

#### INDÉPENDANCE

# **Europe Small**

**REPORT JULY 2025 - 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**







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## Comments

During July, the Europe Small fund rose by +2.8% compared with an index rise of +1.0%. Over the period, the fund mainly reduced its investment in The Navigator and sold its stake in Indel B. On the other hand, the fund mainly increased its holdings in Mota Engil and CIE Automotive.











Responsible Investment

Fund

### Risk / Return Profile

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

# **Key monthly figures**

NAV per share class	
Share B	219.29 €
Share A	207.38 €
Share X	208.23 €
Share I	214.33 €

Portfolio snapshot			
Investment ratio	99.33%		
Nomber of stocks in portfolio	65		
Top 10 holdings weighting	31%		

### Performance / risk ratios

	IY	3Y	5Y	IOY
Performance				
Ind. Europe Small - X	34.1%	15.4%	21.6%	-
Benchmark*	8.9%	6.0%	7.7%	-
Volatility				
Ind. Europe Small - X	14.1%	12.0%	14.3%	-
Benchmark*	15.8%	16.0%	17.0%	-

## **Net monthly performance** Ind. Europe Small - X 2.8%

1.0%

Net YTD performance	
Ind. Europe Small - X	36.5%
STOXX EUROPE SMALL EX UK NR	12.0%

# **Trailing performance**

STOXX EUROPE SMALL EX UK NR

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	<b>Europe Small</b>	Benchmark*
YTD	36.5%	12.0%
3 months	18.0%	6.2%
6 months	31.7%	6.1%
1 year	34.1%	8.9%
3 years	53.9%	19.1%
5 years	165.7%	44.9%
Since dec. 2018	178.5%	72.0%

#### Performance per year

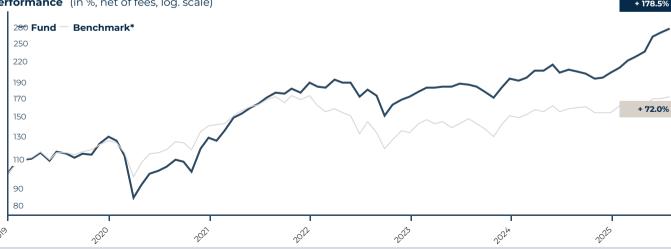
Europe Small	Benchmark *
29.7%	26.3%
-0.5%	11.5%
47.5%	23.1%
-9.5%	-23.0%
13.4%	12.8%
4.4%	2.1%
36.5%	12.0%
	29.7% -0.5% 47.5% -9.5% 13.4% 4.4%

### Evolution of the fund's NAV

Tracking Error

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

7.8%



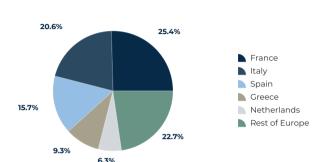
Past performance is not indicative of future performance

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

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# Geographic breakdown



# **Fund financial ratios** (year N)

	P/B	P/E	Div. Yield
Europe Small - median	1.9	10.9	2.80%
Europe Small - weighted average	2.6	12.2	3.30%
Benchmark average	1.6	14.9	3.50%
Difference vs. weighted average	62.5%	-18.1%	-20bps

# Market cap breakdown



3,217 M€

Average capitalisation

1,162 M€

Median
capitalisation

		<500M€		500M-1Mds€	■ 1-10Mds€		>10Mds€
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# Main variations over the month

Stocks	Perf	Comments
Outperformance vs the benchmark		
Next Geosolutions	28.4%	Strategic and complementary acquisition of Rana Subsea
Hanza	24.1%	Strong growth in revenues and margins in Q2 + acquisition of a Defense business
Hoegh Autoliners	17.2%	Very low valuation (PER 2025e 3.8x at the end of June)
Mota Engil	17.1%	Good order intake, low valuation
Mt Højgaard	15.5%	Good order intake, low valuation
Underperformance vs the benchmark		
Dassault Aviation	-9.3%	Defense sector share prices under pressure
Italian Exhibition Group	-9.4%	Nothing to report
Theon International	-12.5%	Defense sector share prices under pressure
Tubacex	-12.6%	Downward revision of the 2025 outlook
Campine	-13.2%	Antimony prices at historic highs

# Portfolio breakdown

### Sector breakdown

Sectors	Weight
Engineering & Construct.	21.7%
Capital Goods	16.8%
Materials / building	10.6%
B2B Services	9.6%
Defence	7.9%
Consumer Goods	5.8%
Unknown Sector	5.5%
Transportation	4.4%
IT / ext. R&D	3.4%
Energy	3.3%
Retailing	3.2%
Healthcare	3.0%
Financials	1.7%
Auto. & Parts	1.4%
Others	0.8%
Steel industry	0.5%
Media	0.4%
Paper & Packaging	0.2%
Total	100%

#### **Main investments**

Stocks	Weight
Caf	3.8%
Metlen Energy & Metals S.a.	3.5%
Webuild	3.4%
Nexans	3.3%
Danieli	3.3%
Heijmans	3.2%
Maire	3.1%
Tecnicas Reunidas	2.7%
Royal Bam	2.6%
Indra Sistemas	2.5%

# Stocks market capitalization (in M€)

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>10Mds€	Rheinmetall
100000	Dassault Aviation
	Buzzi
	Metlen Energy & Metals S.a.
	Technip Energies Indra Sistemas
	Elis
	Nexans
	Jumbo
	Webuild
	Maire
	Cie Automotive
	Trigano
	Vicat Alten
	Acerinox
	The Navigator Company
	Royal Bam
	Elecnor
1-10Mds€	Bekaert
	Theon International
	Caf
	Tecnicas Reunidas Stef
	Hoegh Autoliners
	Hornbach Holding
	Heijmans
	Fugro
	Havas
	Mota Engil
	Piraeus Port Authority
	Compagnie Des Alpes Danieli
	Elopak
	Implenia
	Maurel & Prom
	Viel et Compagnie
	Derichebourg
	Scanfil
5001471410	Saf-holland
500M-1Md€	Clinica Baviera Synsam
	Aubay
	Groupe Guillin
	Next Geosolutions
	Tubacex
	Hanza
	Icop
	Mt Højgaard Origin Enterprises
	Sword Group
	Campine
	Ala
	Reway
	Italian Exhibition Group
	Orsero
	Moury Construct
	Reach Subsea
	Fountaine Pajot Omer
	Dekuple
	Catana
	Ringmetall
	Edil San Felice

# **Europe Small**

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# **Fund characteristics**

Characteristics		
Legal form	SICAV	
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	4 over 7	
Eligible	PEA - PEA PME	

Fees	Share B	Share A	Share X	Share I
Subscription fees	2%	0%	1%	1%
Min. subscription amount	5M€	1 share	1 share	1 share
Redemption fees	1%	0%	0%	0%
Management fees	1.20%	1.95%	1.95%	1.40
Outperformance fees	10%	10%	10%	10%

ISIN codes	
Share B	LU2857867464
Share A	LU1832174962
Share X	LU1832174889
Share I	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 Europe Small, 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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