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#### Investment objective

The Sub-Fund's objective is to outperform Pan-European equity markets over the recommended investment period (5 years). The STOXX EUROPE 600 Net Return EUR reference indicator, calculated with dividends reinvested, is provided for a posteriori comparison purposes. Investors' attention is drawn to the fact that the management style is discretionary and integrates environmental, social / societal and governance (ESG) criteria.

To achieve its investment objective, the investment strategy is based on active discretionary management.

#### **Financial characteristics**

## Performance (from 31/10/2014 to 31/10/2024)



The performances are calculated net of any fees by DNCA FINANCE.

#### Annualised performances and volatilities (%)

|                                       |                         |          |              |        |         | 1 year | 2 years | 5 years | 10 years | Since<br>inception |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|--------------|--------|---------|--------|---------|---------|----------|--------------------|
| B Share                               |                         |          |              |        |         | +10.82 | +4.01   | +5.48   | +7.41    | +8.58              |
| Reference Index                       |                         |          |              |        |         | +19.66 | +13.68  | +7.53   | +6.89    | +7.97              |
| B Share - volatility                  |                         |          |              |        |         | 12.80  | 13.58   | 17.75   | 16.00    | 15.38              |
| Reference Index - volatility          |                         |          |              |        |         | 10.31  | 11.48   | 17.51   | 16.42    | 15.85              |
| Cumulative performa                   | nces (%)                |          |              |        |         |        |         |         |          |                    |
|                                       |                         |          |              |        | 1 month | YTD    | 1 year  | 2 years | 5 years  | 10 years           |
| B Share                               |                         |          |              |        | -4.05   | -1.47  | +10.82  | +8.18   | +30.63   | +104.59            |
| Reference Index                       |                         |          |              |        | -3.26   | +8.07  | +19.66  | +29.27  | +43.79   | +94.74             |
| Calendar year perform                 | mances (%)              |          |              |        |         |        |         |         |          |                    |
|                                       | 2023                    | 2022     | 2021         | 2020   | 2019    | 2018   | 2017    | 2016    | 2015     | 2014               |
| B Share                               | +10.04                  | -26.49   | +37.55       | +11.87 | +30.70  | -12.11 | +12.93  | -1.61   | +23.36   | +11.70             |
| Reference Index                       | +15.81                  | -10.64   | +24.91       | -1.99  | +26.82  | -10.77 | +10.58  | +1.73   | +9.60    | +7.20              |
| <b>Risk indicator</b>                 |                         |          |              |        |         |        | 1 year  | 3 years | 5 years  | 10 years           |
|                                       | $\overline{)}$          | Sharpe I | Ratio        |        |         |        | 0.85    | -0.36   | 0.31     | 0.46               |
| (1) - (2) - (3) - (4) - (9)           | $5 + 6 + 7 \rightarrow$ | Tracking | g error      |        |         |        | 5.99%   | 8.41%   | 9.66%    | 8.17%              |
| Lower risk                            | Higher risk             | Correlat | ion coeffici | ent    |         |        | 0.89    | 0.87    | 0.85     | 0.87               |
| Synthetic risk indicator according to |                         | Informat | tion Ratio   |        |         |        | -1.47   | -1.30   | -0.21    | 0.06               |
| corresponds to the lowest level and   |                         | Beta     |              |        |         |        | 1.10    | 1.04    | 0.86     | 0.85               |

corresponds to the lowest level and 7 to the highest level.

