

#### INDÉPENDANCE

## **Europe Small**

#### **REPORT JULY 2024 - 1/2**

Indépendance AM Europe Small is a UCITS that primarily invests in stocks of small and medium-sized European companies with the aim of increasing the portfolio's capital value.

The fund applies the Quality Value methodology of Indépendance AM, which involves investing in companies that grow sustainably and profitably (Quality) and are undervalued (Value). This objective is associated with an extra-financial approach that includes considering environmental, social, and governance (ESG) criteria.

#### Investment team



#### Comments

During July, the fund sold its investments in Knaus Tabbert, Duni, Piovan and Séché Environnement. Conversely, the fund mainly increased its holdings in Heijmans, Danieli, Grupo Catalana Occidente and Mersen. The Europe fund initiated new investments in Ence and ICOP, an Italian family business listed on the Milan stock exchange at the end of July.



#### **Risk / Return Profile**



Lower risk, potentially lower returns; higher risk, potentially higher returns.

#### **Key monthly figures**

NAV per share class		
Share A	154.74€	
Share X	155.33 €	
Share I	159.19 €	
Portfolio snapshot		
Investment ratio	97.12%	
Nomber of stocks in portfolio	66	
Top 10 holdings weighting	31%	

#### Performance / risk ratios

	١Y	3Y	5Y	10Y
Performance				
Europe Small	10.5%	6.7%	12.5%	-
Benchmark*	7.2%	-2.2%	6.3%	-
Volatility				
Europe Small	9.5%	11.1%	18.5%	-
Benchmark*	13.2%	18.0%	19.2%	-
Tracking Error Inception	-			

#### **Evolution of the fund's NAV**

230

190

170 155 140

125 110

100

90

80

2019

Performance (in %, net of fees, log. scale)

Net monthly performance	
Indépendance Europe Small – X	1.6%
STOXX Europe Small ex UK NR	2.0%
Net YTD performance	
ndépendance Europe Small – X	6.3%

#### **Trailing performance**

	Europe Small	Benchmark*
2024	6.3%	5.0%
3 months	0.5%	2.0%
6 months	7.8%	6.7%
1 year	10.6%	7.2%
3 years	21.6%	-6.4%
5 years	80.4%	35.7%
Since dec. 2018	107.7%	58.0%

#### Performance per year

	Europe Small	Benchmark *
2019	29.7%	26.3%
2020	-0.5%	11.5%
2021	47.5%	23.1%
2022	-9.5%	-23.0%
2023	13.4%	12.8%
YTD	6.3%	5.0%



\*The fund's benchmark index is the STOXX EUROPE SMALL EX UK Net Return

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#### **REPORT JULY 2024 - 2/2**

Geographic breakdown

## 24.7% 24.9% 13.9% 9.0% 7.9%

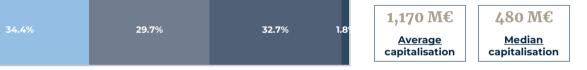
Market cap breakdown

Italy
France
Spain
Netherlands
Norway

Rest of Europe

<b>Fund financial ratios</b>	(year N)
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	P/B	P/E	Div. Yield
Europe Small & Mid - median	1.6	9.8	
Europe Small & Mid - weighted average	2.2	10.9	
Benchmark average	1.5	14.5	
Difference vs. weighted average	<b>46.7</b> %	<b>-24.8</b> %	70bps



<500M€ 500M-1Mds€ 1-10Mds€ >10Mds€

#### Main variations over the month

Stocks	Perf	Comments
Outperformance vs the benchmark		
Heijmans	39.8%	Strong improvement in H1 results
Bff	17.8%	Nothing to report
Catana	15.3%	Sales 9M 23/24 +16%
Kitron	15.1%	H1 results down but 2024 forecasts confirmed
Piovan	14.2%	Nothing to report
Underperformance vs the benchmark		
Gevelot	-9.5%	Nothing to report
Tubacex	-11.4%	Net profit down in H1
Tokmanni	-13.7%	2024 forecasts revised downwards
Knaus Tabbert	-20.5%	Sales forecast for 2024 revised downwards
Okwind	-28.0%	Decline in sales and orders

#### Portfolio breakdown

#### Sector breakdown

**Main investments** 

**Technip Energies** 

International Maurel & Prom

Grupo Catalana

Occidente

3.8%

3.5%

3.3%

3.1% 3.1%

3.0%

2.9%

2.9%

2.8%

2.6%

Heijmans

Elopak

Maire

Fugro Theon

Elecnor

Danieli

Sectors	Weight
Capital Goods	18.6%
Unknown Sector	15.9%
B2B Services	14.1%
Energy	7.1%
Transportation	6.3%
Financials	5.7%
Materials / building	5.5%
IT / ext. R&D	4.9%
Defence	4.8%
Retailing	4.5%
Consumer Goods	4.0%
Healthcare	2.6%
Auto. & Parts	2.1%
Paper & Packaging	1.4%
Media	1.2%
Others	1.2%
Total	100%

# Stocks market capitalization (in M€)

>10Mds€	Rheinmetall
	Grupo Catalana Occidente
	Technip Energies
	Vallourec
	Indra Sistemas
	Fugro
	Maire
I-10Mds€	Danieli
	Trigano
	Bff
	Hoegh Autoliners
	Elecnor Stef
	Maurel & Prom
	Altri
	Tecnicas Reunidas
	Elopak
	Damico
	Saf-holland
	Theon International
	Ence
	Mersen
00M-1Md€	Heijmans
	Mondadori
	Viel et Compagnie
	Tokmanni
	Kitron
	Schoeller-bleckmann
	Groupe Guillin
	Brunel
	Clinica Baviera
	The Italian Sea Group
	Aubay
	Scanfil
	Knowit
	Tubacex
	Jacquet Metal
	Origin Enterprises
	Next Geosolutions
	Grupo San Jose Orsero
	Reach Subsea Moury Construct
	Italian Exhibition Group
	Ala
	Prim
	Groupe Sfpi
	Reway
	Fountaine Pajot
	Gevelot
	Catana
	Dekuple
	Indel B
	Omer
	Campine
	Okwind
	Poujoulat
	Ringmetall
	Edil San Felice
	Delfingen
	Bifire
	lt Link
	Marillariant
	Moulinvest
	Cofle

**RAPPORT JULY 2024 - ANNEXES** 

## **Fund characteristics**

#### Characteristics

Legal form	UCITS
Valuation	Daily
Currency	EUR
Recommended holding period	> 3 years
Subscriptions	Opened
Redemptions	Daily
Depositary bank	CACEIS Bank Luxembourg
Fund administrator	CACEIS Bank Luxembourg
Risk level	5 over 7
Eligible	Ouvertes

Fees	Shares X and A	Share I
Subscription fees	0%	0%
Min. subscription amount	1 share	1 share
Redemption fees	0%	0%
Management fees	1.95%	1.40%
Outperformance fee	10%	10%
ISIN codes		
Part X (C) - Institutionnal	LU1832174889	
Part A (C) - Individual investor	LU	J1832174962

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### Main risks

#### **Equity risk**

The fund is invested at least 75% in equities; the fund's value can significantly decrease if equity markets fall. Equity markets have experienced wide fluctuations in the past and are likely to do so in the future.

Investing in equities, and therefore in the fund I&E Europe, is inherently risky.

#### Capital loss risk

The fund has no guarantee or protection; the initially invested capital may not be returned.

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Part I (C) - Clean Share