

# INDEPENDANCE ET EXPANSION **France Small**

Luxembourg SICAV compliant with the European UCITS IV Directive

**December 2018** 









Morningstar ranking ★★★★



# I ASSET CLASS I

- ✓ French Fauities
- ✓ Small & Mid Cap

### I INVESTMENT STYLE I

✓ Value Stocks

NAV

Fund assets

- ✓ Fully invested (90%-100%)
- ✓ Concentrated portfolio

#### I BENCHMARK I

I KEY MONTHLY FIGURES

Net monthly performance

CAC Mid & Small NR

Portfolio snapshot Investment ratio

Indépendance et Expansion X(C)

Number of stocks in portfolio

Top 10 holdings weighting

# I OBJECTIVE AND INVESTMENT POLICY I

The Independence et Expansion SICAV ("I&E") is an actively managed fund which seeks capital growth over a three year time frame.

The fund's investment policy is to buy shares of French companies listed on a regulated market whose market capitalization is less than or equal to the highest market capitalization of the CAC Mid & Small index and with low price to cash-flow ratio and to sell the stocks which do not meet these criteria.

The Fund may also purchase convertible bonds and warrants to acquire shares of such companies. The fund may also invest up to 10% of its net assets in companies listed on the Alternext and 10% in non-French European small caps.

The Fund's investment policy incorporates extra-financial environmental, social, and quality of governance (ESG) criteria.

## I COMMENTS I

The year 2018 was characterized by a sharp drop of mid caps : over the 245 companies of the CAC Mid & Small index, the median decrease was 34%. The CAC Mid & Small NR index fell by 20%. The difference is attributable to the good performance of companies whose PER was higher than 25 at the beginning of 2018.

I&E was penalized by the sharp drop of automotive suppliers. In addition, the market believes that so-called cyclical companies must be evaluated on the basis of the bottom of the cycle (2019e), which penalizes, in particular, chemistry and temporary work.

CAC Mid & Small NR since January 2017, CAC Small NR before

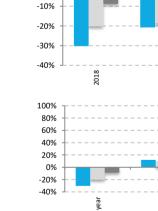
# I ANNUALIZED STATISTICS - X(C)

# Performance / risk ratios

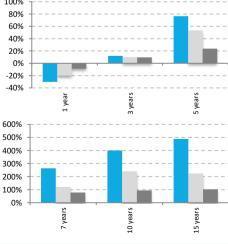
	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
Performance				
I&E	-30,2%	3,8%	12,0%	17,5%
CAC M&S NR (1)	-20,2%	3,2%	8,9%	13,0%
Volatility				
I&E	13,6%	14,3%	14,1%	15,2%
CAC M&S NR (1)	12,8%	13,0%	13,4%	15,9%
TE	65,4%	51,7%	188,5%	7,7%
IR	-0,15	0,01	0,02	0,58
		TF : tracking	a error : IR : in	formation ratio

# I CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE - X(C)

	I&E	CAC M&S NR (1)	CAC 40 NR
2018	-30,2%	-20,2%	-8,9%
3 months	-20,8%	-18,7%	-13,7%
6 months	-27,1%	-19,7%	-10,8%
1 year	-30,2%	-20,2%	-8,9%
3 years	11,9%	10,0%	9,6%
5 years	76,5%	53,4%	23,6%
7 years	263,5%	120,1%	77,7%
10 years	399,8%	239,2%	93,5%
20 years	1119,1%	292,5%	97,5%



0%



# I EVOLUTION OF THE FUND'S NAV OVER 10 YEARS - X(C)

A(C) € 418,37 X(C) € 420,52

31/12/2018

€m 229,7

-4,70%

-7,94%

92,1%

35

47%



# I FUND FINANCIAL RATIOS

	(2)	P/B	P/	'CF	P	ER	Yield
	level	spread	level	spread	level	spread	level
I&E median	1,3	-33%	5,3	-42%	9,4	-46%	3,6%
I&E mean	1,4	-27%	5,7	-37%	9,1	-48%	3,4%
I&E asset weighted	1,3	-30%	5,6	-39%	9,3	-47%	3,5%
Cac M&S NR index	1,9		9,1		17,6		2,2%
				Source: Stanw	ahr, Idmidcap	s for Cac Mid &	Small NR index

Performance net of fees: dividends are accrued

(1): The benchmark of the fund is the CAC Mid & Small NR index since 12/31/2016. The CAC Small NR was the benchark of the fund since 12/31/2004. Previously, the benchmark of the fund was the SBF Second Marché index. For time periods before 12/31/2016, the performances of the fund's benchmark presented in this document are the results of the geometrical linking between the 2 indexes for their respective time-periods.

