

# **Key Information Document**

#### **Purpose**

This document provides you with key information about this investment Product. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature, risks, costs, potential gains and losses of this Product and to help you compare it with other products.

#### **Product**

# **Europe Small**

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Warning: you are about to purchase a Product that is not simple and may be difficult to understand.

# What is this Product?

This Product is an investment fund under Luxembourg law (Société d'Investissement à Capital Variable (SICAV), a UCITS).

#### **Duration and terms**

This Product is actively managed and seeks capital growth with a horizon of over three years.

#### Objectives

The Product, Europe Small, invests in shares issued by small- and mid-cap European companies that are selected based on the Quality-Value criteria of high profitability and low valuation, with the aim of increasing the portfolio's asset value.

This objective is linked to a non-financial approach that takes environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria into account. The non-financial objective is to contribute to the Product's long-term performance by identifying (i) the best practices of companies that can promote sustainable

performance, and (ii) the risks to which they are exposed.

Europe Small's investment policy consists in purchasing shares in small- and mid-cap European companies that are listed on a Regulated Market and satisfy the Quality-Value criteria of high profitability and low valuation, and selling them when they no longer satisfy these criteria.

At all times, at least 75% of Europe Small's net assets will be invested in shares issued by companies whose stock market capitalisation is less two (2) million euros at the end of at least one of the four financial years preceding the financial year taken into account to assess the eligibility of the securities of this company.

Europe Small may also use up to 5% of its net assets to purchase securities providing access to the equity of such companies, such as convertible bonds and warrants. Europe Small may also invest up to 10% of its net assets in preferred shares and investment certificated issued by such companies.

Securities eligible for the PEA scheme (plan d'épargne en actions —French equity savings plan) and the PEA-PME scheme (plan d'épargne en actions

destiné au financement des PME et ETI —French equity savings plan for financing SMEs) will always represent at least 75% of the assets. The Product will not invest more than 10% of its net assets in units of UCITS (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities). The Product incorporates ESG criteria into its selection process and ensures that at least 90% of the companies in the portfolio are covered by a non-financial analysis and rating.

The revenue collected by the Product is fully reinvested (accumulation share). Reference value: Stoxx® Europe ex UK Small NR.

# **Intended Retail Investor**

All investors

#### **Practical information**

Depositary: CACEIS Bank, Luxembourg Branch
The investor may sell shares in the Product on any business day.

More detailed information about this Product of any business day.

More detailed information about this Product, the prospectus, the most recent annual and semi-annual reports and other practical information, including where to obtain the latest share prices and information about other share classes marketed in your country, is available from the management company Indépendance AM S.A.S., 17, rue du Colisée, 75008 Paris, France, on its website www.independance-am.com, or by e-mail to contact@independance-am.com. The prospectus and periodic reports are available free of charge in various languages.

# What are the risks and what could I get in return?

# **Risk Indicator**



With lower risk.

With higher risk



The synthetic risk indicator assumes that you keep the Product until the end of the recommended holding period (3 years). The actual risk can vary significantly if you cash in at an early stage and you may get back

We have assigned this Product a risk rating of 4 out of 7, which means that it is a medium-risk product. In other words, the potential losses on the Product's future performance are in the medium range and, if market conditions were to deteriorate, our ability to pay you may be affected.

Additionally, you will be exposed to the following risks (not taken into account in the summary risk indicator), namely:

Risks linked to small-cap holdings: The Product invests in smaller companies, which can carry a higher risk because their prices may be subject to higher and more rapid market fluctuations than those of large companies.

**Liquidity risk:** Liquidity risk exists when particular investments are difficult to purchase or sell. This can reduce the Product's returns because the Product may be unable to trade at advantageous times or prices. This can result from events of unprecedented intensity and severity, such as pandemics or natural disasters.

Concentration risk: To the extent that the Product's investments are concentrated in one particular country, market, industry or asset class, it could suffer losses due to adverse occurrences affecting that country, market, industry or asset class.

Investment in other UCIs/UCITS: A Product that invests in other undertakings for collective investment will not play an active role in the daily management of the undertaking for collective investment in which it invests. In addition, a Product will not generally have the opportunity to assess the specific investments made by the underlying undertakings for collective investment before they occur. Consequently, a Product's returns will depend on the performance of the managers of the underlying Products and could be adversely affected by poor performance.

Risk linked to holding convertible bonds: Convertible bonds are hybrid securities between debt and equity capital, which, in principle, allow shareholders to convert their bond investments into shares of the issuing company at a specified date in the future. The investment in convertible bonds will lead to greater volatility than bond investments made in traditional bonds.

Sustainability risk: This means an environmental, social or governance (ESG) event or condition that, if it occurs, could cause an actual or a potential material negative impact on the value of one or more investments held by the Product.

For further information on the risks, please refer to the Product's prospectus.

As this Product does not include any protection against future market performance, so you could end up losing some or all of your investment.

#### Performance scenarios

The figures shown include all the costs of the Product itself, but may not include all the costs that you pay to your advisor or distributor. The figures do not take into account your personal tax situation, which may also affect how much you get back.
What you will get from this Product depends on future market performance. Market developments in the future are uncertain and cannot be accurately

predicted.

