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# Candriam Bonds International

Share Class: I (EUR)

## Risk indicator



The summary risk indicator ("SRI") is an indicator with a rating ranging from 1 to 7 and corresponds to increasing levels of risk and return. The methodology for calculating this regulatory indicator is available in the KID. The summary risk indicator ("SRI") is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you.

- The SRI assumes you keep the product for 3 years.
- The actual risk can vary significantly if you cash in at an early stage and you may get less back.
- This product does not include any protection from future market performance. Please refer to the "Risk" section of the prospectus for more details

## MORNINGSTAR SUSTAINABILITY RATING



Candriam Bonds International is in top 32 % percentile (as of 31 January 2024)



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## Investment strategy

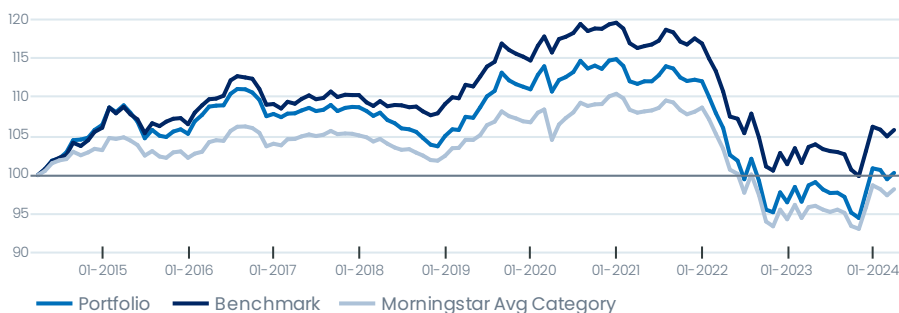
Candriam Bonds International (hereafter "the fund"), a sub-fund of the Candriam Bonds sicav, aims to use discretionary management to benefit from the performance of the market in bonds issued by highly rated public or private sector issuers of all types, and to outperform the benchmark. The fund may be appropriate for investors who wish to achieve this objective over a medium investment holding period and who are aware of, understand and are able to bear the specific risks of the fund. The Fund promotes, among other characteristics, environmental and/or social characteristics without however having a sustainable investment objective. The investment horizon is 3 years. The fund is actively managed and the investment process implies referring to a benchmark index. For further information on the risks or the benchmark and its use, please consult the fund's key information document (KID).

## Performance

Past Performances does not predict future returns. See important disclosures on performance under the section 'warning' in the 'Important Information' on page 5. NAVs are net of fees and are provided by the accounting department and the reference index by official providers.

	1M	3M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	SI
<b>Fund</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>-10.2%</b>	<b>-6.7%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>-</b>
Benchmark	0.8%	-0.4%	-0.4%	2.1%	-9.0%	-5.2%	5.8%	-
	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>	<b>-1.2%</b>	<b>-1.5%</b>	<b>-5.5%</b>	<b>-</b>

	2023	2022	2021	2020	3 Y annualized	5 Y annualized	10 Y annualized	SI annualized
<b>Fund</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>-13.9%</b>	<b>-2.4%</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>-3.5%</b>	<b>-1.4%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
Benchmark	4.5%	-13.3%	-2.2%	4.2%	-3.1%	-1.1%	0.6%	-
	<b>-0.2%</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>	<b>-</b>



This graph represents the synthetic net asset value of the fund. It is provided for information and illustrative purposes only. The synthetic net asset value is obtained by a recalculation of the values of the fund's assets by leveling out the effect of securities transactions (split, coupon, dividend distribution...) in order to reflect the real performance of the fund share or unit. Data may be rounded for convenience. Data expressed in a currency other than that of the investor's country of residence is subject to exchange rate fluctuations, with a positive or negative impact. Gross performance may be impacted by commissions, fees and other expenses.

Morningstar, an investment research firm that compiles and analyzes fund, stock, and general market data, designed the "Morningstar Category Averages", (MCA), to represent the average return of funds within their category over time. The MCA are equal-weighted category returns: the calculation is the average of the returns for all the funds in the Morningstar Category in which the fund is placed. More information on the various Morningstar Categories and the "MCA" can be found on the webpage of Morningstar, also accessible via the following links: Morningstar Category Average methodology and Morningstar Categories. The MCA is solely provided for informational purpose and is not the benchmark of the fund mentioned in the prospectus and KID.