Main risks: risk relating to discretionary management, equity risk, liquidity risk, risk of capital loss, interest-rate risk, risk related to exchange rate, risk of investing in derivative instruments as well as instruments embedding derivatives, credit risk, specific Risks linked to Convertible, Exchangeable and Mandatory Convertible Bonds, counterparty risk, ESG risk, sustainability risk





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### Main positions\*

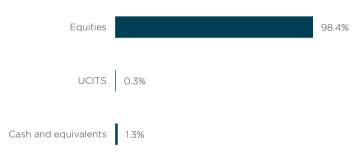
| Weight                 |
|------------------------|
| 7.58%                  |
| 5.47%                  |
| 5.28%                  |
| 5.05%                  |
| 4.88%                  |
| 4.78%                  |
| 4.32%                  |
| 3.81%                  |
| 3.81%                  |
| 3.49%<br><b>48.48%</b> |
|                        |

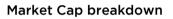
## Monthly performance contributions

Past performance is not a guarantee of future performance

| Best  | Weight          | Contribution           |
|---|-----------------|------------------------|
| ID LOGISTICS GROUP                          | 3.81%           | +0.27%                 |
| GAZTRANSPORT ET TECHNIGA SA                 | 4.88%           | +0.23%                 |
| MTU AERO ENGINES AG                         | 3.49%           | +0.21%                 |
| DSV A/S                                     | 2.80%           | +0.16%                 |
| THULE GROUP AB/THE                          | 0.86%           | +0.10%                 |
|   |                 |                        |
| Worst                                       | Weight          | Contribution           |
| Worst<br>ASML HOLDING NV                    | Weight<br>2.54% | Contribution<br>-0.72% |
|   |                 |                        |
| ASML HOLDING NV                             | 2.54%           | -0.72%                 |
| ASML HOLDING NV<br>STRAUMANN HOLDING AG-REG | 2.54%<br>2.41%  | -0.72%<br>-0.47%       |

### Asset class breakdown







### Sector breakdown (ICB)

|                                 |   | Fund  | Index |
|---------------------------------|---|-------|-------|
| Health Care                     |   | 30.9% | 15.8% |
| Industrial Goods and Services   |   | 20.3% | 14.2% |
| Chemicals                       |   | 10.1% | 2.6%  |
| Consumer Products and Services  |   | 8.6%  | 5.8%  |
| Technology                      |   | 8.2%  | 7.5%  |
| Travel and Leisure              |   | 5.5%  | 0.9%  |
| Energy                          |   | 4.9%  | 5.5%  |
| Construction and Materials      |   | 4.4%  | 3.5%  |
| Media                           |   | 2.3%  | 2.0%  |
| Automobiles and Parts           |   | 1.5%  | 2.0%  |
| Food, Beverage and Tobacco      | 1 | 1.2%  | 6.1%  |
| Real Estate                     |   | 0.7%  | 1.4%  |
| Financial Services              |   | -     | 4.3%  |
| Banks                           |   | -     | 9.8%  |
| Basic Resources                 |   | -     | 2.2%  |
| Retail                          |   | -     | 1.2%  |
| Telecommunications              |   | -     | 2.8%  |
| Personal Care, Drug and Grocery |   | -     | 2.9%  |
| Insurance                       |   | -     | 5.7%  |
| Utilities                       |   | -     | 4.0%  |
| UCITS                           |   | 0.3%  | N/A   |
| Cash and equivalents            | 1 | 1.3%  | N/A   |
|                                 |   |       |       |

## Changes to portfolio holdings\*

In: EXPERIAN PLC (5) and FERRARI NV (4.9) Out: EDENRED (5.4) and GERRESHEIMER AG (4.6)

#### Country breakdown

| -                    |    | Fund  | Index |
|----------------------|----|-------|-------|
| France               |    | 35.9% | 16.3% |
| Germany              |    | 11.5% | 13.1% |
| Denmark              |    | 10.4% | 5.1%  |
| United Kingdom       |    | 9.5%  | 22.4% |
| Switzerland          |    | 9.5%  | 15.0% |
| Ireland              |    | 7.3%  | 0.5%  |
| Italy                |    | 6.9%  | 4.5%  |
| Netherlands          |    | 4.4%  | 7.7%  |
| Sweden               |    | 3.1%  | 5.4%  |
| UCITS                |    | 0.3%  | N/A   |
| Cash and equivalents | I. | 1.3%  | N/A   |

