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# 1. GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

## 1.1 UCITS features

French Fonds Commun de Placement (FCP)

## 1.2 Name

Sycomore Francecap

## 1.3 Legal form and Member State in which the UCITS was created

Investment fund in the form of a French Fonds Commun de Placement, governed by French law.

## 1.4 Inception date and expected term

The Fund was created on 30 October 2001, for a term of 99 years as of that date.

## 1.5 Fund overview

Unit Class	ISIN Code	Allocation of distributable sums	Base Currency	Target investors	Minimum subscription
I	FR0010111724	Accumulation	EUR	'Eligible counterparty' subscribers within the meaning of Directive 2004/39/EC, 'professional investor' subscribers within the meaning of section I of annex II of Directive 2014/65/EC, and all subscribers within the framework of discretionary management services or investment advice on an independent basis within the meaning of Directive 2014/65/EC, for which the suppliers of such services are not allowed to accept and retain fees, commissions or any monetary or non-monetary benefits paid or provided by the management company or by the marketing agent of the Fund ('clean share' units).	€100
A	FR0007065743	Accumulation	EUR	All	€100
R	FR0010111732	Accumulation	EUR	All	€100
ID	FR0012758720	Accumulation and/or Distribution	EUR	'Eligible counterparty' subscribers within the meaning of Directive 2004/39/EC, 'professional investor' subscribers within the meaning of section I of annex II of Directive 2014/65/EC, and all subscribers within the framework of discretionary management services or investment advice on an independent basis within the meaning of Directive 2014/65/EC, for which the suppliers of such services are not allowed to accept and retain fees, commissions or any monetary or non-monetary benefits paid or provided by the management company or by the marketing agent of the Fund ('clean share' units).	€100
S	FR0013112760	Accumulation	EUR	All	€30,000,000 (initial subscription only)

## 1.6 The latest annual report and interim statement can be obtained as follows:

The latest annual and interim reports will be sent within eight working days upon written request by a unit holder to:

Sycomore Asset Management, SA  
 14, avenue Hoche  
 75008 Paris, France  
 Tel: +33 (0)1 44 40 16 00  
 Email: [info@sycomore-am.com](mailto:info@sycomore-am.com)

Additional information may be obtained if necessary from the investor relations service.

## 2. STAKEHOLDERS

### 2.1 Management Company

Sycomore Asset Management, SA. Approved by the AMF as a French Portfolio Management Company (Société de Gestion de Portefeuille) under no GP 01-030 with registered offices located at 14, avenue Hoche, 75008, Paris, France.

### 2.2 Depositary and custodian

BNP Paribas SA. Establishment approved by the French Prudential Control and Resolution Authority (Autorité de Contrôle Prudentiel et de Résolution, ACPR) whose registered office is located at 16, Boulevard des Italiens, 75009 Paris, France, and whose postal address is at 9, Rue du Débarcadère, 93500 Pantin, France, registered with the Paris Trade and Companies Register under number 662 042 449.

#### Description of the Depositary's responsibilities and of the potential conflicts of interest.

The depositary exercises three types of responsibilities, respectively the control of the legality of decisions taken by the management company (as defined in article 22.3 of the UCITS V Directive), the monitoring of cash flow for the UCITS (as defined in article 22.4 of said Directive) and the safekeeping of assets of the UCITS (as defined in article 22.5 of said Directive).

The primary objective of the Depositary is to protect the interests of unitholders/investors in the UCITS, which shall always take precedence over its own commercial interests.

Potential conflicts of interest may be identified, particularly in the case where the management company also has a commercial relationship with BNP Paribas SA in addition to its appointment as Depositary (which may be the case when BNP Paribas SA calculates, by delegation from the management company, the net asset value of the UCITS whose depositary is BNP Paribas SA).

In order to manage such situations, the Depositary has set up and maintains a policy for the management of conflicts of interest. The objectives of such a policy are:

- Identifying and analysing potential situations of conflicts of interest;
- Recording, managing and monitoring the conflict of interest situations either by:
- Using the permanent measures implemented in order to manage conflicts of interest, such as the segregation of duties, the split between the functional and hierarchical reporting lines, the monitoring of internal insider lists, and dedicated IT environments
- Implementing on a case-by-case basis:

- Appropriate preventive measures, such as the creation of ad hoc monitoring, new "Chinese walls", or checking that transactions are processed in an appropriate way and/or informing the relevant clients
- Or refusing to manage the activities that could give rise to conflicts of interest.

#### Description of potential duties delegated by the Depositary, list of delegates and sub-delegates and identification of the conflicts of interest that may result from such delegation.

The UCITS Depositary, BNP Paribas SA, is responsible for the safekeeping of the assets (as defined in article 22.5 of the aforementioned directive). In order to offer services related to the safekeeping of the assets in a large number of countries, enabling the UCITS to achieve their investment objectives, BNP Paribas SA has appointed sub-custodians in countries where BNP Paribas SA has no local presence. Those entities are listed on the following website: <http://securities.bnpparibas.com/solutions/asset-fund-services/depositary-bank-and-trustee-serv.html>. The process of appointing and supervising the sub-custodians follows the highest standards of quality, including managing potential conflicts of interest that may arise in the context of such appointments.

The most recent information regarding the previous points is available to investors upon request.

### 2.3 Delegated institution in charge of the centralisation of subscription and redemption orders

Sycomore Asset Management SA has delegated all centralisation tasks for subscription and redemption orders to the following institutions:

For pure registered shares to be registered or registered in the shared electronic registration system:

**IZNES SAS.** Establishment approved by the French Prudential Control and Resolution Authority (Autorité de Contrôle Prudentiel et de Résolution, ACPR), on 22 June 2020, whose registered office is at 18, Boulevard Malesherbes, 75008 Paris, France, registered with the Paris Trade and Companies Register under number 832 488 415.

For all other units:

**BNP Paribas SA.** Establishment approved by the French Prudential Control and Resolution Authority (Autorité de Contrôle Prudentiel et de Résolution, ACPR) whose registered office is located at 16, Boulevard des Italiens, 75009 Paris, France, and whose postal address is at 9, Rue du Débarcadère, 93500

Pantin, France, registered with the Paris Trade and Companies Register under number 662 042 449.

Each of the establishments will assume, by delegation from the Management Company, all of the tasks relating to the centralisation of subscription and redemption orders for units of the UCI, and according to the distribution defined above, BNP Paribas SA is in charge, at the Fund level, of aggregating the information relating to the centralisation carried out by IZNES.

## 2.4 Fund unit registrar

For bearer/administered registered units to be registered or registered with Euroclear:

**BNP Paribas SA.** Establishment approved by the French Prudential Control and Resolution Authority (Autorité de Contrôle Prudentiel et de Résolution, ACPR) whose registered office is located at 16, Boulevard des Italiens, 75009 Paris, France, and whose postal address is at 9, Rue du Débarcadère, 93500 Pantin, France, registered with the Paris Trade and Companies Register under number 662 042 449.

For pure registered shares to be registered or registered as part of the shared electronic registration system:

**IZNES SA.** Establishment approved by the French Prudential Control and Resolution Authority (Autorité de Contrôle Prudentiel et de Résolution, ACPR), on 22 June 2020, whose registered office is at 18, Boulevard Malesherbes, 75008 Paris, France, registered with the Paris Trade and Companies Register under number 832 488 415.

## 2.5 Statutory Auditor

KPMG Audit, a department of KPMG SA, with its registered office at 1 Cours Valmy, 92923 Paris La Défense Cedex, France, represented by Gérard Gaultry.

## 2.6 Marketing Agents

Sycomore Asset Management and its subsidiaries. The list of marketing agents is not comprehensive insofar as the investment fund is listed on Euroclear. Therefore some marketing agents may not be mandated by, or known to the management company.

## 2.7 Delegated fund accountant

**BNP Paribas SA.** Establishment approved by the French Prudential Control and Resolution Authority (Autorité de Contrôle Prudentiel et de Résolution, ACPR) whose registered office is located at 16, Boulevard des Italiens, 75009 Paris, France, and whose postal address is at 9, Rue du Débarcadère, 93500 Pantin, France, registered with the Paris Trade and Companies Register under number 662 042 449.

## 2.8 Institution responsible for receiving and transmitting orders from the management company

Sycomore Market Solutions, SA. Investment firm approved by the French Prudential Control and Resolution Authority (Autorité de Contrôle Prudentiel et de Résolution) whose registered office is located at 14, avenue Hoche, 75008 Paris, France. Sycomore Market Solutions may receive orders initiated by the management company on behalf of the Fund to ensure the transmission of such orders to market intermediaries and counterparties with the primary mission of seeking the best possible execution of such orders.

## 3. OPERATING AND MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

### 3.1 General features

#### 3.1.1. Unit Class characteristics

Nature of the rights attached to the units: The various units represent rights in ownership, i.e. each unit holder has a joint ownership right over the Fund's assets in proportion to the number of units held.

Securities administration: As part of the Fund's liability management, the functions of centralising subscription and redemption orders are performed by BNP Paribas SA for bearer/administered registered units to be registered or registered in EUROCLEAR and by IZNES SA for pure registered units to be registered or registered in the shared electronic registration facility (Dispositif d'Enregistrement Electronique Partagé, DEEP), with the unit issuer account keeping being performed by BNP Paribas SA. These tasks are carried out by delegation from the management company.

Voting rights: no voting rights are attached to the units as decisions are made by the management company.

Form of units: units shall be issued in bearer, administered registered or pure registered form, the latter hypothesis particularly regarding the units that will be registered in the IZNES shared electronic registration facility for subscribers that will have access to this system.

Subdivision of units: Fund units are decimalised in hundred-thousandths (e.g. 0.00001). Subscription orders may be expressed in a fractionalised number of units or in cash value. Redemption orders may be expressed in fractions of units.

#### 3.1.2. Accounting year-end

Last trading day in June (starting from 30 June 2007). The closing date of the first financial year was the last trading day in December 2002.

#### 3.1.3. Tax regime

The Fund is not taxable per se. Unit holders may however be liable to tax upon the sale of their units. The tax regime governing capital gains or losses by the Fund, whether unrealised or realised, depends on the tax provisions applying to the specific case of each investor and his/her tax domicile and/or the Fund's investment jurisdiction. Investors who are unsure of their tax situation should seek advice from an advisor or a financial professional.

French personal equity savings plan eligibility (PEA): The Fund is eligible for the PEA.

#### 3.1.4. Information on SRI certification

The Fund has a French SRI label and/or a foreign equivalent equivalent.

### 3.2 Specific provisions

#### 3.2.1. ISIN Codes

Unit Class	ISIN Code
I	FR0010111724
A	FR0007065743
R	FR0010111732
ID	FR0012758720
S	FR0013112760

#### 3.2.2. Classification

French Equity.

