Equity Fund World - Dec 21	MSCI AC World NR	-1.7%	10.9%	_	-2.0%
SOCIAL/SOCIETAL		,	.0.070		2.070
Sycomore Europe Happy@Work (I)	Performance	-2.6%	6.5%	10.2%	59.0%
LU1301026206 - Equity Savings Plan (PEA) European Union - Inception: Nov 15 <sup>2</sup>	EUROSTOXX TR	-3.1%	10.0%	33.2%	51.6%
Sycomore Global Happy@Work (IC)	Performance	-2.4%	13.9%	_	-9.2%
LU2413890901 - World Equity Fund World - Dec 21	MSCI AC World NR	-1.7%	10.9%	_	-1.7%
Sycomore Social Impact (I)	Performance	-3.4%	3.0%	-8.7%	179.6%
FR0010117085 - Equity Savings Plan (PEA) European Union - Inception: Jun 02	EUROSTOXX TR	-3.1%	10.0%	33.2%	194.5%
Sycomore Global Education (IC)	Performance	0.3%	10.9%	_	-12.7%
LU2309821630 - World Equity Fund World - Mar 21	MSCI AC World NR	-1.7%	10.9%	-	13.3%
Sycomore Inclusive Jobs (IC)	Performance	-4.3%	-3.6%	_	-18.8%
FR0014000IE9 - Equity Solidarity Fund European Union - Inception: May 21	EUROSTOXX TR	-3.1%	10.0%	-	4.4%
SUSTAINABLE TECH					
Sycomore Sustainable Tech (IC)	Performance	-3.5%	24.0%	13.3%	15.4%
LU2181906269 - World Equity Fund World - Sector Technology - Sep 20	MSCI AC Wid Info Tech. NR	-4.1%	30.1%	44.0%	46.7%
FLEXIBLE STRATEGIES		Sept.	2023	3 years	Inception
Sycomore Partners (I)	Performance	-2.8%	2.0%	16.0%	73.2%
FR0010601898 - Equity Savings Plan (PEA)	50%E.STOXX NR+50%ESTR	-1.4%	6.2%	17.6%	54.5%
European Union - Inception: Mar 08  Sycomore Next Generation (IC)	Performance	-0.7%	4.8%	4.3%	2.5%
LU1961857478 - Balanced Fund Global Asset Allocation - Apr 19	Compounded ESTR+2.5%	0.5%	4.1%	9.3%	12.5%
Sycomore Allocation Patrimoine (I)	Performance	-0.7%	4.8%	5.6%	52.5%
FR0010474015 - Balanced Fund	Compounded ESTR+2.8%	0.5%	3.8%	7.7%	33.0%
Global Asset Allocation - Dec 09 <sup>3</sup> Sycomore Opportunities (I)	Performance	-2.9%	0.0%	-4.5%	77.0%
FR0010473991 - Equity Savings Plan (PEA) European Union - Inception: Oct 04	50%E.STOXX NR+50%ESTR	-1.4%	6.2%	17.6%	99.2%
CREDIT		Sept.	2023	3 years	Inception
Sycomore Sélection Crédit (I)	Performance	-0.3%	4.4%	-1.5%	26.0%
FR0011288489 - Corporate Bond Fund	Barclays Eur Corp exFin.	-1.1%	2.1%	-11.4%	11.1%
European Union - Inception: Sep 12 <sup>4</sup> <b>Sycoyield 2026 (IC)</b>	Performance	0.0%	5.3%	-11.4%	6.2%
FR001400A6X2 - Corporate Bond Fund	renomiance	0.070	J.J/0	-	0.2/0

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

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



Share I Isin code | FR0010111724

NAV | 664.4€

Assets | 185.0 M€

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#### SFDR8

% AUM: ≥ 50% % Companies\*: ≥ 50%

\*Excluding derivatives, cash & equivalent

#### Risk indicator

7 6 5 Higher risk

3

Lower risk

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

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

#### **Investment Team**



**Cyril CHARLOT** Fund Manager



**Alban PRÉAUBERT** Fund Manager



Anne-Claire IMPERIALE SRI Referent



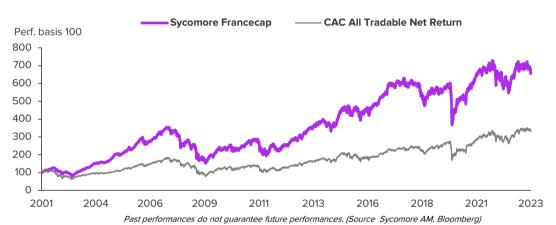
France

#### Investment strategy

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

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

#### Performance as of 29.09.2023



	Sep	2023	1 year	3 yrs	5 yrs	Inc.*	Annu.	2022	2021	2020	2019
Fund %	-4.7	4.6	19.7	29.0	12.0	564.4	9.0	-10.5	23.1	-2.3	20.1
Index %	-2.7	11.4	25.0	51.3	36.3	233.5	5.6	-8.4	28.3	-4.9	27.8

#### Statistics

	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Bench.	Track.	Sharpe	Info	Draw	Bench.
					Vol	Error	Ratio	Ratio	Down	DD
3 years	1.0	0.9	-3.7%	16.4%	17.8%	5.1%	0.5	-1.2	-25.0%	-21.9%
Inception	0.9	0.7	4.6%	16.7%	21.2%	9.8%	0.5	0.3	-56.9%	-57.5%

#### **Fund commentary**

September was a particularly challenging month for the fund as many "smid caps" came under pressure. Chargeurs lost almost one third of its market value during the period after reporting a sharp drop in earnings (operating profit down 44%). Burelle fell 13% during the month, while Plastic Omnium lost 5%, a clear indication that the illiquidity discount is deepening for smaller-sized market caps. Verallia shed over 15%, despite reporting quality half-year earnings (55% Ebitda growth). Finally, Société Générale's CMD proved costly for the fund, after Société Générale and ALD fell by 12% and 18% respectively. Analysts were disappointed by the group's new objectives for 2026. Slawomir Krupa was keen to set realistic ambitions, with a view to exceeding them.



#### **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

#### **Investment period**

5 yrs

#### Minimum investment

100 EUR

#### **UCITS V**

Yes

#### **Valuation**

Daily

#### Currency

**EUR** 

#### Cut-Off

12pm CET Paris (BPSS)

#### **Cash Settlement**

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#### **Management fees**

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

#### Performance fees

15% > Benchmark

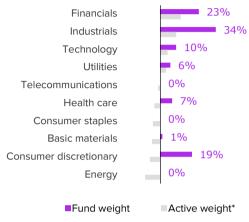
#### **Transaction fees**

None

#### **Portfolio**

Equity exposure	99%	2023 PER
Overlap with benchmark	26%	2023 EPS growth
Number of holdings	34	2023 P/BV ratio
Weight of top 20 stocks	75%	Return on Equity
Median market cap	7.1 €bn	2023 Dividend Yield

#### Sector exposure

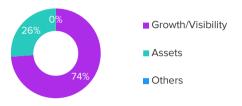


#### \*Fund weight - weight CAC All Tradable Net Return

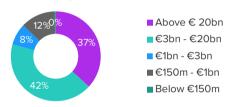
#### Valuation

	Fund	Index
2023 PER	9.3x	11.8x
2023 EPS growth	6.9%	7.6%
2023 P/BV ratio	1.0x	1.6x
Return on Equity	11.2%	13.6%
2023 Dividend Yield	4.0%	3.4%

#### Style breakdown



#### Market cap breakdown



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

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

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

Avg. weight

2.6%

Contrib

0.13%

#### **Top 10**

#### Performance contributors SPICE Weight NEC CS **Positive**

Arverne Group

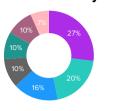
Christian Dior	9.4%	4.2/5	-14%	-22%	
Saint Gobain	5.7%	3.9/5	+14%	32%	
Peugeot	5.7%	3.3/5	+4%	16%	
Sanofi	5.5%	3.2/5	0%	88%	
Nexans	5.4%	4.0/5	+15%	0%	
AXA	3.4%	3.6/5	0%	35%	
Neurones	3.3%	4.0/5	0%	10%	
Teleperform.	3.2%	3.8/5	0%	9%	
Rexel	3.2%	3.8/5	+11%	28%	
BNP Paribas	2.9%	3.5/5	+0%	12%	

Sanofi	5.9%	0.13%
La societe Boiron	1.5%	0.06%
Negative		
Christian Dior	9.2%	-0.96%
Chargeurs	1.9%	-0.66%
ALD	3.1%	-0.61%

Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction
Arverne Group	Teleperform.	Transition	Peugeot Invest Sa
	Worldline	Sodexo	Sanofi
			Renault



#### Sustainability thematics



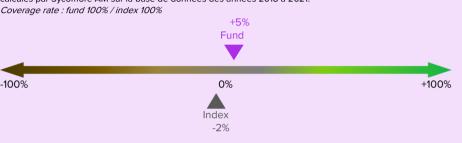
- Energy transition
- Health & Safety
- Digital and communication
- SPICE Leadership
- SPICE transformation
   Access and Inclusion
- Others

#### ESG scores

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

#### **Environmental analysis**

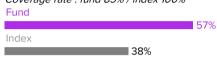
# Net Environmental Contribution (NEC) \*\*\* Degree of alignment of the economic models with the ecological transition, integrating biodiversity and climate, on a scale running from -100% for eco-obstruction to +100% for eco-solution, where 0% equates to the average environmental impact of the global 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 100% / index 100%\* +5% Fund



#### European taxonomy

Percentage of revenues derived from eligible activities to the EU taxonomy

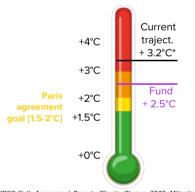
Coverage rate : fund 85% / index 100%



#### Temperature rising - SB2A

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

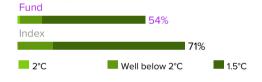
Coverage rate: fund 77%



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

#### Climate alignment - SBTi

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



#### Carbon footprint

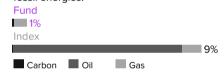
Annual greenhouse gas emissions (GHG Protocol) from upstream scopes 1, 2 and 3 per thousand euros invested\*\*\*.

Coverage rate : fund 100% / index 100%

	Fund	Index
kg. eq. CO ₂ /year/k€	188	187

#### Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.



# Societal and social analysis

# Societal contribution to 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 98% +22% Fund -100% O% +100%

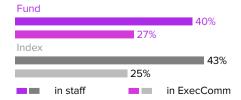
#### The Good Jobs Rating - Quantity

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



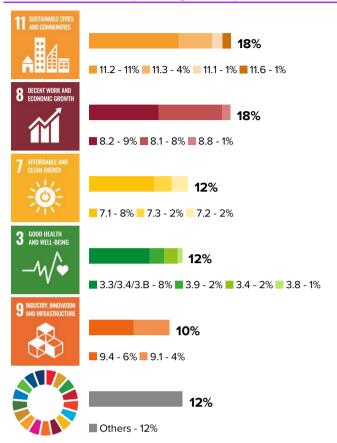
#### Gender equality ♀/ ♂

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



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

#### Sustainable development goals exposure



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

No significant exposure: 28%

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

#### Dialogue and engagement

#### Sanofi

During a meeting with management, we learned that 1,800 permanent contract jobs had been created in France over the past two years, after several years of downsizing. A framework agreement on staff numbers was signed in 2022 with trade unions, for a duration of 4 years. Finally, for the 3rd year running, Sanofi is conducting an employee survey which will enable the company to detect and prevent a number of psycho-social risks.

#### **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 Here.



# sycomore

# sélection responsable

Share I

Isin code | FR0010971705

NAV | 454.3€

Assets | 537.1 M€

#### SFDR8

Sustai	na	ble	Investments	
% AUN	1:			

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

≥ 70%

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#### Risk indicator

Higher risk

3

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Lower risk

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#### **Investment Team**



Olivier CASSÉ Fund Manager



Bertille KNUCKEY Fund Manager



Giulia CULOT Fund Manager









France

Belgium Austria

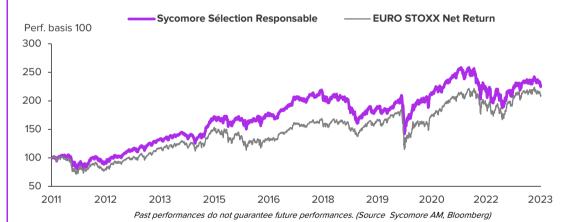
Germany

#### Investment strategy

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

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

#### Performance as of 29.09.2023



	Sep	2023	1 year	3 yrs	5 yrs	Inc.	Annu.	2022	2021	2020	2019
Fund %	-3.8	9.5	18.8	12.8	13.0	127.2	6.7	-18.5	16.2	11.1	20.1
Index %	-3.1	10.0	23.9	33.2	30.2	110.1	6.0	-12.3	22.7	0.2	26.1

#### **Statistics**

	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Bench.	Track.	Sharpe	Info	Draw	Bench.
					Vol	Error	Ratio	Ratio	Down	DD
3 years	1.0	0.9	-4.6%	16.6%	17.4%	4.7%	0.2	-1.3	-27.5%	-24.6%
Inception	1.0	0.8	1.5%	16.4%	19.1%	6.0%	0.4	0.1	-35.1%	-37.9%

#### **Fund commentary**

Eurozone equity markets corrected in September, as spiking bond yields and oil prices skewed the overall market trend, in an environment reminiscent of what happened in 2022. However, with the end of the monetary tightening cycle in sight and with the global economy heading towards a slowdown, we feel these two stress factors are likely to wear off as investors focus their attention on corporate earnings characteristics. For this reason, the fund's exposure to banking stocks (which largely outperformed during the summer) and cyclicals was reduced to strengthen defensive or growth plays, such as Coloplast, L'Oréal, Deutsche Telekom and Adyen (down by 50% since it was removed from the portfolio in January). During the month, the fund's relative performance was mainly impacted by its absence from the oil sector.

