

#### INDÉPENDANCE

# France Small & Mid

#### **REPORT JANUARY 2025 - 1/2**

Indépendance AM France Small is a UCITS that primarily invests in stocks of small and medium-sized French 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

In the month of January, the fund reduced its positions in Rheinmetall and Publicis due to valuation concerns. It strengthened its position in Vicat, which is undervalued, and established two new positions in SEB and SAF Holland.





Net monthly performance

3.5%

4.6%

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4.6%

**CAC 40** 

NR

7.8%

8.4%

5.9%

6.3%

21.8%

51.8%

115.2%

619.7%

4079.5%

Ind. France Small - X

CAC Mid & Small NR

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YTD

1 year

3 years

5 years

10 ans

Inception

3 months

6 months

**Net YTD performance** 

**Trailing performance** 

France

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3.5%

4.1%

-1.2%

3.4%

6.2%

56.1%

174.9%

4079.5%

Benchma

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4.6%

3.3%

-1.3%

-0.5%

-4.3%

12.0%

73.3%

634.5%

### **Key monthly figures**

NAV per share class	
Share A	751.15 €
Share X	757.21 €
Share I	846.92 €
Share B	868.83 €

# Portfolio snapshot

nvestment ratio	99.58%
Nomber of stocks in portfolio	49
Top 10 holdings weighting	37%

#### Performance / risk ratios

#### 17 3Y 5Y 10Y Performance Ind. France Small - X 3.4% 2.0% 9.3% 10.6% Benchmark\* -0.5% -1.4% 2.3% 5.6% Volatility Ind. France Small - X 12.6% 14.8% 20.2% 17.5% Benchmark\* 14.1% 18.1% 19.8% 16.8% Tracking Error 5.4%

#### Evolution of the fund's NAV

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



#### \*The fund's benchmark index has been the CAC Mid & Small NR index since 12/31/2016. The CAC Small NR was the benchmark index from 12/31/2004. Before that, the index was the SBF Second Marché. The benchmark index performances presented in this document for periods starting before 12/31/2016 are linked to the performances of these three indices.

### Performance per year

	France Small & Mid	Benchmark *	
1994	13.6%	-2.2%	
1995	-1.3%	-3.8%	
1996	21.8% 31.6%		
1997	22.0%	9.8%	
1998	14.3%	12.4%	
1999	21.8%	24.5%	
2000	23.5%	16.4%	
2001	2.9%	-17.0%	
2002	3.1%	-17.5%	
2003	29.9%	22.6%	
2004	40.1%	27.0%	
2005	25.7%	34.9%	
2006	29.1%	16.9%	
2007	9.9%	1.5%	
2008	-52.9%	-53.2%	
2009	33.7%	62.8%	
2010	14.7% 13.0%		
2011	-10.5% -17.2%		
2012	24.1%	12.9%	
2013	66.2%	28.5%	
2014	15.6%	8.4%	
2015	36.4%	28.7%	
2016	16.9%	2.9%	
2017	36.7%	23.8%	
2018	-29.9%	-20.2%	
2019	19.8%	21.3%	
2020	9.5%	-0.1%	
2021	32.8%	18.6%	
2022	-9.5% -12.0%		
2023	11.7% 3.9%		
2024	-1.2%	-3.6%	

# France Small & Mid

#### **REPORT JANUARY 2025 - 2/2**

Geographic breakdown

## 84.7% 1.5% 1.7% 1.9% 4.6% 5.7%

Fund financial ratios	(year N)
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	P/B	P/E	Div. Yield
Ind. France - median	1.2	9.3	3.20%
Ind. France - weighted average	1.5	10.2	4.30%
Benchmark average	1.3	14	2.20%
Difference vs. weighted average	15.4%	<b>-27.1</b> %	210bps





France

Norway

Luxembourg Rest of Europe

Spain Germany

<500M€ 500M-1Mds€ 1-10Mds€ >10Mds€

### Main variations over the month

Stocks	Perf	Comments
Outperformance vs the benchmark		
Rheinmetall	22.9%	Increase in defense budgets of NATO countries and ambitious targets for 2027.
Tecnicas Reunidas	22.2%	N/A
Alten	12.9%	The Q4 revenue has reassured.
Vallourec	12.0%	N/A
Saf-holland	10.7%	New position.
Underperformance vs the benchmark		
Covivio Hotels	-5.5%	The European hospitality industry is performing well.
Crit	-6.2%	Undervalued.
Hoegh Autoliners	-8.9%	The market is anticipating the worst.
Nexans	-9.6%	Abandonment of wind energy in the EU.
Fleury Michon	-11.6%	N/A

**Main investments** 

**Technip Energies** 

Dassault Aviation

3.3%

3.3%

3.3% 3.3%

Nexans

Elis

Viel et

Coface

Rheinmetall

Compagnie Grupo Catalana

Occidente Sopra Steria

Maurel & Prom

Sectors	Weight
Capital Goods	20.1%
Financials	13.6%
Media	10.9%
Engineering & Construct.	8.8%
IT/ext.R&D	8.3%
B2B Services	6.9%
Retailing	6.1%
Transportation	6.1%
Energy	5.1%
Consumer Goods	4.1%
Defence	4.0%
Food & Beverage	2.7%
Materials / building	2.2%
Auto. & Parts	0.6%
Real Estate	0.5%
Total	100%

## Portfolio breakdown

#### Sector breakdown

	Elis				
	Grupo Catalana Occidente				
	Scor				
	Vallourec				
	Nexans				
	Sopra Steria				
	Sbm Offshore				
	Alten				
1-10Mds€	Covivio Hotels				
	Trigano				
	Worldline				
	Coface				
	Ldc				
	Ipsos				
	Vicat				
	Stef				
	Hoegh Autoliners				
	Tfl				
	Esso				
	Maurel & Prom				
	Tecnicas Reunidas				
	Electricite de Strasbourg				
	Derichebourg				
	Viel et Compagnie				
	Saf-holland				
	Crit				
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	Aubay				
	GI Events				
	Nrj				
	Mersen				
	Groupe Guillin				
	Damico				
	Delta Plus				
	Jacquet Metal				
	Sword Group				
<500M€	Fountaine Pajot				
<300Me	Dekuple				
	Gevelot				
	Fleury Michon				
	Poujoulat				
	Moulinvest				

Stocks market capitalization

Publicis

Eiffage Rexel Groupe Seb

Rheinmetall

Dassault Aviation

Technip Energies

(in M€)

>10Mds€

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# France Small & Mid

**REPORT JANUARY 2025 - ANNEXES** 

# **Fund characteristics**

Characteristics		Fees	Share A	Share X	Share I	Share B
Legal form	SICAV	Subscription fees	0%	0%	1% max	2%
Valuation	Daily	Min. subscription amount	1 share	1 share	1 share	5M€
Currency	EUR	Redemption fees	0%	0%	0%	1%
Recommended holding period	> 3 years	Management fees	1.95%	1.95%	1.40%	1.20%
Subscriptions	Daily	Outperformance fees	10%	10%	10%	10%
Redemptions	Daily	ISIN codes				
Depositary bank	CACEIS Bank Luxembourg	Share A LU013151		.U0131510165		
Fund administrator	CACEIS Bank Luxembourg	Share X LU01043			0104337620	
Risk level	4 over 7	Share I LU19646			1964632324	
Eligible	PEA	Share B LU285786			2857867548	

## 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 France, 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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