#### 3.2.3. Investment objective

The aim is to outperform the CAC All-Tradable NR benchmark (dividends reinvested) over a period of five years, according to a multi-thematic socially responsible investment process linked to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), while complying with the standards set for French personal equity savings plans (Plans d'Epargne en Actions, PEAs).

#### 3.2.4. Benchmark

The CAC All Tradable NR index (dividends reinvested) is the largest on the Paris Stock Exchange, and includes the main securities listed in France. It is denominated in euros and calculated with dividends reinvested.

The administrator of the CAC All-Tradable NR benchmark index is Euronext, and is entered in the register of administrators and benchmark indices maintained by the ESMA. Additional information on this index is available at:

<https://www.euronext.com/fr/products/indices/FR0003999499-XPAP/market-information? page=1>.

In accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016, Sycomore Asset Management has a procedure for monitoring the benchmark indices used describing the measures to be implemented in case of substantial changes made to an index or the cessation of the provision of that index.

#### 3.2.5. Investment strategy implementation

Description of strategies used:

The Fund invests at least 75% of its assets in PEA (French personal equity savings plan) eligible equities.

Investments are selected on the basis of a strict analysis of corporate fundamentals. The selection process aims to identify those companies meeting quality standards (on the basis of their management teams, business model sustainability, and financial structure consistency) and to detect value (based on the differential between the intrinsic value as calculated by the management team and market value).

These securities are selected without sector or capitalisation size constraints, while respecting the following geographical restrictions:

- in accordance with the regulations relating to the French personal equity savings plan (PEA), at least 75% of the assets will be invested in European Union securities;
- French securities will represent at any time at least 60% of the Fund's assets.

The construction of the Fund's portfolio does not take into account the composition of the benchmark. The weighting of each company in the portfolio is therefore entirely independent from the weighting of that same company in the CAC All-Tradable NR index. As such, it is possible that a company in the Fund's portfolio does not appear in the composition of the benchmark or that a company well represented in the benchmark is excluded from the Fund's portfolio.

This approach aims at fostering companies' ESG practices by voting at general meetings and, where applicable, submitting resolutions, and, more broadly, through dialogue with companies.

Given the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by the Fund, it will fall under article 8 of the SFDR (Regulation 2019/2088 of 27 November 2019 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector). The information relating to the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund is available in the SFDR precontractual information document attached to this Prospectus.

#### Asset classes and financial futures in the portfolio:

Other than the equities referred to above which make up at least 75% of Fund assets, the following assets may be included within the Fund portfolio:

#### **UCITS and/or AIFs**

The Fund may hold up to 10% of its assets in the form of shares or units in the following UCIs:

- European (including French) UCITS which invest less than 10% of their assets in units or shares of other UCITS or AIFs;

- European (including French) AIFs compliant with the four criteria set out in article R. 214-13 of the French Monetary and Financial Code.

The Fund may also invest in money market funds in order to manage the Fund's cash flow, or equity or diversified funds with a management strategy which complements that of the Fund and which contributes towards achieving the performance target.

The Fund may invest in UCIs marketed or managed by Sycomore Asset Management or one of its subsidiaries, within the aforementioned limits.

These UCIs benefit from, or are committed to benefiting within one year from French SRI (Socially Responsible Investment) and/or Greenfin and/or Finansol labels, or equivalent foreign labels, codes or charters. The share of UCITS that do not yet have one of the abovementioned labels is limited to 1% of the net assets. The selection of these UCITS can be made without restrictions in terms of SRI methodologies used by their respective management companies.

#### **Debt securities and money market instruments**

To manage the Fund's cash, the portfolio may include negotiable debt securities, provided that these securities may not be rated as "high yield" by rating agencies.

No investments pertaining to this asset category may exceed 25% of the Fund's net assets.

Such securities may come from public issuers (up to 25% of fund net assets in fixed-rate French treasury bonds) or corporate issuers (negotiable CDs up to 10% of fund net assets) with no pre-set restriction on the breakdown between these two categories.

Only those securities with residual lives of less than three months may be added to the portfolio.

#### **Derivatives & securities with embedded derivatives**

The Fund operates in all regulated or organised markets in France and in other OECD member states.

It uses futures and option strategies.

Futures and options strategies are intended either to hedge the portfolio against the downside risk in an underlying equity asset, or to increase portfolio exposure in order to capitalise on the upside in an underlying equity asset.

The Fund primarily draws on stock-picking within the portfolio to achieve investment management targets, with these strategies contributing on an ancillary basis to the investment objective. These strategies nevertheless enable a portfolio manager anticipating a period of equity market weakness to preserve



accrued returns (hedging strategy involving equity indices or certain stocks which the portfolio manager considers overvalued) or conversely, to increase portfolio exposure when the portfolio manager feels that securities already in the portfolio may not fully benefit from an expected equity market rally.

The Fund deals in financial instruments with embedded equity derivatives.

Instruments used are: warrants, equity warrants, investment certificates, loan participations, as well as bond-type securities with a conversion or subscription right including convertible bonds, bonds redeemable into new or existing shares and equity-warrant bonds.

These instruments are used in order to expose the portfolio to one or more companies that satisfy the selection criteria defined above. The aggregate total weight of these investments in the Fund portfolio shall not exceed 25% of its net assets.

If equity exposure increases through the use of derivatives or securities with embedded derivatives, it shall not exceed 150%, or maximum leverage of 1.5x.

The policy for the use of derivatives is consistent with the Fund's objectives and is consistent with its aim for a long-term perspective. It does not undermine the ESG selection policy in a significant or lasting manner. The use of financial derivatives is limited to techniques for efficient management of the portfolio of securities in which the Fund is invested. The Fund may not hold short positions in an asset selected as ESG according to its own ESG asset selection method.

#### Over-the-counter contracts

The fund may enter into over-the-counter contracts in the form of "Contracts for Differences" (henceforth referred to as CFDs). The underlying components of CFDs are shares or European equity indices.

CFDs shall be used to replicate purchases or sales in securities or indices, or baskets of securities or baskets of indices.

If equity exposure increases through the use of CFDs, it shall not exceed 150%, or maximum leverage of 1.5x.

There are no plans to use Total Return Swaps in connection with the management of the Fund.

#### Use of deposits

There are no plans to use deposits in connection with the management of the Fund.

#### Cash loans

In the normal course of business, the Fund may on occasion find itself in debt and in that case may borrow cash, up to the limit of 10% of its net assets.

#### Temporary acquisitions and sales of securities

There are no plans to use temporary acquisitions and sales of securities in connection with the management of the Fund.

#### Contracts constituting financial guarantees

The Fund does not receive any financial guarantees as part of the authorised transactions.

### 3.2.6. Risk profile

Your money shall be invested mainly in financial instruments selected by the management company. These instruments shall be subject to the evolution and fluctuations of the financial markets.

Risks incurred by the Fund:

- **the risk of loss of principal**, as the Fund's performance may not meet investment objectives or investor targets (which depend on their portfolio composition), the principal invested may not be entirely returned, and the performance may be adversely affected by inflation.
- **the risk incurred from discretionary management**, as the management team may freely allocate Fund assets between the various asset classes;
- **equity risk**, on account of equity exposure between 75% and 150% on assets;

Equity risk is the risk that the value of a share will decline due to market movements, unfavourable news regarding the company itself or to its business sector.

- **liquidity risk**, due to the exposure of small capitalisation companies in which the Fund may be invested. In this regard, investors should bear in mind that the small and mid-cap market includes companies which, by reason of their specific nature, may involve risks for investors.

Liquidity risk is the risk that some buy or sell orders transmitted to the market may not be fully executed due to the limited quantity of securities available in the market.

- **foreign exchange rate risk**, some PEA-eligible securities may be listed in a currency other than the euro. In this regard, investor attention is drawn to the fact that the fund is subject to foreign exchange risk of up to a maximum of 10% of its net assets;

Foreign exchange risk is the risk that the value of an investment currency diminishes compared to the Fund's base currency, i.e. the euro.

- **Interest rate and credit risk**, as the Fund may hold up to a maximum of 25% of its assets in convertible bonds and money market instruments;

Interest rate risk:

- a. The risk that the rates decline when investments are made at a variable rate (lower rate of return);
- b. The risk that rates will rise in the case of fixed-rate investments, as the value of a fixed interest-rate product is inversely proportional to interest rate levels.

Credit risk is the risk that the issuer of a debt security is no longer able to service its debt, i.e. repay the debt.

- **risk incurred by convertible bond investments**, given that the Fund may be exposed up to 25% to convertible bonds. This is the risk that the Net Asset Value falls, affected adversely by one or more elements of a convertible bond valuation, namely: the level of interest rates, change in the price of underlying shares and the change in the price of a derivative embedded in a convertible bond.
- **counterparty risk**, the management team may enter into over-the-counter derivative contracts with financial institutions having their registered office in the European Union or in the United States and subject to the prudential supervision rules from authorities. This is the risk that a counterparty defaults and is no longer able to transfer the money due to the Fund as a result of a transaction, i.e. collateral deposits or realised gains. This risk is capped at a maximum of 10% of the net assets per counterparty. In the event of a counterparty default, the Net Asset Value may fall.
- **Methodological risk linked to socially responsible investment (SRI)**. ESG factors can vary depending on investment themes, asset classes, investment philosophy and the subjective use of different ESG indicators governing portfolio construction. The selection and weightings applied may to some extent be subjective or based on measures which may share the same name but have different underlying meanings. ESG information, whether from an external and/or internal source, is, by nature and in many cases, based on qualitative assessment and judgment, particularly in the absence of well defined market standards and due to the existence of multiple SRI approaches. An element of subjectivity and discretion is therefore inherent in the interpretation and use of ESG data. It may therefore be difficult to compare strategies incorporating ESG criteria. Investors should note that the subjective value that they may or may not assign to certain types of ESG criteria may differ materially

from fund to fund. The application of ESG criteria to the investment process may exclude securities of certain issuers for non-financial reasons and, as a result, may cause certain market opportunities available to funds that do not use ESG or sustainability criteria to be lost. ESG information from third-party data providers may be incomplete, inaccurate or unavailable. As a result, there is a risk of incorrect valuation of a security or issuer resulting in the improper inclusion or exclusion of a security. ESG data providers are private companies that provide ESG data for a variety of issuers. They may therefore change the valuation of issuers or instruments at their discretion. The ESG approach can evolve and develop over time, due to the refinement of investment decision processes to take ESG factors and risks into account, and/or due to legal and regulatory developments.

- **Sustainability risks**: Environmental, social or governance events that, if they occur, could have a material, actual or potential, negative impact on the value of the investment. However, the Fund's investment policy does not systematically or concomitantly include ESG criteria or measures to mitigate these risks.

