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LAZARD FRÈRES GESTION

02 / 2024 | PVC Hedged Share - CHF/International bonds

Total net assets	1190.79 M€	**Inception date**	Mar 20, 2017
NAV	1070.86 CHF	**ISIN Code**	FR0013236783
		Bloomberg Code	LAZOBIC

SFDR Classification : Article 8

Country of registration

MANAGER(S)



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INVESTMENT POLICY

The fund's investment objective is to outperform the Barclays Global Contingent Capital € Hedged index for units PVC EUR, PVD EUR, RVC EUR, RVD EUR, SC EUR and TVD EUR, Barclays Global Contingent Capital Hedged USD for unit PVC H-USD and Barclays Global Contingent Capital Hedged CHF for PVC H-CHF.

RISK SCALE**

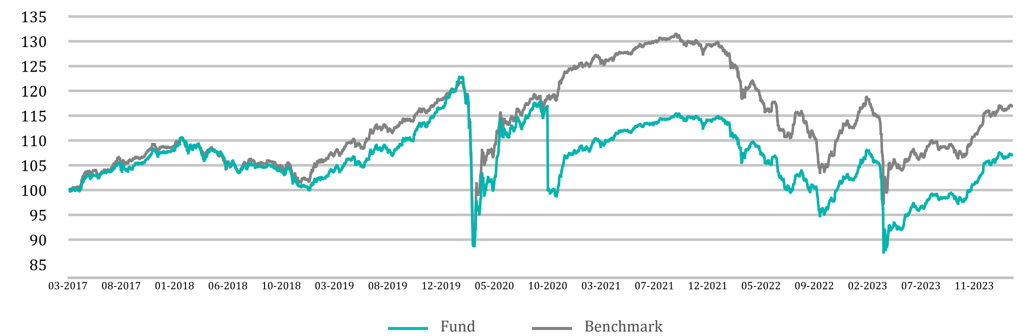
– 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 +

Recommended investment period of 5 years

BENCHMARK INDEX

Barclays Global Contingent Capital Total Return hedged CHF

HISTORICAL NET ASSET VALUE (10 YEARS OR SINCE INCEPTION)



Past performance is no guarantee of future performance and is assessed at the end of the recommended investment period.

FEATURES

Legal Form	FCP
Legal Domicile	France
UCITS	Yes
AMF Classification	International bonds
Eligibility to PEA (personal equity savings plan)	No
Currency	Swiss Franc
Subscribers concerned	
Inception date	20/03/2017
Date of share's first NAV calculation	20/03/2017
Management company	Lazard Frères Gestion SAS
Custodian	CACEIS Bank
Fund administration	CACEIS Fund Admin
Frequency of NAV calculation	Daily
Order execution	For orders placed before 12:00 pm subscriptions and redemptions on next NAV
Subscription terms	D (NAV date) + 2 business day
Settlement of redemptions	D (NAV date) + 2 business day
Share decimalisation	Yes
Minimum investment	1 share
Subscription fees	4% max.
Redemption fees	Nil
Management fees (max)	0.96% max
Performance fees ([1])	15% of the performance over the benchmark
Current expenses	1.00%

**Risk scale : For the SRI methodology, please refer to Art. 14(c) , Art. 3 and Annexes II and III PRIIPs RTS

([1]) Please refer to the Prospectus for more details about the performance fees

(3) Ratios calculated on a weekly basis

HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE

	Cumulative						Annualized	
	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Inception	3 Years	5 Years
Fund	-0.26%	1.16%	1.31%	-1.51%	2.99%	7.09%	-0.51%	0.59%
Benchmark	0.04%	0.83%	1.66%	-6.86%	8.91%	16.93%	-2.34%	1.72%
Difference	-0.30%	0.33%	-0.35%	5.34%	-5.92%	-9.85%	1.83%	-1.13%

PERFORMANCE BY CALENDAR YEAR

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Fund	3.66%	-10.90%	6.14%	-7.40%	15.90%	-6.84%
Benchmark	3.04%	-13.19%	3.74%	5.65%	15.80%	-6.13%

TRAILING 1Y PERFORMANCE

	Fund	Benchmark
2024 02 29	1.31%	1.66%
2023 02 28	-3.09%	-6.21%
2022 02 28	0.31%	-2.31%
2021 02 28	-7.55%	6.72%
2020 02 29	13.11%	9.57%
2019 02 28	-4.65%	-1.49%

