



# DORVAL CONVICTIONS

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**FLEXIBLE STRATEGY**

Monthly report as at **28 March 2024**

Fund's AuM

**159.1M€**

NAV

**103.34€**

Inception date N Share

**13 Dec 2017**

ISIN code

**FR0013299187**

Bloomberg code

**DORCONN FP Equity**

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**Country of registration**



## MANAGEMENT PHILOSOPHY

Dorval Convictions is a flexible fund, and equity exposure can vary from 0% to 100%.

The fund aims to take advantage of equity market momentum while seeking to limit capital losses during market downturns. The management aim is to outperform the benchmark, consisting of 50% €STR capitalized and 50% Euro Stoxx 50 NR (EUR) net dividends reinvested, over the recommended 3-year investment timeframe, by taking an active approach to asset allocation between fixed-income products and European Union equities.

The investment process involves four steps: determining the equity exposure rate to French and European stocks, identifying investment themes, determining the equity allocation per capitalisation and selecting individual companies. The remainder of the portfolio is invested in money market and fixed-income products in order to preserve capital and reduce the portfolio's overall volatility. The Fund does not seek to replicate this reference indicator and can therefore significantly diverge from it.

## FUND MANAGER'S COMMENT

European equity markets closed the quarter on a high note, in a macroeconomic and market environment that continues to provide impetus. After highly concentrated growth in just a small number of large stocks since November 2023, we are now seeing broader growth across the index with financials at the fore. As a result, the Euro Stoxx 50 index climbed by more than 4% over the month.

Within our themes, financials have achieved the greatest relative growth while the 'transition and productivity' theme is marking time following outflows from certain technology stocks. Finally, the small- and mid-caps theme is on a par with the large-cap index – an encouraging sign for the months ahead.

We remain well invested in equities; but in view of strong market growth, we have incorporated optional protection for the Euro Stoxx 50 as a precaution against a potential period of consolidation.

## SYNTHETIC RISK INDICATOR



The Synthetic Risk Indicator (SRI) is an overall indicator of the risk of the product resulting from the combination of two risks: market risk and credit risk. It is on a scale of 1 (lowest risk but does not mean that there is no risk) to 7 (highest risk).



References to rankings, labels, awards or ratings are not an indicator of the future performance of the fund or the investment manager.

## FUND RISKS

Equity investments may undergo major share price fluctuations. Fixed-income investments are particularly exposed to changes in interest rates, and the fund can lose value in the event of interest rate hikes. The fund is exposed to certain specific risks, i.e. risk related to discretionary portfolio management, **risk of capital loss**, equity risk, risk related to market capitalization size, market risk, exchange rate risk, interest rate risk, credit risk, risk related to investment on the emerging markets, risk associated with the use of derivatives, sustainability risk. Capital invested is not guaranteed. You may recover less than you invested. Please refer to the fund's full prospectus for a full description of risks.

## NET PERFORMANCE SINCE INCEPTION (%)

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Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Performance calculation takes into account net dividends re-invested for the fund and net dividends re-invested for the reference indicator since 1st January 2013. Since 12/31/2021, the reference indicator consists of 50% €STR capitalized and 50% Euro Stoxx 50 NR (EUR).