In order to diversify the equity risk, which is measured in terms of volatility, the portfolio includes at least 25 securities.

### 3.2.7. *Guarantee or protection*

None.

### 3.2.8. *Target investors and target investor profile*

Unit Classes I, A, R, ID and S are available to all investors. Given the major risks associated with equity investments, this Fund is mainly intended for investors who are prepared to withstand the wide fluctuations inherent in equity markets, over an investment period of at least five years.

The Fund contains small-cap stocks and investors should bear in mind that the small- and mid-cap market is intended to include companies which, by reason of their specific nature, may involve risks for investors.

The reasonable amount to invest in this Fund depends on your personal situation. In order to assess your financial situation, you must take into account your personal assets, your current needs and your needs over the next five years, as well as your willingness to take on risk or, conversely, to opt for a more prudent investment. You are also strongly advised to sufficiently diversify your investments so that they are not exposed solely to the risks incurred by this UCITS.

The units in the Fund, which is a Foreign Public Fund within the meaning of Section 13 of the US Bank Holding Company Act, have not been registered or reported to the US authorities pursuant to the US Securities Act of 1933. Hence, they may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, in the United States or on behalf of or for the benefit of a 'U.S. Person' within the meaning

of the US regulations (Regulation S).

### **3.2.9. *Income calculation and allocation***

Unit Classes I, A, R and S: Full accumulation of the net income and of the net realised capital gains.

Unit Class ID: Accumulation and/or yearly distribution with the possibility of quarterly interim payments of some or all of the net income and net realised capital gains.

The management company shall decide each year on the allocation of distributable sums.

**3.2.10. Unit Class characteristics**

Unit Class	ISIN Code	Allocation of distributable sums	Base Currency	Target investors	Minimum subscription
I	FR0010111724	Accumulation	EUR	'Eligible counterparty' subscribers within the meaning of Directive 2004/39/EC, 'professional investor' subscribers within the meaning of section I of annex II of Directive 2014/65/EC, and all subscribers within the framework of discretionary management services or investment advice on an independent basis within the meaning of Directive 2014/65/EC, for which the suppliers of such services are not allowed to accept and retain fees, commissions or any monetary or non-monetary benefits paid or provided by the management company or by the marketing agent of the Fund ('clean share' units).	€100
A	FR0007065743	Accumulation	EUR	All	€100
R	FR0010111732	Accumulation	EUR	All	€100
ID	FR0012758720	Accumulation and/or Distribution	EUR	'Eligible counterparty' subscribers within the meaning of Directive 2004/39/EC, 'professional investor' subscribers within the meaning of section I of annex II of Directive 2014/65/EC, and all subscribers within the framework of discretionary management services or investment advice on an independent basis within the meaning of Directive 2014/65/EC, for which the suppliers of such services are not allowed to accept and retain fees, commissions or any monetary or non-monetary benefits paid or provided by the management company or by the marketing agent of the Fund ('clean share' units).	€100
S	FR0013112760	Accumulation	EUR	All	€30,000,000 (initial subscription only)

**3.2.11. Conditions for subscribing and redeeming shares:**

Orders for subscription or redemption of units to be registered or registered as bearer/administered registered units in Euroclear, are centralised by BNP Paribas SA (Postal address: 9, Rue du Débarcadère, 93500 Pantin, France) on each NAV calculation day (D) at 12:00 pm. Orders for pure registered units to be registered or registered in the IZNES shared electronic registration system (Dispositif d'Enregistrement Électronique Partagé, DEEP) are received at any time by IZNES and centralised through IZNES on each NAV calculation day (D) at 12:00 pm. These orders are then executed at an unknown price on the basis of the following business day NAV (D+1). The resulting payments are made on the second following business day (D+2).

In summary, subscription and redemption orders are executed in accordance with the table below, unless any specific deadline is agreed upon with your financial institution:

D: Day on which the net asset value is determined	D+1 business day	D+2 business days
Centralisation of subscription and redemption orders before 12:00 pm (CET)	Publication of the Net Asset Value of D	Delivery of Subscriptions Settlement of Redemptions

Holders can switch from one unit class to another by passing a redemption order in the units of the unit class held, followed by a subscription order for units in another unit class. Investors should therefore be aware that switching from one unit class to another triggers the application of the tax regime governing capital gains or losses on financial instruments.

NAV calculation date and frequency: The net asset value is determined each day the Euronext markets are open, with the exception of legal holidays in France (D). This NAV is calculated on the following business day (D+1), based on the preceding day's closing prices (D).

Circumstances in which subscriptions may be limited: In cases where the number of existing units (all unit classes included) falls below 750,000, the Fund will be automatically reopened to subscriptions after 10 working days from the date of publication in a French daily economic newspaper.

The day following the ascertainment that the number of subscribed units (all unit classes included) is above 2,500,000 units, subscriptions shall be suspended. Unit holders will be informed of the suspension of subscriptions through the press and specifically through a French daily economic newspaper.

Information concerning the total number of units in the Fund may be obtained directly via the Sycomore Asset Management website ([www.sycomore-am.com](http://www.sycomore-am.com)) or by telephone: +33 (0)1 44 40 16 00.

A swing pricing mechanism has been set up by the Management Company as part of the Fund's valuation (with an effective date of 31-12/2023). For more information on the mechanism, please refer to the Asset valuation rules section.

Place and methods of publication or communication of net asset value: The net asset value is available upon request from Sycomore Asset Management and on its website ([www.sycomore-am.com](http://www.sycomore-am.com)).

Applicable as at 31/12/2023: Capping Mechanism for Redemptions (or 'gate'):

In accordance with the regulations in force, the Management Company may make temporary redemption capping decisions (hereinafter the 'Capping Decision') if exceptional circumstances so require and if holders' best interests so require, in order to avoid imbalances between redemption requests and the Fund's net assets that would prevent the Management Company from honouring these requests in the best interests of unitholders and their equal treatment.

The Capping Decision shall apply in the following circumstances:

I. Description of the strategy used

The Capping Decision may be taken if, on a given subscription centralisation date (hereinafter the 'Date of Execution of Centralisation'), the difference between the share of assets of the fund to be redeemed (hereinafter the 'Percentage of Redemptions') and the share of assets of the fund to be subscribed (hereinafter the 'Percentage of Subscriptions') is positive and represents more than 5% of the total net assets as of the last date of calculation of the net asset value.

If redemption requests exceed the trigger level of the *gate*, the Management Company may decide to honour redemption requests above the 5% cap threshold, and thus partially execute redemption orders at a higher rate or fully. Such a decision is based on an appreciation of the portfolio's situation in terms of market risks, liquidity risk, and the ability to perpetuate the fund's investment strategy in the interest of the unit holders. For example, in the absence of subscriptions, if the total redemption requests for the fund units are 10% while the *gate* trigger threshold is 5% of the net assets, the Management Company may decide to honour redemption requests up to 7.5% of the net assets (and thus to execute 75% of redemption requests instead of 50% if it strictly applies the cap at 5%).

The capping on redemptions may not exceed 20 occurrences (net asset values) over 3 months; i.e. an estimated period of maximum 1 month if successive occurrences.

II. Informing unit holders

Unit holders who have issued redemption requests affected by the Capping Decision shall be informed in particular as soon as possible after the relevant Date of Execution of Centralisation. The Capping Decision will also be published on the website of the Management Company and will be included in the next periodic report.

III. Order processing

If a Capping Decision is made, the Percentage of Redemptions net of subscriptions will be reduced to 5% of the net assets (or, if applicable, to the higher rate applied if the Management Company decides to honour redemptions above the prescribed capping threshold).

Consequently, redemption orders will be reduced, for all investors wishing to have their units redeemed on a Date of Execution of Centralisation, by the same percentage (hereinafter the 'Reduction Coefficient'). The Reduction Coefficient is equal to the ratio between the capping threshold expressed as a percentage of net assets (plus the percentage of any subscriptions) and the Percentage of Redemptions.

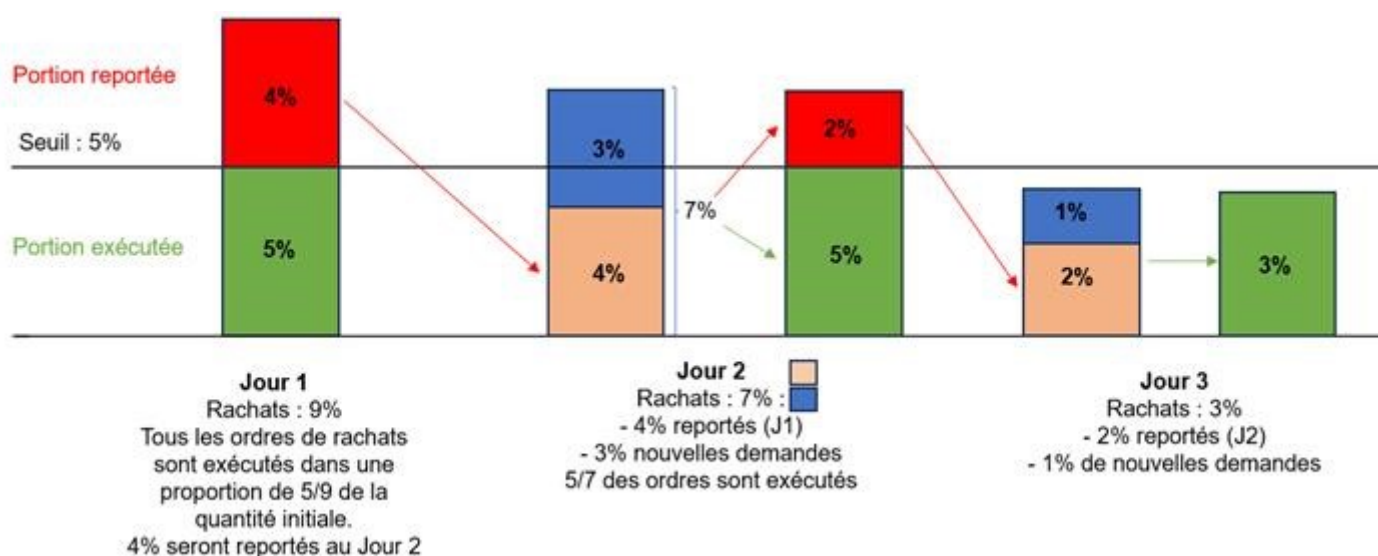
Consequently, the number of units to which the redemption is carried out is equal, for a given unit holder, to the initial number of units to which the redemption has been requested multiplied by the Reduction Coefficient, this number of units being rounded up to the larger fraction of units.

Redemption requests which have not been executed in accordance with the Capping Decision and which are pending execution will be carried forward automatically, within the same limits, on the next net asset value calculation date.

