

# sycomore

# next generation

**Share IC** 

Isin code | LU1961857478

NAV | 109.7€

Assets | 464.9 M€

#### SFDR8

Sustamable investments	
% AUM:	≥ 25%
% Companies*:	≥ 50%
*Excluding derivatives, cash &	equivalent

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# Risk indicator

Higher risk

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**



Stanislas de BAILLIENCOURT Fund Manager



**Alexandre TAIEB** Fund Manager

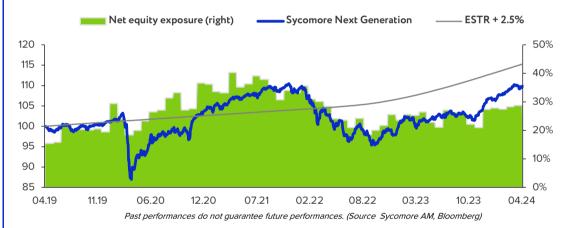


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# Investment strategy

Sycomore Next Generation is a flexible, multi-asset SRI fund that combines Sycomore's proven expertise in responsible stock and bond picking and international asset allocation, to achieve performance and diversification. The fund's investment process draws from a thorough fundamental analysis, combined with the ESG analysis of companies and countries, with an additional macroeconomic overlay. Managed actively, the fund's exposure to equities (0-50%) and fixed income (0-100%) - including corporate and sovereign debt - is designed to enhance its risk-return profile, to achieve steady capital growth. Employing a multi-themed SRI approach, the fund seeks to invest in companies addressing social, environmental, and technological challenges as highlighted by the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, for the generations to come.

### Performance as of 30.04.2024



	Apr	2024	1 year	3 yrs	5 yrs	Inc.	Annu.	2023	2022	2021	2020
Fund %	-0.5	2.7	8.3	2.5	9.8	9.7	1.9	9.2	-10.6	5.3	2.8
Index %	0.3	1.3	3.8	4.3	3.4	3.4	0.7	3.3	0.0	-0.5	-0.5

# **Statistics**

	Corr.	Beta	Alpha	Vol.	Sharpe	Info	Draw	Sonsi ,	Yield to \	ield to
					Ratio	Ratio	Down	Sensi.	mat.	worst
3 years	0.1	1.1	-3.2%	4.4%	-0.1	-0.7	-13.7%			
Inception	0.0	0.9	-0.6%	5.3%	0.2	-0.2	-15.8%	1.5	5.1%	4.7%

#### Fund commentary

For the second month running, inflation picked up in the United States, calling into question the Fed's narrative on the upcoming rate cut cycle. Yield curves in the US and in Europe shifted upward, causing sovereign and Investment Grade bonds to post negative returns. After a sharp rise at the start of the year and considering the risk of delayed monetary easing, equity markets sold-off. Nevertheless, the first quarterly earnings reports (Alphabet, Saint-Gobain, BNP Paribas) confirmed the resilience of economic activity. The fund's exposure to equities was lowered during the month. We notably reduced the banking sector after its strong outperformance over the past two months. The primary market was particularly active within the corporate bond segment, and we picked a few attractive issuers, such as Boels, Bel and Neopharmed.

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#### **Fund Information**

#### Inception date

29/04/2019

#### **ISIN** codes

Share IC - LU1961857478 Share ID - LU1973748020 Share RC - LU1961857551

#### **Bloomberg tickers**

Share IC - SYCNXIE LX Share ID - SYCNXID LX Share RC - SYCNXRE LX

# **Benchmark**

ESTR + 2.5%

# Legal form

SICAV compartment

#### **Domiciliation**

Luxembourg

# **PEA** eligibility

Nο

# **Investment period**

3 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 IC - 0.60% Share ID - 0.60% Share RC - 1.20%

#### Performance fees

15% > Benchmark

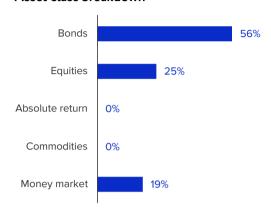
## Transaction fees

None

# **Equities**

Number of holdings	41
Weight of top 20 stocks	11%

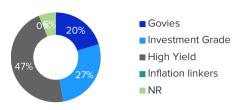
#### Asset class breakdown



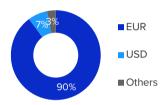
# **Bonds**

Number of bonds	124.0
Number of issuers	70.0

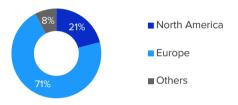
#### **Bond allocation**



# Currency breakdown



# Equity country 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.

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	3.5/5	3.6/5
S score	3.4/5	3.4/5
P score	3.4/5	3.5/5
Iscore	3.4/5	3.7/5
C score	3.5/5	3.6/5
E score	3.3/5	3.2/5

