



# INDEPENDANCE ET EXPANSION France Small

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## ASSET CLASS

- ✓ French Equities
- ✓ Small & Mid Cap

## INVESTMENT STYLE

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

## BENCHMARK

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

## OBJECTIVE AND INVESTMENT POLICY

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.

## COMMENTS

The market seems to anticipate a recession in 2019, all the companies seen as cyclical fall sharply.

Except for Akwel, results are close to forecasts.

Valuations are low. The PE of the fund is under 10.

## KEY MONTHLY FIGURES

31/10/2018

NAV	A(C) € 465,64	X(C) € 468,01
Fund assets	€m 270,4	

### Net monthly performance

Indépendance et Expansion X(C)	-11,80%
CAC Mid & Small NR	-7,90%

### Portfolio snapshot

Investment ratio	92,1%
Number of stocks in portfolio	34
Top 10 holdings weighting	49%

## ANNUALIZED STATISTICS - X(C)

### Performance / risk ratios

	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
<b>Performance</b>				
I&E	-23,0%	9,8%	15,5%	17,2%
CAC M&S NR <sup>(1)</sup>	-9,4%	9,3%	12,5%	12,9%
<b>Volatility</b>				
I&E	13,4%	13,6%	13,6%	15,3%
CAC M&S NR <sup>(1)</sup>	10,6%	11,8%	12,6%	15,9%
TE	65,9%	51,4%	195,4%	18,5%
IR	-0,21	0,01	0,02	0,23

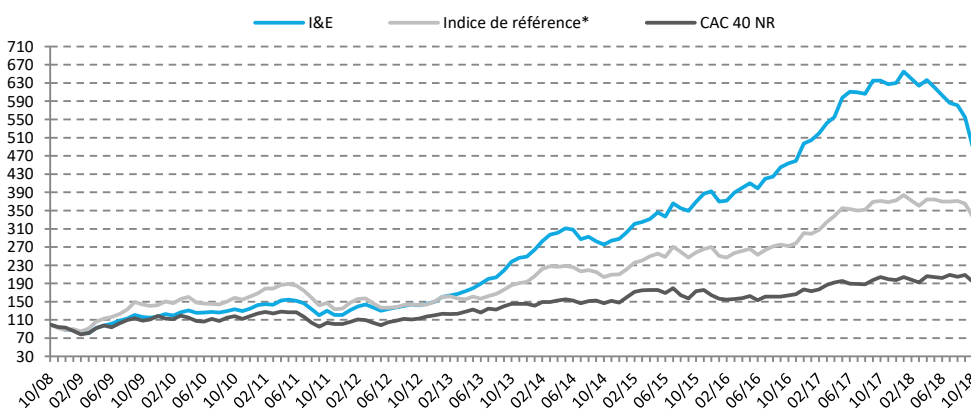
TE : tracking error ; IR : information ratio

## CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE - X(C)

### Trailing performance

	I&E	CAC M&S NR <sup>(1)</sup>	CAC 40 NR
2018	-22,4%	-9,7%	-2,1%
3 months	-16,6%	-9,0%	-7,5%
6 months	-23,2%	-10,1%	-6,2%
1 year	-23,0%	-9,4%	-5,3%
3 years	32,4%	30,4%	11,7%
5 years	105,5%	80,4%	33,2%
7 years	276,5%	128,2%	86,8%
10 years	388,9%	236,4%	93,3%
20 years	1169,3%	357,5%	137,5%

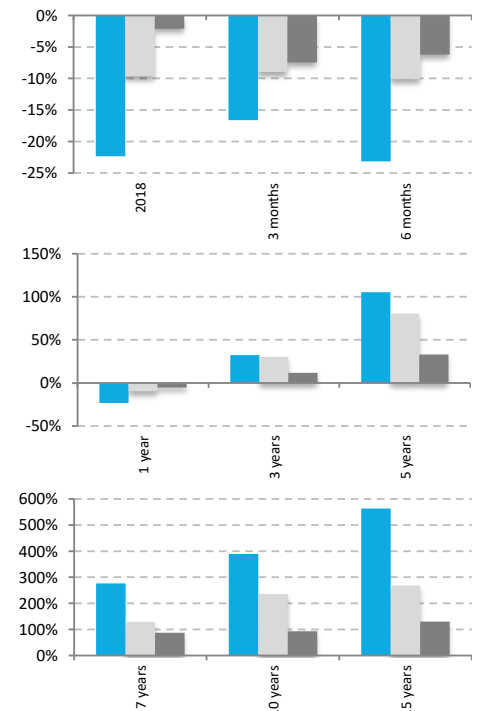
## EVOLUTION OF THE FUND'S NAV OVER 10 YEARS - X(C)