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#### Portfolio managers comments

In October, US 10-year yields rose sharply by 50 bps, and the dollar strengthened quite significantly. This situation can be explained by rather solid macroeconomic data in the USA and the anticipation of the Trump Trade. Indeed, even if the pollsters are predicting a very close result, the markets seem to be betting on a victory for the Republican candidate, whose economic policy would then probably be once again protectionist, fiscally loose and therefore, logically, inflationary. In China, after a month of monetary support announcements in September, October was very quiet. It is possible, however, that additional measures (particularly with regard to the property market) will be unveiled following the US elections.

The results season for the 3rdème quarter reflects the current macro-economic challenges fairly well. Indeed, B-to-C sectors are suffering severely from consumer caution, particularly luxury goods (LVMH, Moncler) and cosmetics (L'Oréal). The only exception in this gloomy landscape is Interparfums, which continues to post strong growth (+20%) thanks to the successful relaunch of its new Lacoste licence.

The Semi-Capex sector was severely tested following ASML's 2025 earnings warning. The Dutch group's major customers (Samsung, Intel, Micron) are cancelling or postponing certain orders, as the underlying market is not recovering as expected. Despite the very real dynamism of the HBM memory market linked to the emergence of AI applications, the other segments (e.g. smartphones, cars) are still showing poor trends. Visibility over 2025 has deteriorated sharply since the summer, so we have reduced our exposure to this sector.

The Medtech sector is clearly not in the market's favour. Biomérieux and Straumann have reported organic growth of close to 11%, yet their share prices are not reacting favourably. This is because the market is focusing solely on the negative aspects (a sluggish US market for Straumann, and limited placement of Biofire instruments in Q3 for Biomérieux), and overlooking the many successes. On the other hand, we fully understand the disappointment over Amplifon, which is once again lowering its margin target due to Europe's continuing disappointing performance and a more dilutive M&A policy than expected. We have reduced our exposure to this company. On the other hand, for once, Sartorius Stedim Biotech has been reassuring about recent trends in orders for consumables. Similarly, Lonza's business activity still looks good.

Other satisfied customers include aerospace engine manufacturers, and in particular MTU, which has raised its annual earnings target. Similarly, SAP has also raised its annual targets. The German group is pursuing its cloud transition and its artificial intelligence strategy with as impressive success as ever. Organic growth now stands at 10%.

GTT, one of our main favourites, is now targeting the upper end of its initial annual sales and earnings targets. In fact, the order book continues to grow relentlessly (350 units compared with 311 at the end of 23), and there are no construction delays at their partner shipyards in Korea and China. Visibility for the next two years is excellent for the Group's core businesses (i.e. excluding Elogen).

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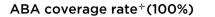
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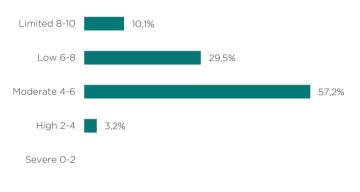
#### Internal extra-financial analysis



0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

Average Responsibility Score: 5.8/10

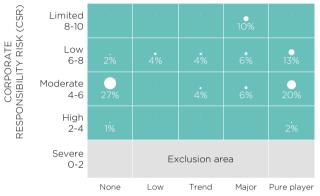
#### Responsibility risk breakdown<sup>(1)</sup>



#### Selectivity universe exclusion rate

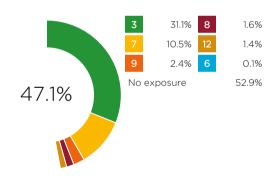


#### Transition/CSR exposure<sup>(2)</sup>

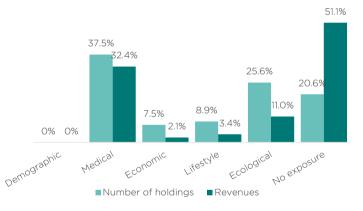


None Low Irend Major Pure player SUSTAINABLE TRANSITION EXPOSURE (% Revenue)