# sycomore sélection responsable



Germany

■ Spain

Others

#### **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 ID - 1.00% Share ID - 1.00% Share ID2 - 1.00% Share RP - 2.00%

#### Performance fees

15% > Benchmark

#### Transaction fees

None

#### **Portfolio**

Equity exposure	97%
Overlap with benchmark	34%
Number of holdings	45
Weight of top 20 stocks	69%
Median market cap	53.7 €bn

#### Valuation

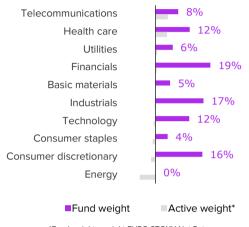
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2023 PER	13.1x	11.5x
2023 EPS growth	9.4%	9.9%
2023 P/BV ratio	1.6x	1.5x
Return on Equity	12.2%	13.1%
2023 Dividend Yield	3.5%	3.7%

France

Italy

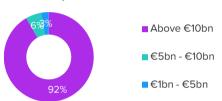
Netherlands

#### Sector exposure



#### Market cap breakdown

Country breakdown



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

#### **Top 10**

	Weight	SPICE rating	NEC	CS
SAP	5.6%	3.9/5	+5%	20%
LVMH	5.0%	3.8/5	-10%	-22%
AXA	4.5%	3.6/5	0%	35%
KPN	4.4%	3.5/5	0%	60%
Banco Santander S.A.	4.3%	3.3/5	0%	28%
Air Liquide	3.9%	4.1/5	+1%	10%
Sanofi	3.7%	3.2/5	0%	88%
ASML	3.7%	4.3/5	+4%	27%
Michelin	3.7%	4.0/5	+5%	25%
Société Générale	3.6%	3.1/5	0%	18%

#### Performance contributors

	Avg. weight	Contrib
Positive		
Siemens Healthineers	1.9%	0.09%
Munich Re.	1.7%	0.07%
AXA	4.3%	0.07%
Negative		
Smurfit Kappa	2.7%	-0.58%
LVMH	5.0%	-0.50%
Société Générale	3.7%	-0.48%

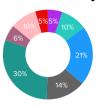
Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction
Adyen	L Oréal		Smurfit
	Deutsche Tel.		Cap Gemini
	Intesa S		Δsml

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

# sycomore sélection responsable



#### Sustainability thematics



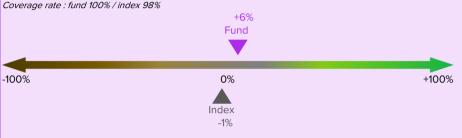
- Sustainable mgmt of resources
- SPICE Leadership
- Digital and communication
- Energy transition
- Health & Safety
- SPICE transformation
- Nutrition and well-being Access and Inclusion

#### **ESG** scores

	Fund	Index
ESG*	3.6/5	3.3/5
Environment	3.5/5	3.2/5
Social	3.6/5	3.4/5
Governance	3.7/5	3.5/5

#### **Environmental analysis**

#### Net Environmental Contribution (NEC) \*\* Degree of alignment of the economic models with the ecological transition, integrating biodiversity and climate, on a scale running from -100% for eco-obstruction to +100% for eco-solution, where 0% equates to the average environmental impact of the global economy. The results are expressed in NEC 1.0 (nec-initiative.org) calculés par Sycomore AM sur la base de données des années 2018 à 2021. Coverage rate: fund 100% / index 98% +6%



#### **European taxonomy**

Percentage of revenues derived from eligible activities to the EU taxonomy

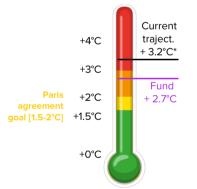
Coverage rate: fund 100% / index 99%



#### Temperature rising - SB2A

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

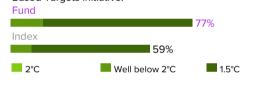
Coverage rate: fund 83%



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#### Climate alignment - SBTi

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



#### Carbon footprint

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

Coverage rate: fund 99% / index 98%

	Fund	maex
kg. eq. CO ₂ /year/k€	137	194

#### Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.



#### **Biodiversity footprint**

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

Coverage rate: fund 99% / index 97%

	Fund	Index
m <sup>2</sup> .MSA/k€	-82	-74

#### 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 93% +31% Fund -100% +100% 0% Index +17%

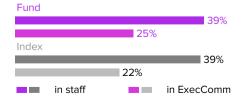
#### Human rights policy

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



#### Gender equality ♀/ ♂

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

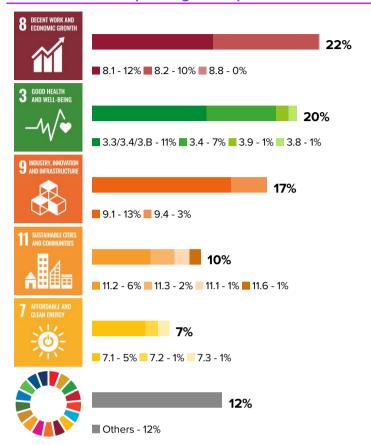


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# sycomore sélection responsable



#### Sustainable development goals exposure



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No significant exposure: 21%

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

#### Dialogue and engagement

#### Sanofi

During a meeting with management, we learned that 1,800 permanent contract jobs had been created in France over the past two years, after several years of downsizing. A framework agreement on staff numbers was signed in 2022 with trade unions, for a duration of 4 years. Finally, for the 3rd year running, Sanofi is conducting an employee survey which will enable the company to detect and prevent a number of psycho-social risks.

#### **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>.



# sélection midcap

Share I Isin code | FR0013303534

Assets | 50.1 M€

#### SFDR8

#### Sustainable Investments

% AUM: ≥ 50% % Companies\*: ≥ 50%

\*Excluding derivatives, cash & equivalent

#### Risk indicator

7 6 5 Higher risk

3 2

Lower risk

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

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

#### **Investment Team**



**Hugo MAS** Fund Manager



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France

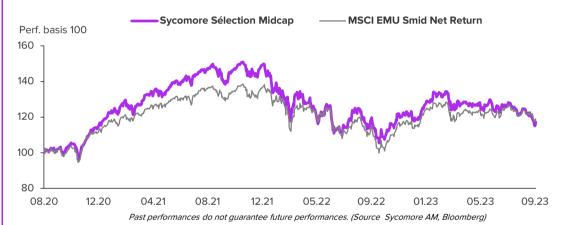
#### Investment strategy

#### 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.

NAV | 90.6€

#### Performance as of 29.09.2023



	Sept	2023	1 year	3 yrs	°08/20	Annu.	2022	2021
Fund %	-6.1	-1.2	8.7	14.6	17.2	5.2	-20.5	25.4
Index %	-4.1	3.9	16.7	19.3	19.0	5.7	-16.0	18.9

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

#### Statistics

	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Bench.	Track.	Sharpe	Info	Draw	Bench.
					Vol	Error	Ratio	Ratio	Down	DD
08/20*	1.0	1.0	-0.5%	18.2%	16.9%	5.5%	0.3	-0.1	-30.2%	-27.9%

#### **Fund commentary**

Rising oil prices, which have rekindled fears of inflation, and statements from central banks warning against persistently high interest rates, weighed on equity markets and particularly on small and mid-caps. This environment is detrimental to the growth stocks held by the portfolio (Thule, Compugroup, Azelis), but benefits financials and oil companies which are under-represented within our portfolio. Consumer-related stocks were also badly hit, including De Longhi (household appliances) and Ariston (heating equipment for retail customers), which is also facing regulatory change in Italy and Germany as well as overcapacity issues on heat pumps. We have sold our position in El.En (laser equipment for industry and healthcare) due to the uncertain outlook in the Chinese market.

# sycomore sélection midcap



#### **Fund Information**

Inception date

10/12/2003

#### **ISIN** codes

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

#### **Bloomberg tickers**

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

#### **Benchmark**

MSCI EMU Smid Net Return

#### Legal form

Mutual fund

#### **Domiciliation**

France

#### **PEA** eligibility

Yes

#### **Investment period**

5 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

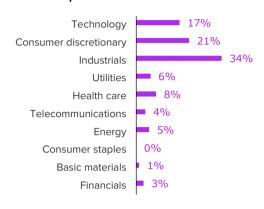
#### **Portfolio**

97%
7%
45
59%
3.8 €bn

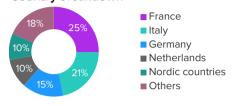
#### Valuation

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2023 PER	15.1x	11.0x
2023 EPS growth	8.7%	6.2%
2023 P/BV ratio	2.1x	1.2x
Return on Equity	13.8%	10.8%
2023 Dividend Yield	2.8%	3.6%

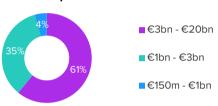
#### Sector exposure



#### Country breakdown



#### Market cap breakdown



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

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

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

#### **Top 10**

	Weight	SPICE rating	NEC	CS
SPIE	4.0%	3.8/5	+14%	38%
Sopra Steria	3.9%	3.8/5	0%	18%
INWIT	3.6%	3.6/5	0%	50%
ERG	3.5%	4.1/5	+93%	26%
Gaztransport & Tech.	3.4%	4.3/5	-8%	3%
Ipsos	3.3%	3.3/5	0%	9%
Arcadis	3.3%	3.7/5	+20%	43%
Tokmanni	3.2%	3.5/5	0%	25%
Corticeira Amorim	3.2%	3.6/5	+18%	-4%
Aalberts	3.0%	3.6/5	+1%	14%

#### Performance contributors

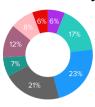
	Avg. weight	Contrib
Positive		
Gaztransport & Tech.	3.1%	0.08%
Solaria Energia	2.0%	0.06%
Stabilus SE	2.6%	0.05%
Negative		
ASR Nederland	2.9%	-0.45%
ERG	3.5%	-0.39%
De Longhi	2.2%	-0.37%

Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction
ld Logistics	Delonghi	Qiagen	Nexans
Rovi	Ipsos	Ald	Spie
Melexis	Husqvarna	Rexel	Arkema

# sycomore sélection midcap



#### Sustainability thematics



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

### Nutrition and well-being

#### **ESG** scores

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#### **Environmental analysis**



Index +5%

#### **European taxonomy**

Percentage of revenues derived from eligible activities to the EU taxonomy

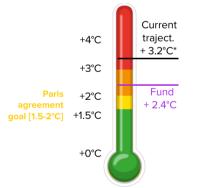
Coverage rate: fund 100% / index 96%



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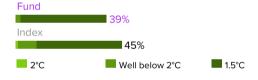
Coverage rate: fund 40%



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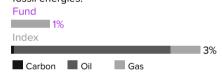
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#### Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.



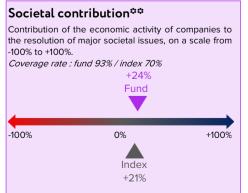
#### Carbon footprint

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

Coverage rate: fund 99% / index 96%

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kg. eq. CO ₂ /year/k€	111	314

#### Societal and social analysis



#### The Good Jobs Rating - Quantity

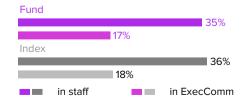
Degree of contribution of companies to sustainable job creation - Focus on the Quantity dimension: direct, indirect and induced job creation over the last three years. Coverage rate : fund 96% / index 91%



#### Gender equality ♀/ ♂

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

ExecComm cov. rate: fund 100% / index 99%

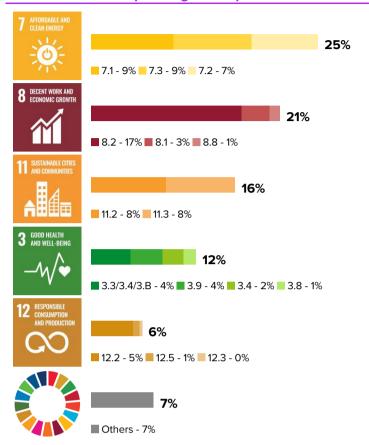


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No significant exposure: 25%

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

#### Dialogue and engagement

#### Alfen

We requested a meeting to suggest the company improves the way it communicates on the net environmental contribution of its different businesses, by adopting a full lifecycle analysis approach.

#### **ESG** controversies

#### Amplifon

The Competition and Markets Authority has opened an investigation into the market for hearing aids in Italy. According to the report by the AGCM, the current conditions may not guarantee full transparency on the prices of products and associated services. For the time being, Amplifon has received a request for information. The data collection process will last one month and may or may not lead to a deeper inquiry.

#### Votes

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

#### Puma

We contacted Puma to encourage the company to reply to the Workforce Disclosure Initiative (WDI) questionnaire. People are central to Puma's strategy, and we are convinced that the disclosure of information – which will be more granular via this questionnaire – covering the group's employees and value chain, will send our strong signals. It is also necessary for investors to gain a better understanding of how the company values its workers.

#### Rexel

Our meeting with Rexel in September was an opportunity to discuss the inquiry led by the Competition and Markets Authority in 2022 over potential collusion between electrical infrastructure specialists Schneider Electric and Legrand and their distributor Rexel on sale prices in France. After the notice of complaint issued in 2022, a report (non-material according to Rexel) should be disclosed by the end of 2023. A hearing in the second half of 2024 could determine a potential fine.



Share I Isin code | FR0011707470

NAV | 5.762.0€

Assets | 67.5 M€

#### SFDR8

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% AUM: ≥ 50% % Companies\*: ≥ 50%

\*Excluding derivatives, cash & equivalent

#### Risk indicator

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Lower risk

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France

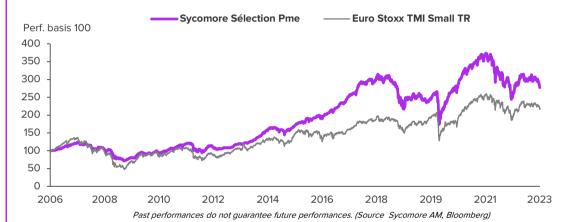
France

#### Investment strategy

#### A responsible selection of SMEs

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#### Performance as of 29.09.2023



	Sep	2023	1 year	3 yrs	5 yrs	Inc.	Annu.	2022	2021	2020	2019
Fund %	-7.1	-3.4	12.7	1.1	2.0	179.4	6.2	-21.9	20.6	19.2	13.9
Index %	-4.5	3.7	15.5	22.1	20.3	119.4	4.7	-16.7	22.7	4.3	29.5

#### **Statistics**

	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Bench.	Track.	Sharpe	Info	Draw	Bench.
					Vol	Error	Ratio	Ratio	Down	DD
3 years	0.9	8.0	-4.7%	14.8%	16.0%	7.3%	0.0	-0.9	-34.8%	-28.4%
Inception	0.8	0.5	3.5%	12.4%	19.1%	12.3%	0.4	0.1	-45.0%	-65.8%

#### **Fund commentary**

Rising oil prices, which have rekindled fears of inflation, and statements from central banks warning against persistently high interest rates, weighed on equity markets and once again, hit small and mid-caps hardest. Voltalia posted the largest loss after a profit warning, notably due to a widespread blackout in Brazil that caused delays to the connection of new power plants. Chargeurs (earnings down sharply, with a substantial drop in volumes for protective film) and Esker (wage inflation weighing on margins in H1) also detracted from performance in September. In contrast, Delta Plus (earnings up by 30% in H1), Sol (profitability boosted in H1 by a favourable environment for technical gases), and Puuilo (extension of store network, strong cash generation in H1) published very satisfactory earnings despite the challenging environment.



