



INDÉPENDANCE

Europe Small

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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

MANAGEMENT - ANALYSTS

RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT



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Comments

In November, the Europe Small fund sold its investments in Prim and D'Amico. The fund reduced its investments in Ence and Altri. Inversely, Europe Small strengthened its investments in SAF-Holland and Piraeus Port Authority.

Europe Small & Mid

Asset class

PEA

Elegibility

SFDR Article 8

Responsible Investment

321 M€

Fund assets

Risk / Return Profile

1 2 3 4 **5** 6 7

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

Key monthly figures

| NAV per share class | |
|---------------------|----------|
| Share A | 146.66 € |
| Share X | 147.21 € |
| Share I | 151.26 € |

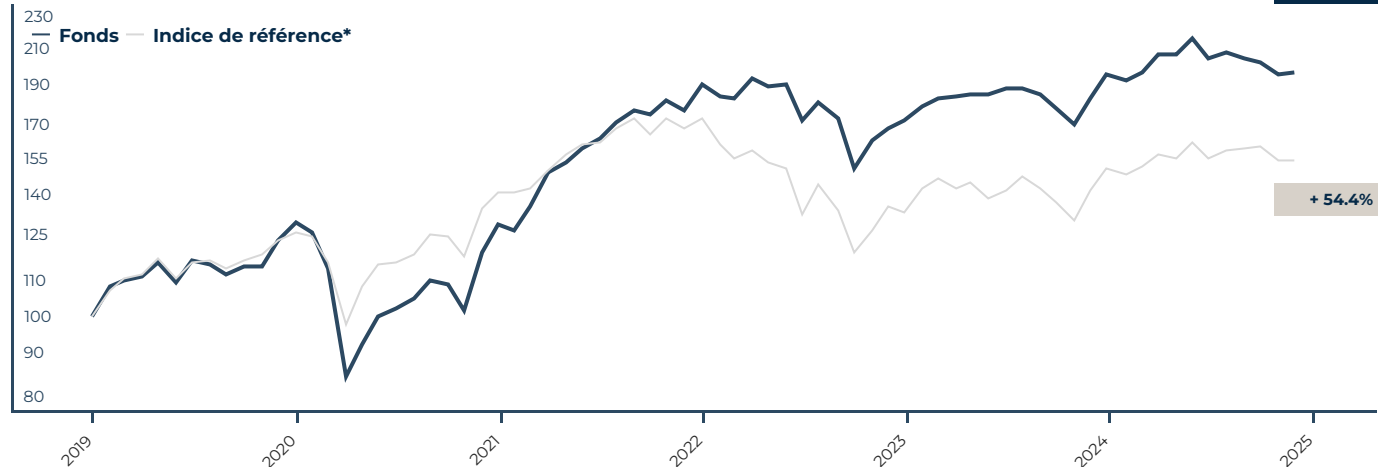
| Portfolio snapshot | |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Investment ratio | 99.22% |
| Number of stocks in portfolio | 62 |
| Top 10 holdings weighting | 33% |

Performance / risk ratios

| | 1Y | 3Y | 5Y | 10Y |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| Performance | | | | |
| Europe Small | 7.6% | 3.6% | 9.8% | - |
| Benchmark* | 9.2% | -2.8% | 4.6% | - |
| Volatility | | | | |
| Europe Small | 10.2% | 11.2% | 18.0% | - |
| Benchmark* | 12.6% | 18.1% | 19.2% | - |
| Tracking Error Inception | - | | | |

Evolution of the fund's NAV

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



Past performance is not indicative of future performance

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

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 | 0.7% | 2.6% |

| Net monthly performance | |
|-------------------------------|------|
| Indépendance Europe Small – X | 0.4% |
| STOXX Europe Small ex UK NR | 0.1% |

| Net YTD performance | |
|-------------------------------|------|
| Indépendance Europe Small – X | 0.7% |
| STOXX Europe Small ex UK NR | 2.6% |

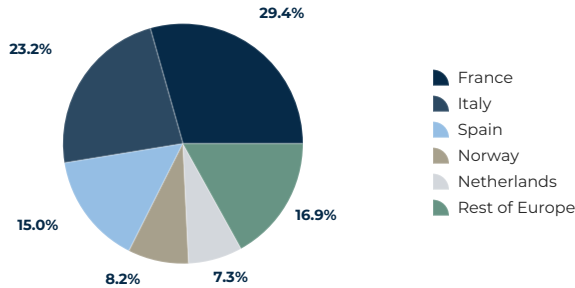
Trailing performance

| | Europe Small | Benchmark* |
|-----------------|--------------|------------|
| 2024 | 0.7% | 2.6% |
| 3 months | -4.0% | -3.2% |
| 6 months | -9.0% | -4.5% |
| 1 year | 7.6% | 9.2% |
| 3 years | 11.2% | -8.3% |
| 5 years | 59.7% | 25.5% |
| Since dec. 2018 | 96.9% | 54.4% |

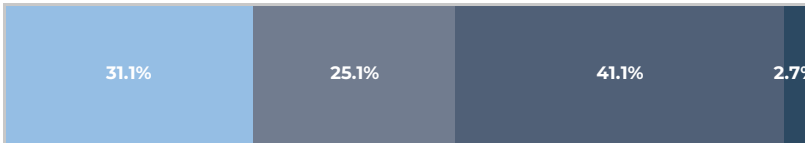
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Geographic breakdown