## Fund characteristics

Inception Date	<b>26/09/2002</b>
Fund Domicile	<b>Luxembourg</b>
Fund Legal Form	<b>SICAV</b>
Benchmark	<b>Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index Hedged EUR (Total Return)</b>
SFDR Category	<b>Article 8</b>
Total net assets (M EUR)	<b>97.97</b>
NAV per share cap.(EUR) (C)	<b>991.92</b>
Fund Reference Currency	<b>EUR</b>
NAV Calculation	<b>Daily</b>
Morningstar™ Category	<b>EAA Fund Global Bond – EUR Hedged</b>
ISIN Code (C)	<b>LU0144746335</b>
ISIN Code (D)	<b>LU1258428876</b>
Ticker Bloomberg (C)	<b>DEINTEI LX Equity</b>
Ticker Bloomberg (D)	<b>CABDINI LX Equity</b>
Latest Dividend Distributed	<b>-</b>
Dealing Cut Off	<b>D&lt;12:00</b>
Antidilution Mechanisms	<b>Yes</b>
Custodian Bank	<b>CACEIS Bank, Luxembourg Branch</b>
Management Company	<b>CANDRIAM</b>

## Statistics

based on weekly data over 3 years (1 year if too little history)

	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Benchmark</b>
Volatility	<b>5.03%</b>	4.83%
Tracking Error	<b>1.04%</b>	-
Sharpe Ratio	<b>-0.96</b>	-0.92
Number of Issues	<b>252</b>	28,684
Number of Issuers	<b>150</b>	4,374
Modified Duration to Worst	<b>6.76</b>	6.53
Yield to Worst	<b>4.99</b>	3.75
Average Rating	<b>A-</b>	A+
Average Spread	<b>40.50</b>	29.04
Credit sensitivity	<b>3.44</b>	2.82
Net IG exposure	<b>91.77%</b>	95.00%
Net HY Exposure	<b>3.16%</b>	0.02%

## ESG Assessment

Exclusion	Norm based	Positive selection
		Integration

## Costs\*

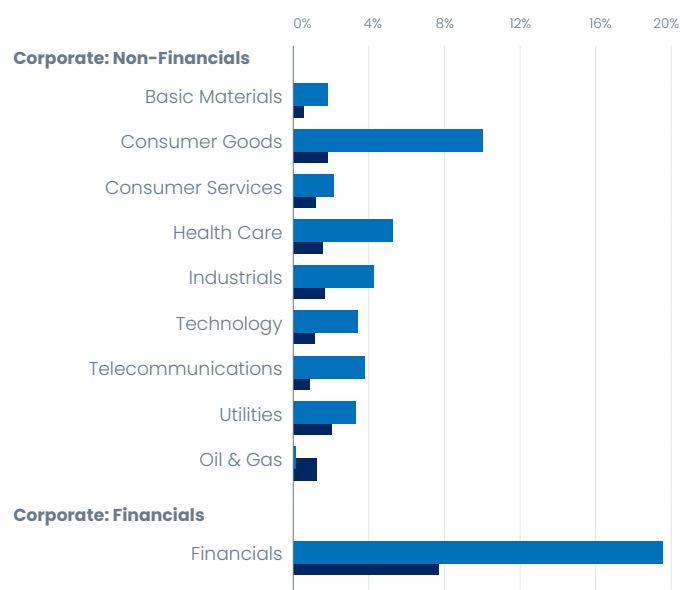
<b>C</b>	<b>0.30%</b>	<b>0.46%</b>	<b>20.00%</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>0.30%</b>	<b>0.46%</b>	<b>of perf &gt; Objective</b>
Real Management Fee	Ongoing costs	Performance Fees	