Redemption requests carried forward to a next NAV calculation date will not be given priority over later requests.

**Exception from the redemptions capping mechanism:** The mechanism will not be triggered when the redemption order is immediately followed by a subscription order from the same investor for the same amount or number of units, based on the same net asset value and for the same ISIN code.

#### IV. Example of the mechanism implemented:



**Day 1:** assume a threshold of 5% and total requests for redemptions amount to 9% for Day 1, then 4% of requests will not be able to be executed on Day 1 and will be deferred to Day 2.

**Day 2:** assume now that total redemption requests amount to 7% (including 3% new requests). As the threshold is 5%, 2% of requests will therefore not be executed on Day 2 and will be carried forward to Day 3.

Please also refer to Article 3 of the Fund's Rules for information on the capping mechanism for redemptions of your fund.

### 3.2.12. Fees and Charges

#### Entry and exit charges:

Entry and exit charges are either levied on the subscription price paid by the investor or deducted from the redemption price. Charges retained by the UCITS offset expenses borne by the UCITS for investment or divestment. Non-retained charges are attributed to the asset management company, the marketing agent, etc.

Charges to be borne by the investor, levied on subscriptions and redemptions	Basis	Rate				
		Unit Class I	Unit Class A	Unit Class R	Unit Class ID	Unit Class S
Subscription fee not due to the UCITS	Net Asset Value multiplied by the number of units subscribed	7% maximum rate	5% maximum rate	3% maximum rate	7% maximum rate	10% maximum rate
Subscription fee due to the UCITS	Net Asset Value multiplied by the number of units subscribed	None				
Redemption fee not due to the UCITS	Net Asset Value multiplied by the number of units redeemed	None				
Redemption fee due to the UCITS	Net Asset Value multiplied by the number of units redeemed	None				

Exemptions: No fees will be charged for a redemption followed by a subscription for the same account on the same day, if the NAV and amount have the same values.

#### Operating and management charges:

These charges include all the expenses invoiced directly to the UCITS, except for execution fees. Execution fees include intermediation charges (brokerage, stamp duty, etc.) and transfer commissions, if any, which may be collected by the depositary and the management company. The following may be payable in addition to the operating and management charges:

- performance fees. These reward the management company when the UCITS exceeds its objectives. They are therefore invoiced to the UCITS;
- transfer commissions invoiced to the UCITS.

For further details regarding fees charged to the UCITS, please refer to the key information document.

Fees charged to the UCITS	Basis	Rate				
		Unit Class I	Unit Class A	Unit Class R	Unit Class ID	Unit Class S
Financial management and operating charges and other services <sup>(1)</sup>	Net assets	Maximum annual rate (including tax)				
		1.00%	1.50%	2.00%	1.00%	1.00%
Transfer commissions collected by the management company	Charge on each transaction	None				
Transfer commission collected by the depositary	Charge on each transaction	None				
Performance fee	Net assets	15% including tax above the CAC All Tradable NR index				

<sup>(1)</sup> including all fees except execution fees, performance fees and charges linked to investments in UCITS or investment funds

Unless otherwise specified, these rates and percentages are common to all unit classes.

These fees shall be booked directly to the Fund's profit and loss account.

**Performance fee:** From 1 July 2022, the performance fee will be calculated as follows:

#### Calculation method

The outperformance generated by the Fund on a given date is understood to be the positive difference between the net assets of the Fund before charging any performance fee and the assets of a notional UCI achieving the performance of its benchmark index and recording the same pattern of subscriptions and redemptions as the actual Fund on the same date.

If this difference is negative, this amount represents an underperformance that will have to be offset in the following years before it can again be provisioned for the performance fee.

#### Offsetting underperformances and reference period

As specified in the ESMA guidelines for performance fees, 'the reference period is the period during which performance is measured and compared to the benchmark and at the end of which it is possible to reset the mechanism for offsetting past underperformance.'

This period is set at 5 years. This means that in excess of 5 consecutive years without crystallisation, unoffset underperformance older than 5 years will no longer be taken into account in the performance fee calculation.



#### Positivity condition

A provision may only be made and a fee may only be levied if the fund's performance is strictly positive over the year (NAV greater than the start-of-year NAV).

#### Observation period

The first observation period will commence with a term of twelve months beginning on 1 July 2022.

At the end of each financial year, one of the following three cases may occur:

- The Fund underperformed over the observation period. In this case, no fee is charged and the observation period is extended by one year to a maximum of 5 years (reference period).
- The Fund outperformed over the observation period but underperformed in absolute terms over the year. In this case, no fee is charged, the calculation is reset and a new twelve-month observation period begins.
- The Fund (i) outperformed over the observation period and (ii) had a positive performance in absolute terms over the financial year. In this case, the management company receives the provisioned fees (crystallisation), the calculation is reset and a new twelve-month observation period begins.

#### Provisionnement

Each time the net asset value (NAV) is established, a provision (of 15% of the outperformance) is made for the performance fee if the net assets of the Fund, before deduction of any performance fee, is greater than that of the notional UCI over the observation period and the performance of the Fund is strictly

positive over the financial year, or a recovery of the provision limited to the existing appropriation in the event of underperformance.

In the event of redemptions during the period, the share of the constituted provision corresponding to the number of shares redeemed shall be definitively acquired and taken by the Manager.

#### Cristallisation

The crystallisation period, i.e. the frequency of any provisioned performance fee being payable to the management company, is twelve months.

The first crystallisation period will end on the last day of the year ending 30 June 2023.

**Selection of intermediaries** Sycomore Asset Management has entrusted the trading of its orders to Sycomore Market Solutions. Sycomore Market Solutions receives orders initiated by the management company on behalf of the Fund and ensures their transmission to market intermediaries and counterparties with the main mission of seeking the best possible execution of these orders. Sycomore Market Solutions is an investment company approved by the French Prudential Control and Resolution Authority (Autorité de Contrôle Prudentiel et de Résolution, ACPR) to provide the service of receiving and transmitting orders on behalf of third parties.

Unit holders may refer to the annual management report for any further information.



## 4. COMMERCIAL INFORMATION

The settlement of distributable sums occurs, where applicable, within five months following the end of the Fund's financial year.

Subscription and redemption orders for Fund units must be addressed to BNP Paribas SA for bearer/administered registered units to be registered or registered in Euroclear, and to IZNES for pure registered units to be registered or registered in the shared electronic registration facility (Dispositif d'Enregistrement Electronique Partagé, DEEP).

Information concerning the UCITS is provided by Sycomore Asset Management to your financial intermediary, whose duty it is to pass this information on to their clients.

The management company's voting policy and the report setting out the conditions for the exercise of these voting rights are available and sent free of charge within one week upon written request from the investor to:

- Sycomore Asset Management, 14, Avenue Hoche, 75008 Paris, France;
- Or to [info@sycomore-am.com](mailto:info@sycomore-am.com).

The information on Environmental, Social and Governance criteria taken into account by the UCITS is available on Sycomore Asset Management's Website ([www.sycomore-am.com](http://www.sycomore-am.com)).

Sycomore AM's shareholder commitment policy and the latest report on the implementation of this policy are available on our website: [www.sycomore-am.com](http://www.sycomore-am.com).

Furthermore, information concerning the Fund may be obtained directly via the Sycomore Asset Management website ([www.sycomore-am.com](http://www.sycomore-am.com)) or by calling our Investor Relations Department at +33 (0)1 44 40 16 00.

The management company may send the UCI's portfolio composition to its investors within a period which may not be less than 48 hours after the publication of the net asset value, solely for the purpose of calculating the regulatory requirements related to Directive 2009/138/EC (Solvency 2). Each investor wishing to use this information must have procedures in place to manage this sensitive information prior to the transmission of the portfolio composition, which is to be used solely for calculating prudential requirements.

## 5. INVESTMENT REGULATION

The Fund complies with the investment regulations for UCITS under European Directive 2009/65/EC investing up to 10% of their assets in units or shares of UCITS. It also complies with the General Regulation of the AMF regarding UCITS in the "French equities" category.

## 6. OVERALL RISK

The Fund's overall risk reflects the additional risk incurred by the use of derivatives, based on the commitment calculation method.

## 7. ASSET VALUATION PRINCIPLES

### 7.1 Asset valuation rules

Financial instruments and securities traded on French or foreign regulated markets are valued at market price.

However, the following instruments are valued in accordance with the following specific methods:

- Financial instruments which are not traded on regulated markets are valued by the management company at their likely trading value.
- Units or shares in UCITS are valued at the most recently published NAV.
- Negotiable debt securities and similar instruments which are not actively traded are valued using an actuarial method. The value retained is that of equivalent issued securities, which are adjusted, where applicable, on the basis of a credit spread reflecting the creditworthiness of the security issuer. However, negotiable debt securities with residual lifespan not exceeding

three months may be valued using the commitment method in the absence of any specific sensitivity. The application of these principles is set by the management company. These are detailed in the notes to the annual financial statements.

- transactions involving financial futures or options traded on French or foreign organised markets are valued at market price in accordance with methods laid down by the asset management company and appear in the annexe to the annual financial statements. They are set out in the notes to the annual financial statements.
- Over-the-counter futures, options or swap transactions authorised by the regulations applicable to UCITS, are valued at their market price or at an estimated value in accordance with methods laid down by the management company, as defined in the notes to the annual financial statements.

Financial instruments for which no price has been established on the valuation day, or the price of which has been adjusted, are

valued at their likely trading value under the management company's liability. These valuations and relative supporting data are made available to the Statutory Auditor during inspections and audits.

The accounting currency of the UCITS is the euro.

## 7.2 Net asset value adjustment method related to swing pricing with trigger threshold

Sycomore Asset Management has decided to implement a swing pricing mechanism, effective as at 31/12/2023, to protect the UCITS and its long-term investors from the impact of large capital inflows or outflows. If on any NAV calculation date the total net subscription/redemption orders from investors on all unit classes of the Fund exceed a pre-established threshold, determined on the basis of objective criteria by the Management Company as a percentage of the net assets of the Fund, the NAV may be adjusted upwards or downwards to take into account adjustment costs attributable to net subscription/redemption orders respectively. The NAV of each unit class is calculated separately but any adjustment has, as a percentage, an identical impact on all the NAVs of the Fund's unit classes. The cost and trigger parameters are determined by the Management Company and reviewed periodically, at least quarterly. These costs are estimated by the management company based on the execution fees, bid-offer spreads and any taxes that may be applicable to the Fund. As this adjustment is linked to the net balance of subscriptions/redemptions in the Fund it is not possible to accurately predict whether swing pricing will be applied at any given time in the future. Consequently it is also not possible to accurately predict how frequently the Management Company will need to make such adjustments. Investors should note that the volatility of the Fund's NAV may not reflect solely the volatility of securities held

in the portfolio as a result of the application of swing pricing. As the punctual effect of swing pricing on the net asset value is not related to management, the performance fees are calculated before application of this method. The policy for determining the mechanisms of Swing Pricing is available on our website, [www.sycomore-am.com](http://www.sycomore-am.com), or upon request from the management company. Swing pricing is at the discretion of the management company in accordance with Sycomore Asset Management's swing pricing policy.