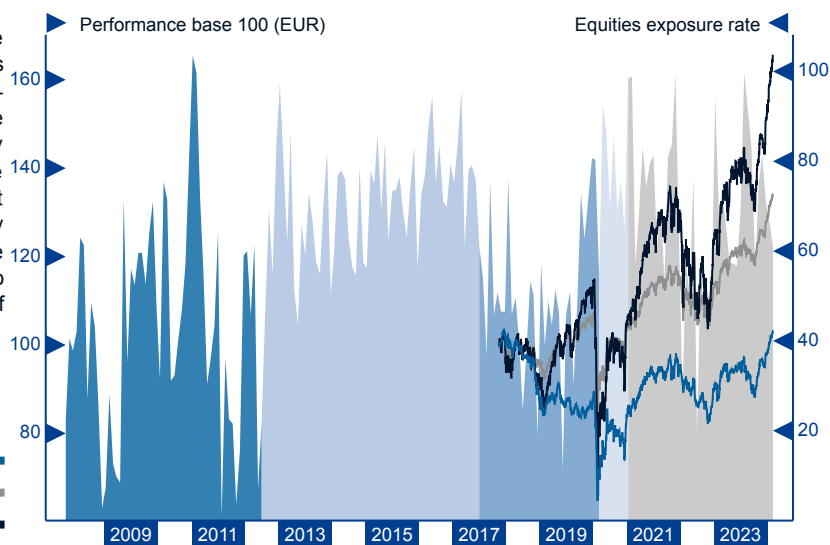
## MONTHLY EXPOSURE SINCE INCEPTION

The chart shows monthly equity exposure since fund inception on the right-hand scale during 5 separate stock-market phases: the crisis period (2008-2011), reflation during Mario Draghi's presidency (2012 – 3Q 2017), and economic cycle maturity (4Q 2017 to March 2020), the Covid-19 pandemic (April to December 2020), the post-Covid recovery (2021). The left-hand scale shows the fund's performance, the reference indicator's performance and showings from the European equity market as indicated by the Euro Stoxx 50 NR. Dorval Convictions' equity exposure rate hit 0% during the Lehman Brothers crisis and the European debt crisis area crisis in the summer of 2011, and was also 100% invested in equities at several points, particularly at the start of 2017.

Equities exposure

- The crisis period
- Reflation during Mario Draghi's presidency
- Economic cycle maturity
- Covid-19 pandemic
- Post-Covid economic recovery

Performance DORVAL CONVICTIONS N Share  
Performance Reference Indicator  
Performance EuroStoxx 50 NR



## Net cumulative performance

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since inception
Fund - N Share	2.96%	6.82%	13.91%	6.82%	9.94%	13.69%	18.47%	-	3.34%
Reference Indicator	2.30%	6.76%	11.83%	6.76%	12.11%	21.66%	36.09%	-	33.81%
Difference	0.66%	0.06%	2.08%	0.06%	-2.18%	-7.97%	-17.62%	-	-30.47%

## Net annualised performance

	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since inception
Fund - N Share	4.38%	3.45%	-	0.52%
Reference Indicator	6.77%	6.37%	-	4.74%
Difference	-2.39%	-2.91%	-	-4.21%

## Net calendar performance

	2024 - YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	-	-	-	-	-
Fund - N Share	6.82%	10.13%	-8.68%	12.28%	0.28%	0.16%	-15.09%	-	-	-	-	-
Reference Indicator	6.76%	12.64%	-4.21%	11.10%	-0.54%	13.24%	-6.16%	-	-	-	-	-
Difference	0.06%	-2.50%	-4.47%	1.18%	0.82%	-13.08%	-8.93%	-	-	-	-	-

## NET PERFORMANCE SINCE INCEPTION (%)

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### PORTFOLIO BREAKDOWN

Gross equity investment rate	79.8%
Net equity exposure rate	60.8%
Gross equity investment rate	79.8%
Active share	49.2%
Futures & Options	-28.7%

### MAIN HOLDINGS CHANGES

Bought	Strengthened	THYSSENKRUPP AG COMPUGROUP MEDICAL FAURECIA
Sold	Reduced	AIR LIQUIDE AIRBUS SE ASML HOLDING