#### **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 vrs

#### **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

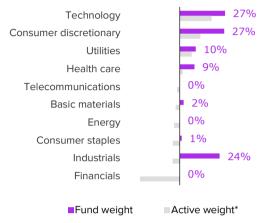
#### **Portfolio**

Equity exposure	97%
Overlap with benchmark	3%
Number of holdings	61
Median market cap	0.8 €bn

#### Valuation

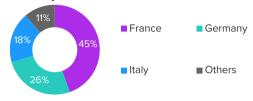
	Fund	Index
2023 PER	13.3x	11.7x
2023 EPS growth	13.9%	6.5%
2023 P/BV ratio	2.0x	1.3x
Return on Equity	15.0%	11.0%
2023 Dividend Yield	2.5%	3.5%

#### Sector exposure

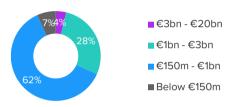


\*Fund weight - weight Aucun

#### Country breakdown



#### Market cap breakdown



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

#### **Top 10**

#### Performance contributors

	Weight	SPICE rating	NEC	cs		Avg. weight	Contrib
Vygrs du Mnd	2.9%	3.8/5	+10%	33%	Positive		
Cembre	2.7%	3.8/5	+14%	0%	Delta Plus	2.4%	0.19%
SAF-HOLLAND	2.7%	3.3/5	-7%	0%	SAF-Holland	2.5%	0.16%
Mersen	2.6%	3.6/5	+18%	6%	Puuilo Oyj	2.1%	0.15%
EnergieKontor	2.6%	3.8/5	+94%	50%	Negative		
SII	2.5%	4.1/5	0%	6%	Poujoulat	2.3%	-0.60%
Elmos	2.5%	3.7/5	+3%	0%	Esker	1.9%	-0.43%
Sanlorenzo	2.4%	3.6/5	-100%	0%	Voltalia	1.0%	-0.40%
Equasens	2.4%	4.0/5	0%	39%	Voltana	1.070	0.1070
Aixtron	2.4%	3.6/5	0%	0%			

Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction
	Sesa	Manitou Group	Synergie
	Rovi		Esker
	San Lorenzo		El.En



#### Sustainability thematics



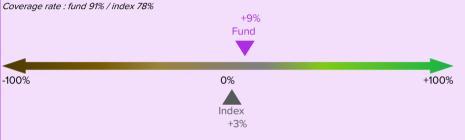
- Sustainable mgmt of resources
- SPICE Leadership
- Digital and communication
- Energy transition
- Health & Safety
- SPICE transformation
- Nutrition and well-being
- Access and Inclusion

#### **ESG** scores

	Fund	Index
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Environment	3.4/5	3.2/5
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#### **Environmental analysis**





#### **European taxonomy**

Percentage of revenues derived from eligible activities to the EU taxonomy

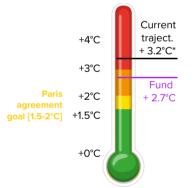
Coverage rate: fund 69% / index 92%



#### 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.



#### Carbon footprint

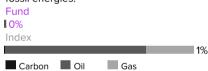
Annual greenhouse gas emissions (GHG Protocol) from upstream scopes 1, 2 and 3 per thousand euros invested\*\*\*

Coverage rate: fund 95% / index 94%

	Fund	Index
kg. eg. CO ₂ /year/k€	173	334

#### Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.



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#### Societal and social analysis

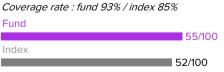
## Societal contribution \*\*

Contribution of the economic activity of companies to the resolution of major societal issues, on a scale from



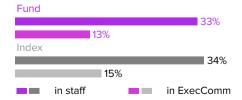
#### The Good Jobs Rating - Quantity

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.



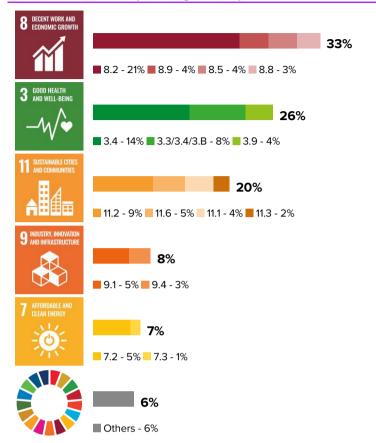
#### Gender equality ♀/ ♂

Percentage of women in total company headcounts and executive committees. Staff cov. rate: fund 99% / index 95% ExecComm cov. rate: fund 94% / index 97%



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#### Sustainable development goals exposure



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No significant exposure: 17%

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

#### Dialogue and engagement

No comment

#### **ESG** controversies

No comment

#### Votes

3 / 3 voted general assemblies over the month.
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# sycomore

# europe éco solutions

Share I

Isin code | LU1183791281

NAV | 151.3€

Assets | 573.9 M€

#### SFDR9

#### Sustainable Investments

% AUM: ≥ 80% % Companies\*: 100%

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

#### Risk indicator

7 6 5 Higher risk

3 2

Lower risk

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

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

#### **Investment Team**



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France France Belgium Germany

#### Investment strategy

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

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

#### Performance as of 29.09.2023



	Sep	2023	1 year	3 yrs	5 yrs	Inc.	Annu.	2022	2021	2020	2019
Fund %	-5.3	-6.1	1.3	11.3	21.0	51.3	5.3	-15.9	17.6	28.3	25.1
Index %	-1.6	8.8	19.2	36.6	33.2	53.1	5.4	-9.5	25.1	-3.3	26.0

#### **Statistics**

	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Bench.	Track.	Sharpe	Info	Draw	Bench.
					Vol	Error	Ratio	Ratio	Down	DD
3 years	0.9	1.0	-5.6%	16.7%	15.0%	8.3%	0.2	-0.9	-23.9%	-19.5%
Inception	0.9	0.9	0.6%	16.8%	16.8%	7.7%	0.3	0.0	-34.2%	-35.3%

#### **Fund commentary**

Markets remained under pressure in September as oil prices rose, rekindling inflation fears, and as central banks warned that key rates could stay high for longer than planned initially. Voltalia posted the largest loss after a profit warning, notably due to a widespread blackout in Brazil that caused delays to the connection of new power plants. Smurfit Kappa fell after the announcement of a merger with WestRock, which will allow for wider diversification and stronger presence in the North American market. However, the market considered that the financial terms of the deal were unfavourable to Smurfit Kappa. Alfen (pressure on margins in H1), Orsted (impairment on offshore assets in the US), Aurubis (metal theft) and Ariston (competitive pressure) continued to suffer from the negative news flow in August. In contrast, players in the pulp and paper industry (Stora, UPM, SCA) benefited once again from the gradual rise of pulp prices.

# sycomore europe éco solutions



#### **Fund Information**

Inception date

31/08/2015

#### **ISIN** codes

Share I - LU1183791281 Share R - LU1183791794

#### **Bloomberg tickers**

Share I - SYCECOI LX Share R - SYCECOR LX

#### **Benchmark**

MSCI Europe Net Return

#### Legal form

SICAV compartment

#### **Domiciliation**

Luxembourg

#### **PEA** eligibility

Yes

#### **Investment period**

5 yrs

#### **Minimum investment**

None

#### **UCITS V**

Yes

#### **Valuation**

Daily

## Currency

EUR

#### Cut-Off

11am CET Paris (BPSS LUX)

#### **Cash Settlement**

D+2

#### **Management fees**

Share I - 1.00% Share R - 2.00%

#### Performance fees

15% > Benchmark

#### Transaction fees

None

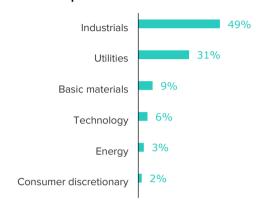
#### Portfolio

Equity exposure	98%
Overlap with benchmark	4%
Number of holdings	62
Weight of top 20 stocks	55%
Median market cap	6.8 €bn

#### Valuation

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2023 PER	15.3x	12.4x
2023 EPS growth	6.9%	7.6%
2023 P/BV ratio	1.8x	1.8x
Return on Equity	11.6%	14.2%
2023 Dividend Yield	2.4%	3.7%

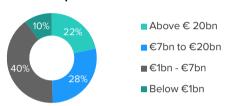
#### Sector exposure



#### Country breakdown



#### Market cap breakdown



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S score	3.5/5	3.1/5
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C score	3.8/5	3.4/5
E score	4.1/5	3.1/5

#### **Top 10**

#### SPICE Weight NEC rating Veolia 4.9% 3.7/5 +46% Schneider E. 4.6% 4.2/5 +13% Prysmian 3.1% 3.8/5 +22% Nexans 3.0% 4.0/5 +15% Infineon 2.9% 3.8/5 +14% Arcadis 2.8% 3.7/5 +20% SIG Group AG 2.8% 3.8/5 +22% Saint Gobain 2.7% 3.9/5 +14% STMicroelec. 2.6% 3 8/5 +11% SPIE 2.5% 3.8/5 +14%

#### Performance contributors

	Avg. weight	Contrib
Positive		
Renewi	1.5%	0.61%
Solaria Energia	1.9%	0.05%
Svenska Cellulosa	1.2%	0.05%
Negative		
Voltalia	1.7%	-0.75%
Befesa SA	1.8%	-0.32%
Elia Group	2.1%	-0.31%

Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction
Acciona	Smurfit		Opdenergy
			Aurubis
			Acciona Ener.

# sycomore europe éco solutions



#### **Environmental thematics**



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

#### **ESG** scores

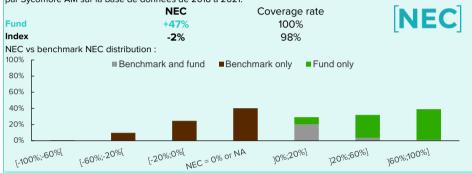
	Fund	Index
ESG*	3.8/5	3.2/5
Environment	4.1/5	3.1/5
Social	3.6/5	3.3/5
Governance	3.7/5	3.5/5

#### **Environmental analysis**

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

Others

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



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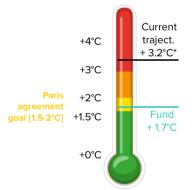
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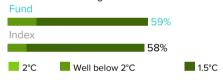
Coverage rate : fund 77%



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#### Climate alignment - SBTi

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



#### Carbon footprint

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

Coverage rate: fund 95% / index 98%

kg. eq. CO  $_2$  /year/k $\in$  Fund Index 173

#### European taxonomy

Percentage of revenues derived from eligible activities to the EU taxonomy

Coverage rate : fund 99% / index 99%

Fund Index Eligible share 75% 37%

#### Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.



#### **Biodiversity footprint**

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

Coverage rate: fund 97% / index 99%

<b>.</b>	Fund	Index
m <sup>2</sup> .MSA/k€	-91	-73

#### 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 98% / index 76%



+27%

#### 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 98%

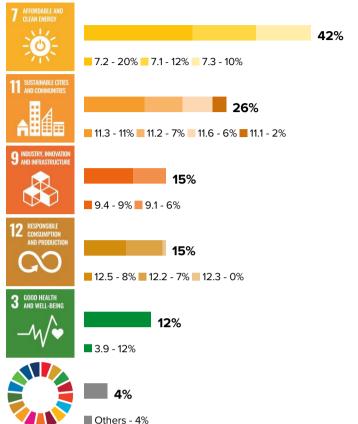


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#### Sustainable development goals exposure



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No significant exposure: 11%



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

#### Dialogue and engagement

#### Alfen

We requested a meeting to suggest the company improves the way it communicates on the net environmental contribution of its different businesses, by adopting a full lifecycle analysis approach.

#### **ESG** controversies

No comment

#### Votes

2 / 2 voted general assemblies over the month.
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#### **ERG**

We had asked ERG to examine and disclose the percentage of its revenue and capex aligned with the European taxonomy. The company has estimated that 62% of its revenue and 96% of its capex were aligned at end 2022. With the confirmed sale of its remaining CCGT (gas) capacities, the company will mechanically achieve 100% of aligned revenue and capex.



# sycomore global éco solutions

Share IC Isin code | LU2412098654 NAV | 81.0€

Assets | 63.5 M€

#### SFDR9

#### **Sustainable Investments**

% AUM: ≥ 80% % Companies\*: 100%

\*Excluding derivatives, cash & equivalent

#### Risk indicator

6 5

Higher risk

4

2

Lower risk

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**Thibault RENOUX** Fund Manager



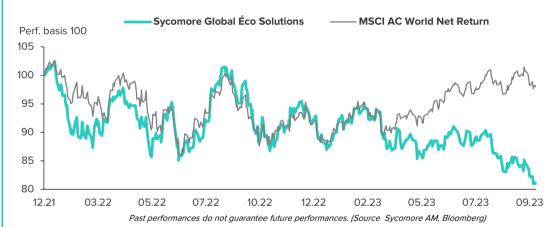
France

#### Investment strategy

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

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#### Performance as of 29.09.2023



	Sept	2023	1 year	Inc.	Annu.	2022
Fund %	-4.9	-7.3	-8.4	-19.0	-11.2	-13.9
Index %	-1.7	10.9	11.8	-2.0	-1.1	-13.0

#### **Statistics**

	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Bench.	Track.	Sharpe	Info	Draw	Bench.
					Vol	Error	Ratio	Ratio	Down	DD
Inception	0.8	0.9	-10.4%	17.2%	15.1%	9.6%	-0.7	-1.1	-20.8%	-16.3%

#### **Fund commentary**

Resilient economic data failed to stabilize the market which was impacted by record high long-term rates and the inflation of energy prices. Nesté benefited from the rebound of diesel prices and from a regulatory report that paves the way for an increase in renewable diesel in California. Orsted remained affected by doubts over the economic rationale of offshore wind power in the US, while Solaredge suffered from negative momentum in the residential solar energy market, as demand from Europe is hit by backlash from the energy crisis. Smurfit Kappa fell after the announcement of a merger with WestRock, the terms of which appear unfavorable to the former, while the pulp and paper industry gets wind back in its sails as prices rise gradually and variable costs start to decline. We initiated positions in two new companies: Aptiv, as the growth characteristics of this supplier for electric vehicles and driver assistance offer a compelling investment opportunity, and Equinix, which operates and connects clients in its data centers, while minimizing the footprint of its operations.

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Fund Index

13.1% 15.0%

16.3x

2.5x

2.2%

Contrib

0.19%

0.08%

0.08%

-0.53%

-0.45% -0.45%

17.9x

10.2%

2.3x

1.8%

#### **Fund Information**

#### Inception date

21/12/2021

#### **ISIN** codes

Share IC - LU2412098654 Share RC - LU2412098902

#### **Bloomberg tickers**

Share IC - SYGESIE LX Share RC - SYGESRE LX

#### **Benchmark**

MSCI AC World Net Return

#### **Legal form**

SICAV compartment

#### **Domiciliation**

Luxembourg

#### **PEA** eligibility

INO

#### **Investment period**

5 yrs

#### **Minimum investment**

None

#### **UCITS V**

Yes

#### Valuation

Daily

## Currency

EUR

#### Cut-Off

11am CET Paris (BPSS LUX)

#### Cash Settlement

D+2

#### **Management fees**

Share IC - 1.00% Share RC - 2.00%

#### Performance fees

15% > Benchmark

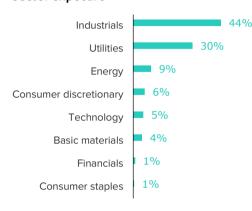
#### Transaction fees

None

#### Portfolio

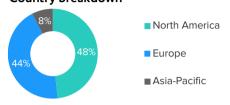
Equity exposure	95%	2023 PER
Overlap with benchmark	1%	2023 EPS growth
Number of holdings	47	2023 P/BV ratio
Weight of top 20 stocks	61%	Return on Equity
Median market cap	19.3 €bn	2023 Dividend Yield

#### Sector exposure

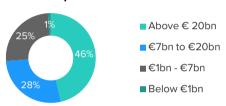


#### Country breakdown

**Valuation** 



#### Market cap breakdown



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P score	3.6/5	3.2/5
I score	3.8/5	3.6/5
C score	3.7/5	3.2/5
E score	3.9/5	3.1/5

#### **Top 10**

# Performance contributors

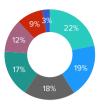
	Weight	SPICE rating	NEC		Avg. weight
Eaton Corp.	5.3%	3.7/5	+10%	Positive	
Quanta Services	4.7%	3.4/5	+16%	Acuity Brands	2.4%
Waste Connections	4.6%	3.9/5	+42%	Republic Services	2.9%
Wabtec	3.7%	3.6/5	+100%	Svenska Cellulosa	1.9%
Clean Harbors	3.6%	3.7/5	+53%	Negative	
Veolia	3.6%	3.7/5	+46%	NextEra Energy	4.2%
Neste	3.6%	3.8/5	+24%	SolarEdge Tech.	2.4%
NextEra Energy	3.6%	3.5/5	+16%	Quanta Services	5.8%
Saint Gobain	3.6%	3.9/5	+14%		
Owens Corning	3.6%	3.6/5	+21%		

Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction
Aptiv	Waste Conn.	Enphase Enregy	Xylem
Equinix	Smurfit		Shoals Tec.
	Republic S		Faton Corp

# sycomore global éco solutions



#### **Environmental thematics**



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

#### **ESG** scores

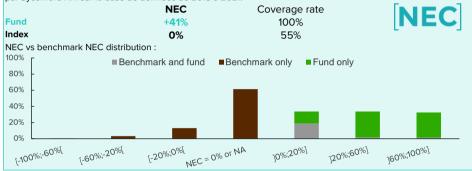
	Fund	Index
ESG*	3.6/5	3.1/5
Environment	3.9/5	3.1/5
Social	3.5/5	3.0/5
Governance	3.6/5	3.3/5

#### **Environmental analysis**

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

Others

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



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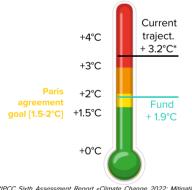
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#### Temperature rising - SB2A

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

Coverage rate : fund 85%



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#### Climate alignment - SBTi

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



#### Carbon footprint

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

Coverage rate: fund 96% / index 92%

kg. eq. CO  $_2$  /year/k€ Fund Index 159 129

#### European taxonomy

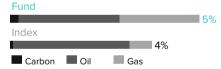
Percentage of revenues derived from eligible activities to the EU taxonomy

Coverage rate : fund 100% / index 76%

Fund Index Eligible share 84% 44%

#### Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.



