# GENERALI INVESTMENTS SICAV SRI EUROPEAN EQUITY - DX 31 August 2021



### **KEY DATA**

MANAGEMENT COMPANY	Generali Investments
	Luxembourg S.A.
INVESTMENT MANAGER	Sycomore Asset Management
FUND MANAGER	Giulia CULOT / Olivier
FUND MANAGER	CASSE
BENCHMARK	100% MSCI EUROPE (NR)
FUND TYPE	Sicav
DOMICILE	Luxembourg
SUB-FUND LAUNCH DATE	02/04/2002
SHARE CLASS LAUNCH DATE	26/11/2003
FIRST NAV DATE AFTER DORMANT PERIOD	No dormant period
CURRENCY	Euro
CUSTODIAN BANK	BNP Paribas Securities Services Luxembourg
ISIN	LU0145456207
BLOOMBERG CODE	GENEDDX LX
DECOMIDENCE CODE	OLINEDDALA
VALUATION	GENEDDAEA
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### **CATEGORY AND RISK PROFILE**

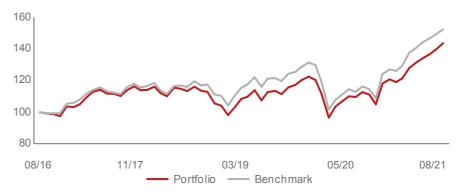
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The risk and reward category shown is not guaranteed to remain unchanged and the categorisation of the sub fund may shift over time. For more information about risk, please see the KIID and Prospectus. Marketing communication

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

The objective of the Fund is to outperform its Benchmark and to provide a long-term capital appreciation by making sustainable investments through a sustainable and responsible investment (SRI) process. The Fund has a sustainable investment objective as the SRI process is designed to invest into listed companies which (i) contributes to social or environmental objectives (ii) do not significantly harm any social or environmental characteristics and (iii) follows good governance practices. The Fund shall invest at least 90% of its net assets in listed equities issued by European companies. ESG (Environment, Social and Governance) analysis, being fully integrated into the investment process, is conducted, on an ongoing basis, through the Investment Manager's proprietary "SPICE" methodology. The Investment Manager has full discretion over the composition of the Fund's portfolio and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio. The Fund may use financial instruments and derivatives for hedging purposes, for efficient portfolio management purposes and for investment purposes. The underlying of such derivatives are subject to the above SRI process.

## PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS AT 31 AUGUST 2021



	1M	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	3YR P.A.	5YR P.A.
Portfolio	2.71	18.87	27.34	26.37	43.53	8.11	7.49
Benchmark	1.97	19.81	30.88	30.17	52.17	9.18	8.75
Excess return	0.74	-0.94	-3.54	-3.79	-8.64	-1.07	-1.26

	SI	SI P.A.	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Portfolio	117.09	4.46	-1.42	24.57	-13.81	10.07	-0.95
Benchmark	122.45	4.60	-3.32	26.05	-10.57	10.61	2.08
Excess return	-5.36	-0.14	1.90	-1.48	-3.24	-0.53	-3.03

	08/21-08/20	08/20-08/19	08/19-08/18	08/18-08/17	08/17-08/16
Portfolio	27.34	1.14	-1.88	2.96	10.31
Benchmark	30.88	-2.92	2.45	4.86	11.48
Excess return	-3.54	4.06	-4.33	-1.90	-1.17

## **KEY FEATURES**

• Benefits from a proprietary ESG selection process and dedicated analysts' team

- A sound methodology integrating a series of non-financial variables that may have an impact on financial and economic corporate performance in the long term
- SFDR Classification Art. 9: The fund has sustainable investment as its objective and an index has been designated as a reference benchmark.

Past performance is not a guide to future performance and may be misleading. The performances are shown net of fees and expenses over the relevant period. All performance figures reflect the reinvestment of dividends and do not take into account the commissions and costs incurred on the issue and redemption of shares/parts. Please see the important information at the end of this document. Investing in the fund/sub-fund involves risks including the possible loss of capital. Please read the KIIDs and the prospectus to find out about these risks. Legal information concerning the fund/sub-fund are available on the website: www.generali-investment.com The benchmark was changed from Price Index to Net Total Return Index in February 2016.



## FUND MANAGER'S COMMENTS

#### Market view

European equity markets displayed a positive return for the seventh consecutive month in August, underpinned by a very strong reporting season for Q2 and H1 results (one of the three best quarterly seasons over the last 10 years). Growth stocks continued to outperform, supported by technology, healthcare and the revival of utilities and its "green" component. On the opposite, basic resources, auto and travel & leisure were among the losers, affected by lower leading indicators and the resurgence of Covid cases in China.