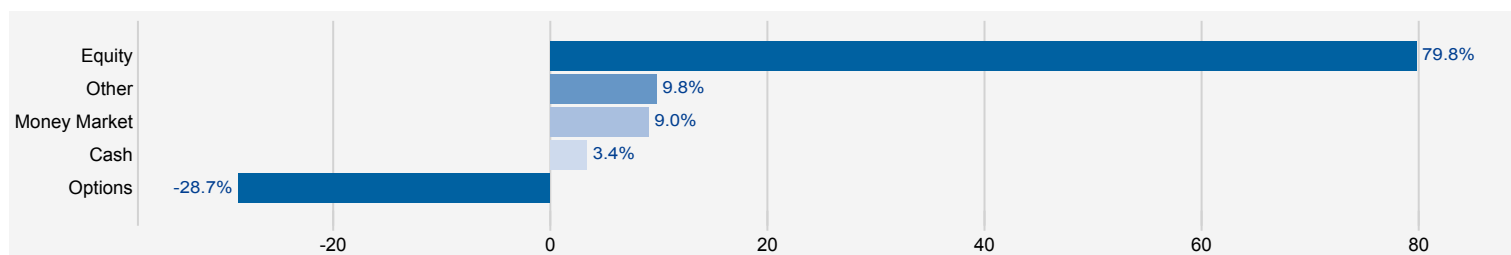
Total number of equity holdings	103
Number of equity holdings   Active positions	103
Top 5 holdings	19.0%
Top 10 holdings	29.6%

Top 10 Equities   Active positions	Country	Sector	Weight	Investment themes
ASML HOLDING	Netherlands	Technology	6.2%	Transition and productivity
SAP AG	Germany	Technology	3.7%	Transition and productivity
LVMH	France	Consumer Discretionary	3.7%	Core index (excluding thematic)
SIEMENS AG	Germany	Industrials	2.8%	Transition and productivity
SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC SE	France	Industrials	2.6%	Transition and productivity
ALLIANZ	Germany	Financials	2.5%	Financials
AIR LIQUIDE	France	Basic Materials	2.2%	Transition and productivity
L'OREAL	France	Consumer Staples	2.1%	Core index (excluding thematic)
SANOFI	France	Health Care	2.0%	Core index (excluding thematic)
BANCO SANTANDER S.A.	Spain	Financials	1.8%	Financials

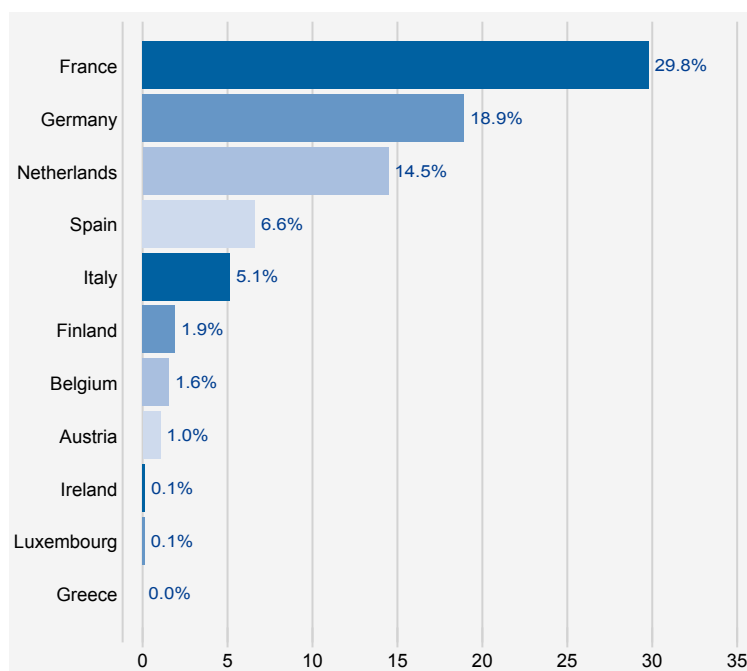
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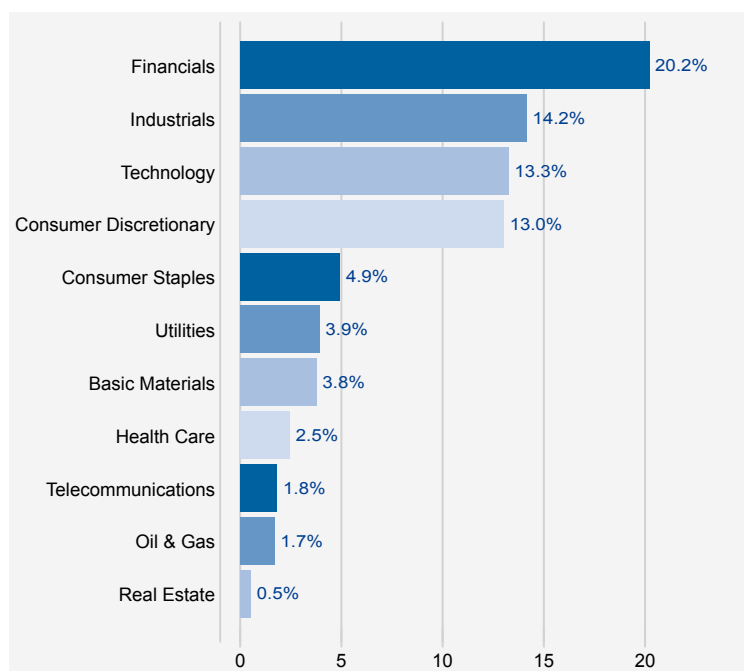
### Breakdown by asset class