\*cfr. the glossary for more information

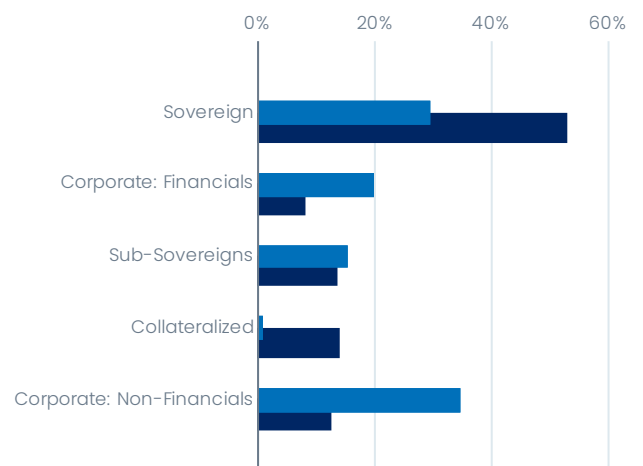
## Top 10 Issuers

		% Fund	Sector	Country	% Active weight
1	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	5.94	Sovereign	United States	-11.21
2	INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT	3.25	Sovereign	China	+3.25
3	JAPAN	2.84	Sovereign	Japan	+1.09
4	UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND	2.84	Sovereign	United Kingdom	-0.05
5	JAPAN	2.53	Sovereign	Japan	+2.17
6	JAPAN	2.13	Sovereign	Japan	+0.88
7	EUROPEAN UNION	1.87	Sovereign	Europe	+1.19
8	REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA	1.71	Sovereign	Austria	+1.27
9	PEPSICO INC	1.52	Consumer Staples	United States	+1.47
10	REPUBLIC OF ITALY	1.45	Sovereign	Italy	-1.24