The unfavourable, moderate, and favourable scenarios shown are illustrations using the Product's and/or the relevant the benchmark index's worst, average, and best performance over the last 10 years.

Markets could trend very differently in the future

The stress scenario shows what you might get back in extreme market conditions.

#### Investment of FLIP 10 000

investment of Eur 10,000						
The recommended holding period is 3 years.		If you exit after 1 year	If you exit after 3 years (the recommended holding period)			
Scenarios						
Minimum	There is no guaranteed minimum return. You could lose some or all of your investment.					
	What you might get back after costs	EUR 4,310	EUR 4,690			
	Average return each year	-56.9%	-22.3%			
_	What you might get back after costs	EUR 8,640	EUR 9,570			
	Average return each year	-13.6%	-1.5%			
	What you might get back after costs	EUR 10,780	EUR 13,640			
	Average return each year	7.8%	10.9%			
	What you might get back after costs	EUR 16,280	EUR 20,550			
	Average return each year	62.8%	27.1%			

This chart shows how much you could earn over the recommended holding period under different scenarios, assuming you invest EUR 10,000. Unfavourable scenario: This scenario occurred for an investment made between March 2017 and March 2020. Intermediate scenario: This scenario occurred for an investment made between January 2015 and January 2018.

Favourable scenario: This scenario occurred for an investment made between March 2020 and March 2023.

# What happens if Indépendance AM S.A.S is unable to pay out?

The Product is a co-ownership of financial instruments and deposits separate from the portfolio management company. In the event of the latter's default, the Product assets held by the custodian will not be affected. In the event of default by the custodian, the risk of financial loss to the Product is mitigated by the legal segregation of the custodian's assets from those of the Product.

# What are the costs?

The person advising on or selling you this Product may charge you other costs. If so, this person will provide you with information about all of these costs and how they affect your investment over time.

#### Costs over time

The tables show the amounts that are deducted from your investment to cover different types of costs. These amounts depend on how much you invest, and on how long you hold the Product. The amounts shown here are illustrations based on an example investment amount and different possible investment periods. We have assumed:

that in the first year, you would get back the amount you invested (0% annual return). That for the other holding periods, the Product evolves as indicated in the intermediate scenario;

- EUR 10,000 are invested.

Investment of EUR 10,000	If you exit after 1 year	If you exit after 3 years (the recommended holding period)
Total costs	EUR 330	EUR 959
Annual cost impact (*)	3.3%	2.5% each year

<sup>(\*)</sup> This illustrates how costs reduce your return each year over the holding period. For example, it shows that if you exit at the end of the recommended holding period, your average return per annum is expected to be 13.44% before costs and 10.90% after costs.

#### Composition of costs

Investment of EUR 10,000 and annual cost if you exit after 1 year.

One-off costs upon entry or ex	If you exit after 1 year				
Entry costs	1.00% of the invested amount. The impact of the costs you pay on entry into your investment. This is the maximum amount you will pay; you may pay less. These costs are already included in the price you pay.	EUR 100			
Exit costs		EUR 0			
Ongoing costs (taken each year)					
Management fees and other administrative or operating costs	1.54% of the value of your investment per year. The impact of the costs you pay each year for the management of the Product and its investments. This estimate is based on actual costs over the past year.	EUR 154			
Transaction costs	0.31% of the value of your investment per year. The impact of costs incurred when we buy and sell the Product's underlying investments.  The actual amount will vary depending on how much we buy and sell.	EUR 31			
Incidental costs taken under specific conditions					
Performance fees (and carried interest)	0.45%. Description: 10% when the Compartment outperforms the Stoxx® Europe Ex UK Small NR index during the observation period from 1 January to 31 December. The actual amount varies depending on the performance of your investment.	EUR 45			

The above tables indicate the impact of different types of costs on the yield you could get from your investment at the end of the recommended investment period and the meaning of the different cost categories.

# How long should I hold it and can I take money out early?

Recommended holding period: 3 years
This product is designed for medium-term investments, you should be prepared to hold your investment in the Product for at least 3 years. However, you can request repayment of your investment without penalty at any time during this period or hold your investment for longer.
The investor may sell shares in the Product on any business day.

# How can I complain?

If you have a complaint about this Product, the initiator of the Product or the person who advised you or sold you this Product, you may in the first instance contact Indépendance AM S.A.S at +33 1 49 53 90 11, by e-mail at contact@independance-am.com or by post at 17, rue du Colisée, 75008

If your complaint is not resolved to your satisfaction, you may register it on our website at www.independance-am.com.

# Other relevant information

Performance scenarios: You can find the latest performance scenarios with monthly updates at www.independance-am.com. Past performance: Past performances for the last 5 years can be downloaded at www.independance-am.com.

Details of the updated remuneration policy, including, in particular, a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated, the identity of the individuals responsible for allocating remuneration and benefits, including the composition of the remuneration committee, if such a committee exists, are available at www.independance-am.com and a paper copy will be provided free of charge on request.

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