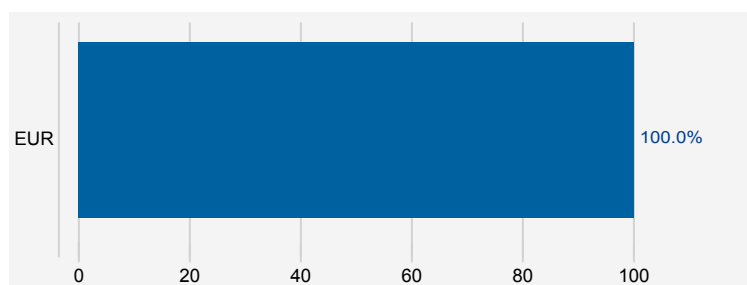
### Geographical breakdown \*



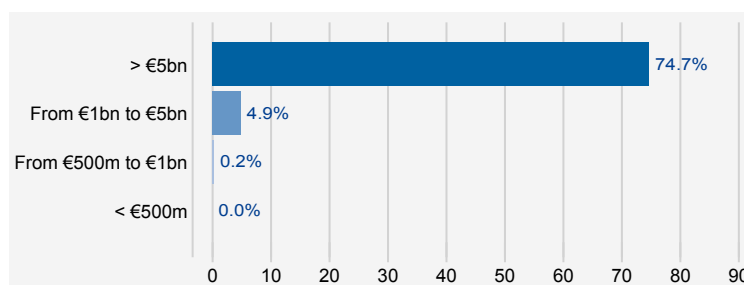
### Sector breakdown \*



### Breakdown by currency



### Breakdown by market capitalisation\*



\* Percentage of portfolio invested in equities excl. derivatives

## RISK ANALYSIS

Ratio	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
Sharpe ratio	0.73	0.33	0.20
Beta	1.31	1.03	1.22
Alpha	-0.10	-0.05	-0.07
Information ratio	-0.66	-0.60	-0.50
Volatility - N Share	8.66	9.30	14.12
Reference Indicator Volatility	6.27	8.15	10.70
Volatility Euro Stoxx 50	12.56	16.25	21.27

Ratio	Results	Date
Max performance	59.45%	from 18/03/2020 to 28/03/2024
Max drawdown	-37.39%	from 22/01/2018 to 18/03/2020
Recovery period	-	days
Gain frequency	52.63%	per month