RISK RATIOS***

	1 Year	3 Years
Volatility		
Fund	11.04%	8.36%
Benchmark	9.52%	8.09%
Tracking Error	2.79%	2.26%
Information ratio	-0.09	0.80
Sharpe ratio	-0.23	-0.22
Alpha	-0.32	1.87
Beta	1.13	0.99

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

	Yield to worst	Yield to call	Yield to maturity	Spread vs Govies (bps)	Modified Duration	Credit Sensitivity
Gross (Net hedge FX)	7.5%	8.4%	8.2%	533	2.7	2.7
Net (hedged FX/CDS/Taux)	-	8.2%	-	-	3.4	2.7

Estimates of yields, OAS spreads or sensitivities are based on LFG's best judgment for all securities included in the portfolio as of the date mentioned (cash excluded). LFG does not provide any guarantee.

AVERAGE RATING

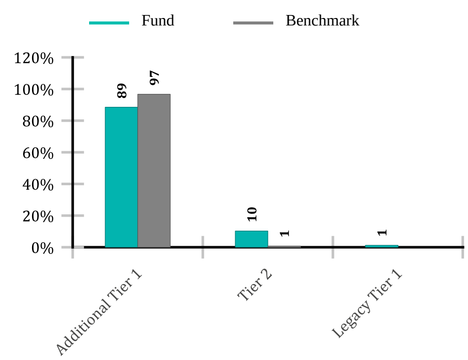
Issues Rating*	Issuers Rating*
BB-	BBB

**Average rating*

MAIN HOLDINGS

Holdings	Weight
BARCLAYS PLC TV COCO17-10AG--T	3.4%
COMMERZBANK TV 20-16JN--A	3.1%
UNICAJA BCO TV(COCO)21-18NO--T	3.0%
ALPHA SERVICES TV(C)23-08FE--S	2.7%
BANCO CR.SOC.TV EMTN21-27NO31A	2.6%

SUBORDINATION BREAKDOWN (%)

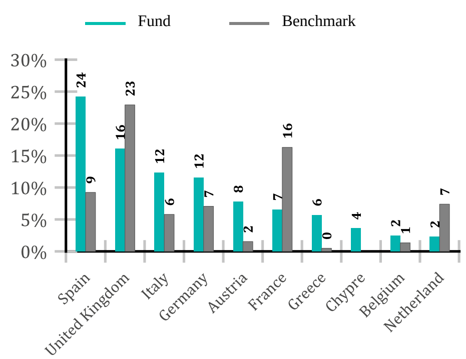


CURRENCY BREAKDOWN (%)

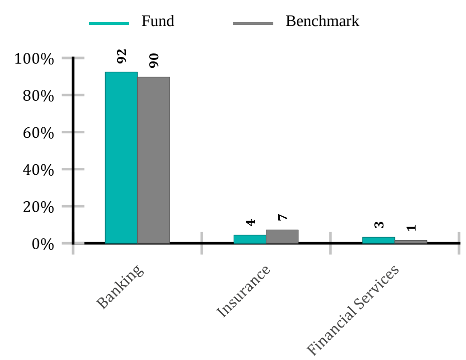
Currencies	Gross weight	Net weight
EUR	75.2%	92.1%
USD	9.5%	7.8%
GBP	15.0%	0.2%
Others Currencies	0.0%	0.0%

**Net exposure of FX hedges.*

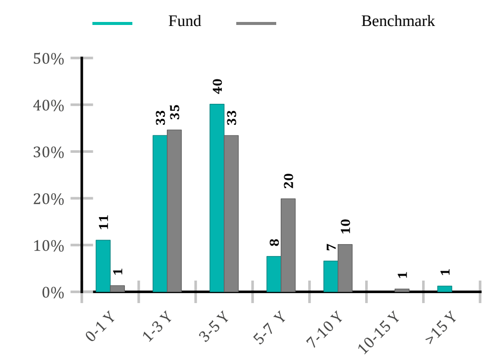
GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN % (Top Ten)



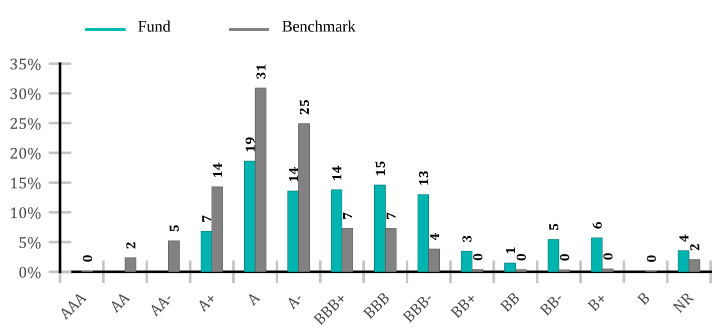
SECTOR BREAKDOWN % (Top Ten)