## 7.3 Alternative assessment procedures in case the financial data is unavailable

Please note that the administrative and accounting management of the fund is delegated to BNP Paribas SA, which is in charge of valuing the Fund's financial assets.

Nevertheless, at any given time, Sycomore Asset Management has its own estimate of the financial assets in the Fund, carried out using multiple sources of financial data which it has at its disposal (Reuters, Bloomberg, market counterparties, etc.).

In the event that the delegated administrative and accounting agent is unable to value the Fund's assets, it will still therefore be possible to provide it with the requisite information for the purpose of such a valuation, in which case the Statutory Auditor will be promptly informed.

## 7.4 Accounting method

The accounting method selected to record income from financial instruments is the coupon-received principle.

The accounting method selected to record execution fees is exclusive of fees.

# 8. REMUNERATION POLICY

In accordance with the regulation resulting from Directives 2011/65/EC (AIFM) and 2014/91/EC (UCITS V), Sycomore AM established a remuneration policy. Its objectives are to promote alignment of interests between investors, the management company and its staff, as well as sound and efficient risk management of managed portfolios and of the management company, taking into account the nature, scope and complexity of Sycomore AM's activities. In particular, it relies on the allocation of sufficiently high fixed remuneration and bonuses whose procedures for allocation and payment promote the alignment of long-term interests.

Details of this remuneration policy are available on our website, [www.sycomore-am.com](http://www.sycomore-am.com).

A paper copy can also be made available free of charge upon request.

# 9. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

## ASSETS AND UNITS

### Article 1 - Fund units

The rights of co-owners are expressed in units, each unit

representing an equivalent fraction of the assets of the Fund. Each unit holder owns joint ownership rights over the assets of the fund in proportion to the number of units owned.

The term of the Fund is 99 years from 30 October 2001 subject to any early winding-up or extension as provided for in these terms and conditions.

The characteristics of the various categories of units, and the terms and conditions of their acquisition, are set forth in the key information document and the prospectus of the Fund.

The various categories of units may:

- benefit from different income distribution methods (distribution or capitalisation)
- be denominated in different currencies;
- incur different management fees;
- bear different entry and exit charges;
- have a different nominal value.

Units may be consolidated or split.

The board of directors of the management company may elect to split units into thousandths, referred to as fractional units.

Provisions herein governing the issue and redemption of units are applicable to fractional units, the value of which shall always be proportional to the value of the proportion they represent. All other provisions herein governing units apply to fractional units without need for further specification, unless otherwise stated.

Finally, the board of directors of the management company may unilaterally elect to split units by creating new units issued to unit holders in exchange for existing units.

### **Article 2 - Minimum assets**

Units may not be redeemed if the Fund's (or sub-fund's) assets fall below EUR 300,000; when the assets remain below this amount for a period of thirty days, the management company shall make the necessary provisions to liquidate the UCITS concerned, or to carry out one of the operations mentioned in Article 411-16 of the AMF's General Regulation (transfer of the UCITS).

### **Article 3 - Issue and redemption of units**

The units can be issued at any time at the request of unit holders on the basis of their Net Asset Value plus, if applicable, any subscription fees.

Pursuant to Article L. 214-8-7 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, and Article 411-20-1 of the AMF General Regulation, the Management Company may decide to cap redemptions when exceptional circumstances require it, and if unit holders' best interests so require.

Redemptions and subscriptions shall be carried out in accordance with the conditions and procedures defined in the prospectus.

Fund units may be listed in accordance with applicable regulations.

Unit subscriptions must be paid in full on the NAV calculation date. They may be made in cash and/or by a contribution in kind in the form of transferable securities. The management company has the right to refuse the proposed securities and has a period of seven days from the date of filing to inform the subscriber of their decision. If it accepts the securities, they shall be valued on the basis of the rules laid down in Article 4, and the subscription shall be made on the basis of the first net asset value calculated following acceptance of the securities involved.

Redemptions shall be paid out exclusively in cash, unless the Fund is liquidated and unit holders have given their consent to repayment in securities. Payment is made by the registrar and transfer agent within a maximum of five days following unit valuation.

This period may however be extended up to a maximum of 30 days in exceptional circumstances if the repayment requires the prior divestment of assets held in the Fund.

Except in case of inheritance or inter-vivos estate distribution, the disposal or transfer of units between holders, or from holders to a third party, is equivalent to a redemption followed by a subscription; if this involves a third party, the disposal or transfer amount must, if relevant, be completed by the beneficiary in order to attain at least the minimum subscription required by the prospectus.

Pursuant to Article L. 214-8-7 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, the redemption by the Fund of its units, as well as the issue of new units, may be provisionally suspended, by the management company, under exceptional circumstances and if unit holders' best interests so require.

When the net assets of the Fund are lower than the amount set by the regulations, no redemption of shares may take place.

The Capping Decision shall apply from 31/12/2023, under the following conditions:

- I. Description of the strategy used

The Capping Decision may be taken if, on a given subscription centralisation date (hereinafter the 'Date of Execution of Centralisation'), the difference between the share of assets of the fund to be redeemed (hereinafter the 'Percentage of Redemptions') and the share of assets of the fund to be subscribed (hereinafter the 'Percentage of Subscriptions') is positive and represents more than 5% of the total net assets as of the last date of calculation of the net asset value.

If redemption requests exceed the gate trigger level, the Management Company may resolve to process redemption requests in excess of the 5% cap and partially execute redemption orders above the stated level, or execute them in their entirety. Such a decision is based on an appreciation of the portfolio's situation in terms of market risks, liquidity risk, and the ability to perpetuate the fund's investment strategy in the interest of the unit holders.

The capping on redemptions may not exceed 20 occurrences (net asset values) over 3 months; i.e. an estimated period of maximum 1 month if successive occurrences.

## II. Informing unit holders

Holders who have issued redemption requests affected by the Capping Decision shall be informed in particular as soon as possible after the relevant Date of Execution of Centralisation. The Capping Decision will also be published on the website of the Management Company and will be included in the next periodic report.

## III. Order processing

If a Capping Decision is made, the Percentage of Redemptions net of subscriptions will be reduced to 5% of the net assets (or, if applicable, to the higher rate applied if the Management Company decides to honour redemptions above the prescribed capping threshold).

Consequently, redemption orders will be reduced, for all investors wishing to have their units redeemed on a Date of Execution of Centralisation, by the same percentage (hereinafter the 'Reduction Coefficient'). The Reduction Coefficient is equal to the ratio between the capping threshold expressed as a percentage of net assets (plus the percentage of any subscriptions) and the Percentage of Redemptions.

Consequently, the number of units to which the redemption is carried out is equal, for a given unit holder, to the initial number

### **Article 4 - Calculation of the Net Asset Value**

The Net Asset Value is calculated in accordance with the valuation rules set out in the Prospectus.

Contributions in kind shall comprise only securities, shares or contracts permissible as UCITS assets, and these shall be valued in accordance with the valuation principles applied to the NAV calculation.

of units to which the redemption has been requested multiplied by the Reduction Coefficient, this number of units being rounded up to the larger fraction of units.

Redemption requests which have not been executed in accordance with the Capping Decision and which are pending execution will be carried forward automatically, within the same limits, on the next net asset value calculation date.

Redemption requests carried forward to a next NAV calculation date will not be given priority over later requests.

**Exemption from the capping mechanism:** The mechanism will not be triggered when the redemption order is immediately followed by a subscription order from the same investor for the same amount or number of units, based on the same net asset value and for the same ISIN code.

The Fund may cease to issue units pursuant to Article L. 214-8-7 of the French Monetary and Financial Code in situations that objectively require the closure of subscriptions, such as when the maximum number of units or shares has been issued, a maximum amount of assets has been reached, or a specific subscription period has expired.

These objective circumstances are defined in the full prospectus of the UCITS.

The trigger of this tool will be communicated by any means to existing holders relating to its activation, as well as to the threshold and objective situation that led to the decision to partially or completely close. In the case of a partial closure, this communication by any means will explicitly specify the terms and conditions under which existing holders may continue to subscribe during the duration of this partial closure. Unit holders are also informed by any means of the decision of the UCITS or the management company either to end the total or partial closure of subscriptions (when falling below the trigger level) or not to end them (in the event of a change of threshold or a change in the objective situation that led to the implementation of this tool). A change in the objective situation invoked or to the trigger level of the tool must always be made in the interests of the unit holders. Information by any means shall specify the exact reasons for these changes.

## **FUND OPERATION**

### **Article 5 - The Management Company**

The fund is managed by the management company in accordance with the policy defined for the Fund.

The management company will act in the sole interest of the unit holders under all circumstances and shall have sole authority to exercise the voting rights attached to securities held by the

Fund.

### **Article 5a - Operating rules**

The instruments and deposits that are eligible to form part of the Fund's assets and the investment rules are described in the prospectus.

### **Article 5b – Listing on a regulated market and/or a multilateral trading facility**

Fund units may be listed on a regulated market and/or a multilateral trading facility in accordance with applicable regulations. In case the Fund whose units are admitted to trading on a regulated market has an index-based management objective, the Fund will have in place a system to ensure that the price of its units does not significantly vary from its net asset value.

### **Article 6 - Custodian**

The depositary performs the tasks entrusted to it by the legal and regulatory provisions in force as well as those entrusted to it contractually. It is responsible for ensuring that legal decisions made by the management company comply with the necessary regulations. It must, where required, take any precautionary measures it deems necessary. In the event of a dispute with the management company, it will inform the French Financial Markets Authority (Autorité des Marchés Financiers, AMF).

### **Article 7 - Statutory auditor**

A statutory auditor is appointed by the governing body of the management company for a term of six financial years, with the approval of the AMF.

The statutory auditor certifies the accuracy and consistency of the financial statements. The appointment of the statutory auditor may be renewed.

The statutory auditor is required to notify the AMF as soon as possible of any fact or decision relating to the UCITS of which they become aware in the course of their audit that may:

- Constitute a breach of the laws or regulations applicable to this Fund that could have a significant impact on its financial situation, results or assets;
- Undermine the conditions or continuity of its business;
- Entail the issuing of reservations or the refusal to certify the financial statements.