## CHARACTERISTICS AND FUND RISKS

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### CHARACTERISTICS

Legal structure	Mutual Fund (FCP)	First NAV date	13 Dec 2017	Settlement of redemptions	D+2 business days
Country of legal registration	France	Asset Management company	Dorval Asset Management	Unit decimalisation	Yes
UCITS	Yes	Custodian	Caceis Bank France	Initial minimum subscription	One thousandth of a unit
Investment period	3 years	Delegated financial manager	Caceis Fund Administration	Subscription fee not retained by the UCITS	2% max
Eligible for PEA French share savings plans	No	NAV frequency	Daily	Redemption fees	None
Currency	EUR	Settlement of subscriptions	D+2 business days	Management fees	1.30 %
Target subscribers	Distributors or intermediaries (MiFID II)	Cut-off time - Paris time		Performance fees	
Inception date	13 Dec 2017	Centralisation of orders before 1:00 p.m. Execution of the order on D at the latest		20% of outperformance above its index if the fund's performance is positive (see page 8)	
Reference Indicator	50% of the compounded €STR + 50% Euro Stoxx 50 NR (EUR)				

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**QUANTALYS METHODOLOGY** available on the website <https://www.quantalys.com/Whoarewe/Methodology>

## ESG PERFORMANCE REPORT

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### SRI APPROACH AND METHODOLOGY





Dorval Asset Management takes a long-term investment approach, and we firmly believe that we have a pivotal role to play in directing investment to build a more responsible and sustainable economy. We engage with real economy stakeholders to encourage them to adapt their environmental, social and governance practices to support this transition, acting as a responsible investor as we pledge to meet the highest standards with both our clients and partners, as well as with the companies we invest in.

Dorval Asset Management's approach since 2004 has consistently been built on shareholder dialogue, drawing on a practical and collaborative approach in our role as shareholder – further reinforced by our voting policy – as well as in our regular meetings with companies. This governance approach is resolutely grounded in the Manageurs range's philosophy, which includes the original Dorval Manageurs fund.

However, we also look beyond this aspect and include all Environmental, Social and Governance considerations in our extra-financial analysis for securities in our initial investment universe and our assessment of managers.

For more information on our methodologies, please refer to our Dorval AM website: [https://www.dorval-am.com/en\\_FR/our-esg-approach](https://www.dorval-am.com/en_FR/our-esg-approach)

### ESG STRATEGIES

Integration	Best in universe	Engagement	Exclusion
			

### RATING - PROPRIETARY METHODOLOGY

	ESG	E	S	G	Coverage
Fund	73.5	79.1	68.5	74.9	100%
Investment universe	62.3	63.8	53.5	69.4	100%
% difference	+18%	+24%	+28%	+8%	-

Coverage: Calculated as a percentage of assets excluding cash investments

### PROPRIETARY RATING METHODOLOGY

Our proprietary ESG methodology draws on input from our partner MSCI as well as in-house research information to develop issuer ratings across each fund's investment universe.

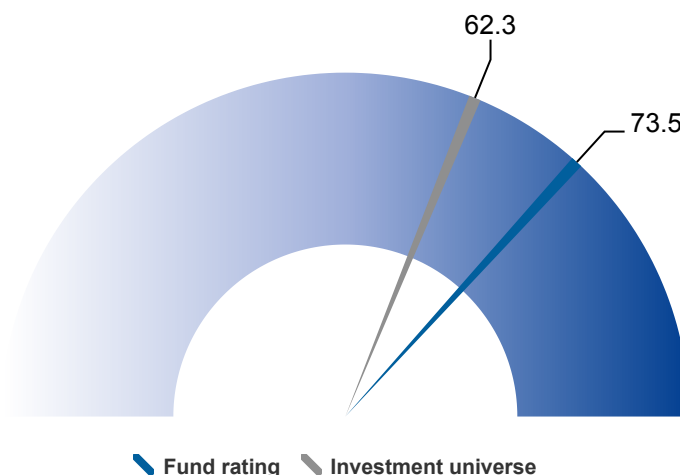
Our approach is based on the following principles:

- \* We assess ESG challenges and allocate an in-house weighting after screening for sector-specific, geographical and market cap considerations;
- \* We assign an ESG rating for each issuer based on its exposure to the challenges set out, and the way they are managed by the company.

Our portfolio management teams and our financial and extra-financial analysts screen for 37 ESG challenges based on a range of qualitative and quantitative indicators, with a particular focus on 12 of these aspects.