#### **Biodiversity footprint**

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Coverage rate : fund 86% / index 36%

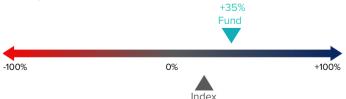
	Fund	Index
m².MSA/k€	-68	-39

#### 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 44%



+20%

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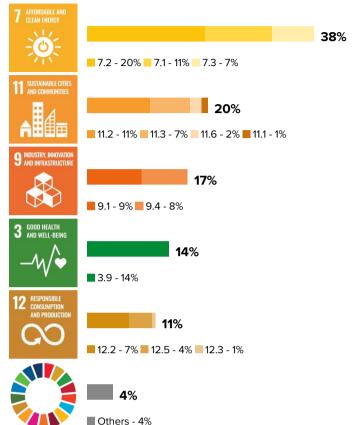


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No significant exposure: 16%



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

#### Dialogue and engagement

#### NextEra Energy

We have continued our discussions with NextEra Energy with the aim of strengthening the company's reporting and the alignment of its carbon reduction targets with the Paris Agreement. Our recommendations include: reporting the carbon intensity of the energy mix in physical units per GWh rather than using its own index, and submitting these targets to the SBTi for approval.

#### **ESG** controversies

#### No comment

#### Votes

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

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Share I

Isin code | LU1301026206

NAV | 150.1€

Assets | 436.1 M€

#### SFDR 9

#### **Sustainable Investments**

% AUM: ≥ 80% % Companies\*: 100%

\*Excluding derivatives, cash & equivalent

Higher risk

#### Risk indicator

7 6 5

3 2

Lower risk

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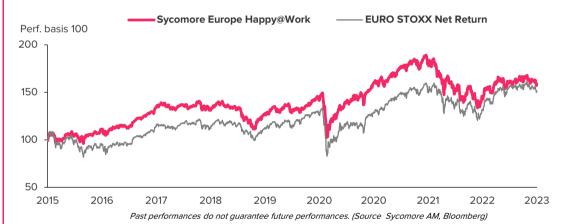
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#### Investment strategy

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

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

#### Performance as of 29.09.2023



	Sep	2023	1 year	3 yrs	5 yrs	Inc. /	Annu.	2022	2021	2020	2019
Fund %	-2.6	6.5	17.5	10.2	19.3	59.0	5.8	-19.0	15.5	13.0	23.8
Index %	-3.1	10.0	23.9	33.2	30.2	51.6	5.2	-12.3	22.7	0.2	26.1

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

#### **Statistics**

	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Bench.	Track.	Sharpe	Info	Draw	Bench.
					Vol	Error	Ratio	Ratio	Down	DD
3 years	0.9	0.9	-4.7%	15.8%	17.4%	6.2%	0.2	-1.1	-29.4%	-24.6%
Inception	0.9	0.7	1.7%	15.0%	18.5%	7.6%	0.4	0.1	-31.4%	-37.9%

#### **Fund commentary**

The fund remained resilient and was in-line with the benchmark amid the market volatilities driven by rising oil prices and the weak Chinese economy. This is attributable to the diversified portfolio of Happy@Work stocks with strong balance sheets, low leverage, good power pricing, and engaged workforce. Particularly, AstraZeneca rose after the positive headline data of Dato-DXd drug in breast cancer. Defensive stocks like RELX, Munich Re and Deutsche Telekom also contributed positively to the portfolio. On the other hand, the technology sector retreated temporarily (e.g. Nvidia, STM) due to profit taking after the good YTD performance. We believe their valuation is becoming more attractive. The fund is well positioned and is exposed to multiple secular themes with strong long-term fundamentals including the GLP-1 obesity drug phenomenon with Novo Nordisk, the electrification trend with Schneider Electric, and the Generative Al trend with Nvidia and Microsoft.

# sycomore europe happy@work



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#### **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

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#### 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%
Overlap with benchmark	20%
Number of holdings	41
Weight of top 20 stocks	69%
Median market cap	60.4 €bn

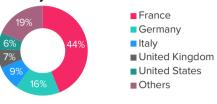
#### Valuation

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2023 PER	15.0x	11.5x
2023 EPS growth	10.7%	9.9%
2023 P/BV ratio	2.3x	1.5x
Return on Equity	15.5%	13.1%
2023 Dividend Yield	2.5%	3.3%

#### Sector exposure



#### Country breakdown



#### Market cap breakdown



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

	Fund	Index
SPICE	3.8/5	3.5/5
S score	3.5/5	3.2/5
P score	4.0/5	3.5/5
I score	3.9/5	3.7/5
C score	3.8/5	3.6/5
E score	3.7/5	3.2/5

#### Top 10

	Weight	rating	Score
Saint Gobain	5.0%	3.9/5	4.1/5
SAP	4.7%	3.9/5	4.3/5
Schneider E.	4.6%	4.2/5	4.4/5
Novo Nordisk	4.5%	3.8/5	4.1/5
AXA	4.5%	3.6/5	4.0/5
Prysmian	3.9%	3.8/5	4.2/5
Munich Re.	3.8%	3.4/5	3.8/5
ASML	3.5%	4.3/5	4.4/5
RELX	3.5%	3.7/5	3.6/5
SPIE	3.1%	3.8/5	4.0/5

#### Performance contributors

		Avg. weight	Contrib
Positive			
RELX		2.9%	0.16%
Munich R	le.	3.2%	0.08%
AstraZen	eca	2.5%	0.07%
Negative	•		
ASML		3.5%	-0.29%
Saint Gol	oain	4.5%	-0.24%
EDP Ren	ovaveis	2.7%	-0.23%

Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction
ARVERNE GROUP SA	Novo Nordisk	Transition	Asml
Beiersdorf	Munich Re	Neurones	Hermès
	Prysmian	Salesforce	Christian Dior

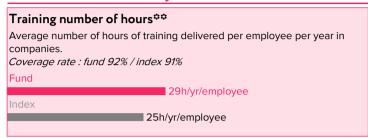
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#### **ESG** scores

	Fund	Index
ESG*	3.7/5	3.3/5
Environment	3.7/5	3.2/5
Social	3.7/5	3.4/5
Governance	3.8/5	3.5/5

#### Societal and social analysis

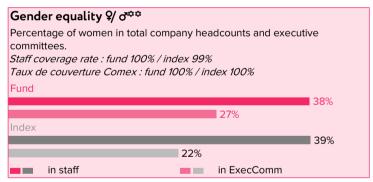


#### Societal contribution

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

Coverage rate: fund 100% / index 93%





#### **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				
Schneider E.	4.4/5				
ASML	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 79% / index 69%



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

#### **Environmental analysis**

#### Net Environmental Contribution (NEC)

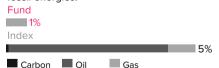
Degree of alignment of the economic models with the ecological transition, integrating biodiversity and climate, on a scale running from -100% for eco-obstruction to +100% for eco-solution, where 0% equates to the average environmental impact of the global economy. The results are expressed in NEC 1.0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

Coverage rate : fund 100% / index 98%



#### Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.



#### Carbon footprint

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

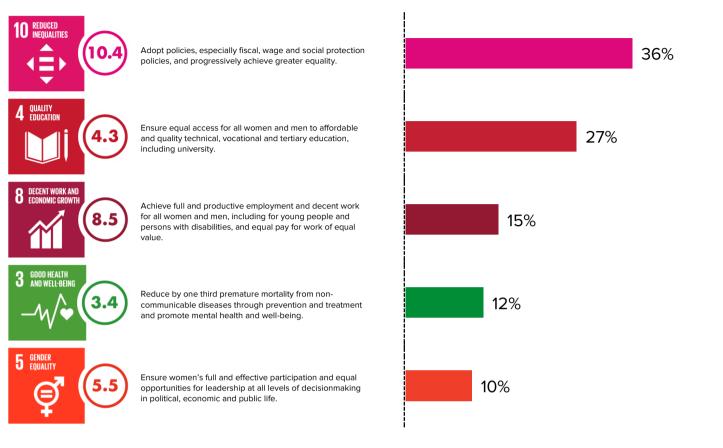
Coverage rate: fund 100% / index 98%

Fund Index kg. eq. CO 2 /year/k€ 109 194

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#### Sustainable development goals exposure



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

#### Dialogue and engagement

#### Puma

We contacted Puma to encourage the company to reply to the Workforce Disclosure Initiative (WDI) questionnaire. People are central to Puma's strategy, and we are convinced that the disclosure of information – which will be more granular via this questionnaire – covering the group's employees and value chain, will send our strong signals. It is also necessary for investors to gain a better understanding of how the company values its workers.

#### **ESG** controversies

#### Rexel

Our meeting with Rexel in September was an opportunity to discuss the inquiry led by the Competition and Markets Authority in 2022 over potential collusion between electrical infrastructure specialists Schneider Electric and Legrand and their distributor Rexel on sale prices in France. After the notice of complaint issued in 2022, a report (non-material according to Rexel) should be disclosed by the end of 2023. A hearing in the second half of 2024 could determine a potential fine.

#### Votes

0 / 1 voted general assembly over the month.
Details on our votes are available here the day following the company's AGM Here.

#### Brunello Cucinelli

During our meeting, Brunello Cucinelli explained that the company continues to focus on rarity and exclusivity by offering very high-quality products. To achieve this, the group manufactures its goods exclusively in Italy, where it operates a network of local artisans based on long-term working relationships. Brunello pays these artisans 20% more than the market on average, and recently increased the wages of employees performing their tasks "by hand" (seamstresses, tailors...)

#### Novartis

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Share IC Isin code | LU2413890901 NAV | 90.8€

Assets | 7.6 M€

#### SFDR 9

#### **Sustainable Investments**

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

#### Risk indicator

7 6 5 Higher risk

5

3 2

Lower risk

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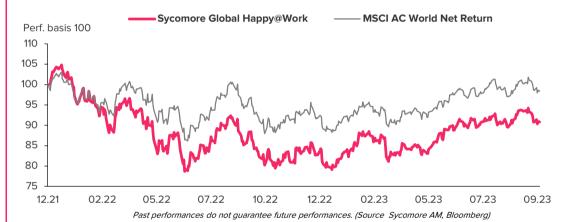
France

#### Investment strategy

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

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#### Performance as of 29.09.2023



	Sept	2023	1 year	Inc.	Annu.	2022
Fund %	-2.4	13.9	13.2	-9.2	-5.3	-23.2
Index %	-1.7	10.9	11.8	-1.7	-0.9	-13.0

#### **Statistics**

	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Bench.	Track.	Sharpe	Info	Draw	Bench.
					Vol	Error	Ratio	Ratio	Down	DD
Inception	0.9	1.1	-4.0%	18.0%	15.1%	6.5%	-0.4	-0.7	-25.0%	-16.3%

#### **Fund commentary**

The fund is behind the benchmark after a strong month in August. It suffered temporarily from the profit-taking in the technology sector (e.g. Nvidia, Advantest), which had a good YTD performance, and the valuation has now become attractive. We were also impacted by the upward movement in the energy sector which is absent in the fund due to its ESG criteria. Thanks to the diversified portfolio of Happy@Work companies, there are many stocks to offset these temporary headwinds. Progressive rebounded as investors realized its long-term growth thesis is intact. Eli Lilly continues to rise in anticipation of the strong obesity drug demand. Defensive stocks like Verisk and Waste Connections also contributed positively. The fund is exposed to multiple secular themes with strong long-term fundamentals including the GLP-1 obesity drug phenomenon with Eli Lilly, the electrification trend with Eaton, and the Generative AI trend with Nvidia and Microsoft.



#### **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

INO

#### **Investment period**

5 yrs

#### **Minimum investment**

None

#### **UCITS V**

Yes

#### **Valuation**

Daily

#### Currency

EUR

#### Cut-Off

11am CET Paris (BPSS LUX)

#### **Cash Settlement**

D+2

#### Management fees

Share IC - 1.00%

#### Performance fees

15% > Benchmark

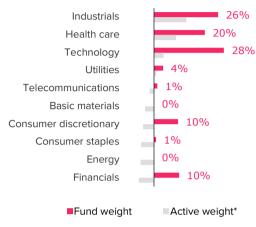
#### Transaction fees

None

#### Portfolio

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Equity exposure	98%	2023 PER	22.0x	16.3x
Overlap with benchmark	14%	2023 EPS growth	13.6%	7.8%
Number of holdings	51	2023 P/BV ratio	4.2x	2.5x
Weight of top 20 stocks	66%	Return on Equity	19.0%	15.0%
Median market cap	102.7 €bn	2023 Dividend Yield	1.5%	2.2%

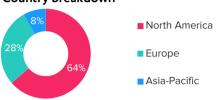
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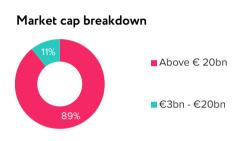


\*Fund weight - weight MSCI AC World Net Return

#### Country breakdown

**Valuation** 





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	Fund	Index
SPICE	3.7/5	3.3/5
S score	3.3/5	2.7/5
P score	4.0/5	3.2/5
I score	3.8/5	3.6/5
C score	3.6/5	3.2/5
E score	3.4/5	3.1/5

#### Top 10

·	Weight	SPICE rating	People Score
Microsoft Corp.	7.5%	4.1/5	4.1/5
<b>NVIDIA</b> Corporation	5.5%	3.8/5	3.6/5
Eli Lilly & Co	5.2%	3.5/5	4.0/5
Eaton Corp.	5.0%	3.7/5	4.1/5
Progressive Corporation	3.7%	3.5/5	4.1/5
Verisk Analytics	3.5%	3.6/5	3.4/5
Stryker	3.5%	3.2/5	4.1/5
Thermo Fisher	3.1%	3.7/5	4.1/5
RELX	3.1%	3.7/5	3.6/5
Taiwan Semi.	2.7%	3.8/5	3.8/5

#### Performance contributors

	Avg. weight	Contrib
Positive		
Progressive Corporation	3.6%	0.26%
RELX	2.9%	0.16%
Toyota Motor	2.2%	0.14%
Negative		
Puma	2.8%	-0.29%
Thermo Fisher	3.2%	-0.24%
Eaton Corp.	4.7%	-0.18%

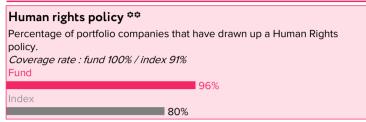
Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction
Novo Nordisk	Advantest	Kakaku	Salesforce
Beiersdorf	Rexel	Lvmh	Amat
Axa	Worlev	Adven	Asml



#### **ESG** scores

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

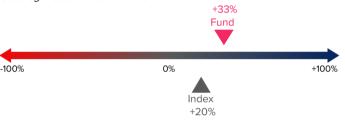
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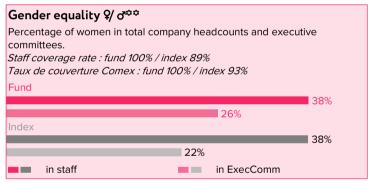


#### Societal contribution

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

Coverage rate: fund 82% / index 44%





#### **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			
Schneider E.	4.4/5			
ASML	4.4/5			

#### **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 84% / index 55%



#### Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.

