# **Key Investor Information**



This document provides key information for investors in this Sub-fund. It is not marketing material. The information it contains is required by law to help you understand the features of the Sub-fund along with the risks and other related information, should you decide to invest. You are advised to read it so that you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

AZ Alternative - Core Brands (the "Sub-fund") is a sub-fund of AZ Fund 1 (the "Fund").

A-INSTITUTIONAL USD (ACC) class - ISIN LU1232062312 A-INSTITUTIONAL USD (DIS) class - ISIN LU1232062403

The Fund is managed by Azimut Investments S.A. (the Management Company).

#### **OBJECTIVES AND INVESTMENT POLICY**

#### Objectives

The Sub-fund's investment objective is capital growth over the medium and long term.

#### Investment policy

The Sub-fund aims to achieve its investment objective by actively managing a long/short strategy on equities issued by companies throughout the world, mainly belonging to the following sectors: consumption, communication services, information technology (including FinTech) and health. A long/short strategy consists of taking long positions in companies that, in the Manager's view, are undervalued and for which appreciation is expected, and short positions in companies that, in the Manager's view, are overvalued and for which depreciation is expected.

Net exposure is actively managed and depends, among other things, on the overall valuation of equity markets. The higher the valuation, the lower the net exposure, and vice versa. The Sub-fund's net equity exposure will be between -20% and +70% of its net assets

The Sub-fund can also invest up to 70% of its net assets in debt securities issued by issuers in developed countries, including up to 20% in debt securities with a sub-investment grade rating.

The Sub-fund aims to maintain an overall ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) rating of at least BBB for its portfolio, calculated on the basis of ESG ratings awarded by MSCI ESG Research to each of the securities it holds. More information on the Sub-fund's ESG strategy is available in the Prospectus.

The Sub-fund uses the main financial derivatives for investment purposes and/or to hedge against risks. Leverage calculated based on the sum of notionals method: maximum 250%.

The Sub-fund is actively managed and is not managed in relation to a benchmark index. For the purpose of calculating the performance fee, the following benchmark is used: 20% MSCI Europe Consumer Discretionary + 20% MSCI Europe Consumer Staples + 60% Bloomberg Euro Treasury Bills 0-3 Months Index + USD/EUR 3M Hedging Costs (FXHCUSEU).

#### Specific information on units

You may request the sale of your units on a daily basis, except in certain circumstances (see the prospectus).

The Sub-fund will distribute potential dividends to unitholders of the A-INSTITUTIONAL USD (DIS) class and reinvest potential dividends for unitholders of the A-INSTITUTIONAL USD (ACC) class.

The USD class is hedged against the Sub-fund's currency, the euro.

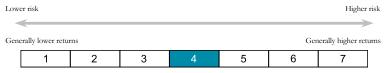
This unit class is reserved for institutional investors.

Recommendation: this Sub-fund may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within five years.

#### **Definitions**

**Actively managed Sub-fund:** a Sub-fund for which the manager has the flexibility to select the securities that make up the portfolio, in line with the objectives and investment policy laid out.

## **RISK AND REWARD PROFILE**



## Definition of the risk and reward indicator

The aim of the risk indicator is to provide you with an evaluation of changes in unit prices. Risk category 4 means that the unit price fluctuates averagely. As a result, the risk of loss and the expected return may also be average. However, even the lowest category does not mean that the investment is "risk free".

Historical data may not provide reliable information about the future. The displayed risk indicator is not guaranteed and is likely to change over time. There is no capital guarantee and the value of the Sub-fund is not protected.

#### Reason why the Sub-fund is classified in this risk category

This Sub-fund's risk level primarily reflects the investment positions in equities and derivatives according to the volatility of the market within the scope of the predefined margin.

# Particular risks for the Sub-fund not included in the indicator:

Risks associated with securities: this refers to the financial risk associated with the direct or indirect holding of financial assets that represent the shares of a company. The value of securities can increase or decrease depending on the particular characteristics of the issuer (profitability, financial capacity) and the general developments of the stock markets.

Risk associated with derivatives: some derivatives may be subject to unexpected movements or expose the Sub-fund to losses significantly greater than the cost of the derivative.

**Emerging market risk:** risk associated with investing in emerging markets. Due to their political instability, the volatility of the exchange rate of their currencies and the limited number of investment opportunities, the risk of these markets is greater than in countries considered as developed.

Risk associated with the "long/short" strategy: this risk is linked to long and/or short positions designed to adjust the net exposure to the market. The Fund may incur significant losses if its long and short positions simultaneously experience unfavourable trends in opposite directions.