Market cap breakdown



■ <500M€ ■ 500M-1Mds€ ■ 1-10Mds€ ■ >10Mds€

Fund financial ratios (year N)

| | P/B | P/E | Div. Yield |
|--|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Europe Small & Mid - median | 1.69 | 9.55 | 3.40% |
| Europe Small & Mid - weighted average | 2.02 | 10.75 | 4.10% |
| Benchmark average | 1.6 | 15.2 | 3.30% |
| Difference vs. weighted average | 26.3% | -29.3% | 80bps |

Portfolio breakdown

Sector breakdown

| Sectors | Weight |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Capital Goods | 18.6% |
| Unknown Sector | 18.4% |
| B2B Services | 12.1% |
| Transportation | 6.6% |
| Financials | 6.5% |
| Energy | 6.4% |
| Materials / building | 6.0% |
| IT / ext. R&D | 5.5% |
| Consumer Goods | 4.4% |
| Defence | 4.3% |
| Retailing | 4.2% |
| Healthcare | 2.9% |
| Media | 1.2% |
| Auto. & Parts | 1.2% |
| Others | 1.1% |
| Paper & Packaging | 0.4% |
| Steel industry | 0.2% |
| Total | 100% |

Stocks market capitalization (in M€)

| Market Cap Range | Stocks | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| >10Mds€ | Rheinmetall | |
| | Dassault Aviation | |
| | Grupo Catalana Occidente | |
| | Scor | |
| | Technip Energies | |
| | Vallourec | |
| | Sopra Steria | |
| | Jumbo | |
| | Indra Sistemas | |
| | Maire | |
| | Acerinox | |
| | Trigano | |
| | 1-10Mds€ | Hoegh Autoliners |
| | | Fugro |
| Elecnor | | |
| Bff | | |
| Stef | | |
| Vicat | | |
| Caf | | |
| Altri | | |
| Elopak | | |
| Maurel & Prom | | |
| 500M-1Md€ | | Tecnicas Reunidas |
| | | Heijmans |
| | | Piraeus Port Authority |
| | | Danieli |
| | Viel et Compagnie | |
| | Theon International | |
| | Ence | |
| | Saf-holland | |
| | Aubay | |
| | Clinica Baviera | |
| | Mondadori | |
| | Scanfil | |
| | Mersen | |
| | <500M€ | Groupe Guillin |
| Tubacex | | |
| Sats | | |
| The Italian Sea Group | | |
| Next Geosolutions | | |
| Sword Group | | |
| Origin Enterprises | | |
| Orsero | | |
| Icop | | |
| Reway | | |
| Reach Subsea | | |
| Moury Construct | | |
| Ala | | |
| Italian Exhibition Group | | |
| Groupe Sfpj | | |
| Fontaine Pajot | | |
| Dekuple | | |
| Catana | | |
| Campine | | |
| Indel B | | |
| Omer | | |
| Ringmetall | | |
| Poujoulat | | |
| Edil San Felice | | |
| Okwind | | |
| Delfingen | | |

Main variations over the month

| Stocks | Perf | Comments |
|--|--------|---|
| Outperformance vs the benchmark | | |
| Rheinmetall | 31.5% | Ambitious 2027 targets (doubling of sales vs. 2024) |
| Theon International | 19.5% | Low valuation |
| Scor | 19.3% | Solvency ratio better than expected |
| Heijmans | 17.2% | Good Q3 and strong order book |
| Piraeus Port Authority | 13.4% | New record levels of revenue and profits |
| Underperformance vs the benchmark | | |
| Moury Construct | -13.6% | Nothing to report |
| Damico | -14.3% | Lower Q3 results |
| Mondadori | -15.2% | 9M operating profit down |
| Fugro | -18.3% | Slower growth in Q3 |
| Delfingen | -25.2% | "Fiscal years 2024 and 2025 will remain difficult" |

Main investments

| Stocks | Weight |
|---------------------|--------|
| Heijmans | 4.8% |
| Elopak | 4.1% |
| Maire | 4.0% |
| Elecnor | 3.3% |
| Theon International | 3.2% |
| Technip Energies | 3.2% |
| Danieli | 3.0% |
| Maurel & Prom | 2.8% |
| Stef | 2.5% |
| Fugro | 2.5% |

Fund characteristics

| Characteristics | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Legal form | UCITS |
| Valuation | Daily |
| Currency | EUR |
| Recommended holding period | > 3 years |
| Subscriptions | Daily |
| Redemptions | Daily |
| Depositary bank | CACEIS Bank Luxembourg |
| Fund administrator | CACEIS Bank Luxembourg |
| Risk level | 5 over 7 |
| Eligible | PEA, PEA-PME |

| Fees | Shares X and A | Share I |
|--------------------------|----------------|---------|
| Subscription fees | 0% | 1% max |
| Min. subscription amount | 1 share | 1 share |
| Redemption fees | 0% | 0% |
| Management fees | 1.95% | 1.40% |
| Outperformance fees | 10% | 10% |

| ISIN codes | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Part X (C) - Institutionnal | LU1832174889 |
| Part A (C) - Individual investor | LU1832174962 |
| Part I (C) - Clean Share | LU1832175001 |

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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