Fund

0%
Index

Carbon Oil Gas

#### Carbon footprint

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

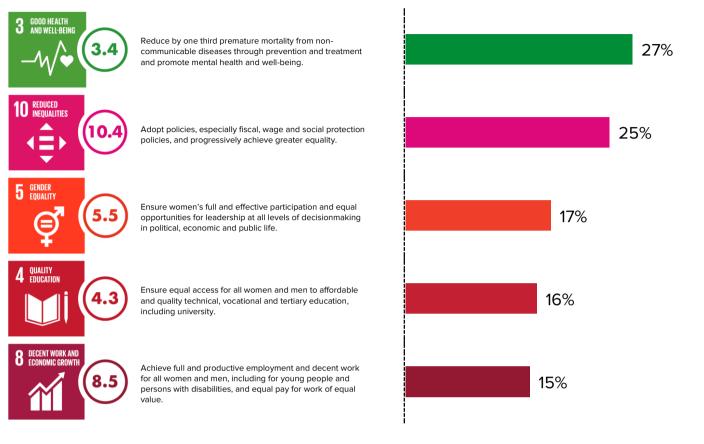
Coverage rate: fund 100% / index 92%

Fund Index kg. eq. CO ₂ /year/k€ 41 129

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



#### Sustainable development goals exposure



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

#### Dialogue and engagement

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#### Votes

0 / 1 voted general assembly over the month.
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#### T-Mobile US

We initiated a dialogue with T-Mobile on user mental health & wellbeing. T-Mobile provides safeguards, account features and educational resources to empower individuals on online safety, cybersecurity, data protection and privacy. T-Mobile implements a Children's Privacy Notice, provides features to help families manage their children's online activities & screen time, and free mental health crisis counseling with the 988 dialing and texting code to connect people to a Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.



# sycomore social impact

Share I Isin code | FR0010117085

NAV | 419.5€

Assets | 236.6 M€

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#### SFDR 9

#### **Sustainable Investments**

% AUM: ≥ 80% % Companies\*: 100%

\*Excluding derivatives, cash & equivalent

#### Risk indicator

7 6 5 Higher risk

3 2

Lower risk

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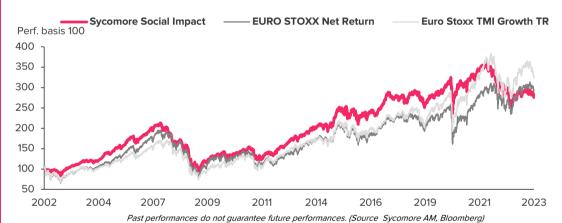
Germany

#### Investment strategy

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

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

#### Performance as of 29.09.2023



	Sep	2023	1 year	3 yrs	5 yrs	Inc.º	Annu.	2022	2021	2020	2019
Fund %	-3.4	3.0	10.5	-8.7	-2.6	179.6	5.0	-20.7	5.3	5.2	21.2
Index %	-3.1	10.0	23.9	33.2	30.2	194.5	5.2	-12.3	22.7	0.2	26.1

#### Statistics

	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Bench.	Track.	Sharpe	Info	Draw	Bench.
					Vol	Error	Ratio	Ratio	Down	DD
3 years	0.9	0.6	-9.1%	12.4%	17.4%	8.7%	-0.3	-1.5	-30.8%	-24.6%
Inception	0.9	0.6	1.6%	13.3%	20.9%	10.9%	0.3	0.0	-55.7%	-60.2%

#### **Fund commentary**

Eurozone equity markets fell in September impacted by surging bond yields and oil prices. In this environment, the fund benefited from its under-exposure to cyclicals, including discretionary consumer spending, materials and growth sectors impacted by rising yields, such as technology. Conversely, the fund's limited exposure to financials and its absence from the energy sector weighed on relative performance. Top contributors to performance in September included our largest positions within healthcare, such as Sanofi, AstraZeneca, Siemens Healthineers and Novartis. Qiagen was the leading detractor due to uncertainty over future demand in the diagnosis market, which had surged during the Covid-19 pandemic. We initiated a new position in Carl Zeiss.

# sycomore social impact



Germany

■ Netherlands

#### **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

#### **Investment period**

5 yrs

#### Minimum investment

None

#### **UCITS V**

Yes

#### **Valuation**

Daily

#### Currency

**EUR** 

#### **Cut-Off**

12pm CET Paris (BPSS)

#### **Cash Settlement**

D+2

#### **Management fees**

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

#### Performance fees

15% > Benchmark

#### **Transaction fees**

None

#### **Portfolio**

Equity exposure	92%
Overlap with benchmark	15%
Number of holdings	52
Weight of top 20 stocks	65%
Median market cap	10.8 €bn

#### **Valuation**

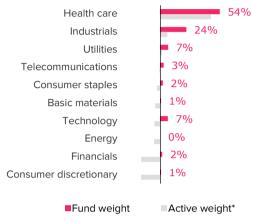
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2023 PER	16.2x	11.5x
2023 EPS growth	0.9%	9.9%
2023 P/BV ratio	1.7x	1.5x
Return on Equity	10.7%	13.1%
2023 Dividend Yield	2.3%	3.7%

France

Switzerland

Italy

#### Sector exposure



Country breakdown



\*Fund weight - weight EURO STOXX Net Return

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

#### **Top 10**

	Weight	SPICE	CS
Sanofi	8.4%	3.2/5	88%
Qiagen	6.2%	3.3/5	75%
Merck	4.8%	3.3/5	64%
Siemens Healthineers	3.9%	3.6/5	75%
Veolia	3.5%	3.7/5	43%
AstraZeneca	3.4%	3.6/5	87%
Elis	3.2%	3.7/5	15%
ASML	3.0%	4.3/5	27%
Nexans	2.9%	4.0/5	0%
Schneider E.	2.7%	4.2/5	37%

#### Performance contributors

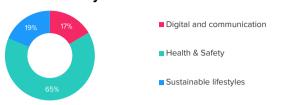
	Avg. weight	Contrib
Positive		
Sanofi	8.1%	0.21%
Siemens Healthineers	3.6%	0.14%
Synlab	1.6%	0.13%
Negative		
Qiagen	5.9%	-0.67%
Alstom	2.5%	-0.29%
Sycomore Selection Midcap	3.7%	-0.29%

Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction
Carl Zeiss	Qiagen		Salmar
	Sanofi		
	Alfen Nv		

# sycomore social impact



#### Sustainability thematics



#### **ESG** scores

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

#### Societal and social analysis

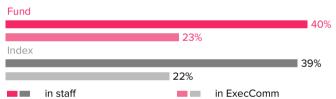


#### Gender equality ♀/ ♂

Percentage of women in total company headcounts and executive committees.

Staff coverage rate: fund 100% / index 99%

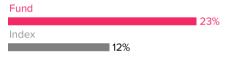
Taux de couverture Comex : fund 100% / index 100%



#### Staff growth

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

Coverage rate: fund 100% / index 99%



#### 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 98% / index 90%



#### **Environmental analysis**

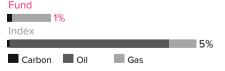
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-1%

Net Environmental Contribution (NEC) \*\*

#### Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.



#### Carbon footprint

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

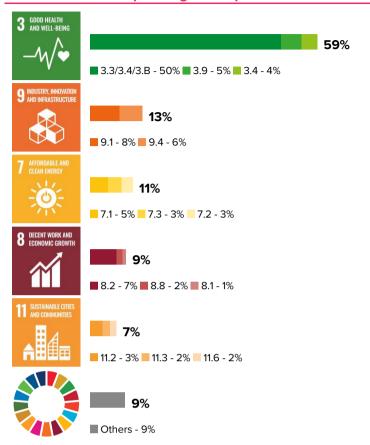
Coverage rate: fund 96% / index 98%

kg. eq. CO  $_2$  /year/k $\in$  Fund Index 100 194

## sycomore social impact



#### Sustainable development goals exposure



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No significant exposure: 5%

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

#### Dialogue and engagement

#### Sanofi

During a meeting with management, we learned that 1,800 permanent contract jobs had been created in France over the past two years, after several years of downsizing. A framework agreement on staff numbers was signed in 2022 with trade unions, for a duration of 4 years. Finally, for the 3rd year running, Sanofi is conducting an employee survey which will enable the company to detect and prevent a number of psycho-social risks.

#### **ESG** controversies

#### Novartis

The Prescription Medicines Code of Practice Authority (UK) has determined Novartis breached Clause 2 of the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry Code for multiple sclerosis therapy Mayzent. This is the 3rd time this year that Novartis is charged with breaching Clause 2 by the PMCPA, which is only reserved for the most serious of cases.

#### Votes

2 / 3 voted general assemblies over the month.
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#### **Believe**

We addressed the issue of well-being and mental health for the end users of Believe's products. As the company is a B2B connection platform with record labels, Believe has no interface with end users and has therefore not implemented any measures designed to foster their well-being. Believe addresses the issue of health & well-being through the "engagement and initiatives" programme directed towards the company's employees.



# global education

Share IC Isin code | LU2309821630

NAV | 87.3€

Assets | 123.8 M€

#### SFDR 8

#### Sustainable Investments

% AUM:	≥ 70%
% Companies*:	≥ 70%

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

Higher risk

#### Risk indicator

7 6 5

4

3 2

Lower risk

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

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#### **Investment Team**



**Luca FASAN** Fund Manager



Frédéric PONCHON Fund Manager



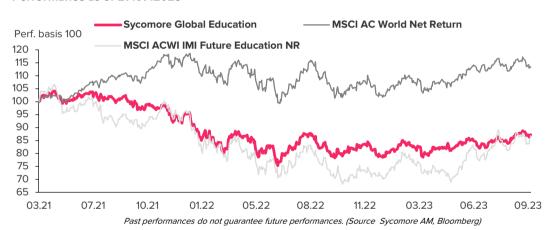
France

#### Investment strategy

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

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

#### Performance as of 29.09.2023



	Sep	2023	1 year	Inc.	Annu.	2022
Fund %	0.3	10.9	11.4	-12.7	-5.3	-17.4
Index %	-1.7	10.9	11.8	13.3	5.1	-13.0

#### **Statistics**

	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Bench.	Track.	Sharpe	Info	Draw	Bench.
					Vol	Error	Ratio	Ratio	Down	DD
1 year	0.8	8.0	2.5%	12.7%	12.7%	7.7%	0.7	0.0	-7.7%	-7.7%
Inception	0.8	0.9	-9.6%	14.3%	13.8%	7.8%	-0.4	-1.3	-27.7%	-16.3%

#### **Fund commentary**

The increase in interest rate and potential implications on the global economy have continue to impact global equity markets that were down again in September. In this difficult environment the fund has continued to outperform. The stabilization of the fundamentals in Education plus the defensive characteristics has helped the sector to outperform in September. Positive contributors during the month were Stride (virtual school for K12 in US), Coursera (learning language application drive by AI), and RELX (global provider of information and analytics). In September we have sold our position in Arco (learning management system in Brazil) which acquisition was approved by the Brazilian regulator and now trades in line with the offer price.

# sycomore global education



#### **Fund Information**

#### Inception date

29/03/2021

#### ISIN codes

Share IC - LU2309821630 Share RC - LU2309821804

#### **Bloomberg tickers**

Share IC - SYSGEIE LX Share RC - SYSGERE LX

#### **Benchmark**

MSCI AC World Net Return

#### Legal form

SICAV compartment

#### **Domiciliation**

Luxembourg

#### **PEA** eligibility

Nο

#### **Investment period**

5 yrs

#### **Minimum investment**

None

#### **UCITS V**

Yes

# Valuation Daily

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#### Currency

EUR

#### **Cut-Off**

11am CET Paris (BPSS LUX)

#### Cash Settlement

D+2

#### Management fees

Share IC - 1.00% Share RC - 2.00%

#### Performance fees

15% > Benchmark

#### Transaction fees

None

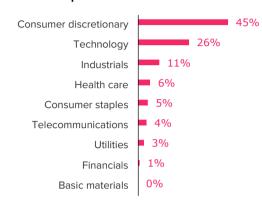
#### **Portfolio**

Equity exposure	97%
Overlap with benchmark	7%
Number of holdings	41
Weight of top 20 stocks	75%
Median market cap	14.2 €bn

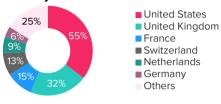
#### **Valuation**

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2023 PER	19.7x	16.3x
2023 EPS growth	12.0%	7.8%
2023 P/BV ratio	3.4x	2.5x
Return on Equity	17.4%	15.0%
2023 Dividend Yield	1.6%	2.2%

#### Sector exposure



#### Country breakdown



#### Market cap breakdown



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C score	3.6/5	3.2/5
E score	3.3/5	3.1/5

#### **Top 10**

	Weight	SPICE rating	cs
Microsoft Corp.	8.1%	4.1/5	24%
RELX	5.6%	3.7/5	35%
Blackbaud	5.0%	3.5/5	34%
Stride	5.0%	3.4/5	56%
Pearson	4.8%	3.1/5	33%
Coursera	4.8%	3.5/5	60%
Novartis	4.8%	3.7/5	0%
Duolingo	3.8%	3.7/5	59%
Unilever	3.7%	3.9/5	6%
Sodexo	3.4%	3.5/5	23%

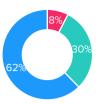
#### Performance contributors

	Avg. weight	Contrib
Positive		
Stride	5.2%	0.49%
Coursera	4.5%	0.38%
Duolingo	3.5%	0.35%
Negative		
ASML	2.8%	-0.27%
Blackbaud	5.1%	-0.26%
Microsoft Corp.	7.9%	-0.15%

# sycomore global education



#### Pillar breakdown

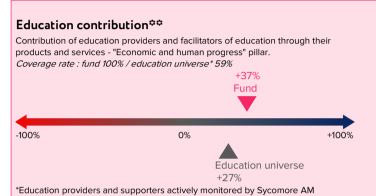


- Education supporter
- Lifelong education sponsor
- Education provider

#### **ESG** scores

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

#### Societal and social analysis



#### Training number of hours

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

Coverage rate : fund 100% / fund universe 53%

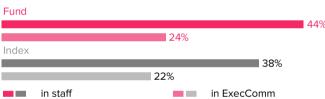


#### Gender equality ♀/ ♂

Percentage of women in total company headcounts and executive committees.