Risks associated with investment policies that take an ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance criteria) approach: the use of ESG criteria can affect the performance of a Sub-fund, which may, therefore, differ from that of other Sub-funds with similar investment policies but which do not take ESG criteria into account.

Other investment risks are specified in the risks section of the prospectus.

### **CHARGES**

The charges you pay are used to cover the costs of running the Sub-fund, including marketing and distribution costs. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

One-off charges taken before or after you invest:	
Entry charge	2.00% of the amount invested for subscriptions made in single solution.
Exit charge	None
The percentage indicated is the maximum that may be taken out of your capital before it is invested and/ or before the proceeds of your investment are paid out.  Please contact your financial advisor or distributor for the actual charges.	
Charges deducted from the Sub-fund over a year:	
Ongoing charges	1.51%
Charges deducted from the Sub-fund under specific conditions:	
Performance fee	The management fee is increased or reduced on a straight-line basis by a variable management fee, up to a maximum of 20% of the amount of the management fee, based on the difference between the performance of the class and the performance of the 20% MSCI Europe Consumer Discretionary + 20% MSCI Europe Consumer Staples + 60% Bloomberg Euro Treasury Bills 0-3 Months Index + USD/EUR 3M Hedging Costs (FXHCUSEU) benchmark index over the same performance period (so-called "fulcrum" variable management fee).  The actual amount of fees charged to the Sub-fund during the last financial year was 0.35%. This amount was calculated using a calculation method that is no longer in force. Since 01/04/2022, a "fulcrum fee model" has been applied.  In some cases, a performance fee may be levied even when the performance of the Sub-fund is negative.

The amount of ongoing charges indicated is an estimate because there has been a change in the charges. This amount may change from year to year.

Ongoing charges do not take into account the following:

- performance fees and
- costs of portfolio transactions, unless the Sub-fund pays entry or exit charges when it buys or sells units in another undertaking for collective investment.

To find out more about the charges, please refer to the prospectus available at www.azimutinvestments.com.

# **PAST PERFORMANCE**



- The graph shown is not a reliable indication of future performance.
- The annual performance is calculated after deducting the fees charged to the Sub-fund.
- The Sub-fund was created in 2012.
- The A-INSTITUTIONAL USD (ACC) class was launched in 2015.
- The A-INSTITUTIONAL USD (DIS) class will be launched at a later date.
- Past performance is calculated in USD.
- The performance of the Sub-fund is not linked to that of the benchmark index. The latter is intended to be used to calculate the performance fee (fulcrum).

A-INSTITUTIONAL
USD (ACC) & AINSTITUTIONAL
USD (DIS) classes

20% MSCI Europe Consumer Discretionary + 20% MSCI Europe Consumer Staples + 60% Bloomberg Euro Treasury Bills 0-3 Months Index + USD/EUR 3M Hedging Costs (FXHCUSEU)

A\*: The investment policy of the Sub-fund changed on 19 June 2020. The performances before this date were achieved under circumstances that are no longer applicable.

B\*: Since 01/04/2022; a "fulcrum fee model" has been applied. Benchmark index up to 01/04/2022: 3M Euribor (EUR003M) + 2.5% + USD/EUR 3M Hedging Costs (FXHCUSEU).

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- Management Company: Azimut Investments S.A.
- Depositary: BNP Paribas Securities Services, succursale de Luxembourg.
- Documentation: additional information on the Sub-fund, including the prospectus, the latest financial statements and unit prices, is available free of charge at www.azimutinvestments.com or from the Management Company's registered office: Azimut Investments S.A., 2A Rue Eugène Ruppert, L-2453 Luxembourg, Luxembourg.
- Remuneration policy: details of the remuneration policy are available on the Management Company's website at www.azimutinvestments.com. This policy includes, in particular, a description (i) of the calculation of remuneration and allowances paid to staff and (ii) details of the persons responsible for their allocation. A paper version of the remuneration policy statement is available free of charge upon request.
- Taxation: your tax system could have an impact on your investment, depending on your citizenship, place of residence or nationality. For further information, please consult your financial advisor before investing.
- Responsibility: the Management Company may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the prospectus.
- Separation of Sub-funds: the Fund offers several Sub-funds whose assets and liabilities are legally separate. The prospectus and financial statements are established for the entire Fund.
- Exchanging units: any unitholder may request that all or part of their units in a Sub-fund are converted into units of the same class in another Sub-fund, unless the factsheet of the Sub-fund in the fund's prospectus expressly excludes this option.