(2): P/B= Price to book ratio; C/CF = Price to Cash Flow; PER = Price earning ratio; Yield= Stock return / portfolio

# INDEPENDANCE ET EXPANSION SICAV

Share class X(C) - LU0104337620

Share class A(C) - LU0131510165

#### **I SECTOR BREAKDOWN** Automotive supplier 13,1% 10,6% Corporate services Chemicals 9.8% Financial 8.6% 7.4% Electric power industry 7.4% Technology 6,7% Temporary work 5,7% Transport Real estate 5,6% Miscellaneous 5,4% Environmental services 3.5% Steel industry 2 9% Agri-Food 2.3% Plastics manufacturing 1,8% Speciallized wholesale 1,4% 0,0% . Capital goods 100% Total Source for sectors classification: Stanwahi





#### DLSI Belier Plastivaloire 196 Seche 207 Linedata 216 Delta Plus 230 CNIM 234 Viel 287 Tinexta 291 Tessi 325 Aubay 347 Guillin 358 Jacquet 368 SII Akwel Manutan 479 LNC 557 Alhioma 572 Synergie Groupe Crit Derichebourg Electricité de Strasbourg 700 Argan 719 776 Savencia Stef Trigano 1559 LDC 1838 Aperam 2054 Covivio Hotels Plastic Omnium ALD 4203 Faurecia 4563 Arkema 5733 Scor

I STOCKS MARKET CAPITALIZATION

# I MAIN VARIATIONS OVER THE MONTH

Stocks	Perf.	Commentary
Outperformance vs. the benchmark		
LDC	17,2%	Defensive stock
Albioma	12,8%	Acquisition of minority stake by Impala Group
Guillin	12,3%	Acquisition of Thiolat and decline in raw mat.prices
Manutan	5,7%	Stong FY results
Derichebourg	5,5%	
Plastivaloire	3,9%	Reassuring FY results
Underperformance vs. the benchma	ırk	
Aubay	-12,0%	Lower margins anticipated
CNIM	-12,6%	-
Trigano	-13,5%	-
Plastic Omnium	-14,0%	-
Delta Plus	-14,1%	Slowdown in China
Covestro	-15.1%	Seen as cyclical

16%

20%

### I RISK / RETURN PROFILE I

This indicator represents the annual historical volatility of the Fund over a 5-year period. In the absence of sufficient historical data, the risk indicator incorporates data simulated from a benchmark portfolio. Risk category 5 reflects a high potential gain and/or loss in the portfolio's value. This is achieved through investments in equities in small- or medium-sized companies on the European market. Historical data such as that used to calculate the synthetic indicator cannot be considered as a reliable indication of the Fund's future risk profile

The risk category associated with the Fund is not guaranteed and may change over time. The lowest risk category does not mean "risk free". Your initial investment is not guaranteed.

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# I SUBSCRIPTIONS / REDEMPTIONS I

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Subscription: every Wednesday of each month (or next business day)

Redemption: every Wednesday of each month (or next business day)

Caceis Bank Luxembourg Tel: 00 352 47 67 23 33 Fax: 00 352 47 67 70 59

### I MAIN CHARACTERISTICS I

Valuation: every Wednesday of each month (or next business day)

Management fees: 1,95% / year inclusive of taxes

Performance fees: 10%

Subscription and Redemption fees: 0%

# I FUND'S THIRD PARTIES I

Depositary bank: Caceis Bank Luxembourg Fund administrator: Caceis Bank Luxembourg

Statutory auditor: Deloitte SA

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