Staff coverage rate: fund 92% / index 89%

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



#### Human rights policy \*\*

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

Coverage rate : fund 100% / index 91%



#### **Environmental analysis**

#### Net Environmental Contribution (NEC)

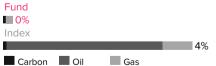
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Coverage rate : fund 91% / index 55%



#### Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.



#### Carbon footprint

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

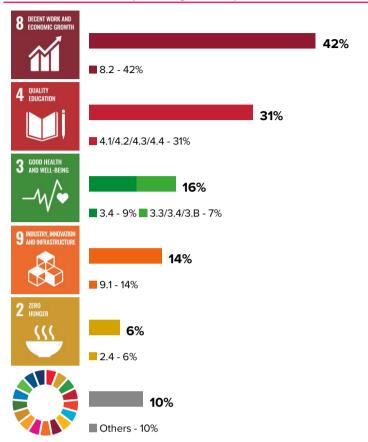
Coverage rate : fund 98% / index 92%

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# sycomore global education



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No significant exposure: 13%

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

#### Dialogue and engagement

#### Duolingo

We initiated an engagement with Duolingo on end user mental health and wellbeing. Duolingo already worked on mental health and wellbeing concerns and benefits to its users, for instance by limiting the number of notifications the user gets, and assurance of safe content and privacy for young users. At Duolingo, gamification features have a learning outcome, they are not addictive: average daily app use is 13-20min and very rarely exceeds an hour.

#### **ESG** controversies

#### No comment

#### Votes

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

#### T-Mobile US

We initiated a dialogue with T-Mobile on user mental health & wellbeing. T-Mobile provides safeguards, account features and educational resources to empower individuals on online safety, cybersecurity, data protection and privacy. T-Mobile implements a Children's Privacy Notice, provides features to help families manage their children's online activities & screen time, and free mental health crisis counseling with the 988 dialing and texting code to connect people to a Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.



# inclusive jobs

Share IC Isin code | FR0014000IE9

NAV | 81.2€

Assets | 82.0 M€

#### SFDR 9

#### **Sustainable Investments**

% AUM:	≥ 80%
% Companies*:	100%

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

#### Risk indicator

7 6 5 Higher risk

3 2

Lower risk

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#### **Investment Team**



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Alban PRÉAUBERT Fund Manager



Catherine ROLLAND SRI analyst





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#### Investment strategy

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

#### Performance as of 29.09.2023



	Sept	2023	1 year	Inc.	Annu.	2022
Fund %	-4.3	-3.6	4.8	-18.8	-8.3	-19.9
Index %	-3.1	10.0	23.9	4.4	1.8	-12.3

#### **Statistics**

	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Bench.	Track.	Sharpe	Info	Draw	Bench.
					Vol	Error	Ratio	Ratio	Down	DD
1 year	0.9	8.0	-13.3%	13.9%	<i>15.7%</i>	6.1%	0.2	-3.1	-11.9%	-7.1%
Inception	0.9	0.8	-10.9%	15.1%	18.5%	6.9%	-0.6	-1.5	-28.9%	-24.6%

#### **Fund commentary**

Surging bond yields sent stock markets tumbling in September, with the technology and industrial sectors particularly impacted. Energy was the only sector to outperform the market by a wide margin – a sector to which the fund is not exposed, detracting from relative performance. The fund's over-exposure to Michelin, which rose as investors anticipated an improved momentum for the company, and to Bouygues, which announced the sale of Equans' district heat and cooling network activities in the UK, contributed positively. Conversely, El.En, an Italian company that produces laser systems, weighed on the fund's performance after the firm reported a slowdown in growth, notably due to a weak Chinese market, and a 6% drop in its operating income in H1.

# sycomore inclusive jobs



#### **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

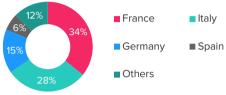
#### **Portfolio**

Facility average was	020/
Equity exposure	82%
Overlap with benchmark	6%
Number of holdings	57
Weight of top 20 stocks	48%
Median market cap	6.8 €bn
Solidarity exposure	10%

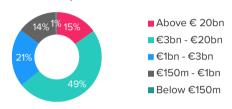
#### Valuation

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2023 PER	14.7x	11.5x
2023 EPS growth	8.8%	9.9%
2023 P/BV ratio	1.5x	1.5x
Return on Equity	10.0%	13.1%
2023 Dividend Yield	2.6%	3.7%

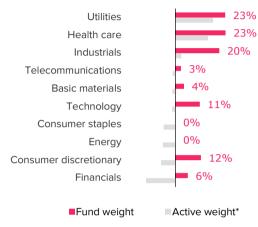
#### Country breakdown



#### Market cap breakdown



#### Sector exposure



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I score	3.7/5	3.7/5
C score	3.7/5	3.6/5
E score	3.6/5	3.2/5

#### **Top 10**

#### Performance contributors

	Weight	SPICE rating	TGJR		Avg. weight	Contrib
Prysmian	3.9%	3.8/5	45	Positive		
Michelin	3.4%	4.0/5	51	Boliden	1.6%	0.13%
Merck	3.1%	3.3/5	45	Bouygues	1.7%	0.06%
Veolia	3.0%	3.7/5	50	Solaria Energia	1.3%	0.03%
Poste Italiane	2.9%	3.2/5	46	Negative		
BioMérieux	2.7%	4.0/5	55	ERG	2.8%	-0.31%
ERG	2.7%	4.1/5	57	Elia Group	1.8%	-0.27%
Neoen	2.4%	4.0/5	58	Alstom	2.1%	-0.24%
ASML	2.3%	4.3/5	56			
Euroapi	2.2%	3.4/5	52			

#### Portfolio changes

Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction	
	Alstom			

# sycomore inclusive jobs



#### **ESG** scores

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

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

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

#### Societal and social analysis

#### Staff growth\*\*

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

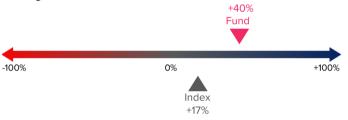
Coverage rate: fund 100% / index 99%

Fund			
			39%
Index			
	<b>12</b> %		

#### 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 93%

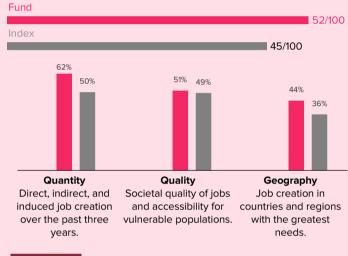




#### The Good Jobs Rating \*\*

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 90%





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

8.5

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

8.6

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

#### Environmental analysis

#### Net Environmental Contribution (NEC)

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

Coverage rate : fund 100% / index 98%



#### Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.



#### Carbon footprint

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

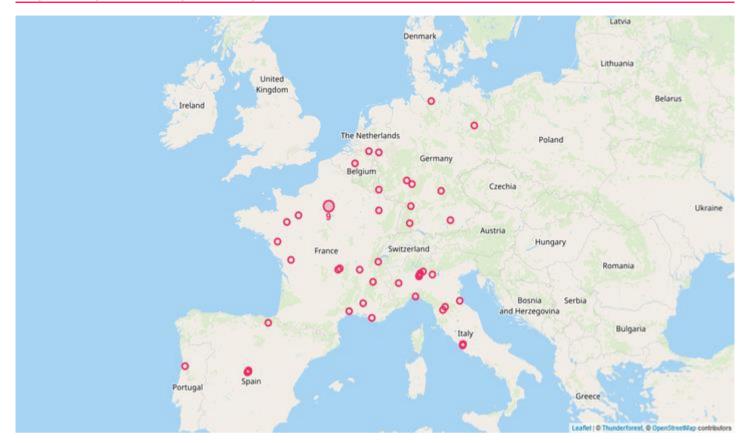
Coverage rate: fund 97% / index 98%

Fund Index kg. eq. CO 2 /year/k€ 194

# sycomore inclusive jobs



#### Map of companies headquarters in portfolio



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

#### Dialogue and engagement

#### Bouygues

As members of the Club 30%, we requested a meeting with management to discuss gender parity issues. The Club 30% is an investor coalition that advocates better gender diversity within SBF 120 index companies. Our observations include the absence of female members on Bouygues' executive committee, we also noted that no indicator measuring gender wage gaps within the Group had been published.

#### **ESG** controversies

No comment

#### Votes

2 / 2 voted general assemblies over the month.
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#### Sanofi

During a meeting with management, we learned that 1,800 permanent contract jobs had been created in France over the past two years, after several years of downsizing. A framework agreement on staff numbers was signed in 2022 with trade unions, for a duration of 4 years. Finally, for the 3rd year running, Sanofi is conducting an employee survey which will enable the company to detect and prevent a number of psycho-social risks.



Share IC Isin code | LU2181906269

NAV | 115.4€

Assets | 187.8 M€

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#### SFDR 9

#### **Sustainable Investments**

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

#### Risk indicator

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Higher risk

5

3

2

Lower risk

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# INITIATIVE **TIBI**

France

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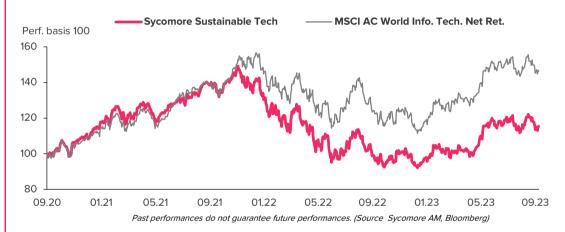
#### Investment strategy

#### A selection of global responsible technology players

France

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

#### Performance as of 29.09.2023



	Sep	2023	1 year	3 yrs	Inc.	Annu.	2022	2021
Fund %	-3.5	24.0	22.4	13.3	15.4	4.8	-33.9	22.1
Index %	-4.1	30.1	26.0	44.0	46.7	13.4	-26.8	36.8

#### **Statistics**

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Inception	0.9	1.0	-7.4%	22.0%	20.8%	7.8%	0.2	-1.1	-38.3%	-28.8%

#### **Fund commentary**

September was a negative month for technology equities as we continued to consolidate the strong 1H performance for the sector, with higher interest rates in the US inflecting the most pain - notably the US 10yr reaching 4.60%, up from 4.10% at the start of the month. Our positions in Duolingo, Gartner and CyberArk contributed positively, while Nvidia, Oracle, and MongoDB weighed most on our returns. Despite this, our fund performed closely in-line with our benchmark as we reduced risk through September. We remain upbeat on tech fundamentals going into 3Q results as IT budgets continue to normalize, supplemented by strong demand for Alrelated semiconductor and hardware. We will be using this recent weakness to increase our highest conviction holdings into the next earnings season for tech.



Fund Index

Others

25.5x 7.6%

29.1x

20.2%

#### **Fund Information**

#### Inception date

09/09/2020

#### **ISIN** codes

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

#### **Bloomberg tickers**

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#### **Benchmark**

MSCI AC World Info. Tech. Net Ret

#### Legal form

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#### Domiciliation

Luxembourg

#### **PEA** eligibility

No

#### Investment period

5 yrs

#### **Minimum investment**

None

#### **UCITS V**

Yes

#### **Valuation**

Daily

#### Currency

**EUR** 

#### Cut-Off

11am CET Paris (BPSS LUX)

#### **Cash Settlement**

D+2

#### Management fees

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

#### Performance fees

15% > Benchmark

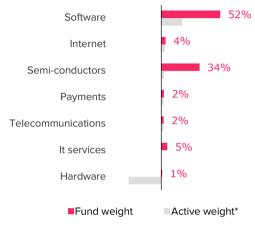
#### **Transaction fees**

None

#### **Portfolio**

Equity exposure	96%	2023 PER
Overlap with benchmark	38%	2023 EPS growth
Number of holdings	36	2023 P/BV ratio
Weight of top 20 stocks	79%	Return on Equity
Median market cap	143.7 €bn	2023 Dividend Yield

#### Sector exposure

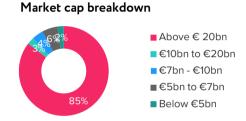


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**Valuation** 



■ United States



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#### **Top 10**

	Weight	SPICE rating	NEC	cs
NVIDIA Corporation	9.8%	3.8/5	0%	9%
Microsoft Corp.	9.6%	4.1/5	+5%	24%
Intuit Inc.	5.1%	3.9/5	+2%	23%
Taiwan Semi.	4.5%	3.8/5	+1%	19%
Oracle Corp.	4.5%	3.5/5	+1%	38%
Salesforce	4.5%	3.9/5	+1%	21%
Palo Alto	4.5%	3.6/5	0%	35%
ServiceNow	3.9%	3.9/5	0%	13%
Procore Tech.	3.7%	3.6/5	+5%	30%
Broadcom	3.4%	3.3/5	0%	31%

#### Performance contributors

	Avg. weight	Contrib
Positive		
Duolingo	2.0%	0.24%
T-Mobile US	2.3%	0.13%
Synopsys	3.1%	0.08%
Negative		
<b>NVIDIA</b> Corporation	9.2%	-0.93%
Oracle Corp.	5.0%	-0.47%
Salesforce	5.3%	-0.36%

#### Portfolio changes

Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction
HashiCorp	Advantest	Adyen	Adv Micro
Keyence	Broadcom	Believe	Amat
Baidu	Stmicroelec.		MongoDB



#### **Responsible Tech Dimensions**

	Tech For Good	Good in Tech	Improvement enabler
	CS ≥ 10% or NEC > 0%	Client risk score ≥ 3/5	SD* Management score ≥ 3/5
Number of holdings	35	31	30
Weight	90%	91%	95%

<sup>\*</sup>SD: Sustainable development

#### **ESG** scores

	Fund	Index
ESG*	3.4/5	3.2/5
Environment	3.2/5	3.3/5
Social	3.5/5	3.1/5
Governance	3.6/5	3.6/5

#### **Environmental analysis**

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Coverage rate : fund 100% / index 86%



#### European taxonomy

Percentage of revenues derived from eligible activities to the EU taxonomy

Coverage rate : fund 100% / index 95%

Fund
52%
Index

#### 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 26%

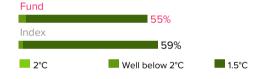
-100%



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

#### Climate alignment - SBTi

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



#### Carbon footprint

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

Coverage rate : fund 99% / index 100%

kg. eq. CO  $_2$  /year/k€ 13 33

#### Fossil fuel exposure

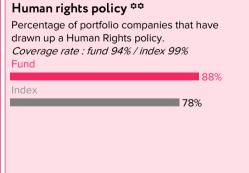
Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.