The extra-financial score - from 0 to 100, with 100 being the top score - is based on each of the E, S and G dimensions. We exclude 20% of the investment universe comprising companies with the lowest scores and with an eliminatory score on at least one of the dimensions. Issuers with an environmental or social rating of less than 10 or a governance score of under 30 are excluded. Any issuer with an overall extra-financial rating of less than 40 is also excluded.

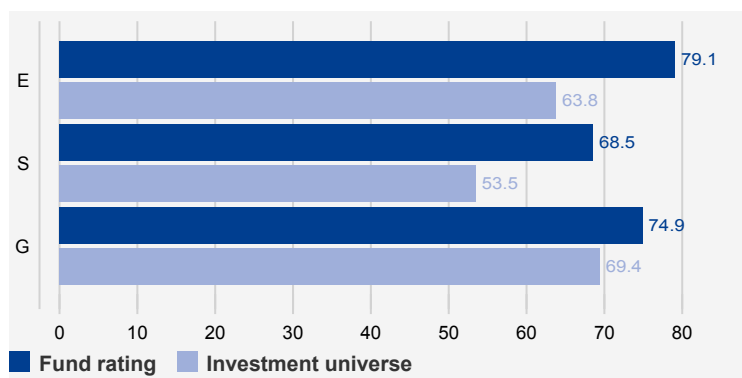
Our methodology draws partly on primary data from an external provider. Our approach places governance at the very center of our ESG analysis and can therefore minimize certain environmental or social risks and opportunities.



### RATING FOR FUNDS' FIVE LARGEST HOLDINGS

	ESG	E	S	G	Weight
ASML HOLDING	86.7	76.3	100.0	86.4	6.2%
SAP AG	82.5	73.1	83.0	85.0	3.7%
LVMH	69.3	80.1	74.9	61.0	3.7%
SIEMENS AG	77.4	90.9	60.0	80.7	2.8%
SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC SE	91.0	100.0	77.8	89.2	2.6%

### RATING - PROPRIETARY METHODOLOGY



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### FUND'S ESG PERFORMANCE

Indicator	Definition	ESG Assessment			Coverage		ESG Assessment N-1 & N-2			
		Fund	Universe	Δ	Fund	Universe	2023		2022	
							Fund	Universe	Fund	Universe
<b>Carbon intensity (tCO<sub>2</sub> eq/\$m of revenues)</b>	Tons of carbon emissions in Scope 1 and 2 (direct emissions) per million dollars of revenues generated, weighted for the proportion of companies in the scope in question. Scope 3 is not taken into account.	89.7	112.1	-20%	100%	93%	85.2	112.1	186.2	148.7
<b>Carbon emission reduction targets</b>	Percentage of companies with a clear quantitative goal for reducing carbon emissions, weighted for the proportion of companies in the scope in question.	97%	56%	1.7x	100%	94%	98%	56%	97%	56%
<b>Promoting diversity</b>	Percentage of companies that have taken measures to enhance diversity in their teams, weighted for the proportion of companies in the scope in question.	98%	47%	2.1x	100%	100%	98%	47%	96%	51%
<b>Independence of the Board of Directors</b>	Percentage of members of Board of Directors complying with MSCI's independence criteria, weighted for the proportion of companies in the scope in question.	85%	68%	1.3x	100%	100%	86%	68%	84%	74%
<b>Incorporation of CSR criteria into executive compensation</b>	Percentage of companies that incorporate extrafinancial criteria into executive compensation, weighted for the proportion of companies in the scope in question.	93%	47%	2.0x	100%	77%	94%	47%	77%	36%
<b>Signatories to the UN Global Compact</b>	Percentage of companies that signed the UN Global Compact, weighted for the proportion of companies in the scope in question.	87%	27%	3.2x	100%	100%	87%	27%	87%	38%

Sources: Dorval AM, Bloomberg, MSCI, UN - all securities in the universe have the same weighting

