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Total net assets

NAV

567.74 M€

934.07 €

Inception date

Jul 24, 2003

Article 8

ISIN Code

FR0000174310

Morningstar Category\* **Overall Rating**  **Eurozone Small-Cap Equity** 





label Relance

SFDR Classification:

**INVESTMENT POLICY** 

Country of registration











## MANAGER(S)

James OGILVY







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The objective of the fund is to outperform, net of fees and over the minimum recommended investment period of five years, the Eurozone small and mid cap universe as represented by the MSCI EMU Small Cap index calculated on a total return basis.

**RISK SCALE\*\*** 





















#### **BENCHMARK INDEX**

MSCI EMU Small Cap since 03/04/23; Before EMIX SMALLER **EUROLAND** 

#### **FEATURES**

**Legal Form** SICAV Legal Domicile France UCITS Yes **Eurozone equities** 

**AMF Classification** Eligibility to PEA (personal

equity savings plan) Currency

Subscribers concerned No restriction 24/07/2003 Inception date 24/07/2003 Date of share's first NAV calculation

Management company Lazard Frères Gestion SAS Lazard Frères Banque **Fund administration CACEIS Fund Admin** 

Frequency of NAV calculation Daily

On next NAV for orders placed Order execution before 11:00 a.m

FURO

**Subscription terms** D (NAV date) + 2 business day D (NAV date) + 2 business day Settlement of redemptions

Share decimalisation Yes Minimum investment 1 share Subscription fees 4% max. 1% max. Redemption fees Management fees (max) 1.83% Performance fees (1) 1.92% **Current expenses** 

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

 $(\mbox{\sc '})$  Please refer to the Prospectus for more details about the performance fees

(3) Ratios calculated on a weekly basis

#### 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.

### **HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE**

Cumulative							<u>Annualize</u>	<u>d</u>	
	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Fund	-0.48%	-0.39%	3.04%	10.36%	32.75%	60.53%	3.34%	5.83%	4.85%
Benchmark	-0.04%	-0.91%	0.80%	4.10%	30.46%	75.59%	1.35%	5.46%	5.79%
Difference	-0.44%	0.52%	2.24%	6.26%	2.29%	-15.05%	1.99%	0.37%	-0.94%

#### PERFORMANCE BY CALENDAR YEAR

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Fund	13.85%	-16.42%	23.96%	6.40%	17.24%	-27.31%	14.67%	10.91%	32.39%	1.51%
Benchmark	14.09%	-19.87%	20.94%	6.10%	25.13%	-17.18%	21.93%	2.87%	21.86%	3.93%

#### TRAILING 1Y PERFORMANCE

	02 2024	02 2023	02 2022	02 2021	02 2020	02 2019	02 2018	02 2017	02 2016	02 2015
Fund	3.04%	0.35%	6.73%	22.89%	-2.12%	-20.12%	11.68%	26.57%	4.32%	2.66%
Benchmark	0.80%	-3.04%	6.51%	22.89%	1.98%	-7.66%	17.19%	18.43%	-5.22%	10.81%

### **RISK RATIOS\*\*\***

d		1 Year	3 Years		1 Year	3 Years	
	Volatility			Sharpe ratio	0.05	0.13	
	Fund	11.13%	14.41%	Alpha	3.04	2.13	
	Benchmark	13.17%	15.80%	Beta	0.75	0.84	
	Tracking Error	5.98%	6.12%	(6) 5			
	Information ratio	0.46	0.33	(3) Ratios calculated on a weekly basis			

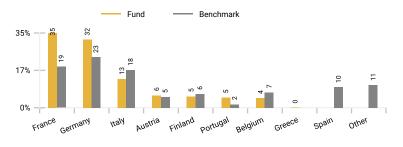
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#### **MAIN HOLDINGS**

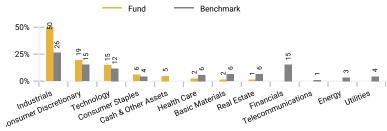
Holdings	Country	Sector	Weight		
			Fund	Index	
IPSOS SA	France	Media	5.2%	0.5%	
SOPRA STERIA GROUP	France	Technology	4.8%	0.8%	
KSB PREF SHS	Germany	Industrial Goods & Services	4.0%		
ALTEN	France	Technology	3.7%	0.9%	
TAKKT AG	Germany	Retail	3.6%	0.1%	
CEWE STIFTUNG & CO. KGAA	Germany	Retail	3.4%	0.1%	
F.I.L.A. SPA	Italy	Personal Care, Drug & Grocery Stores	3.3%	0.1%	
CARGOTEC OYJ -B-	Finland	Industrial Goods & Services	3.2%	0.5%	
STO PREF SHS	Germany	Construction & Materials	3.2%	0.1%	
AXWAY SOFTWARE	France	Technology	3.2%		
		Total	37.7%	3.0%	

Positions sold

#### **GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN (%)**



#### **SECTOR BREAKDOWN (%)**

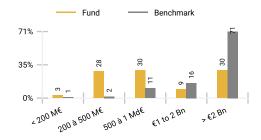


#### **MAIN TRANSACTIONS**

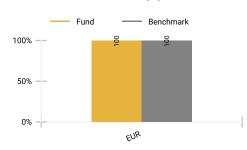
New positions

	LUCAS BOLS NV
Positions increased	Positions reduced
FISKARS	AXWAY SOFTWARE
EXEL INDUSTRIES -A-	SOPRA STERIA GROUP
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### **CAPITALIZATION BREAKDOWN (%)**



