

# sycomore

# europe happy@work

Share I

Isin code | LU1301026206

NAV | 179.8€

Assets | 463.6 M€

#### SFDR 9

# **Sustainable Investments**

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

# Risk indicator

7 6 5 Higher risk

4

2

Lower risk

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

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

# **Investment Team**



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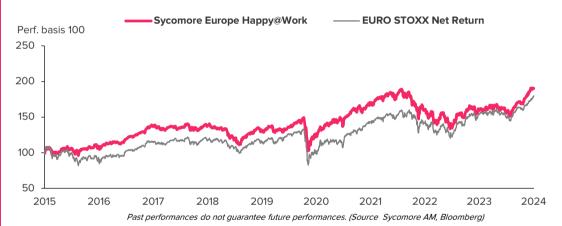
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# Investment strategy

# 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 28.03.2024



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

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

# **Fund commentary**

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

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# **Fund 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

# **Investment period**

5 yrs

### **Minimum investment**

None

#### **UCITS V**

Yes

# **Valuation** Daily

Currency

### **EUR**

# **Cut-Off**

11am CET Paris (BPSS LUX)

# **Cash Settlement**

D+2

## **Management fees**

Share I - 100% Share R - 2.00%

### Performance fees

15% > Benchmark

# **Transaction fees**

None

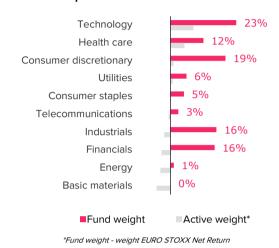
# **Portfolio**

Equity exposure	97%
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Overlap with benchmark	27%
Number of holdings	39
Weight of top 20 stocks	72%
Median market cap	72.8 €bn

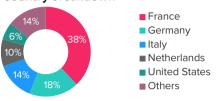
# **Valuation**

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Ratio P/E 2024	18.2x	12.8x
Croissance bénéficiaire 2024	9.9%	6.0%
Ratio P/BV 2024	3.1x	1.8x
Return on Equity	16.9%	13.7%
Rendement 2024	2.1%	2.9%

# 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

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

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

# **Top 10**

	Weight	SPICE	People Score
ASML	9.4%	4.3/5	4.4/5
AXA	5.3%	3.6/5	4.0/5
SAP	4.7%	3.9/5	4.0/5
Munich Re.	4.4%	3.4/5	3.9/5
L'Oreal	4.3%	4.0/5	4.2/5
Schneider E.	4.2%	4.2/5	4.4/5
Prysmian	3.7%	3.8/5	4.2/5
Novo Nordisk	3.4%	3.8/5	4.1/5
RELX	3.1%	3.9/5	3.6/5
BioMérieux	3.1%	3.9/5	4.2/5

# Performance contributors

	Avg. weight	Contrib
Positive		
Intesa Sanpaolo	2.8%	0.37%
SPIE	2.3%	0.27%
Novo Nordisk	3.3%	0.25%
Negative		
ERG	1.6%	-0.12%
Brunello C.	2.0%	-0.09%
STMicroelec.	2.0%	-0.08%

# Portfolio changes

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

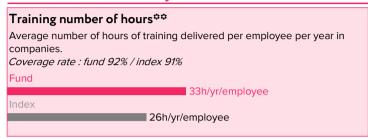
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### **ESG** scores

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

# Societal and social analysis

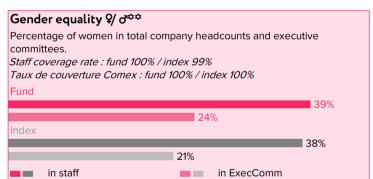


#### Societal contribution

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

Coverage rate: fund 100% / index 95%





### **Best People score**

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

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

### Staff turnover

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

Coverage rate: fund 73% / index 69%



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

# **Environmental analysis**

# Net Environmental Contribution (NEC)

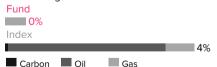
Degree of alignment of the economic models with the ecological transition, integrating biodiversity and climate, on a scale running from -100% for ecoobstruction to +100% for eco-solution, where 0% equates to the average environmental impact of the global economy. The results are expressed in NEC 1.0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

Coverage rate : fund 100% / index 99%



# Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.



# Carbon footprint

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

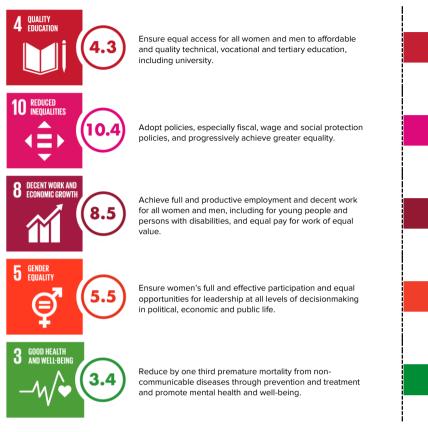
Coverage rate: fund 99% / index 100%

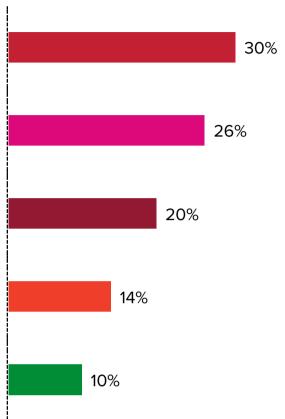
Fund Index kg. eq. CO 2 /year/k€ 155

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# Sustainable development goals exposure





# ESG follow-up, news and dialogue

# Dialogue and engagement

### SAP

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

# **ESG** controversies

### Hermès

Hermès is facing a lawsuit in the United States over the 'selective process' applied for the purchase of its Birkin bags. The brand is accused of unfair business practices and violating US antitrust laws. At this stage, we consider that the controversy has no material impact. So far, two buyers are suing the company in a class action. It is known and understood within the industry that the direct purchase of a Birkin handbag is both exclusive and rare and is a feature of Hermès' business model.

### Votes

1 / 2 voted general assembly over the month.

Details on our votes are available here the day follows:

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

### **Deutsche Telekom**

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

### SAP

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

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