

# sycomore sélection crédit

Share R Isin code | FR0011288513

NAV | 132.0€

Assets | 813.9 M€

#### SFDR8

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

Higher risk

#### Risk indicator

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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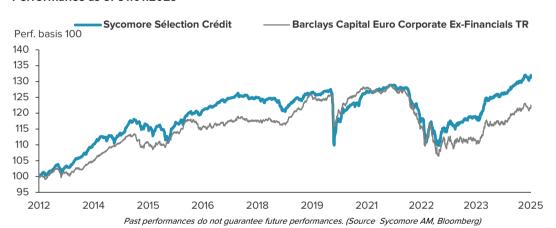
Austria

## 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 31.01.2025



	Jan	2025	1 year	3 yrs	5 yrs	Inc.	Annu.	2024	2023	2022	2021
Fund %	0.4	0.4	5.5	4.9	4.1	32.0	2.3	5.4	9.4	-10.9	1.3
Index %	0.4	0.4	4.4	-1.7	-2.6	22.5	1.7	4.0	7.9	-13.9	-1.2

## Statistics

	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Bench.	Track.	Sharpe	Info	Draw	Bench.
					Vol	Error	Ratio	Ratio	Down	DD
3 years	0.6	0.4	1.8%	3.4%	5.1%	4.2%	-0.2	0.5	-14.8%	-17.5%
Inception	0.5	0.5	1.5%	2.9%	3.3%	3.0%	0.7	0.2	-14.8%	-17.5%

#### **Fund commentary**

The upward pressure on long-term rates continued into the first half of January. Ten-year yields on US Treasury bonds almost reached 4.80%, before retreating during the second half of the month. Yields on 10-year German bonds followed a similar trend, fuelled by rising inflation forecasts. France's risk premium declined. Spreads narrowed during the month: BBB-rated bonds contracted around 5 bp, while the BB segment shrunk by around 10 bp. The primary market was dynamic with some deals offering an attractive issuance premium. To fund its hybrid bond maturing at the end of the year, La Poste issued a new hybrid tranche over 6 years, rated BB+ and bearing a highly attractive coupon of 5%. Ipsos, now rated Baa3 by Moddy's and BBB by Fitch, issued a 5-year bond yielding 3.80%. Elior convinced the market it was recovering and was able to refinance its 2026 debt with a new 2030 bond bearing a coupon of 5.625%, compared with 3.75% for the former.

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3.8

4.5% 3.9%

3.5years

#### **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

NIA

#### **Investment period**

5 yrs

#### **Minimum investment**

None

#### **UCITS V**

Yes

## Valuation

Daily

# Currency

EUR

#### **Cut-Off**

12pm CET Paris (BPSS)

# **Cash Settlement**

D+3

## Admin and management fees

Share I - 0.60%

Share ID - 0.60%

Share R - 1.20%

# Performance fees

10% > Benchmark

## Transaction fees

None

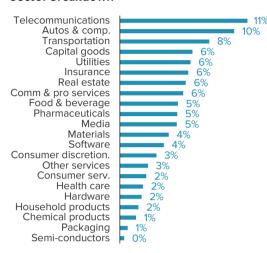
# **Portfolio**

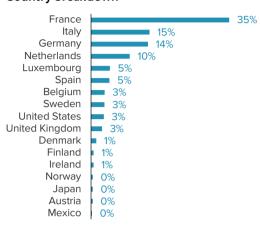
Exposure rate	99%	Modified Duration
Number of bonds	220	Yield to maturity
Number of issuers	152	Yield to worst
		Average maturity

#### Sector breakdown

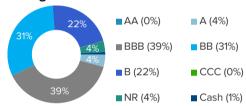
## Country breakdown

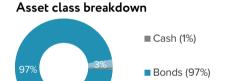
Valuation



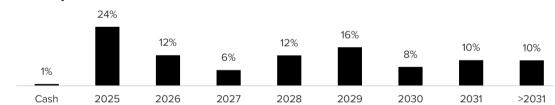


# Rating breakdown





# Maturity 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.

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

Convertibles (3%)

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

Main issuers	Weight	Sector	SPICE rating	Sustainable theme
Renault	2.7%	Autos & Comp.	3.5/5	Energy transition
Tdf	2.3%	Telecommunications	3.4/5	Access and Inclusion
Tereos	2.1%	Food & Beverage	3.1/5	Nutrition and well-being
Autostrade Per L Italia	2.0%	Transportation	3.3/5	Access and Inclusion
Infopro	1.9%	Media	3.4/5	Digital and communication

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# Sustainability thematics



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

## ESG criteria

ESG eligibility (% of eligible bonds)

1/0

#### **ESG** scores

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

## **ESG** best scores

	ESG	Е	S	G
Veolia	3.9/5	4.1/5	4.0/5	3.7/5
Iberdrola	4.0/5	4.2/5	3.9/5	4.0/5
Erg	4.3/5	4.8/5	4.1/5	4.1/5
Wabtec	3.9/5	4.5/5	3.3/5	3.7/5
Neoen	4.0/5	4.5/5	3.7/5	3.9/5

# **Environmental analysis**

# Net Environmental Contribution (NEC)\*\*

Degree of alignment of economic activities with the ecological transition, integrating biodiversity, climate and resources, on a standard scale from -100% for total misalignment to +100% for complete alignment, where 0% corresponds to the world economy average. The results are calculated by Sycomore AM or by the (nec-initiative.org) based on data for the years 2022 to 2024 according to NEC



# European taxonomy

Share of EU taxonomy-aligned company revenues provided by MSCI. Coverage rate: fund 62% / index 91%

Fund



## Fossil fuel exposure

Share of revenues from activities linked to fossil fuels from upstream to energy production, supplied by S&P Global.





# Carbon footprint

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

Coverage rate : fund 48% / index 86%

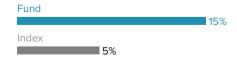
	Fund	Index
kg. eq. CO ₂ /year/k€	819	887

# 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).

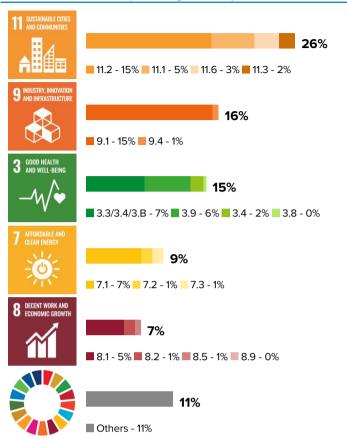
Coverage rate: fund 79% / index 90%



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## 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

#### Banijay

We engaged Banijay on the implementation of a policy that would limit the adverse effects of gaming on the mental health of its audience. We also requested more detailed information on the means available for the development of an ESG policy applicable to manufacturing sites. A "Head of ESG" was hired to handle these aspects.

#### **ESG** controversies

## Crédit Agricole

Media companies Disclose, France 24, and RFI are investigating the environmental and social impacts of Repsol's activities in Latin America as well as the backing provided by Amundi, the Credit Agricole group's investment subsidiary.

#### Quadient

Quadient gave us reassuring news on the company's new procedure for changing its statutory auditors. The latter will change at the next AGM and invitations to tender will be issued every 6 years. We also received more details on the role of Daniel Kretinsky, who does not wish to be represented on the board. We had confirmation that the carbon emission reduction targets are included in the CEO's compensation package.

## Stellantis

Jeep (subsidiary of Stellantis) and 14 car dealers had to pay damages worth €60,000 for showing ads for SUVs in protected landscapes.

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