Fund
0%
Index
0%

Carbon
Oil
Gas

#### Societal and social analysis

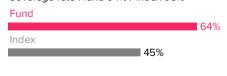
# Societal contribution to the economic activity of companies to the resolution of major societal issues, on a scale from -100% to +100%. Coverage rate: fund 100% / index 89% +28% Fund -100% 0% +100%



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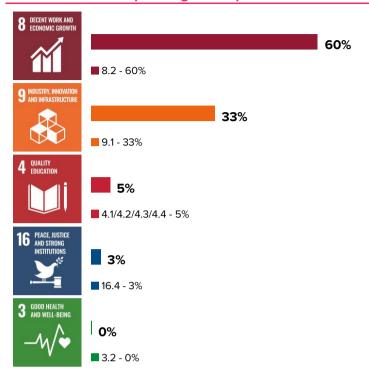
Coverage rate : fund 94% / index 95%



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



#### Sustainable development goals exposure



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

No significant exposure: 7%

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

#### Dialogue and engagement

#### Duolingo

We initiated an engagement with Duolingo on end user mental health and wellbeing. Duolingo already worked on mental health and wellbeing concerns and benefits to its users, for instance by limiting the number of notifications the user gets, and assurance of safe content and privacy for young users. At Duolingo, gamification features have a learning outcome, they are not addictive: average daily app use is 13-20min and very rarely exceeds an hour.

#### **ESG** controversies

#### No comment

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#### T-Mobile US

We initiated a dialogue with T-Mobile on user mental health & wellbeing. T-Mobile provides safeguards, account features and educational resources to empower individuals on online safety, cybersecurity, data protection and privacy. T-Mobile implements a Children's Privacy Notice, provides features to help families manage their children's online activities & screen time, and free mental health crisis counseling with the 988 dialing and texting code to connect people to a Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.



# sycomore

partners

Share I Isin code | FR0010601898

NAV | 1.732.4€

Assets | 307.4 M€

#### SFDR8

#### Sustainable Investments

% AUM:  $\geq$  1% % Companies\*:  $\geq$  25%

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Lower risk

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#### Performance as of 29.09.2023



	Sep	2023	1 year	3 yrs	5 yrs	Inc.	Annu.	2022	2021	2020	2019
Fund %	-2.8	2.0	10.9	16.0	-0.3	73.2	3.6	-5.7	10.2	-3.3	4.1
Index %	-1.4	6.2	13.1	17.6	17.4	54.5	2.8	-5.8	10.7	1.0	12.3

#### **Statistics**

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3 years	0.9	0.9	0.2%	9.5%	8.7%	4.9%	0.5	-0.1	-15.2%	-12.9%
Inception	0.9	1.0	1.1%	12.5%	11.1%	6.5%	0.3	0.1	-31.7%	-29.7%

#### Fund commentary

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#### Net equity exposure





#### **Fund Information**

#### Inception date

31/03/2008

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

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#### **Benchmark**

50% EURO STOXX NR + 50% FSTR

#### Comparison index

Euro Stoxx TR

#### Legal form

Mutual fund

#### **Domiciliation**

France

#### **PEA** eligibility

Yes

# Investment period 5 vrs

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#### **Minimum investment**

100 EUR

#### **UCITS V**

Yes

#### Valuation

Daily

#### Currency

EUR

#### Cut-Off

12pm CET Paris (BPSS)

#### **Cash Settlement**

D+2

#### Management fees

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#### Performance fees

15% > Benchmark with HWM

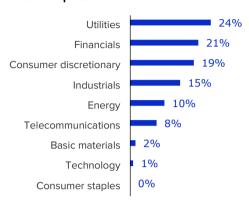
#### Transaction fees

None

#### **Portfolio**

Equity exposure	53%
Number of holdings	28
Median market cap	16.4 €bn

#### Sector exposure



#### Valuation

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2023 PER	9.3x	11.5x
2023 EPS growth	3.8%	9.9%
2023 P/BV ratio	0.9x	1.5x
Return on Equity	10.1%	13.1%
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#### Country breakdown



#### Market cap breakdown



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#### **Top 10**

	Weight	SPICE rating
RWE	6.1%	3.1/5
Worldline	5.2%	3.9/5
Vivendi	5.1%	3.5/5
Deutsche Telekom	4.8%	3.5/5
EDP-Energias de Portugal	4.6%	3.9/5
Gaztransport & Tech.	3.8%	4.3/5
Saint Gobain	3.5%	3.9/5
Banco Santander S.A.	3.4%	3.3/5
Veolia	3.1%	3.7/5
Euronext	3.1%	3.7/5

#### Performance contributors

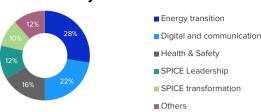
	Avg. weight	Contrib
Positive		
TotalEnergies	2.1%	0.16%
Stellantis	1.4%	0.08%
Gaztransport & Tech.	3.3%	0.06%
Negative		
ALD	4.0%	-0.68%
Worldline	4.6%	-0.54%
RWE	5.5%	-0.43%

#### Portfolio changes

Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction
	Veolia	Verbund	Société Générale
	Saint-Gobain		Ald
	Worldline		Stellantis



#### Sustainability thematics



#### **ESG** scores

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

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Coverage rate: fund 100% / index 98%



#### European taxonomy

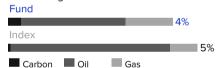
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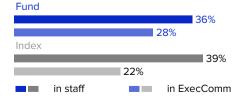
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#### Gender equality ♀/ ♂

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





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

#### Dialogue and engagement

#### Teleperformance

We visited the contact center (the client meeting and visit area) at Zoetermeer in The Netherlands, and notably the area dedicated to Samsung. During our visit, we met few employees - as half of the workforce was working from home. The managers who did discuss issues with investors are passionate about their work, pleased with the opportunities for internal mobility, and with the company's training efforts.

#### **ESG** controversies

#### Stellantis

With collective agreements nearing their term, the United Auto Workers union called for strike action in September affecting the three major auto manufacturers - General Motors, Ford and Stellantis. Demands focus principally on wage increases. These strikes and their potential impacts on labour costs for Stellantis in the US do not call into question our investment conviction on the stock.

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#### Vivendi

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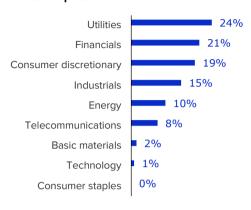
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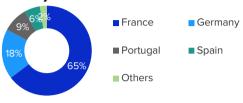
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C score	3.4/5	3.6/5
E score	3.3/5	3.2/5

#### **Top 10**

	Weight	SPICE rating
RWE	6.1%	3.1/5
Worldline	5.2%	3.9/5
Vivendi	5.1%	3.5/5
Deutsche Telekom	4.8%	3.5/5
EDP-Energias de Portugal	4.6%	3.9/5
Gaztransport & Tech.	3.8%	4.3/5
Saint Gobain	3.5%	3.9/5
Banco Santander S.A.	3.4%	3.3/5
Veolia	3.1%	3.7/5
Euronext	3.1%	3.7/5

#### Performance contributors

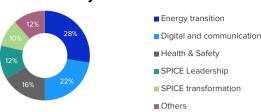
	Avg. weight	Contrib
Positive		
TotalEnergies	2.1%	0.16%
Stellantis	1.4%	0.08%
Gaztransport & Tech.	3.3%	0.06%
Negative		
ALD	4.0%	-0.68%
Worldline	4.6%	-0.54%
RWE	5.5%	-0.43%

#### Portfolio changes

Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction
	Veolia	Verbund	Société Générale
	Saint-Gobain		Ald
	Worldline		Stellantis



#### Sustainability thematics



#### **ESG** scores

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

#### **Environmental analysis**

#### Net Environmental Contribution (NEC)

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

Coverage rate: fund 100% / index 98%



#### European taxonomy

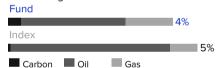
Percentage of revenues derived from eligible activities to the EU taxonomy

Coverage rate : fund 96% / index 99%



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Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.



#### Carbon footprint

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

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#### Societal and social analysis

#### Societal contribution

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



#### Staff growth

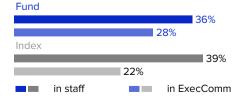
Cumulated growth in company headcounts over the past three financial years (data unadjusted in the event of acquisitions, excluding transformational deals).

Coverage rate : fund 100% / index 99%



#### Gender equality ♀/ ♂

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





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

#### Dialogue and engagement

#### Teleperformance

We visited the contact center (the client meeting and visit area) at Zoetermeer in The Netherlands, and notably the area dedicated to Samsung. During our visit, we met few employees - as half of the workforce was working from home. The managers who did discuss issues with investors are passionate about their work, pleased with the opportunities for internal mobility, and with the company's training efforts.

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#### Vivendi

Following Vivendi's acquisition of the Prisma Media press group in 2021, journalist Jean-Marie Bretagne published a book in July 2023 exposing negative managerial behaviour and the attacks on journalistic integrity observed since the takeover. He notably mentions the censorship and practices that go against "press freedom and freedom of expression". The publication of this book is a further criticism of the Group's practices and lack of journalistic integrity.



# sycomore

# next generation

**Share IC** 

Isin code | LU1961857478

NAV | 102.5€

Assets | 403.6 M€

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#### SFDR8

Sustainable investment	ıs
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Sustainable Investments

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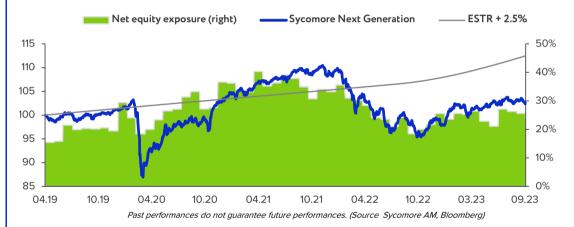


France

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Index %	0.5	4.1	5.1	9.3	12.5	2.7	2.5	1.9	2.0

#### Statistics

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# sycomore next generation



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#### 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

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#### **Domiciliation**

Luxembourg

#### **PEA** eligibility

Nο

#### **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

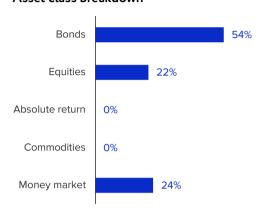
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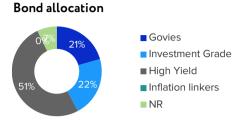
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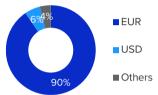
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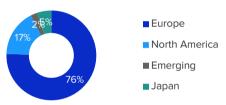
**Bonds** 



#### Currency breakdown



#### Equity country breakdown



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	weight	rating	score	score
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SPICE Leadership

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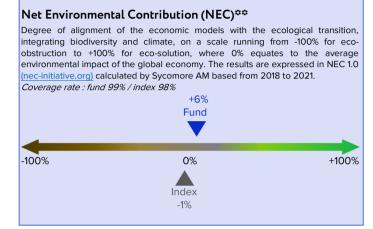
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	Fund
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#### **Environmental analysis**



1.5°C

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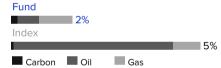
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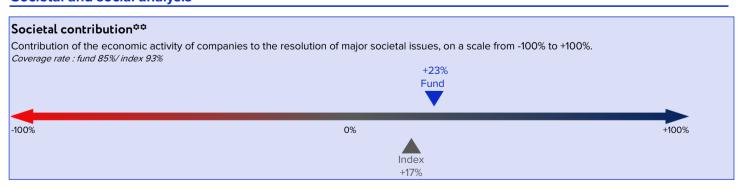
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kg. eq. CO  $_2$  /year/k€ Fund 297

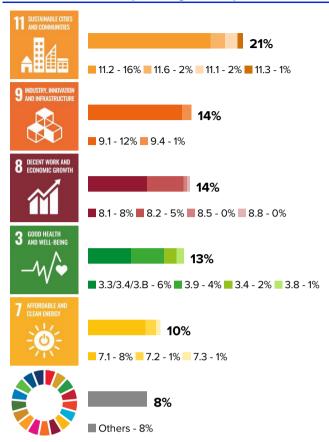
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# sycomore

# allocation patrimoine

Share I

Isin code | FR0010474015 NAV | 152.6€

Assets | 216.1 M€

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#### SFDR8

Sustainable Investme	nts
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France

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Index %	0.5	3.8	4.6	7.7	11.1	33.0	2.1	2.0	1.4	1.5	1.6

#### Statistics

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# sycomore allocation patrimoine



#### **Fund Information**

Inception date

27/11/2002

#### **ISIN** codes

Share I - FR0010474015

#### **Bloomberg tickers**

Share I - SYCOPAI FP

#### **Benchmark**

ESTR + 2.8%

#### Legal form

Mutual fund

#### **Domiciliation**

France

#### **PEA** eligibility

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

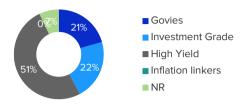
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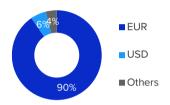
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#### Bond allocation



#### Currency breakdown

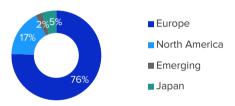


# Bonds 54% Equities 22% Absolute return 0%



#### Equity country breakdown

Asset class breakdown



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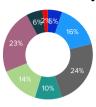
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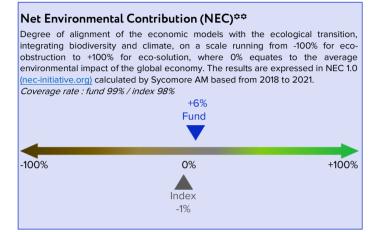


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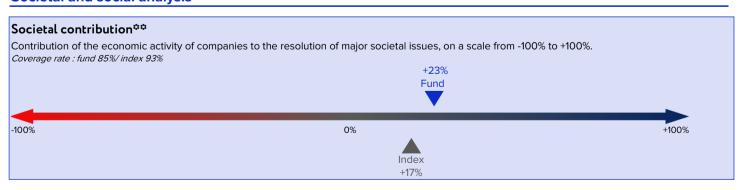


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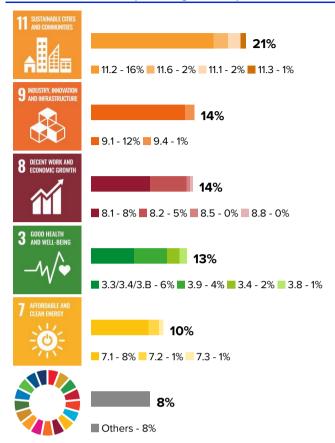
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## sycomore

# opportunities

Share I

Isin code | FR0010473991 NAV | 354.1€

Assets | 157.2 M€

#### SFDR 8

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#### Performance as of 29.09.2023



	Sep	2023	1 year	3 yrs	5 yrs	Inc.®	Annu.	2022	2021	2020	2019
Fund %	-2.9	0.0	3.3	-4.5	-6.7	77.0	3.1	-16.2	1.0	8.7	9.9
Index %	-1.4	6.2	13.1	17.6	17.4	99.2	3.7	-5.8	10.7	1.0	12.3

#### **Statistics**

	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Bench.	Track.	Sharpe	Info	Draw	Bench.
					Vol	Error	Ratio	Ratio	Down	DD
3 years	0.8	0.8	-5.9%	9.2%	8.7%	5.6%	-0.2	-1.3	-24.4%	-12.9%
Inception	0.8	0.8	0.3%	9.9%	10.1%	6.3%	0.2	-0.1	-27.0%	-33.4%

#### **Fund commentary**

The fund was impacted by the profit warning issued by ALD due to rising IT, regulatory and funding costs. The positive fallouts from the merger with LeasePlan will only materialize from 2025, which is why we trimmed our exposure from 4.8% to less than 3%. While our positions in RWE and EDP were impacted by rising interest rates and investor wariness over renewables, higher oil prices benefited TotalEnergies and GTT. In today's low visibility environment, we continued to reduce our exposure to cyclicals by trimming Stellantis and STMicroelectronics.