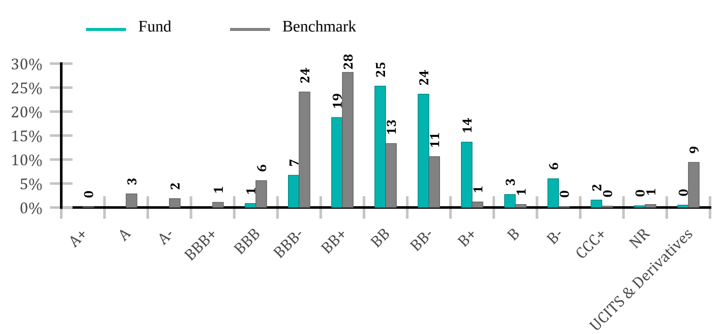
MATURITY BREAKDOWN % (Next call Date)



ISSUER RATING BREAKDOWN (%)



ISSUE RATING BREAKDOWN (%)



FUND MANAGERS COMMENT

February was a flat to slightly negative Month for the asset class only due to higher Rates which rose by +13 to +48 bps depending on the currency and point of the yield curve. Better macro figures and some slight negative surprises on CPI explained that movement with now later and less cuts priced in the markets. Spreads tightened by -11 bps for Senior debt, -16 bps for Tier 2 IG and between -18 to -25 bps for AT1s which outperformed the rest of the capital stack with TRR of -0.1% to +0.2% whereas Senior debt ended at -0.6% and Banks Tier 2 IG had a -0.2% TRR. Subordinated debt of insurers also outperformed with a TRR of -0.2%.
The primary market was active in February with around 41 bn issued this month (in line vs 2023).
We had the issuance of eleven capital instruments last month for 9.3 bn, with seven AT1s ($ ING 8%, $ UBS 7.75%, $ Swedbank 7.75%, $ BNP 8%, € ABN Amro 6.875%, £ Investec 10.5%, $ Standard Chartered 7.875%) and four Tier 2 callable (Danske Bank, BPCE, SEB, Natwest).
Calls and refinancing are very advanced for the 2024 vintage with roughly 62% of all Tier 2 and AT1 callable in 2024 already called or refinanced, without any non-call so far.
The earnings season for banks is very well advanced and most are publishing historical record profits for 2023, thanks to a big jump in revenues, notably the Net Interest Income. Insurers are publishing a good set of results without shining as much as banks.
We had some volatility at the start of the month due to some concerns on Commercial Real Estate (CRE) exposures. It started with a US bank, NYCB, which went under pressure due to its elevated exposure to multi-family rents, it continued with a Japanese bank, Aozora Bank, which took elevated provisions to cover its US CRE portfolio. Both entities have low capital ratios and taking more provisions were absolutely needed, even if, their situation is very specific. We then had some contagion to a German bank with Deutsche Pfandbriefbank (PBB) under pressure as this is a monoline specialized in CRE. The read through from the market was exaggerated by the small size of the bank and the lack of liquidity in its bonds. More provisions will be needed but its capital ratios are twice more elevated than NYCB or Aozora Bank.
We continue to see ratings upgrade with Sabadell upgraded by S&P to BBB+ vs BBB and Permanent TSB upgraded by Fitch from BB+ to BBB-. Unipol has come under credit watch positive with Moody's after announcing the merger between its Holdco and Opco entities.
In Lazard Capital Fi, the most important contributors to the performance have been :
- By subordination, AT1 and RT1 (+0,27%) and banks Tier 2 (+0,07%)
- By country, UK (+0,25%) and Germany (-0,17%)
- By issuer, Deutsche Bank (-0,16%) and Barclays (+0,10%)

CONTACTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Glossary :