Asset valuation and the determination of exchange terms pertaining to conversions, mergers or split transactions are carried out under the supervision of the statutory auditor. The statutory auditor shall determine the value of any contribution in

kind under their own responsibility. The statutory auditor monitors the accuracy of the composition of assets and other items prior to publication. The statutory auditor's fees shall be set by mutual agreement between the auditor and the board of directors or the management board of the management company, on the basis of a work schedule setting out the checks deemed necessary.

### **Article 8 – The financial statements and management report**

At the closing of each financial year, the management company prepares the financial statements and a report on the fund's management during that year.

The management company prepares a statement of the UCI's assets and liabilities, at least once every half-year and under the supervision of the custodian.

The list of assets and liabilities is certified by the custodian and all of the above documents are reviewed by the statutory auditor.

The management company shall make these documents available to unit holders within four months of the end of the financial year and inform them of the amount of income attributable to them: these documents shall be either sent by courier at the express request of the unit holders, or made available to them at the management company.

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ALLOCATION OF INCOME AND DISTRIBUTABLE SUMS**

### **Article 9 – Terms and conditions of appropriation of income and distributable sums**

Net income for the financial year shall be equal to total interests, arrears, dividends, premiums and bonuses, attendance fees and any other income relating to securities constituting the Fund portfolio, plus income from short-term liquidities, minus management charges and borrowing costs.

Distributable amounts consist of:

1. Net income plus retained earnings plus or minus the balance of accrued income;
2. Realised capital gains after costs, less realised capital losses after costs, recognised during the financial year, plus capital gains after costs recognised during previous financial years that have not been distributed or accumulated and minus or plus the balance of capital gain accruals.

The amounts stated in points 1 and 2 may be distributed, either entirely or partially, independently of one another. The management company shall decide on the appropriation of

distributable amounts. Where applicable, the Fund may choose one of the following options for each unit class:

- capitalisation: distributable amounts are fully reinvested with the exception of those that must be distributed pursuant to legal provisions;
- distribution (with the possibility of interim distribution):
  - of all distributable sums (all amounts mentioned in points 1 and 2), to the nearest rounded figure;
  - distributable sums mentioned in point 1 to the nearest rounded figure;
  - distributable sums mentioned in point 2 to the nearest rounded figure.

For Funds which prefer to maintain the freedom to accumulate and/or distribute all or part of the distributable sums, the management company decides each year on the appropriation of distributable sums mentioned in points 1 and 2 with the possibility of interim distribution.

## **MERGER – SPLIT – DISSOLUTION – LIQUIDATION**

### **Article 10 - Merger & De-merger**

The management company may either transfer, in full or in part the assets included in the Fund to another UCITS or split the Fund into two or more other funds.

Such mergers or splits may not be carried out until the unit holders have been notified. A merger or split gives rise to the issuance of a certificate specifying the new number of units held by each unit holder.

### **Article 11 - Dissolution & extension**

If the Fund assets remain below the amount specified in Article 2 for a period of thirty days, the management company shall wind-up the Fund and inform the French financial markets authority (Autorité des Marchés Financiers, AMF), unless it is merged with another investment fund.

The management company may wind up the Fund before term. It shall inform unit holders of its decision and subscription or redemption orders shall no longer be accepted as of that date.

The management company shall also wind-up the Fund if it receives redemption orders for all of its units, if the depositary ceases to perform its duties where no other depositary has been designated, and upon the expiry of the Fund's term unless it has been extended.

The management company shall inform the French Financial Markets Authority in writing of the scheduled date and selected winding-up procedure. It shall then send the French financial markets authority (Autorité des Marchés Financiers, AMF) the statutory auditor's report.

Extension of a fund may be decided by the management company in agreement with the depositary. Its decision must be taken at least 3 months prior to expiry of the Fund's term, and both unit holders and the French financial markets authority (Autorité des Marchés Financiers, AMF) must be informed at the same time.

If the agreement concluded between the depositary and the management company is terminated by either party, the management company shall wind-up the Fund within a maximum period of three months upon reception of the termination notice by the party being notified. This is unless another depositary has been designated by the management company and authorised by the French financial markets authority (Autorité des Marchés Financiers, AMF) within this period.

### **Article 12 - Liquidation**

If the Fund is to be dissolved, the management company or the depositary shall act as liquidator, failing which a liquidator shall be appointed by the courts at the request of any party concerned. For such purposes, they will be entrusted with full powers to dispose of assets, pay any creditors and distribute the available balance amongst the unit holders, in cash or in securities.

The statutory auditor and the depositary shall continue in their respective capacities until the liquidation process is complete.

## **DISPUTES**

### **Article 13 - Competent courts & Choice of jurisdiction**

All disputes related to the Fund that may arise during the term in which it operates, or during its liquidation, either between the unit holders or between the unit holders and the management company or the depositary, are subject to the jurisdiction of the competent courts.



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## Environmental and/or social characteristics

**Sustainable investment** means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

**The EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852 which lists **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Yes

It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with an environmental objective:** \_\_\_\_%

in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy;

in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy.

It will make a minimum of **sustainable investments with a social objective:** \_\_\_\_%

No

It **promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics** and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 50% of sustainable investments

with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

with an environmental in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy

with a social objective

It promotes E/S characteristics, but **will not make any sustainable investments**



## What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

As noted in the prospectus, the Fund's aim is to outperform the benchmark (dividends reinvested) over a period of five years, according to a multi-thematic socially responsible investment process linked to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), while complying with the standards set for French personal equity savings plans (Plans d'Epargne en Actions, PEAs).

The investment process draws on our 'SPICE' research framework and our societal and environmental contribution indicators.

No reference benchmark has been appointed to determine whether this financial product complies with the environmental and/or social criteria it promotes.

### *What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?*

The Fund will assess the achievement of each of the environmental or social criteria using the following sustainability indicators, among others:

#### **At the level of the companies held:**

- **SPICE ratings of companies held:** SPICE<sup>1</sup> stands for Society & Suppliers, People, Investors, Clients, and Environment. This tool assesses the companies' sustainable performance. It integrates the analysis of economic, governance, environmental, social, and societal risks and opportunities into the commercial practices and product and service offerings of companies. The analysis takes into account 90 criteria from which a score between 1 and 5 per SPICE letter is obtained. These 5 ratings are weighted according to the most significant impacts on the company.
- **At the societal level: societal contribution<sup>2</sup> of products and services.** The assessment of the societal contribution combines the positive and negative societal contributions of products and services of a company. The methodology is based on the societal aspects of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their 169 targets. The methodology also includes macroeconomic and scientific data from public research institutions and independent organisations such as the Access to Care Foundation and the Access to Nutrition Initiative.
- **At the human resources level:** two indicators relate to SDG 8 ('Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.') and SDGs 3, 4, 5, and 10 for the former:
  - **The 'Happy@Work Environment' rating<sup>3</sup>:** the framework provides a comprehensive and objective assessment of the level of well-being at work, focussing on: objectives, autonomy, skills, labour relations, and equity.
  - **The 'Good Jobs' rating<sup>4</sup>** is a metric that aims to assess, on a scale of 0 to 100, a company's overall ability to create sustainable and quality jobs for all, particularly in areas - countries or regions - where employment is relatively limited and therefore necessary for sustainable and inclusive development.
- **At the environmental level: NEC indicator<sup>5</sup>** (Net Environmental Contribution). The NEC is a metric that enables investors to measure to what extent a given business model is aligned or misaligned with the ecological transition and objectives for mitigating climate change. The score is calculated

<sup>1</sup> Further information is available on the website, which can be found at the end of this document

<sup>2</sup> Ibid

<sup>3</sup> Ibid

<sup>4</sup> Ibid

<sup>5</sup> Ibid



on a scale from -100%, for the activities that are the most damaging to natural resources, to +100% for activities providing a strong positive environmental impact. The NEC targets five impact categories (challenges: climate, waste, biodiversity, water, air quality) by business group (areas of contribution: ecosystems, energy, mobility, construction, production).

- **Compliance of companies held with the Investment Manager's SRI exclusion policy.**
- **Compliance of companies held with the Investment Manager's controversy review process.**
- **Compliance of companies held with the Investment Manager's PAI policy.**

**At product level:**

- Net Environmental Contribution;
- Societal Contribution of products and services.

- ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

The Fund may partially make sustainable investments with a social objective, on the basis of at least one of the following conditions:

- **At the societal level:** investments where the **societal contribution of products and services** is greater than or equal to +30%.
- **At the human resources level,** two indicators relate to SDG 8 ('Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.') and SDGs 3, 4, 5, and 10 for the former:
  - **Investments awarded with a 'Happy@Work Environment' rating** greater than or equal to 4.5/5;
  - **Investments awarded with a 'Good Jobs' rating** greater than or equal to 55/100.

Companies with a 'Good Jobs' rating or a 'Happy@Work Environment' rating greater than or equal to the selected thresholds make a significant contribution to SDG 8.

The Fund will partially make sustainable investments with an environmental objective, based on the following conditions: investments where the **Net Environmental Contribution (NEC)** is greater than or equal to +10%.

It should be noted that the Fund undertakes to invest a minimum of 50% of its net assets in underlying assets that meet sustainable investment criteria according to the conditions set out in this document, regardless of whether the objective of its investments is environmental or social.

**How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?**

Four levels are put in place to prevent sustainable environmental or social objectives from being significantly affected, on an ex ante basis, before any investment decision.

Indeed, investments targeted by one or more of the following criteria will not be considered as sustainable investments:

1. **Compliance of companies held with the Investment Manager's SRI exclusion policy<sup>6</sup>:** activities are limited for their controversial social or environmental impacts, as defined and reviewed each year in Sycomore AM's basic policy (applicable to all direct investments of Sycomore AM) and in the Socially Responsible Investment (SRI) policy (applicable to all UCITS, mandates and dedicated funds managed according to an SRI strategy) such as: human rights violations, controversial and nuclear weapons, conventional weapons and ammunition, thermal coal, tobacco, pesticides, pornography, carbon-intensive energy production, oil and gas.
2. **Companies concerned by a level 3/3 controversy<sup>7</sup>:** identified based on the Investment Manager's in-depth analysis of controversies. Companies classified as most controversial (-3 on the Sycomore AM scale, from 0 to -3) are considered to be in breach of one of the principles of the United Nations Global Compact.
3. **SPICE rating below 3/5:** Through its 90 criteria, the SPICE methodology covers all environmental, social, and governance issues targeted by the indicators of adverse impacts on sustainability factors listed in the Regulatory Technical Standards. A lower rating, less than 3/5, indicates a lower sustainability performance on one or more adverse impacts.
4. **According to Sycomore AM's Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI) policy<sup>8</sup>:** a PAI policy to identify additional risks of significant impacts on the environmental and social issues covered by the PAI indicators listed in Table 1 of Annex I of the SFDR Regulation is implemented. Companies meeting all the exclusion criteria relating to GHG emissions, biodiversity, water, waste, gender equality, the principles of the United Nations Global Compact/OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, or controversial weapons, will be declared 'unsustainable'.