### **CURRENCY BREAKDOWN (%)**



#### **RELATIVE OVER AND UNDERWEIGHTS**

Overexposure	S	Underexposures		
IPSOS SA	4.6%	BANCO DE SABADELL SA	-1.4%	
SOPRA STERIA GROUP	4.1%	GAZTRANSPORT ET TECHNIGAZ SA	-1.1%	
KSB PREF SHS	4.0%	CTS EVENTIM	-1.0%	
TAKKT AG	3.5%	SCOR SE	-0.9%	

#### **RELATIVE CONTRIBUTORS TO PERFORMANCE**

	First positive conti	First negative contributors				
		Absolute perf.	Relative contribution (bp)		Absolute perf.	Relative contribution (bp)
	CARGOTEC OYJ -B-	18.7%	43	NEXITY	-31.5%	-53
_	SOPRA STERIA GROUP	8.8%	34	AXWAY SOFTWARE	-12.4%	-48
_	IPSOS SA	5.9%	26	ALTEN	-5.8%	-16
		Total	103		Total	-117



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#### **FUND MANAGERS COMMENT**

The Eurostoxx continued its strong start to the year, adding 3.3% in February. Small Caps, however, were once again left on the sidelines, penalized most probably by the uptick in interest rates. The MSCI EMU Small Cap index was slightly down for the month (-0.04%) and the SICAV traded down 0.5% (I Unit). Cargotec was the main contributor to performance in the portfolio, gaining 19% on well received Q4 results and the confirmation that its plan to spin off the port equipment activities is on track. Washtee added 14% on the back of good results and a change in CEO while Ipsos (+6%) also published strong full year numbers. Sopra (+9%) announced its intention to sell its banking software business to Axway (-12%). The two companies share the same anchor shareholder. While the impact on Sopra's share price was positive the news was seen as less favourable for Axway, also present in the portfolio. Nexity fell 32% after announcing full year results that did not come as a surprise but giving an outlook for 2024 that was somewhat below consensus expectations. Alten (-6%) and De'Longhi (-5%) also weighed on performance. We reduced our positions in Sopra and Axway and tendered ours shares in Lucas Bols to the takeover offer launched by the group's major shareholder. We reinvested some of the proceeds in adding to our holdings in Fiskars, Alten and Exel Industries.



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embedded option.

Alpha represents the return of a portfolio that is attributable to the manager's investment decisions. Average Rating is the weighted average credit rating of bonds held by the Fund. Beta measures a fund's sensitivity to movements in the overall market. Modified Duration is the percentage change in the value of a bond resulting from a 1% interest rate change. Information ratio represents the value added by the manager (excess return) divided by the tracking error. Average Maturity is the average time to maturity of all bonds held by the Fund. 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.

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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

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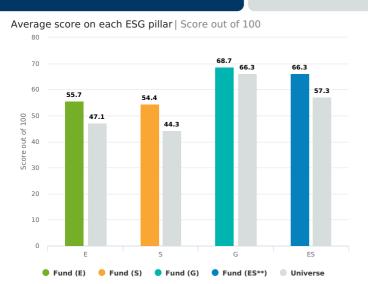


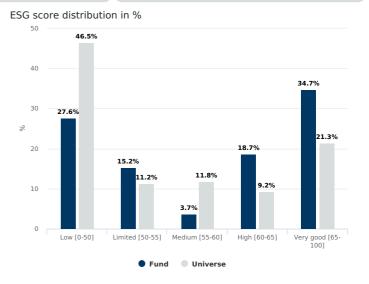
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ESG rating - Lazard Small Caps Euro SRI 57.95

ESG rating Universe\* 50.02

Minimum label SRI rating 55.19





Source: Gaïa Rating. Fund coverage rate: 97.3%. Universe coverage rate: 100.0%

\*Universe: Eurozone companies analyzed by Gaïa Rating whose capitalization is between 100 million and 2 billon euros

### **ESG** performance indicators

#### **Environmental**

#### **Carbon footprint**

Tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> eq./M€ of market cap.



5 main contributions to the carbon footprint of the fund

Companies	Contributions
STO SE & CO. KGAA	63%
ALZCHEM GROUP AG	20%
MAYR-MELNHOF KARTON AG	4%
FILA HOLDINGS CORP.	2%
KSB	2%

Benchmark: MSCI EMU Small Cap net return EUR

Source: Ethifinance - scopes 1 and 2. Fund coverage rate: 97.4%; benchmark: 96.6%

#### **Human rights**

#### Social

#### Formalization of a business conduct and anticorruption policy

96%

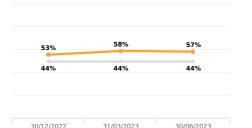
95%

97%

93%

**Governance** 





Lazard Small Caps Euro SRI
 MSCI EMU Small Cap net return EUR





30/12/2022 31/03/2023 30/06/2023 29/09/2023 29/12/2023

Lazard Small Caps Euro SRI

MSCI EMU Small Cap net return EUR

Source: Gaïa Rating Fund coverage rate: 97.4% Benchmark coverage rate: 96.6% Source: Gaïa Rating Fund coverage rate: 97.4% Benchmark coverage rate: 96.6%

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<sup>\*\*</sup> External Stakeholders.



## Lazard Small Caps Euro SRI SRI report



December 29th 2023

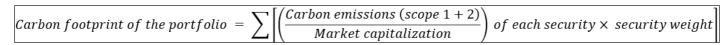
#### **SRI label commitments**

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

- % of companies engaged in promoting social dialogue
- Carbon footprint, Tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> eq./M€ of market cap.

### Carbon footprint methodology (environmental impact)

- · Lazard Frères Gestion decided to establish a partnership with ETHIFINANCE, in order to receive carbon footprint data.
- Lazard Frères Gestion uses the carbon footprint indicator , which is expressed in CO equivalent tons per €m of market capitalization.
- The carbon footprint assessment takes into account scope 1 and 2 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.
- 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 market capitalization of each position. This gives us the following formula:



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