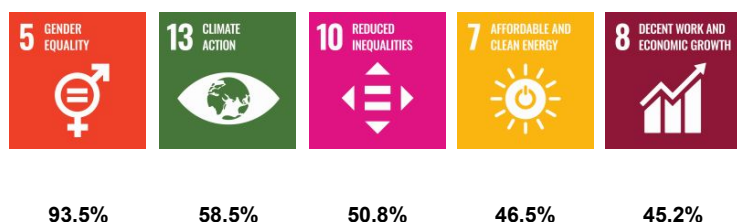
Coverage: Calculated as a percentage of total weighting for companies

### PORTFOLIO'S CONTRIBUTION TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) offer a blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. They address the global challenges we face, including poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, prosperity, peace and justice.

The SDGs are interconnected and it is crucial to achieve both all these goals and their targets out to 2030 to ensure that no-one is left behind.

#### FIVE MAIN CONTRIBUTIONS TO SDGs (AS % OF FUND)



The total for the SDGs may exceed 100%, as all stocks can contribute to one or several goals. Our calculations draw on MSCI data and are based on companies' alignment with the 17 SDGs, weighted for the proportion each company represents in our fund.





## DEFINITIONS

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**Active position:** Position taken by the fund manager based on his/her conviction on the stock, creating both exposure and risk.

**Active share:** Active share measures the difference in breakdown of an equity portfolio as compared to its benchmark. We calculate: the sum of the absolute values of differences in weighting between the fund and the reference indicator, divided by two.

**Alpha:** Coefficient used to measure a fund's additional positive or negative performance as compared to levels its market risk – as measured by its reference indicator – would justify. We calculate:  $\text{Alpha} = \text{Fund average (MoyenneFonds)} - (\text{Reference indicator average (MoyenneIndice)} * \text{Beta})$ .

**Beta:** Measure of a fund's sensitivity to market movements (represented by its reference indicator). A beta higher than 1 indicates that the fund amplifies the trends of its reference market on the upside as well as on the downside. Conversely, a beta lower than 1 means that the fund tends to react less to movements in its reference market. We calculate:  $\text{Beta} = \text{Fund-reference indicator covariance (CovarianceFondsIndice)} / \text{Reference indicator variance (VarianceIndice)}$ ;

- Fund-reference indicator covariance (CovarianceFondsIndice): covariance for weekly fund and reference indicator performances

- Reference indicator variance (VarianceIndice): variance in the reference indicator's weekly performances

- Fund average (MoyenneFonds), Reference indicator average (MoyenneIndice): average of weekly performances for fund and reference indicator.

**Crisis period:** The subprime crisis (2007/08) followed by the European debt crisis (2011/12) meant great caution was required.

**Cycle maturity:** After years of economic recovery and stock-market rerating, upside decreases and the risk of disappointment increases.

**Draghi's refraction policy:** Mario Draghi's statement in July 2012 put an end to the European debt crisis and marked the start of massive long-term monetary stimulus.

**DNR:** Net dividends reinvested

**The €STR** (European Short Term Rate) is a new money market benchmark, calculated and published by its administrator, the European Central Bank (ECB), which has been gradually replacing another short-term rate, the EONIA, since 2 October 2019. The €STR is the market benchmark interbank interest rate in the eurozone. It is calculated every day using data collected from several European banks. Further information on the benchmark index is available on its administrator's website: [www.ecb.europa.eu](http://www.ecb.europa.eu).

**Euro Stoxx 50 basket:** Companies in the Euro Stoxx 50 index, which is made up of the 50 largest companies in the euro area.

**Flexible fund:** Financial product for which the allocation between asset classes varies over time in order to adapt to new market configurations.

**Gain frequency:** Ratio of the number of positive observations to the total number of observations since fund inception.

**Gross equity investment rate:** The gross equity investment rate is the percentage of assets invested in equities as a proportion of the fund's total assets.

**Gross exposure:** Fund's direct ownership of shares or bonds issued by a listed (or unlisted) company or sovereign bonds.