**How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?**

The adverse impact on sustainability factors involves indicators at two levels:

1. **Solely for sustainable investments:** a PAI policy based directly on the indicators in Table 1 of Annex I and all relevant indicators in Tables 2 and 3.
2. **For all investments in the financial product:** The framework of the SPICE analysis, which considers all the issues covered by all the indicators of adverse impact on sustainability factors, with the ability to use them to feed into the analysis.

**PAI policy:** each sustainability factor referred to in Table 1 of Annex I was associated with an exclusion criterion:

**Principal adverse impacts** are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.

<sup>6</sup> Further information is available on the website, which can be found at the end of this document

<sup>7</sup> Ibid

<sup>8</sup> Ibid

**Applicable to companies held:**

- **GHG emissions:**
  - Indicators 1-2-3-5-6 (scope 1, 2, 3 of GHG emissions and total emissions; carbon footprint; GHG emissions intensity of companies held; share of non-renewable energy consumption and production; energy consumption intensity by high-impact climate sector): For all sectors, GHG emissions are assessed taking into account the size of the company relative to its sub-sector and the science-based decarbonisation levels necessary to maintain the global temperature increase below 2° C compared to pre-industrial temperatures, as described in the Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change<sup>9</sup> (IPCC). As a result, Sycomore AM's PAI approach to GHG emissions in all sectors is based on scientific indicators: on the one hand, the Science-Based Targets initiative (SBTi<sup>10</sup>) and, on the other hand, the Science-Based Initiative to Align Temperatures with 2° C (SB2A<sup>11</sup>). Companies associated with a temperature above the threshold defined in the PAI policy are considered to be seriously detrimental to the climate change mitigation objective.
  - Indicator 4 (Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector): Companies active in the fossil fuel sector are subject to Sycomore AM's exclusion policy.
- **Biodiversity:**
  - Indicator 7 (Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive areas), in addition to Indicator 14 in Table 2 (Natural species and protected areas): these two indicators show that activities in areas sensitive to biodiversity are not likely to be undertaken without appropriate mitigation measures. Companies for which this is confirmed are deemed to seriously undermine the objective of protecting and restoring biodiversity and ecosystems. The detailed confirmation process for excluded companies is provided in the PAI policy.
- **Water:**
  - Indicator 8 (Emissions to water): For companies reporting emissions above the threshold set in the PAI policy, further surveys are conducted on the impact on stakeholders of past emissions, based on controversy reviews. A serious impact that the company has not yet fully taken into account is deemed to seriously undermine the objective of sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources.
- **Waste:**
  - Indicator 9 (Hazardous waste and radioactive waste ratio): For companies that report quantities exceeding the threshold set in the PAI policy, additional surveys are carried out on the impact on stakeholders of waste generated, based on controversy reviews. A serious impact that the company has not yet fully taken into account is deemed to seriously undermine the objective of preventing and controlling pollution.
- **Principles of the United Nations Global Compact/OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises:**
  - Indicator 10 (Violations): The framework of the above-mentioned controversy analysis implemented by Sycomore AM aims precisely to identify violations of these international standards.
  - Indicator 11 (Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational

<sup>9</sup> [https://unfccc.int/topics/science/workstreams/cooperation-with-the-ipcc/the-fifth-assessment-report-of-the-ipcc?gclid=CjwKCAjw7p6aBhBiEiwA83fGupiyovLRq1NKs9o5UtlotAQQcswzZD30tofiDkgryZ8SIJHtnG5y4BoCEiwQAvD\\_BwE](https://unfccc.int/topics/science/workstreams/cooperation-with-the-ipcc/the-fifth-assessment-report-of-the-ipcc?gclid=CjwKCAjw7p6aBhBiEiwA83fGupiyovLRq1NKs9o5UtlotAQQcswzZD30tofiDkgryZ8SIJHtnG5y4BoCEiwQAvD_BwE)

<sup>10</sup> <https://sciencebasedtargets.org/>

<sup>11</sup> <https://icebergdatalab.com/solutions.php>

Enterprises): The lack of processes and mechanisms for monitoring compliance with these international standards is a signal that more due diligence is needed to conclude on the likelihood of potential violations. Stricter requirements are then implemented throughout the SPICE analysis, particularly in relation to the Society & Suppliers (S), People (P), and Clients (C) stakeholder classes, defined in the PAI policy. Any company that fails the test is deemed to be significantly detrimental to one or more social objectives.

- **Gender Equality:**
  - Indicator 12 (Unadjusted gender pay gap): Companies associated with an unadjusted gender pay gap exceeding the threshold set in the PAI policy are considered to seriously undermine the social objective of combating inequality.
  - Indicator 13 (Board gender diversity): Companies associated with the participation of women on the board of directors of the company below the threshold defined in the PAI policy are considered to seriously undermine the social objective of combating inequalities.
- **Controversial weapons:** Exposure to controversial weapons is specifically addressed by Sycomore AM's exclusion policy.

**Applicable to governments and supranational organisations:**

- **GHG intensity** (Indicator 15): The intensity of GHG emissions is part of the Country analysis described in Sycomore AM's ESG integration policy, which excludes underperforming countries in a wide range of environmental, social, and governance issues.
- **Investee countries concerned by social violations** (Indicator 16): Similarly, the framework of analysis applicable to Countries concerns adherence to the United Nations Charter. In addition, a set of indicators is used to assess government practices in sustainable development and governance, including corruption, human rights, and social inclusion.

**SPICE rating:**

Through its 90 criteria, the SPICE methodology covers all environmental, social, and governance issues targeted by the indicators of adverse impacts on sustainability factors listed in the Regulatory Technical Standards.

Of the 46 indicators of adverse impacts applicable to companies held, excluding an element dedicated to fixed income investments (i.e. 14 indicators of the principal adverse impacts listed in Table 1 of the standard, as well as 32 additional indicators of adverse impacts listed in Table 2 and Table 3 of the standard), 42 indicators are part of the SPICE scope of analysis of adverse impacts (23 environmental indicators and 19 social indicators), and 4 indicators of adverse impacts are targeted by Sycomore AM's exclusion policy (1 environmental indicator and 3 social indicators).

More specifically, Sycomore AM's SPICE fundamental analysis model is an integrated model that provides a holistic view of companies in the investment universe. It has been developed taking into account the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. It fully integrates ESG factors to understand how companies manage adverse impacts as well as key sustainable opportunities using a dual materiality approach.

Examples of matching adverse effects with elements of the SPICE analysis include:

**Society & Suppliers (S):** The S rating reflects the company's performance vis-à-vis its suppliers and civil society. The analysis concerns the societal contribution of products and services, social responsibility, and the subcontracting chain. Adverse sustainability indicators, including the lack of a supplier code of conduct, inadequate whistle blower protection, lack of a human rights policy, lack of due diligence, risks related to human trafficking, child labour or compulsory labour, cases of serious human rights issues

and risks related to anti-corruption policies, aim to address the adverse impacts addressed in the Society & Suppliers section.

**People (P):** The P rating focusses on a company's employees and the management of its human resources. The evaluation of the People component focusses on the integration of issues related to employees, their development (Happy@Work Environment), and the measurement of their commitment. Adverse sustainability indicators, including unadjusted gender pay gap, gender diversity on the board, workplace accident prevention policies and health and safety indicators, employee complaint mechanisms, discrimination, and CEO pay ratios, aim to address the adverse impacts addressed in the People section.

**Investors (I):** The I rating focuses on the relationship between companies and their shareholders. The rating is determined based on an in-depth analysis of the shareholder and the legal structure of the company, the interactions and the balance of forces between the different actors: management, shareholders and their representatives, directors. The analysis targets the business model and governance. Among the adverse sustainability indicators, the lack of diversity on the board of directors and the exorbitant rate of remuneration of chief executive officers remedy the adverse effects mentioned in this section.

**Clients (C):** The C rating focuses on the company's clients as players, analysing the offer made to clients as well as the client relationship.

**Environment (E):** The E rating assesses the company's position in relation to natural resources. It represents the management of environmental issues as well as the positive or negative externalities of the company's business model. The subsection on the environmental footprint defines the adverse impacts targeted by sustainability impact indicators, including greenhouse gas emissions, energy consumption, air pollution indicators, water, waste and material emissions, as well as biodiversity indicators. Sustainability impact indicators, including carbon reduction initiatives and fossil-fuel-related activities, address the adverse impacts that are addressed in the E (Environment) section, Transition Risk sub-section.

**Exclusion policy:** Finally, Sycomore AM's exclusion policy targets indicators of adverse impact on sustainability, including controversial weapons, exposure to the fossil fuel sector, production of chemical pesticides, and more generally, has been drafted to target companies that violate the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises.

Once the analysis (SPICE analysis including the examination of controversies, compliance with the exclusion policy, compliance with the PAI policy) has been carried out, it affects investment decisions as follows:

- As mentioned in the previous question, it offers protection against material damage to any sustainable investment objective, excluding companies that do not meet minimum safeguard requirements;
- It also has an impact on financial investments in two ways: 1. assumptions related to the company's outlook (growth and profitability forecasts, liabilities, mergers and acquisitions, etc.) can be reinforced by certain results of the SPICE analysis where applicable, and 2. certain fundamental assumptions of the valuation models are systematically linked to the results of the SPICE analysis.

— — — ***How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?***

The development of Sycomore AM's 'SPICE' analytical framework and exclusion policy are based on the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the United Nations Global Compact, International Labour Organization standards, and the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. To assess the fundamental value of a company, analysts systematically examine how a company interacts with its stakeholders. This fundamental analysis aims to understand the strategic issues, business models, quality of management and degree of

involvement, as well as the risks and opportunities facing the company. Sycomore AM has also defined its human rights policy in accordance with the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

Despite the due diligence described above to identify potential violations of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, effective compliance with the issuers analysed can never be guaranteed.

*The EU Taxonomy sets out a 'do no significant harm' principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives, and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.*

*The 'do no significant harm' principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.*



### Does this financial product consider the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?



Yes, as indicated in the previous subsection:

- The principal adverse impacts, as well as all other adverse impacts, are taken into account for any investment of the portfolio through the SPICE analysis and results, supplemented by the exclusion policy of Sycomore AM.
- In addition, to be eligible as a sustainable investment, any investment must comply with the PAI policy, including the principal adverse impacts.

Information on the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors will be published in the annual report of the Fund.



No



### What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The Fund invests at least 75% of its assets in PEA (French personal equity savings plan) eligible equities.