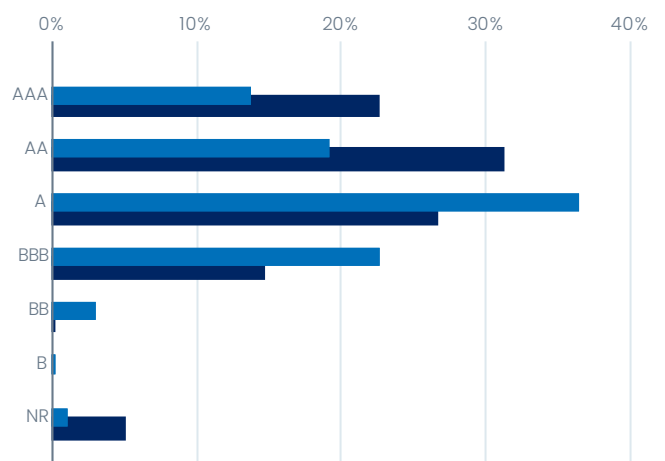
## Sector Allocation



## Portfolio Composition

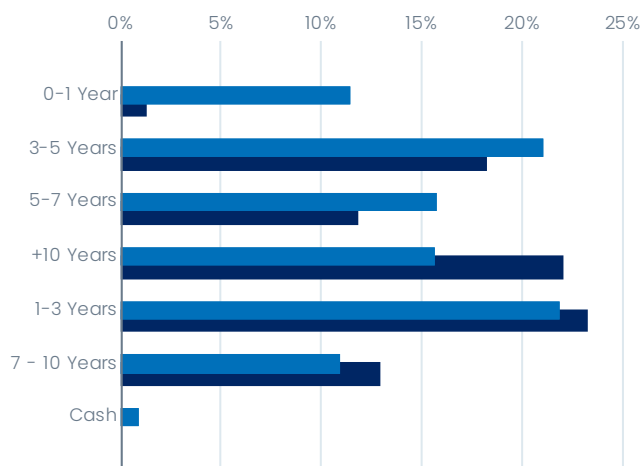


## Rating Allocation

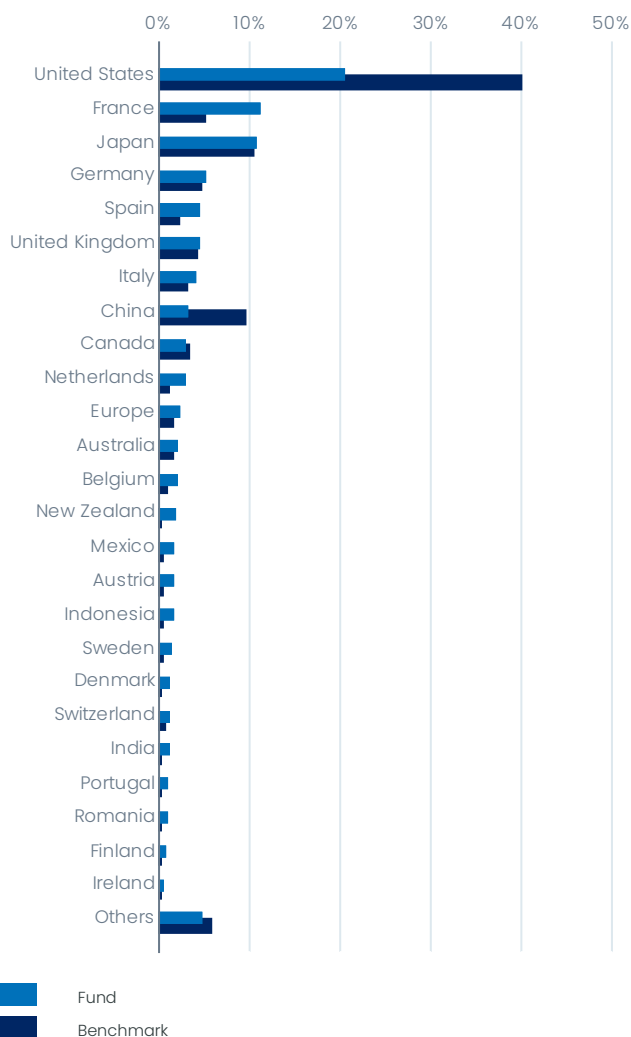


 Fund  
 Benchmark

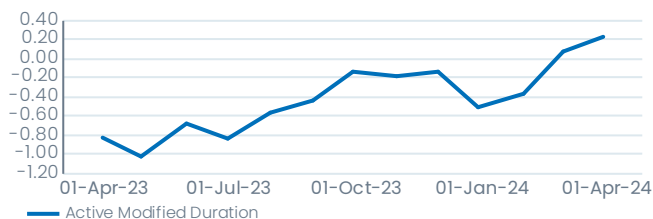
## Maturity Breakdown



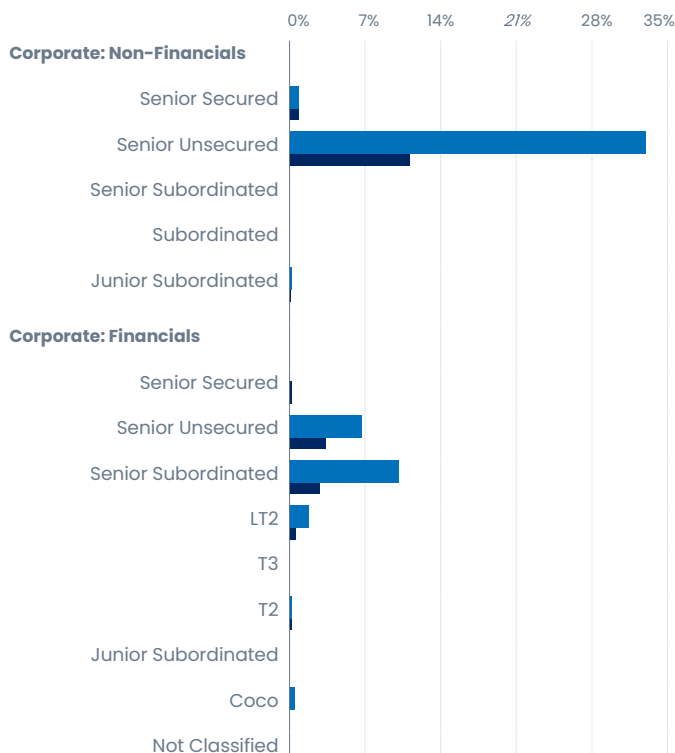
## Country Allocation



## Evolution of Active modified duration



## Corporate Subordination overview



## SCR

### Solvency Capital Requirement

<b>-10.71%</b>		<b>9.94%</b>
SCR Int Rates UP		SCR Int Rates DOWN
<b>-5.68%</b>	<b>-4.90%</b>	<b>-0.83%</b>
SCR Spread	SCR Currency	SCR Concentration
<b>10.77%</b>	<b>9.19%</b>	<b>8.64%</b>
Duration Liability 3Y	Duration Liability 7Y	Duration Liability 10Y
<b>-14.60%</b>		
Market SCR		

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# Glossary

## EXPOSURE

The Exposure of a fund is expressed as a percentage of total portfolio holdings, taking into account the leverage of derivative instruments. It represents the amount an investor can lose from the risks unique to a particular investment.

## NET HY EXPOSURE

The Net High Yield Exposure is the percentage difference between a fund's long and short exposures to high yield fixed income instruments, including derivatives. An instrument is considered as a high yield instrument if its credit rating is below BBB-.

## NET IG EXPOSURE

The Net Investment Grade Exposure is the percentage difference between a fund's long and short exposures to investment grade fixed income instruments, including derivatives. An instrument is considered as an investment grade instrument if its credit rating is above or equal to BBB-.