**Information ratio:** The information ratio measures the fund's relative performance adjusted for each point of volatility compared to its reference indicator. We calculate:  $\text{Information ratio (RatioInfo)} = \text{Average difference (MoyenneDiff)} / \text{Average standard deviation (StdDevDiff)}$ ;

- Average difference (MoyenneDiff): The average of the performance differences between the fund and the reference indicator

- Average standard deviation (MoyenneStdDev): The standard deviation of performance differences between the fund and the reference indicator

**Maximum performance:** Maximum gain historically recorded by the fund.

**Maximum drawdown:** Maximum loss historically recorded by the fund.

**Net equity exposure rate:** The net equity exposure rate is the percentage of assets invested in equities, adjusted for derivatives strategies as a proportion of the fund's total assets.

**Recovery period:** Time expressed in number of days the fund takes to exceed the highest net asset value over the indicated period.

**Risks:** Risk data are calculated over a given timeframe based on weekly performances.

**Sharpe ratio:** Indicator of a fund's outperformance relative to a risk-free rate, divided by the risk taken (fund volatility). The Sharpe ratio measures the marginal performance per unit of risk. The higher the ratio, the higher the fund's risk-adjusted yield. We calculate:  $\text{Information ratio (RatioInfo)} = (\text{Annualised fund performance (PerfsFondsAnnualise)} - \text{Risk-free rate (TauxSansRisque)}) / (\text{Fund standard deviation (FondsStdDev)} * \text{Sqrt (52)})$ ;

- Annualised fund performance (PerfFondsAnnualise): the fund's annualised performance over the investment period

- Risk-free rate (TauxSansRisque): the annualised €STER performance over the investment period

- Fund standard deviation (FondsStdDev): the fund's performance standard deviation.

**Volatility:** Amplitude in the variation of a financial instrument over a given time period. High volatility means that the share price varies significantly and therefore that the risk associated with the share is high.

## DEFINITIONS OF SRI STRATEGIES (ESG REPORTING)

**Best-in-Universe:** The best-in-universe approach focuses on companies carrying the highest non-financial scores, independently of their business sector. Sectors that are broadly deemed to be most virtuous will be more heavily represented, so this approach can lead to sector bias, which we fully recognize.

**Engagement:** Our engagement strategy comprises both individual shareholder engagement – exercising our voting rights, conducting direct and constructive dialogue with companies as part of a relationship established over the long term – and collaborative shareholder engagement via various influential financial market bodies: these policies are rolled out to encourage companies and/or policymakers to take on board non-financial criteria.

**Exclusion:** Our exclusion strategy covers both sector exclusion – ruling out sectors deemed to be harmful to society – and exclusion based on compliance with standards, whereby we exclude companies that do not comply with the United Nations Global Compact and companies subject to controversies that we feel are incompatible with our values.

**Integration:** Environmental, social and governance criteria (ESG) are directly integrated or embedded in the fund management process via an ESG score developed for each stock in the investment universe. The ESG score is used both to ascertain the eligible investment universe and as a building block for the portfolio construction and management process.

**SRI Label:** Created by the French Ministry of Finance, this public label aims at giving Sustainable Responsible Investment (SRI) management an extra visibility with savers. To obtain the SRI Label, the certification body conducts an audit to ensure the funds meet a set of labelling criteria. For further information on the methodology, visit [www.lalabelisr.fr](http://www.lalabelisr.fr). References to rankings, labels, awards or ratings are not an indicator of the future performance of the fund or the investment manager.

**Scope 1:** Scope 1 emissions are those emitted directly by the company in the course of its business. **Scope 2:** Scope 2 emissions are those emitted indirectly by the company through its energy consumption. **Scope 3:** Scope 3 emissions concern emissions emitted indirectly during the various stages of the product's life cycle (supply, transport, use, end of life, etc.).

## OUTPERFORMANCE FEE

The Management Company ensures that over a performance period of 5 years maximum, any underperformance of the UCITS compared to the benchmark index is compensated before performance fees become due.



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