Alpha represents the return of a portfolio that is attributable to the manager's investment decisions.
Beta measures a fund's sensitivity to movements in the overall market.
Information ratio represents the value added by the manager (excess return) divided by the tracking error.
Sharpe ratio measures return in excess of the risk free rate for every unit of risk taken.
Tracking error measures the volatility of the difference between a portfolio's performance and the benchmark.
Volatility is a measure of the fund's returns in relation to its historic average.
Yield to Maturity indicates the rate of return generated if a security is held to its maturity date.
Coupon Yield is the annual coupon value divided by the price of the bond.
Average Credit Spread is the credit spread of a bond over LIBOR, taking into account the value of the embedded option.
Average Rating is the weighted average credit rating of bonds held by the Fund.
Modified Duration is the percentage change in the value of a bond resulting from a 1% interest rate change.
Average Maturity is the average time to maturity of all bonds held by the Fund.
Spread Duration is the sensitivity of a bond price to a change in spreads.
Yield is the internal rate of return of a bond if held to maturity, but not accounting for conversion features of a convertible bond.
Delta represents the sensitivity of convertible bonds held by the Fund to a change in the underlying security price.

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SRI report

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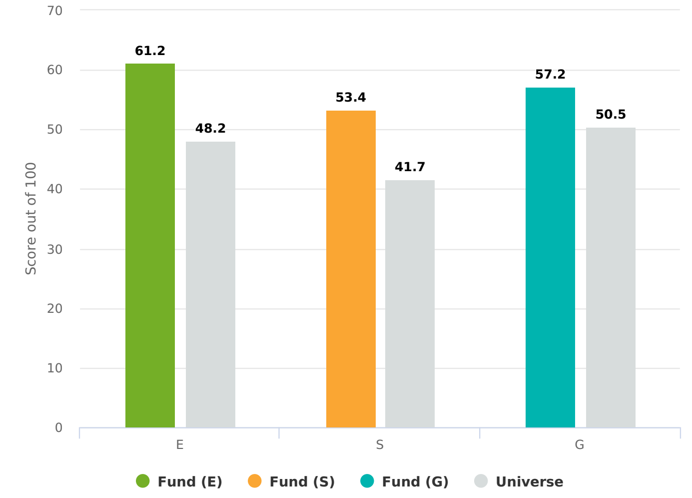
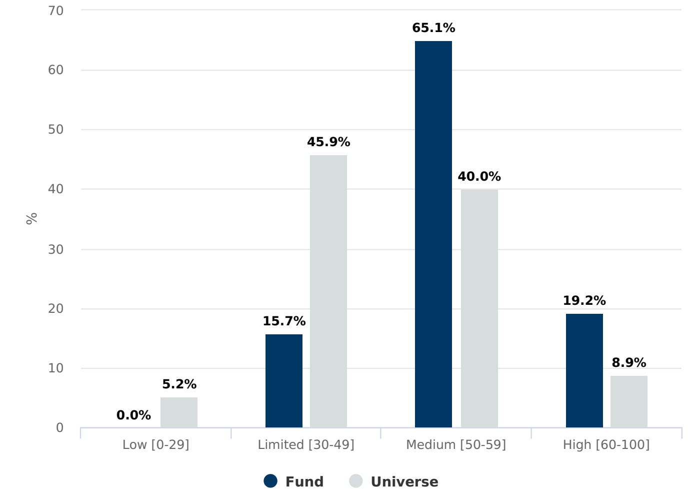
ESG rating - Lazard Capital Fi SRI	ESG rating Universe*	Minimum label SRI rating
54.05	48.25	51.90

Average score on each ESG pillar | Score out of 100



ESG score distribution in %

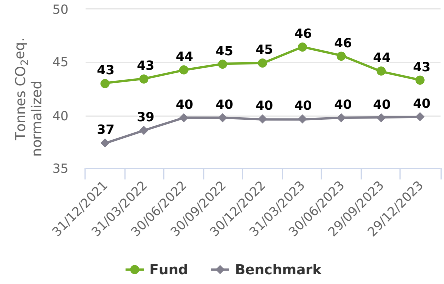


Source: Mixte Moody's ESG Solutions / MSCI ESG. Fund coverage rate: 95.0%. Universe coverage rate: 100.0%
*Universe: european financial companies analyzed by Moody's ESG Solutions and MSCI ESG