## VOLATILITY\*

The Volatility is the statistical measure of dispersion of returns for a fund around the mean. A higher volatility means that a fund's value can potentially be spread out over a larger range of values and makes the fund a riskier investment.

## THE SUMMARY RISK INDICATOR

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## TRACKING ERROR\*

The Tracking Error is a statistical measure of dispersion of the excess returns of the fund around the mean, making it the volatility of the difference between the fund's return and its reference index return. A higher tracking error indicates a higher deviation from the reference index.

## SHARPE RATIO\*

The Sharpe Ratio measures the level of compensation an investment in the fund offered for the risk taken. It is calculated by subtracting the risk-free rate from the return of the fund and dividing that result by the volatility. The higher the Sharpe ratio the better, a negative ratio has no significance other than that the fund underperformed the risk-free rate.

## AVERAGE RATING

The Average Rating is calculated using the Weighted Average Rating Factor (WARF) and is a measure to indicate the credit quality of the fund. The measure aggregates the credit ratings of the fund's holdings into a single rating.

\* based on weekly data over 3 Years (1 year if too little history)

## RISK-FREE RATE

The Risk-Free Rate is the market return on an asset that is considered to have no (or negligible) risk. It will be used for the calculation of risk adjusted returns (e.g. Sharpe Ratio) and it will always be a rate in the performance calculation currency. The most common used rates will be ESTER for EUR denominated performances and FED Fund Rate for USD denominated performances.

## MODIFIED DURATION TO WORST

The Modified Duration is a formula that expresses the measurable change in the value of a fixed income instrument in response to a change in interest rates. The Modified Duration to Worst is calculated taking into account the call date for callable bonds and the scenario that would provide the worst yield to the holders of fixed income instruments. The Modified Duration to Worst for the fund is calculated as the weighted average MDTW of all underlying fixed income instruments.

## YIELD TO WORST

The Yield To Worst (YTW) is the lowest potential yield that can be received on all fixed income instruments in a fund without the issuers actually defaulting. It represents the lowest of all yields computed at each call date for callable bonds. The YTW for the fund is calculated as the weighted average YTW of all underlying fixed income instruments.

## CREDIT SENSITIVITY

The Credit Sensitivity is a formula that expresses the measurable change in the value of a fixed income instrument in response to a change in credit spread. The credit sensitivity for the fund is calculated as the weighted average credit sensitivity of all underlying fixed income instruments.

## AVERAGE SPREAD

The Average Spread for the fund is the weighted average Option-Adjusted Spread (OAS) for all underlying fixed income instruments. The OAS refers to the difference or spread between the fixed income instrument's yield and the swap rate with the same maturity, using a dynamic pricing model that accounts for embedded options.

## RATING

A (credit) Rating is a quantified assessment of the creditworthiness of a borrower. Rating in this report refer to the 2nd best rating, a daily calculated, standardized rating. It is calculated on instrument level, using ratings from 3 worldwide renowned rating agencies. It is the 2nd best rating, unless no more than one rating from one agency exists. NR indicated that none of the rating agencies issued a rating on the instrument.

## NUMBER OF ISSUERS

The Number of Issuers represents the total number of companies in position.

## NUMBER OF ISSUES

The Number of Issues represents the total number of instruments in position.

## REAL MANAGEMENT FEES

The Real Management Fee is the actual percentage charge deducted from the fund's average net assets.

## OCG

Ongoing charges represent all operating and management costs invoiced to the UCI net of retrocessions.

## PERFORMANCE FEE

The Performance Fee refers to a charge on any returns that the Fund achieves above the reference index. Please refer to the Prospectus for further information.

## ESG ASSESSMENT – EXCLUSION

The Exclusion filter refers to the exclusion of companies involved in harmful or controversial activities. Involvement is assessed using activity-specific revenue-based threshold levels.

## ESG ASSESSMENT – NORMS-BASED

The Norms-Based analysis excludes companies which are in violation of the 10 principles of the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC). These principles cover 4 main categories: Human Rights, Labour Rights, Environment and Anti-Corruption.

## ESG ASSESSMENT – POSITIVE SELECTION

The Positive selection analysis is inclusive, not exclusive. It includes only the companies with the best ESG score, obtained by evaluating their ability to manage the sustainable development issues based on a combination of specific factors material to each sector.