### Performance contributors

Positive	Avg. weight	Contrib	Negative	Avg. weight	Contrib
Alphabet	0.87%	0.07%	Trigano	0.71%	-0.09%
Eni	1.09%	0.04%	Stellantis	0.26%	-0.07%
AstraZeneca	0.31%	0.04%	ASML	0.68%	-0.06%

# **Direct Equities**

	Weight	SPICE	NEC	CS
	weight	rating	score	score
ASML	0.7%	4.3/5	6%	27%
Orange	0.7%	3.2/5	1%	54%
AXA	0.7%	3.7/5	0%	37%
Alphabet	0.7%	3.4/5	-4%	25%
Allianz	0.7%	3.6/5	0%	38%

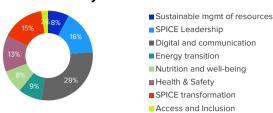
# Bond holdings

	Weight
France 0.0% 2024	3.2%
Italy 3.75% 2024	1.7%
Accor Sa 2.625% Perp	1.3%
Scor 3.875% perp	1.3%
USA 2.5% 2025	1.2%

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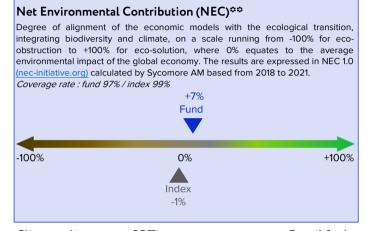
# Sustainability thematics



# **ESG** scores

	Fund
ESG*	3.4/5
Environment	3.3/5
Social	3.4/5
Governance	3.3/5

# **Environmental analysis**



1.5°C

# European taxonomy

Percentage of revenues derived from eligible activities to the EU taxonomy

Coverage rate : fund 65% Fund

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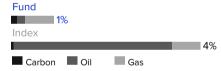
### Climate alignment - SBTi

Share of companies that have validated their greenhouse gas reduction targets with the Science-Based Targets initiative.



### Fossil fuel exposure

Percentage of income derived from the three fossil energies.



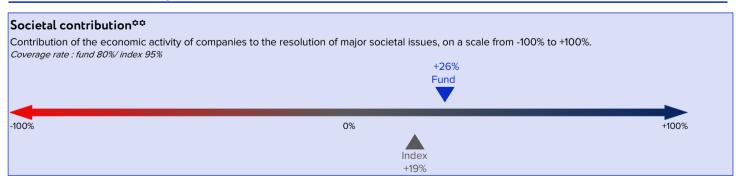
### Carbon footprint

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

Coverage rate : fund 57%

kg. eq. CO  $_2$  /year/k€ Fund 274

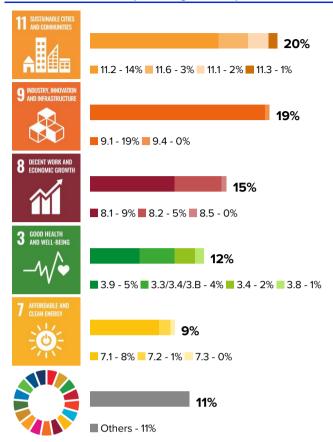
# Societal and social analysis



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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: 25%

# ESG follow-up, news and dialogue

# Dialogue and engagement

#### **Stellantis**

Ahead of the shareholders' meeting, we discussed our voting intentions and shared several recommendations regarding executive compensation and the relevance of the ESG criteria considered for determining short and long-term incentive remuneration. We also took this opportunity to discuss our expectations regarding the climate strategy and the importance of submitting the latter to the shareholders' vote through a dedicated Say-on-Climate.

# **ESG** controversies

#### SAP

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

#### Votes

9 / 11 voted general assemblies over the month.

Details on our votes are available here the day following the company's AGM  $\underline{\mathsf{Here}}$ .

#### 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.

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