In this context, the sub-fund outperformed its benchmark thanks to positive stock-selection (especially in the financial, industrial and materials sectors) as well as to positive allocation (overweight healthcare and information technology, while underweight consumer staples).

The most positive contributor in the month was the financial sector (around +5% total return, 20% of the portfolio). The sub-fund benefitted in particular of the exposure to Prudential and AXA in the insurance segment and by the lack of exposure to HSBC (not eligible as its SPICE note is below 3) in the banking sector. Prudential was supported by the upcoming spinoff of its US activities (Jackson Financial), which will make the UK listed company a unique pure play on the Asian protection and savings market. Moreover, the market was reassured by the evidence of resilient operations in Asia despite the ongoing impact from Covid in the region, as shown with 2Q results. AXA's share price benefitted instead of the release of 2Q results that beat consensus across the board (earnings +11% above consensus), including for the (so far disappointing) US business XL. The performance of XL was particularly welcomed by the market, as it was considered a first proof point that management actions to reduce the volatility and improve the quality of XL's profits are bearing their fruits.

Allocation and selection in the healthcare sector contributed as well favourably to performances (around +5% total return, 19% of the portfolio). Merck KGaA was, again, a standout performer, gaining +17% in the period. The German healthcare conglomerate, exposed to life science, pharmaceutical and materials including semiconductors, was supported by the release of quarterly results +8% above expectations. The company painted a rosy picture for the years to come as well, supported by the bullish outlook for life science and semiconductors demand. The upcoming Capital Market Day in September should give further elements confirming this positive stance.

On the other side, the sub-fund's return was negatively affected by holdings in the consumer discretionary sector. Luxury names, in particular, were impacted by news flow coming out of China, such as the first insights on the "common prosperity" initiative, restrictive measures to contain rising Covid cases and declining stock markets due to increased regulatory burden on certain sectors (such as technology and education). The negative impact on the sub-fund was anyway limited, as over the past months we had decreased the exposure to the sector (Burberry fully sold and LVMH reduced in June) and was mainly due to our position in Richemont (-13%). Even though the uncertainty on regulatory actions in China has clearly increased, we consider that some of the above mentioned impacts are very short lived in nature (e.g. very harsh restrictive measures due to Covid) whereas the political aim to improve social protection and enlarge the middle class is a clear mid-term positive for luxury demand. The consumer discretionary pocket was also negatively affected by the holding in Technogym. The Italian fitness equipment provider was negatively impacted by concerns on the delta variant, as it was the case for other "reopening" names. Still, we consider that the recovery in clubs' demand might be underestimated by consensus, so we believe that the correction is undue. Moreover, even if the home equipment segment might slowdown from the very strong growth registered in 2020 and 1Q 2021, the exposure of Technogym to B2B as well as to B2C is a key positive diversification benefit supporting the resiliency of the company over the cycle.

The top and bottom relative performers in August were as follows:

- Positive : Merck KGaA (+17%), Infineon Technologies (+12%), Prudential (+11%)
- Negative: Richemont (-13%), Technogym (-8%), Ipsen (-6%)

### **Portfolio Activity**

In the month we did not do any large transaction; at the margin, the holdings in Siemens, Merck and Novo Nordisk were slightly reduced, while the positions in AstraZeneca and Bouygues were reinforced.

### Outlook

The investment process is focused on stock-picking and is based on a sector-agnostic approach, with investment ideas being the result of a bottom up analysis of the ESG profile of companies, their fundamentals (business model analysis) and the upside vs. their intrinsic value calculated with a cash-flow analysis in a normative situation. In the construction of the portfolio, we aim to outperform the MSCI Europe on at least two out of the following criteria: workforce growth, percentage of women in executive roles, respect for Human Rights and the NEC indicator (to determine the contribution of a company to the ecological transition, with a rating from -100% to +100% depending on the negative or positive impact of its activities on the environment).