## ESG ASSESSMENT – INTEGRATION

The Integration of ESG factors into investment decisions consists of integrating specific extra-financial factors into the financial valuation or credit assessment of securities. The factors used are selected based on their materiality in the given asset class.

# Sustainability Reporting

The following pages provide metrics and indicators related to the sustainability characteristics of corporate instruments (i.e. equities, corporate bonds etc.).

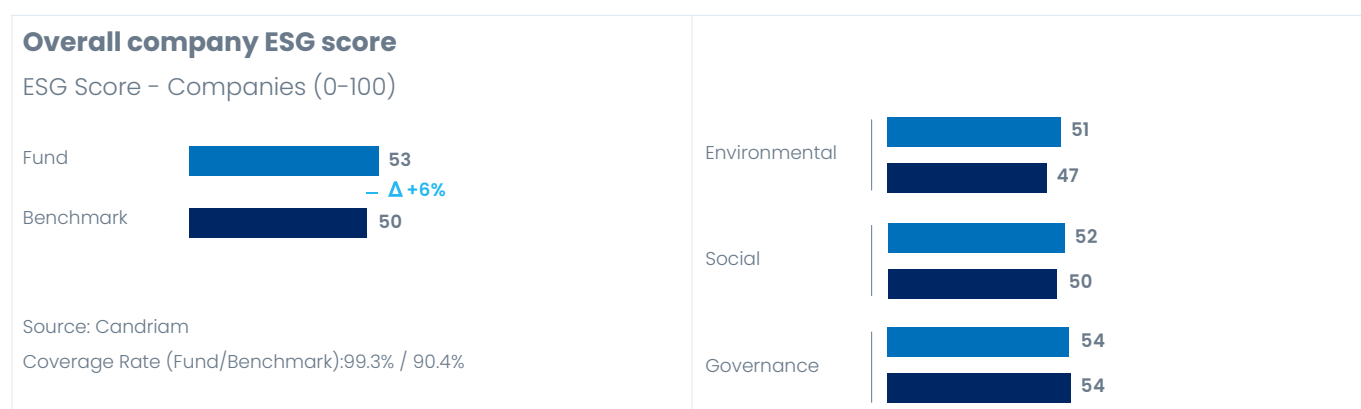
The Fund is classified as an article 8 financial product according to the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation.

The Fund promotes environmental and social characteristics through the integration of ESG considerations, ESG-related exclusions and active ownership within its investment strategy and decision-making process.

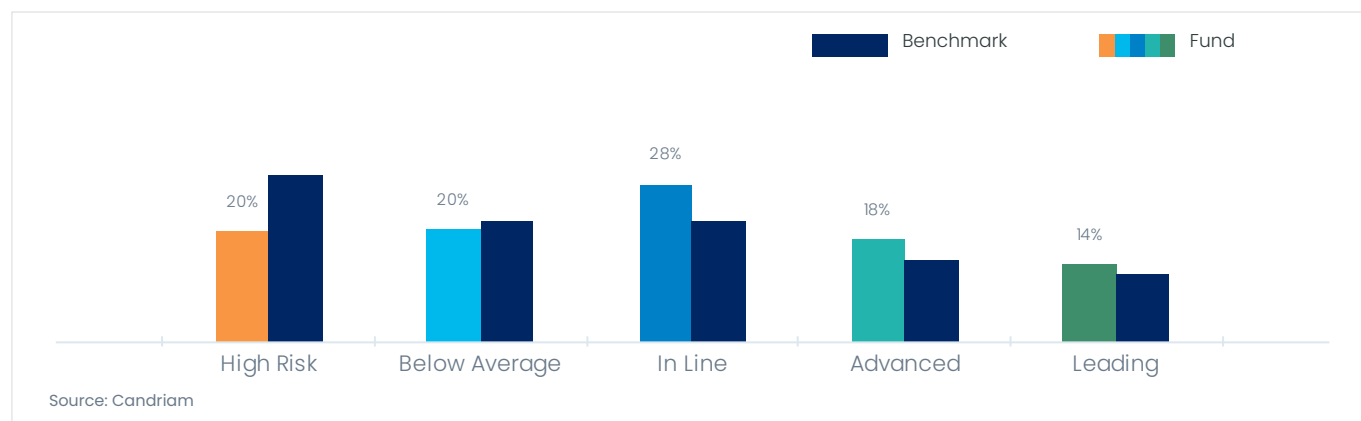
For more information on these environmental and social characteristics, the methodology and the relevant sustainability indicators used to measure them, refer to our website: [www.candriam.com/en/professional/market-insights/sfdr](http://www.candriam.com/en/professional/market-insights/sfdr)