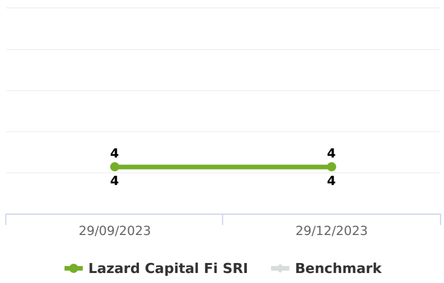
ESG performance indicators

Environmental

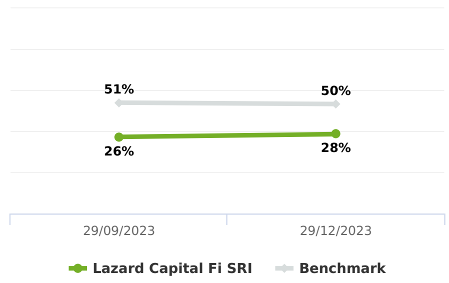
Carbon intensity
Tonnes CO_2 eq./M€ of Sales



Carbon footprint
Tonnes CO_2 eq./M€ of EVIC



% of companies with high or critical Environmental controversies

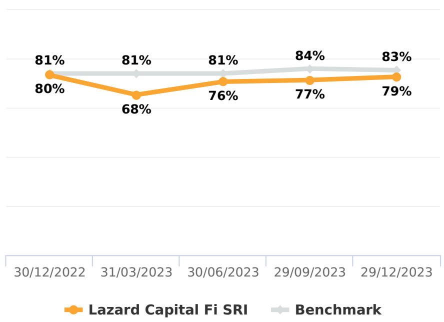


Benchmark: Global Contingent Capital Total Return EUR
Source: Trucost - scopes 1, 2 and 3
Fund coverage rate: 83.6% ; benchmark: 92.8%

Source: Moody's ESG Solutions
Fund coverage rate: 100.0%
Benchmark coverage rate: : 100.0%

Human rights

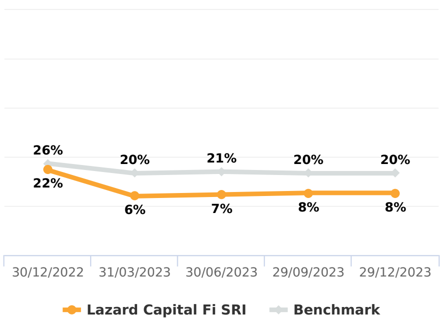
% of companies signatories of United Nation Global Compact



Source: Moody's ESG Solutions
Fund coverage rate: 92.4%
Benchmark coverage rate: 95.8%

Social

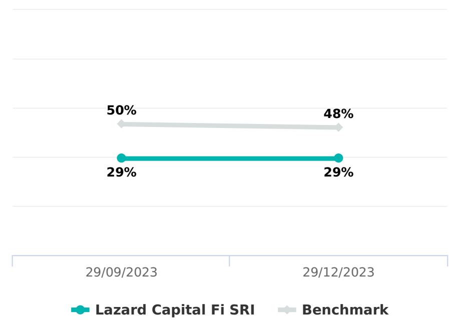
% of companies with high or critical HR controversies



Source: Moody's ESG Solutions
Fund coverage rate: 100.0%
Benchmark coverage rate: 100.0%

Governance

% of companies with high or critical Governance controversies



Source: Moody's ESG Solutions
Fund coverage rate: 100.0%
Benchmark coverage rate: 100.0%

Evolution of additional ESG indicators, source Moody's ESG Solutions

Goals

Development of green products and services

Rates companies based on sustainable products and companies offered to customers customers, as well as their "research & development" achievements.

Responsible customer relations

Analyses companies' best practices with respect to their customers.

Prevention of discrimination and promotion of diversity

Reviews company policies aimed at preventing discrimination at work and promoting and developing diversity In the workplace.

Audit and internal controls

Rates companies on the quality of their internal controls and risks covered.

Factors Analysed

Development of green products and services

- Commitment in terms of sustainable products and services (definition of precise objectives, etc)
- Resources allocated to achieve this commitment (R&D budget, dedicated structures)
- Share of the company's activity concerned by this policy (segments concerned, number of products)
- Company performance on sustainable products and services compared to the sector

Responsible customer relations

- Prevention of abusive practices and establishing mutually beneficial relationships
- Compliance with contractual clauses
- Setting up appeal systems and due process

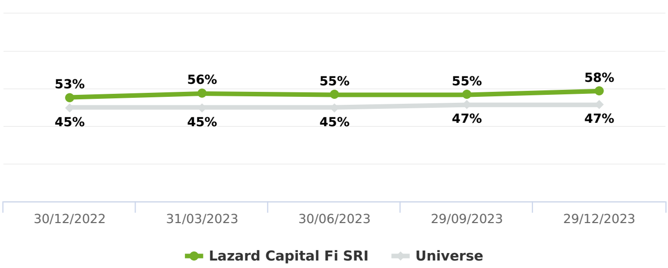
Prevention of discrimination and promotion of diversity