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## HOLDINGS & TRANSACTIONS

## TOP 10 EQUITY

HOLDING	SECTOR	GROSS %
ASML HOLDING NV (ASML NA)	Information Technology	3.97%
ROCHE HOLDING AG-GENUSSCHEIN (ROG	Health Care	2.89%
DASSAULT SYSTEMES SE (DSY FP)	Information Technology	2.83%
L'OREAL (OR FP)	Consumer Staples	2.80%
BNP PARIBAS (BNP FP)	Financials	2.79%
ASTRAZENECA PLC (AZN LN)	Health Care	2.77%
MERCK KGAA (MRK GY)	Health Care	2.75%
LVMH MOET HENNESSY LOUIS VUI (MC FP)	Consumer Discretionary	2.53%
JULIUS BAER GROUP LTD (BAER SE)	Financials	2.50%
UNILEVER PLC (ULVR LN)	Consumer Staples	2.26%
Total Top 10 (%)		28.08%
Total Top 20 (%)		47.59%

## RATIOS

## PERFORMANCE AND RISK ANALYSIS - SYNTHESIS

	1YR	3YR	5YR	SI
Standard Deviation Ptf	14.31	19.97	16.71	17.56
Standard Deviation Bmk	14.42	20.73	17.35	18.14
Tracking Error	2.98	3.07	2.70	3.44
Alpha	-0.04	-0.01	-0.01	-0.02
Beta	0.97	0.95	0.95	0.98
R-squared	0.96	0.98	0.98	0.98
Information Ratio	-1.31	-0.38	-0.49	-0.05
Sharpe Ratio	1.69	0.41	0.46	0.37
Treynor Ratio	27.81	8.37	6.76	4.52
Sortino Ratio	3.02	0.55	0.63	0.53

### NUMBER OF STOCKS

	FUND	BENCHMARK
Number of Positions (ex derivatives)	88	432
Out of Benchmark positions	77	-
Active Share	100.11	-
Number of derivative positions	1	-
Equity Derivatives	1	-
Total number of positions	89	432

### DRAWDOWN

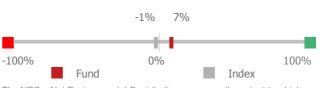
	SINCE INCEPTION
Maximum drawdown (%)	-56.6
Peak to trough drawdown (dates)	Jul 07 - Mar 09
Length (in days)	602
Recovery Period (in days)	3,899
Worst Month	October 2008
Lowest Return	-18.2
Best Month	April 2009
Highest Return	14.2

## **ESG FOOTPRINT**

	FUND	BENCHMARK
ESG	3.5	3.3
Environment	3.5	3.2
Social	3.6	3.3
Governance	3.6	3.4
Carbon Footprint	83	188

in t eq. CO₂/year/€m of capitalization

#### NET ENVIRONMENTAL CONTRIBUTION



The NEC – Net Environmental Contribution measures the extent to which business models are aligned with the energy and environmental transition and with the targets set in relation to climate change. (NEC 1.0 calculated by Sycomore AM for years 2017 to 2019).

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## **BREAKDOWNS**

Fund Benchmark Relative

CURRENCY	NET	RELATIVE
	72.1%	20.4%
EUR	51.7%	
	13.5%	-1.9%
CHF	15.4%	
	10.9%	-11.0%
GBP	21.9%	
	3.5%	-0.7%
DKK	4.2%	
	0.0%	-0.1%
USD	0.1%	
	0.0%	-0.9%
NOK	1.0%	
	0.0%	-5.8%
SEK	5.8%	

SECTOR	NET	RELATIVE
Financials	20.2%	4.8%
	18.7%	5.3%
Health Care	13.5%	
	14.1%	-1.8%
Industrials	16.0%	_
Information	11.3%	2.3%
Technology	9.0%	•
Consumer	10.9%	-1.2%
Discretionary	12.1%	-
	7.8%	-4.4%
Consumer Staples	12.1%	-
	7.4%	-0.8%
Materials	8.3%	
	7.4%	-6.3%
Others	13.7%	
	2.2%	
Cash		

MARKET CAP	NET	RELATIVE
Over 30 bn	60.6% 62.5%	-1.9%
i-30 bn	31.0% 30.1%	0.9%
nder 5 bn	6.2% 7.4%	-1.2%
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#### DEALING DETAILS

CUT OFF TIME	T at 1 pm (T being the dealing day)
SETTLEMENT	T+3
VALUATION	Daily
NAV CALCULATION	Day +1
NAV PUBLICATION	Day +1

## LABELS / REWARDS



awarded by AFNOR in 2020

#### Label ISR 2020-2023 (SRI Label) for GIS SRI European Equity

The SRI Label is a tool for choosing sustainable and responsible investments. Created and supported by the Finance Ministry of France, the label goal is to increase the visibility of SRI products among savers in France and Europe. Detailed information on the Label ISR and the methodology can be found here: https://www.lelabelisr.fr/en Source: Generali Investments Partners S.p.A. Società di gestione del risparmio, 2020. Please be aware that the Risk and Reward Profiles of the sub-fund is category 6" as indicated in the KIID for the Generali Investments Sicav (GIS) SRI European Equity.

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