## Overall sustainability score

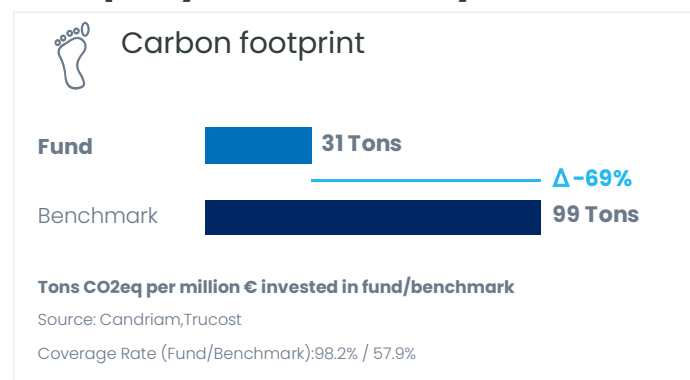
The sustainability score (also called 'ESG score') is based on Candriam's proprietary ESG analysis and scoring methodology. For companies, Candriam's proprietary ESG analysis is done from two distinct but related angles: analysis of the impacts of business activities (products and services) and management of companies' key stakeholders.



## Sector-Relative ESG Classification



## Company Sustainability Indicators

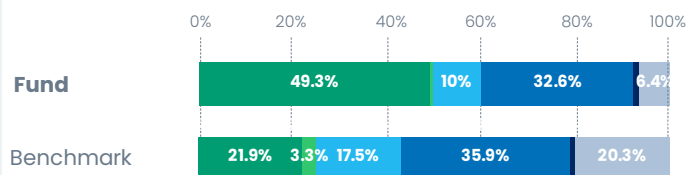






## Power generation mix

The power generation mix of a portfolio shows the percentages that different energy sources represent within electric power generating companies held in the portfolio.



Source: Candriam, Trucost

Renewables

Others

Nuclear

Natural Gas

Oil

Coal

## Exposure of electric power generation companies

Fund 4.7%

Benchmark 4.3%

Total power generation from renewables  
**1,645 MWH**



Equivalent annual power consumption of  
**214 PEOPLE**

## Board gender diversity



Source: Candriam, ISS-Oekom

Coverage Rate (Fund/Benchmark): 84.8% / 73.7%

## Percentage of Independent board members



Source: Candriam, ISS-Oekom

Coverage Rate (Fund/Benchmark): 84.9% / 50.3%

## Summary ESG Data

Indicator (Source)	Metric	Benchmark	Fund	Coverage rate (% rate/% eligible assets)	Fund weight concerned (% rated/total assets)
Carbon footprint <sup>1</sup>	Tons CO <sub>2</sub> eq/million € invested	99	31	98.2%	45.8%
Carbon intensity <sup>1</sup>	Tons CO <sub>2</sub> eq/million € revenues	171	80	96.9%	45.8%
Weighted Average Carbon Intensity <sup>1</sup>	Tons CO <sub>2</sub> eq/million € revenues	203	50	96.9%	46.0%
Renewable energy production <sup>1</sup>	Total Mwatt/h	284	1645	4.7%	2.6%
Water consumption <sup>1</sup>	M3 water/million € invested	34565.80	3500.96	93.8%	51.3%
Water intensity <sup>1</sup>	M3 water/million € revenues	59795	9013	93.8%	51.3%
Weighted Average Water Intensity (WAWI) <sup>1</sup>	M3 water/million € revenues	44002	5334	96.9%	51.3%
Board gender diversity <sup>2</sup>	Percentage gender diversity board members	36%	38%	84.8%	46.4%
Board independence <sup>2</sup>	Percentage independent Board members	75%	68%	84.9%	46.4%
Collective bargaining agreements <sup>3</sup>	Score from 0 to 100 (100 is best)	40.67	54.95	94.8%	51.9%

Sources: 1) Candriam, Trucost 2) Candriam, ISS-Oekom 3) Candriam, Sustainalytics



# Glossary

## COMPANY CARBON FOOTPRINT METRICS

Refer to the measurement of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions of an investment portfolio by summing the proportional GHG emissions of the underlying holdings, proportional to the share of ownership.

tCO<sub>2</sub>-eq: Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) is the most common GHG emitted by human activities, in terms of the quantity released and the total impact on global warming. As a result, the term 'CO<sub>2</sub>' is sometimes used as a shorthand expression for all greenhouse gases. A portfolio's carbon footprint is measured in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO<sub>2</sub>-eq) which allows to bundle various greenhouse gas emissions in a single number. For any quantity and type of greenhouse gas, CO<sub>2</sub>-eq signifies the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> which would have the equivalent global warming impact.