## FUND FINANCIAL RATIOS

	<sup>(2)</sup> P/B		P/CF		PER		Yield
	level	spread	level	spread	level	spread	level
I&E median	1,4	-37%	5,5	-47%	8,8	-54%	3,2%
I&E mean	1,5	-30%	6,3	-39%	9,3	-51%	3,2%
I&E asset weighted	1,5	-32%	6,5	-37%	9,7	-49%	3,4%
Cac M&S NR index	2,2		10,3		19,2		1,9%

Source: Stanwahr, Idmidcaps 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 benchmark 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

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Share class X(C) - LU0104337620

Share class A(C) - LU0131510165

## SECTOR BREAKDOWN

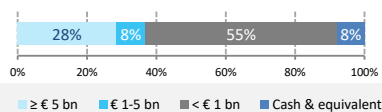
Sectors	Weights
Automotive supplier	13,7%
Technology	12,1%
Corporate services	10,9%
Financial	10,5%
Chemicals	10,3%
Temporary work	7,5%
Electric power industry	5,4%
Miscellaneous	5,3%
Real estate	4,8%
Agri-Food	4,0%
Steel industry	3,2%
Environmental services	1,7%
Plastics manufacturing	1,6%
Specialized wholesale	1,0%
Capital goods	0,0%
Transport	0,0%
Cash	7,9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source for sectors classification: Stanwahr

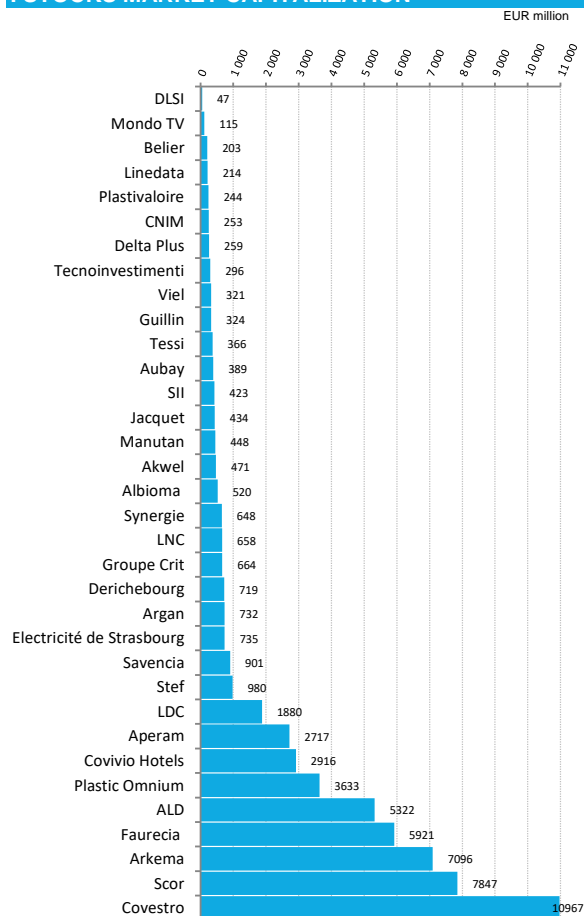
## TOP HOLDINGS

Stocks	Weights
SCOR SE ACT PROV REGROUP	8%
ALD SA	7%
ARKEMA SA	6%
SII	5%
STEF-TFE SA	4%
AKWELSA	4%
COVESTRO AG	4%
LE BELIER	3%
GROUPE CRIT	3%
APERAM REG	3%

## MARKET CAP BREAKDOWN



## STOCKS MARKET CAPITALIZATION



## MAIN VARIATIONS OVER THE MONTH

Stocks	Perf.	Commentary
Outperformance vs. the benchmark		
Scor	2,17%	Probability of a takeover
Savencia	-1,22%	Bad H1
LDC	-2,20%	
Tecnoinvestimenti	-2,31%	Good acquisition in Luxembourg
Akwel	-2,97%	OEMs under pressure
Argan	-3,87%	Defensive
Covivio Hotels	-4,63%	Defensive
Underperformance vs. the benchmark		
Linedata	-20,35%	
Aubay	-23,78%	The market anticipates lower margins
Aperam	-24,26%	Bad Q4 performance vs Q3
Plastic Omnium	-25,73%	OEMs under pressure
Delta Plus	-31,75%	Slowdown in China
Guillin	-31,75%	Bad results for 2018, as anticipated

## RISK / RETURN PROFILE



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.

## MAIN CHARACTERISTICS

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%

## CONTACT

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## SUBSCRIPTIONS / REDEMPTIONS

Subscription: every Wednesday of each month (or next business day)  
 Redemption: every Wednesday of each month (or next business day)  
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## FUND'S THIRD PARTIES

Depositary bank: Caceis Bank Luxembourg  
 Fund administrator: Caceis Bank Luxembourg  
 Statutory auditor: Deloitte SA

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