



Indépendance AM completes its offering with a new Europe Mid fund and strengthens its teams

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Indépendance AM, an asset management company specialising in European Small & Mid Caps for more than 30 years, is proud to announce the launch of the Indépendance Europe Mid fund and the arrival of 3 new employees within its teams.

Launch of the Indépendance Europe Mid fund

The Indépendance Europe Mid fund completes the range offered by the company, which already successfully manages a Small & Mid Cap France fund and a Small Cap Europe fund.

- **Key characteristics of the Indépendance Europe Mid fund:**

- Investment strategy: In line with Indépendance AM's proven "Quality Value" approach, the fund will target listed European companies that are growing profitably and are undervalued.
- Investment universe: The fund will invest the majority of its assets in European companies with a market capitalisation below €10 billion. The fund is PEA-eligible.
- Performance objective: To outperform the Stoxx Europe Mid ex UK NR index over an investment horizon of more than 5 years.
- Extra-financial: Article 8 SFDR Fund
- Investment team: collegial management of the investment team, which has been strengthened with the arrival of a new manager, Vincent Rouvière (see below).

- **William Higgons, Chairman of Indépendance AM, points out:**

"We are delighted with the launch of this new fund, which complements our offering at the heart of our Small & Mid Caps expertise, and with the strengthening of our teams with the arrival of 3 new collaborators: Vincent Rouvière, Yvonne Chansena and Arthur de La Fage. We are looking forward to benefiting from their high-quality experience as we continue to grow."



*Vincent Rouvière**Yvonne Chansena**Arthur de La Fage*

Strengthening our teams

- **Portfolio management :**

To strengthen its European coverage, and more specifically for this new fund, Indépendance AM is pleased to welcome Vincent Rouvière. With over 30 years' experience in equity analysis, Vincent brings in-depth knowledge of the European markets, including the mid-cap segment. He was head of European equity research at Exane BNP Paribas and also CIO at Igea Finance.

Vincent Rouvière added: "I am delighted to join Indépendance AM and joining the portfolio management team that I knew as an allocator. On the strength of my experience in analysing and managing European equities, I am convinced of the relevance of launching a Europe Mid fund, which will focus on mid caps as well as some large caps that offer numerous opportunities in the current environment. I'm looking forward to joining the team.

- **Investor Relations**

Yvonne Chansena will be in charge of investor relations. With many years' experience in asset management, Yvonne set up her own marketing company dedicated to institutional investors, Ginkgo partners, and previously looked after institutional investors at Finaltis.

"I am delighted to be joining Indépendance AM at this key moment in its evolution. The launch of the Europe Mid fund is an exciting opportunity for our investors. It demonstrates our ability to innovate while remaining true to our proven investment philosophy. I look forward to working with the team to raise awareness of this new offering and strengthen our relationships with our partners."

- **Administrative and Financial Department, Compliance officer**

Arthur de La Fage joins Indépendance AM as CFO, compliance officer. Arthur was previously a lawyer with firms specialising in mergers and acquisitions and capital markets.

"Joining Indépendance AM as Finance and Administration Director represents a unique opportunity for me to contribute to the development of a reputable asset manager by bringing my experience and expertise acquired over the last years. I'm looking forward to working alongside Vincent, Yvonne and the whole team to consolidate Indépendance AM's position as a leading player in small and mid-cap asset management.

About Indépendance AM

Indépendance AM is an independent asset management company specialising in investments in listed European SMEs. Under the management of William Higgons, Indépendance AM implements a Quality Value investment strategy that has been successfully implemented for over 30 years. This is based on investments in European Small & Mid Caps that are growing profitably (Quality) and are undervalued (Value). The company has over €800m in assets under management.