- Commitment on discrimination and diversity
- Measures implemented by the company to achieve this objective
- Controversies affecting the company in this area

Audit and internal controls

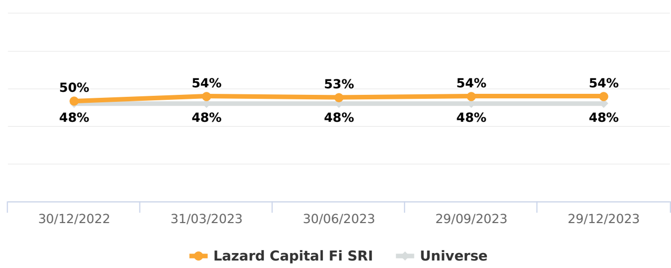
- Internal company audit committee
- CSR risk management and its inclusion in reporting
- Controversies involving the company in this area (severity, frequency, responsiveness)

Development of green products and services



Source: Moody's ESG Solutions
Fund coverage rate: 92.4%
Universe coverage rate: 60.4%

Responsible customer relations



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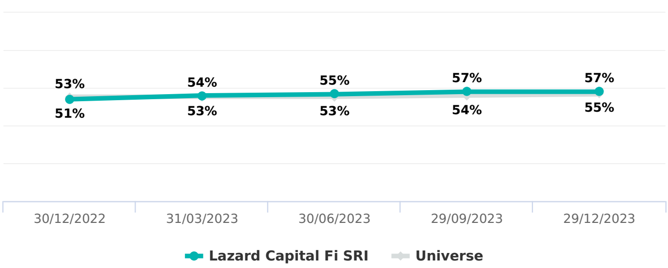
Fund coverage rate: 92.4%
Universe coverage rate: 61.6%

Audit and internal controls



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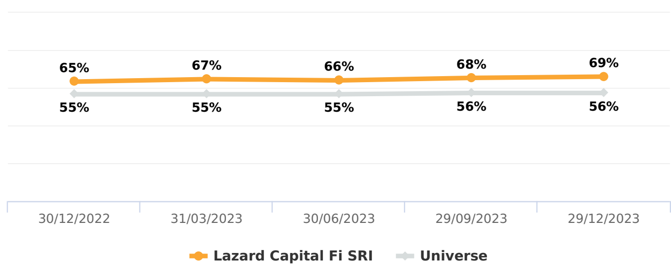
Fund coverage rate: 92.4%
Universe coverage rate: 62.8%

Prevention of discrimination and promotion of diversity



Source: Moody's ESG Solutions
Fund coverage rate: 92.4%
Universe coverage rate: 62.8%

SRI label commitments

List of indicators for which the fund is committed to outperforming its benchmark / universe, as defined in the SRI label guidelines:

- % of companies with high or critical Environmental controversies
- % of companies with high or critical Governance controversies

Carbon footprint methodology (environmental impact)

- Lazard Frères Gestion decided to establish a partnership with TRUCOST in 2016, in order to receive carbon footprint data.
- Lazard Frères Gestion uses the carbon footprint indicator , which is expressed in CO_2 equivalent tons per €m of revenue.
- The carbon footprint assessment takes into account scope 1, 2 and 3 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions:
    - Scope 1: all direct emissions related to the combustion of fossil fuels required to manufacture the product.
    - Scope 2: indirect emissions linked to the production of electricity, heat or steam consumed by the activities of the company.
    - Scope 3: other indirect emissions, all other indirect emissions related to the activity of the company considered.
- This measurements are made only on securities held directly.
- In the case of a listed company for which we do not have carbon data, its weighting is then proportionally distributed over the weight of other companies in the same sector, in order to preserve the initial sectoral weightings.
- The weight of each security in the portfolio is rebased so that the total weight is 100%.
- The method used to calculate the carbon footprint of a portfolio is a weighted average of GHGs divided by the revenue of each position. This gives us the following formula:

$$\boxed{Carbon\ footprint\ of\ the\ portfolio\ = \sum\left[\left(\frac{Carbon\ emissions\ (scope\ 1+2+3)}{Revenue}\right)\ of\ each\ security \times\ security\ weight\right]}$$

- The level of CO_2 emissions of a company is highly dependent on its field of activity. Some sectors are structurally more “emitting” than others.