Scope 1, 2 and 3: The international GHG Protocol classifies a company's GHG emissions into three 'scopes':

- Scope 1 emissions: Direct emissions from owned or controlled sources.
- Scope 2 emissions: Indirect emissions from the generation of purchased energy.
- Scope 3 emissions: All indirect emissions (not included in scope 2) that occur in the value chain of the reporting company, including both upstream and downstream emissions.

All Carbon Footprint Metrics analysed in this report are based on both Scope 1 and Scope 2 data sourced from specialist data provider Trucost.

Good quality Scope 3 data currently do not exist because of the complexity to measure and control upstream and downstream value chain data. That also entails that so-called 'avoided emissions' are excluded from Carbon Footprinting analytics.

One can distinguish between four Carbon Footprint Metrics:

(1) Total Carbon Emissions: Measure the total GHG emissions of a portfolio in the most literal sense by summing all GHG emissions of the underlying holdings, proportional to the share of ownership. The dependence of this measure on a portfolio's size makes this metric of limited usefulness for benchmarking and comparison purposes.

(2) (Normalized) Carbon footprint: Measure the asset-weighted carbon emissions of a portfolio normalized per million \$ invested (expressed in tCO<sub>2</sub>-eq / million \$ invested).

(3) (Normalized) Carbon Intensity: Measures the asset-weighted carbon emissions of a portfolio normalized per million \$ of revenue (expressed in tCO<sub>2</sub>-eq / million \$ revenues). This metric provides an indication of the amount of GHG emitted by the holdings in a portfolio to generate 1 million \$ of revenue.

(4) Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (WACI): The sum product of the portfolio's holdings' weights and carbon intensities, where holdings' carbon and carbon intensities, where holdings' carbon intensities are calculated as the company's total carbon emissions divided by the company's total revenues.

## COMPANY ESG RATING

Based on Candriam's proprietary ESG Analytical Framework, each issuer receives an ESG Rating, from ESG 1 (best) to ESG 10 (worst). The ESG Rating is the result of our Business Activity Analysis and Stakeholder Analysis. It expresses each issuer's absolute ESG performance, including sustainability-related risks, opportunities and impacts.

## SECTOR-RELATIVE ESG CLASSIFICATION

Each company is given a sector-relative ESG classification, from Leading (best) to High Risk (worst). This classification expresses company's ESG performance relative to the peers in its sector.

## RENEWABLE ENERGY PRODUCTION

Measures the absolute level (i.e. not asset-weighted) of renewable energy production within the Fund, expressed in MWh.

## BOARD GENDER DIVERSITY

Average ratio of female-to-male board members in investee companies.

## BOARD INDEPENDENCE

Asset-weighted percentage of independent board members at the companies held in the portfolio.

## COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS

Provides an assessment of the extent to which the employees of the companies held in the portfolio are covered by collective bargaining agreements.

## WATER CONSUMPTION

Measures the asset-weighted water consumption of a portfolio normalized per million \$ invested (expressed in cubic meters water / million \$ invested). Data are sourced from "Trucost" and do not include the supply of drinkable water and the wastewater that enters a company's facility to be treated.

## WATER INTENSITY (M3/MIO USD REVENUES)

Measures the asset-weighted water consumption of a portfolio normalized per million \$ of revenue (expressed in cubic meters water / million \$ revenues). This metric provides an indication of the amount of water consumed by the companies in the portfolio to generate 1 million \$ of revenue. Data are sourced from "Trucost" and do not include the supply of drinkable water and the wastewater that enter a company's facility to be treated.

## WEIGHTED AVERAGE WATER INTENSITY (WAWI)

The sum product of the portfolio's holdings' weights and water intensities, where holdings' water intensities are calculated as a company's total water consumption divided by the company's total revenues.

## COVERAGE RATE (FUND/INDEX)

Indicates the percentage of holdings within the Fund or within the Benchmark for which the relevant ESG data is available and analysed.

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