Investments are selected on the basis of a strict analysis of corporate fundamentals. The selection process aims to identify those companies meeting quality standards (on the basis of their management teams, business model sustainability, and consistency of the financial structure) and to detect value (based on the differential between the intrinsic value as calculated by the management team and market value).

These securities are selected without sector or capitalisation size constraints, while respecting the following geographical restrictions:

- In accordance with the regulations relating to the French personal savings plan (PEA), at least 75% of net assets shall be invested in European Union securities;
- French securities will represent at any time at least 60% of the Fund's assets.

**The Fund's investment strategy fully integrates ESG (environmental, social (including human rights), and governance) issues.** This integration is carried out through the Management Company's proprietary 'SPICE' methodology described in the previous question with respect to the DNSH approach. This analysis takes 90 criteria into consideration, both qualitative and quantitative, organised around the five

**The investment strategy** guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

key stakeholders: Society & Suppliers, People, Investors, Clients, and Environment. Each SPICE pillar is assigned a score on a scale of 1 to 5, and their weighted average, based on the company's sector and activities, is the final SPICE rating.

By integrating ESG criteria into the investment strategy of the mandate, we aim to identify the risks and opportunities to which companies are exposed by following a dual materiality approach, and more specifically:

- On the Environment, Pillar E evaluates how companies take environmental protection into account in the conduct of their business as well as in their supply of products and services. It also looks at how the environment can affect the company's activities. It fully integrates analysis of transition risk and physical risk exposure;
- At a social level, Pillars P, S and C aim to understand how companies integrate risks and opportunities related to human capital, relations with suppliers and clients, and society as a whole. In particular, respect for workers' rights, employee health and safety, the quality of the working environment, the societal contribution of products and services, the ability of companies to contribute to the creation of quality jobs and respect for human rights throughout the business value chain are key issues covered by the analysis.
- On governance, Pillar I examines how companies recognise the interests of all stakeholders by sharing value equitably. This includes shareholder structure analysis, the alignment of senior management with the strategy, and the quality of the integration of sustainability issues into the strategy.

**The Fund's investment universe is defined according to a minimal SPICE rating (3/5), but also according to specific criteria in the 'SPICE' overall analysis and rating methodology (see the next item on the binding elements of the investment strategy).**

**Our SPICE methodology also contributes to analysing a company's exposure and/or contribution to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).** Within the People Pillar, our approach for assessing human capital in the company refers explicitly to SDGs 3, 4, 5, 8, and 10 on social issues such as health, lifelong learning, gender equality, full employment, decent work, and reducing inequality. Within the Society & Suppliers pillar, the assessment of the societal contribution is based on the analysis of positive and negative contributions from business activities under 4 pillars (access and inclusion, health and security, economic and human progress and employment) and refers explicitly to SDGs 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, and 17. Within the Environment pillar, the assessment of the net environmental contribution (NEC) analyses the positive and negative impacts of companies and their products and services on 5 issues (climate, biodiversity, water, waste/resources, and air quality) directly related to environmental SDGs 2, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15. The Fund also undertakes to report annually on the portfolio companies' exposure to SDGs.

The main methodological limits are as follows:

- The availability of data for ESG analysis;
- The quality of the data used to assess the quality and impact of ESG as there are no universal standards for ESG information and third-party verification is not systematic;
- Data comparability because not all companies publish the same indicators;
- The use of proprietary methodologies that rely on the experience and expertise of the asset manager's staff.

#### ● ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

Two main filters, one of exclusion and the other of selection, are used.

- **Selection filter:** the net assets of the Fund will be exposed from 70% to 100% to listed equities of companies whose activities contribute to sustainable development opportunities. Such companies can be of any of the following four categories:
  - i. **Social contribution:** Companies that have a social contribution rating greater than or equal to +10% within the Society & Suppliers pillar of our SPICE methodology.

- ii. **Environmental contribution:** Companies with an NEC (Net Environmental Contribution) rating greater than or equal to +10% within the Environment pillar of our SPICE methodology.
  - iii. **SPICE leadership:** Companies with a SPICE rating above 3.5/5, reflecting our analysis of best practices in terms of sustainable development.
  - iv. **SPICE transformation:** For up to 25% of net assets, companies with,
    - a) cumulatively: (i) a **SPICE rating** between 3 and 3.5/5;
    - b) a **fundamental transformation strategy** in sustainable development (supply of products or services, or changing practices). The Fund is therefore tasked with supporting the environmental, social, societal, and governance transformation of these companies. The areas for improvement identified by the management company must be satisfied within a maximum period of two years.
- **Exclusion filter:** any company which presents risks in terms of sustainable development. The risks identified include non-financial practices and performance which may call into question the competitiveness of companies. A company is thus excluded if:
    - i. it is involved in activities identified in the Sycomore AM SRI **exclusion policy** for their controversial social or environmental impacts, or
    - ii. it obtained a **SPICE rating** below 3/5.
    - iii. it is concerned by a **level 3/3 controversy**.

At the product level, the management company aims to achieve a better performance than the Fund's reference benchmark concerning the two indicators that follow:

- Net Environmental Contribution;
- Societal Contribution of products and services.

In addition, the Fund agrees to the following mandatory element:

- The Fund will invest continuously at least 50% of its net assets in sustainable investments that have either an environmental or a social objective.

● ***What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?***

The Fund's eligible investment universe is thus reduced by at least 20% compared to the initial universe, i.e. equities listed on the French market.

● ***What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?***

Governance is part of the SPICE analysis, including a section dedicated to governance (section 'G') in section 'I', which has a significant focus on the management structures and governance elements integrated in the other parts of the analysis framework, including employee relations and compensation within section 'P', as well as tax practices within section 'S'. The overall governance of the issues associated with each type of stakeholder (Society & Suppliers, People, Investors, Clients, and Environment) is addressed in each of these sections.

Other requirements to exclude from the investment universe the insufficient governance practices in section 'G', associated with a minimum threshold, are included in Sycomore AM's exclusion policy.

**Good governance** practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

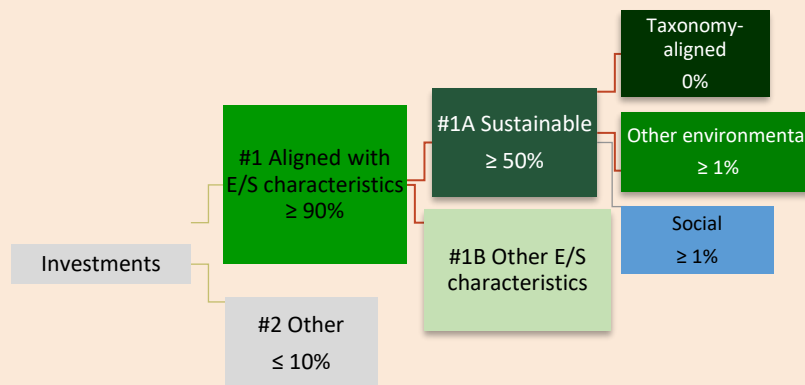




## What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

The mandatory elements of the investment strategy (excluding cash and derivatives used for hedging), used to select investments to meet each of the environmental or social criteria promoted by this financial product, are required for any investment of the Fund.

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

The objective for the remaining portion of investments, including a description of minimum environmental or social guarantees, is set out in the following questions: 'What investments are included under ' #2 Other', what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?'

### ● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

The policy for using derivatives, whose underlying assets are subject to the SPICE analysis process, is compatible with the objectives of the Fund and consistent with its inclusion in a long-term perspective. It is not intended to significantly or permanently distort the ESG selection policy. The use of derivatives is limited to techniques allowing for efficient management of the portfolio of securities in which the Fund is invested. The Fund may not hold a short position in any asset selected as ESG, according to its own method of ESG asset selection.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies;
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy;
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



## To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

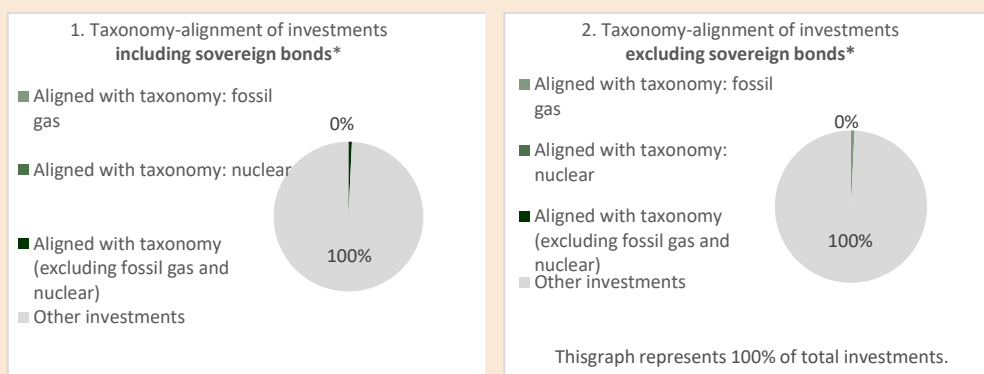
The investments underlying the financial product that take into account the European Union's criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities represent a minimum commitment of alignment of 0% of investments.

### Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy<sup>12</sup>?

☐ Yes:  In fossil gas  In nuclear energy

☒ No

*The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*



\* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

### What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

NA

<sup>12</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear-related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ('climate change mitigation') and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective - see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.



The symbol represents sustainable investments with an environmental objective **that do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



### **What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?**

The Fund makes a commitment regarding a minimum proportion of investments in sustainable investments with an environmental objective (1%).

However, the Fund will invest continuously at least 50% of its net assets in sustainable investments that have either an environmental or a social objective.



### **What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?**

The Fund makes a commitment regarding a minimum proportion of investments in sustainable investments with a social objective (1%).

However, the Fund will invest continuously at least 50% of its net assets in sustainable investments that have either an environmental or a social objective.



### **What investments are included under 'Other', what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?**

Investments included in the 'Other' category are related to derivative instruments used for hedging purposes, cash held on an ancillary basis, or cash equivalents such as government bonds.

Bonds, other international debt securities and short-term negotiable securities from public issuers will be selected through an in-house rating of the issuing Country strictly above 2.5 on a scale of 5 (5 being the highest rate), the Country being thus considered as sufficiently favourable to sustainable and inclusive development.

Other cash equivalents and similar instruments held on an ancillary basis, as well as derivatives held for hedging purposes, are not subject to minimum environmental or social guarantees.



### **Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?**

There is no specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes.

The Fund's reference benchmark, which is only used to evaluate performance, is a broad market index.



### **Where can I find more product specific information online?**

More product-specific information can be found on the website: <https://fr.sycomore-am.com/fonds/1/sycomore-francecap>

**Reference benchmarks** are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they