#### Net equity exposure



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# 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% EURO STOXX 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

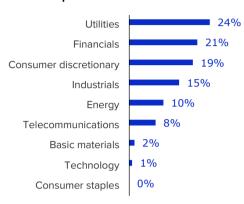
#### Portfolio

Equity exposure	53%
Gross active exposure	53%
Number of holdings	28
Weight of top 20 stocks	46%
Median market cap	16.4 €bn

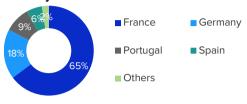
#### Valuation

	Fund	Index
2023 PER	9.3x	11.5x
2023 EPS growth	3.8%	9.9%
2023 P/BV ratio	0.9x	1.5x
Return on Equity	10.1%	13.1%
2023 Dividend Yield	4.0%	3.7%

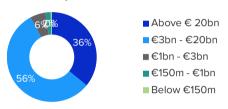
#### Sector exposure



#### Country breakdown



#### Market cap breakdown



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

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

#### **Top 10**

	Weight	SPICE rating
RWE	6.1%	3.1/5
Worldline	5.2%	3.9/5
Vivendi	5.1%	3.5/5
Deutsche Telekom	4.8%	3.5/5
EDP-Energias de Portugal	4.6%	3.9/5
Gaztransport & Tech.	3.8%	4.3/5
Saint Gobain	3.5%	3.9/5
Banco Santander S.A.	3.4%	3.3/5
Veolia	3.1%	3.7/5
Euronext	3.1%	3.7/5

#### Performance contributors

	Avg. weight	Contrib
Positive		
TotalEnergies	2.1%	0.16%
Stellantis	1.4%	0.08%
Gaztransport & Tech.	3.3%	0.06%
Negative		
ALD	4.0%	-0.68%
Worldline	4.6%	-0.54%
RWE	5.5%	-0.43%
Gaztransport & Tech.  Negative ALD  Worldline	3.3% 4.0% 4.6%	0.06% -0.68% -0.54%

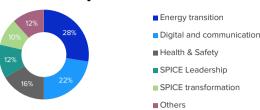
#### Portfolio changes

Buy	Reinforcement	Sell	Reduction
	Veolia	Verbund	Société Générale
	Saint-Gobain		Ald
	Worldline		Stellantis

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#### Sustainability thematics



#### **ESG** scores

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

#### **Environmental analysis**

#### Net Environmental Contribution (NEC)

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

Coverage rate: fund 100% / index 98%



#### European taxonomy

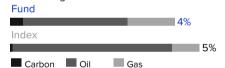
Percentage of revenues derived from eligible activities to the EU taxonomy

Coverage rate : fund 96% / index 99%



#### Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.



#### Carbon footprint

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

Coverage rate : fund 100% / index 98%

Fund Index kg. eq. CO ₂ /year/k€ 295 194

#### Societal and social analysis

#### Societal contribution

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



#### Staff growth

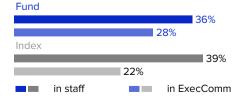
Cumulated growth in company headcounts over the past three financial years (data unadjusted in the event of acquisitions, excluding transformational deals).

Coverage rate : fund 100% / index 99%



#### Gender equality ♀/ ♂

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



# sycomore opportunities



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

#### Dialogue and engagement

#### Teleperformance

We visited the contact center (the client meeting and visit area) at Zoetermeer in The Netherlands, and notably the area dedicated to Samsung. During our visit, we met few employees - as half of the workforce was working from home. The managers who did discuss issues with investors are passionate about their work, pleased with the opportunities for internal mobility, and with the company's training efforts.

#### **ESG** controversies

#### Stellantis

With collective agreements nearing their term, the United Auto Workers union called for strike action in September affecting the three major auto manufacturers - General Motors, Ford and Stellantis. Demands focus principally on wage increases. These strikes and their potential impacts on labour costs for Stellantis in the US do not call into question our investment conviction on the stock.

#### Votes

**0 / 0** voted general assembly over the month.

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

#### Vivendi

Following Vivendi's acquisition of the Prisma Media press group in 2021, journalist Jean-Marie Bretagne published a book in July 2023 exposing negative managerial behaviour and the attacks on journalistic integrity observed since the takeover. He notably mentions the censorship and practices that go against "press freedom and freedom of expression". The publication of this book is a further criticism of the Group's practices and lack of journalistic integrity.



Share I Isin code | FR0011288489

NAV | 126.0€

Assets | 711.2 M€

#### SFDR8

Sustainable Investme	nts
% AUM:	≥ 50%
% Companies*:	≥ 50%
*Excluding derivatives, ca	sh & equivalent

#### Risk indicator

Higher risk

Lower risk

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

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#### **Investment Team**



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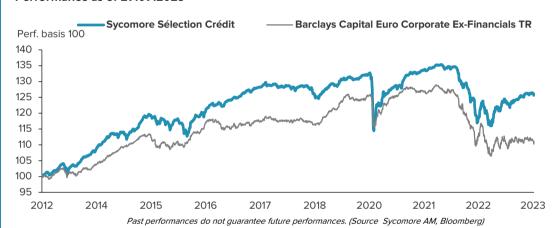
France Belgium Austria

#### Investment strategy

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

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

#### Performance as of 29.09.2023



	Sep	2023	1 year	3 yrs	5 yrs	Inc.	Annu.	2022	2021	2020	2019
Fund %	-0.3	4.4	8.1	-1.5	-2.1	26.0	2.2	-10.4	1.9	0.2	5.5
Index %	-1.1	2.1	3.2	-11.4	-5.4	11.1	1.0	-13.9	-1.2	3.0	6.3

#### Statistics

	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Bench.	Track.	Sharpe	Info	Draw	Bench.
					Vol	Error	Ratio	Ratio	Down	DD
3 years	0.5	0.3	0.9%	3.2%	4.7%	4.2%	-0.3	0.8	-14.3%	-17.5%
Inception	0.5	0.5	1.7%	2.9%	3.3%	3.1%	0.7	0.4	-14.3%	-17.5%

#### **Fund commentary**

Long-term rates spiked in September, with a slight re-steepening on the 'Euro core' yield curves reflecting a rise in real rates. Yields on 5-year OATs hit their highest level since the end of 2008. Italian spreads widened during the period. In this high-volatility environment on both sides of the Atlantic, financials slightly outperformed corporates. Credit spreads eased on the Investment Grade segment and remained rather stable in the High-Yield sector, as the spikes observed at the end of the month were preceded by a drop. The primary market continued to recover. We took part in the issuance of a BB rated bond by Boels, Europe's second largest equipment rental company, after Loxam. We particularly appreciate the business model within this sector. We also subscribed to Wienerberger's issuance of a sustainability-linked bond (SLB), which is rated Baa3. Wienerberger is one of Europe's leading building materials manufacturers.



#### **Fund Information**

Inception date

01/09/2012

#### **ISIN** codes

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

#### **Bloomberg tickers**

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

#### **Benchmark**

Barclays Capital Euro Corporate Ex-Financials TR

#### Legal form

Mutual fund

#### Domiciliation

France

#### **PEA** eligibility

No

#### **Investment period**

5 yrs

#### **Minimum investment**

100 EUR

#### **UCITS V**

Yes

#### Valuation

Daily

#### Currency

EUR

#### **Cut-Off**

12pm CET Paris (BPSS)

#### **Cash Settlement**

D+3

#### Management fees

Share I - 0.60% Share ID - 0.60% Share R - 1.20%

#### Performance fees

10% > Benchmark

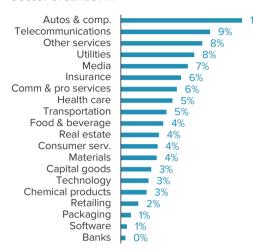
#### Transaction fees

None

#### Portfolio

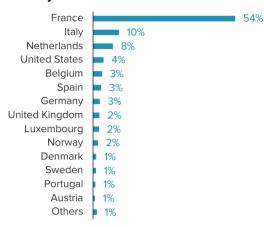
Exposure rate	96%	Modified Duration	2.7
Number of bonds	209	Yield to maturity	6.2%
Number of issuers	145	Average maturity	3.4years

#### Sector breakdown



#### Country breakdown

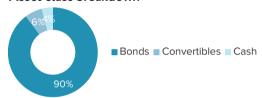
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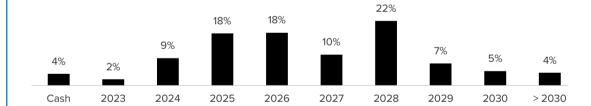
#### Rating breakdown



#### Asset class breakdown



#### Maturity 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	3.3/5
S score	3.2/5	3.0/5
P score	3.4/5	3.3/5
l score	3.4/5	3.5/5
C score	3.5/5	3.3/5
E score	3.4/5	3.1/5

Main issuers	Weight	Sector	SPICE rating	Sustainable theme
Loxam	3.0%	Industrials	3.6/5	SPICE Leadership
Forvia	2.7%	Consumer Discretionary	3.5/5	SPICE Leadership
Parts Europe SA	2.5%	Consumer Discretionary	3.3/5	SPICE transformation
Accor	2.5%	Consumer Discretionary	3.5/5	SPICE transformation
RCI Banque SA	2.4%	Consumer Discretionary	3.3/5	SPICE transformation



#### Sustainability thematics



■ Sustainable mgmt of resources

SPICE Leadership

Digital and communication

■Energy transition

■ Health & Safety

SPICE transformationNutrition and well-being

Access and Inclusion

#### ESG criteria

ESG eligibility (% of eligible bonds)

#### **ESG** scores

	Fund	Index
ESG*	3.3/5	3.2/5
Environment	3.4/5	3.1/5
Social	3.3/5	3.2/5
Governance	3.3/5	3.3/5

#### **ESG** best scores

	ESG	Е	S	G
Orsted	4.2/5	4.7/5	4.0/5	3.8/5
Neoen Sa	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
Voltalia	3.9/5	4.2/5	3.9/5	3.6/5
Iberdrola	3.9/5	4.2/5	3.6/5	3.9/5

#### **Environmental analysis**

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

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



#### European taxonomy

Percentage of revenues derived from eligible activities to the EU taxonomy

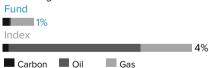
Coverage rate: fund 77% / index 89%

Fund



#### Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.



#### Carbon footprint

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

Coverage rate : fund 60% / index 85%

 kg. eq. CO ₂ /year/k€
 Fund 220
 Index 291

#### Societal and social analysis

#### Staff growth\*\*

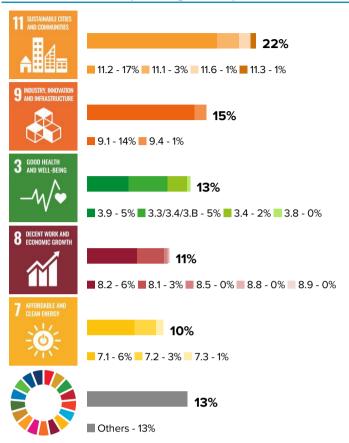
Cumulated growth in company headcounts over the past three financial years (data unadjusted in the event of acquisitions, excluding transformational deals).

Coverage rate : fund 90% / index 90%





#### Sustainable development goals exposure



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

No significant exposure: 29%

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

#### Dialogue and engagement

Following the coup in Gabon at the end of August, we contacted Eramet to make sure we fully understood the potential impacts for its Manganèse activity, which generates most of the group's cash flow. We were reassured on the following points: 1) the fast pace of recovery, 2) the two 'expert calls' we made, suggesting that the coup was in fact a palace revolution that would not threaten the interests of French companies operating in the country.

#### **ESG** controversies

#### Rexel

Our meeting with Rexel in September was an opportunity to discuss the inquiry led by the Competition and Markets Authority in 2022 over potential collusion between electrical infrastructure specialists Schneider Electric and Legrand and their distributor Rexel on sale prices in France. After the notice of complaint issued in 2022, a report (non-material according to Rexel) should be disclosed by the end of 2023. A hearing in the second half of 2024 could determine a potential fine.



# sycomore sycoyield 2026

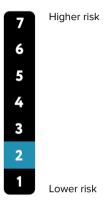
Share IC Isin code | FR001400A6X2 NAV | 106.2€

Assets | 265.2 M€

#### SFDR8

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

#### 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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#### Investment strategy

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

#### Performance as of 29.09.2023



	Sept	2023	1 year	Inc.	Annu.
Fund %	0.0	5.3	9.3	6.2	5.7

Statistics			
	Vol.	Sharpe Ratio	Draw Down
Inception	3.3%	1.0	-3.4%

#### Fund commentary

Long-term rates spiked in September, with a slight re-steepening on the 'Euro core' yield curves reflecting a rise in real rates. Yields on 5-year OATs hit their highest level since the end of 2008. Italian spreads widened during the period. In this high-volatility environment on both sides of the Atlantic, financials slightly outperformed corporates. Credit spreads eased on the Investment Grade segment and remained rather stable in the High-Yield sector, as the spikes at the end of the month were preceded by a drop. The primary market continued to recover, both within the Investment Grade and High-Yield segments.

# sycoyield 2026



#### **Fund Information**

Inception date

01/09/2022

#### **ISIN** codes

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

#### **Bloomberg tickers**

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

#### **Benchmark**

None

#### Legal form

Mutual fund

#### **Domiciliation**

France

#### **PEA** eligibility

#### **Investment period**

#### **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

#### **Portfolio**

Sector breakdown

Telecommunications

Comm & pro services

Autos & comp.

Other services

Transportation

Technology

Health care

Materials Capital goods

Utilities

Insurance

Retailing

Banks

Energy

Software

Real estate

Consumer serv.

Food & beverage

Exposure rate	97%
Number of bonds	92
Number of issuers	67

10%

8%

8%

6%

6%

5%

3%

2%

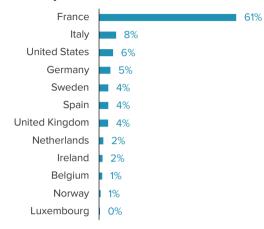
2%

16%

#### **Valuation**

Modified Duration	2.4
Yield to maturity	5.8%
Average maturity	2.8years

#### Country breakdown

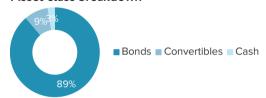


#### Rating breakdown

Household products



#### Asset class breakdown



Main issuers	Weight	Sector	YTW	YTM
Parts Europe SA	3.8%	Autos & Comp.	6.8%	6.8%
EC Finance Plc	3.4%	Services conso	5.4%	5.4%
Worldline SA	3.4%	Autres services	5.0%	5.0%
Azzurra Aeroporti SpA	3.2%	Transportation	5.6%	5.6%
Forvia SE	3.1%	Autos & Comp.	5.9%	5.9%
Renault SA	3.1%	Autos & Comp.	5.3%	5.3%
Valeo SE	3.0%	Autos & Comp.	5.3%	5.3%
Tereos Finance Groupe I SA	2.8%	Produits alimentaires	5.8%	6.1%
Lorca Telecom Bondco SA	2.8%	Telecommunications	5.9%	5.9%
Belden Inc.	2.8%	Technology	5.4%	5.4%