#### SDG's exposure<sup>(3)</sup> (% of revenues)



#### Sustainable transitions exposure<sup>(4)</sup>



#### Analysis methodology

We develop proprietary models based on our expertise and conviction to add tangible value in the selection of portfolio securities. DNCA's ESG analysis model, Above & Beyond Analysis (ABA), respects this principle and offers a rating that we control the entire construction. Information from companies is the main input to our rating. The methodologies for calculating ESG indicators and our responsible investor and engagement policy are available on our website <u>by clicking here</u>.

<sup>(1)</sup> The rating out of 10 integrates 4 risks of responsibility: shareholder, environmental, social and societal. Whatever their sector of activity, 24 indicators are evaluated, such as social climate, accounting risks, suppliers, business ethics, energy policy, quality of management.

<sup>(2)</sup> The ABA Matrix combines the Responsibility Risk and the Sustainable Transition exposure of the portfolio. It allows us to It allows companies to be mapped using a risk/opportunity approach.

<sup>(3)</sup> 1 No poverty. 2 Zero hunger. 3 Good health and well-being. 4 Quality education. 5 Gender equality. 5 Clean water and sanitation.
<sup>7</sup> Clean and affordable energy. 6 Decent work and economic growth. 9 Industry, innovation and infrastructure. 10 Reduced inequalities.
<sup>10</sup> Sustainable cities and communities. 2 Sustainable consumption and production. 13 Tackling climate change. 4 Aquatic life. 16 Peace, justice and effective institutions. 17 Partnerships to achieve the goals.

<sup>(4)</sup> 5 transitions based on a long-term perspective of the financing of the economy allow the identification of activities with a positive contribution to sustainable development and to measure the exposure of companies in terms of turnover as well as exposure to the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

<sup>\*</sup>The coverage rate measures the proportion of issuers (equities and corporate bonds) taken into account in the calculation of the extra-financial indicators. This measure is calculated as a % of the net assets adjusted for cash, money market instruments, derivatives and any vehicle outside the scope of "listed equities and corporate bonds".



#### **Principal Adverse Impacts**

| PAI  | Unit                                    | Fund     |         | Ref. Index |       |
|--|---|----------|---------|------------|-------|
|  |   | Coverage | Value   | Coverage   | Value |
| PAI Corpo 1_1 - Tier 1 GHG emissions   | T CO <sub>2</sub>                       | 95%      | 9,298   |            |       |
| PAI Corpo 1_2 - Tier 2 GHG emissions   | T CO <sub>2</sub>                       | 95%      | 11,133  |            |       |
| PAI Corpo 1_3 - Tier 3 GHG emissions   | T CO <sub>2</sub>                       | 95%      | 190,662 |            |       |
| PAI Corpo 1T - Total GHG emissions   | T CO <sub>2</sub>                       | 97%      | 211,093 |            |       |
| PAI Corpo 1T_SC12 - Total GHG emissions (Scope 1+2)  | T CO <sub>2</sub>                       | 97%      | 20,431  |            |       |
| PAI Corpo 2 - Carbon footprint   | T CO <sub>2</sub> /EUR million invested | 95%      | 234     | 100%       | 544   |
| PAI Corpo 3 - GHG intensity  | T CO <sub>2</sub> /EUR million sales    | 97%      | 785     | 100%       | 863   |
| PAI Corpo 4 - Share of investments in companies active in the fossil fuel sector                         |   | 95%      | 0%      | 100%       | 0%    |
| PAI Corpo 5_1 - Share of non-renewable energy<br>consumption   |   | 95%      | 61.9%   | 99%        | 59.4% |
| PAI Corpo 5_2 - Share of non-renewable energy<br>production  |   | 5%       | 64.7%   | 6%         | 63.1% |
| PAI Corpo 6 - Energy consumption intensity by sector with high climate impact                            | GWh/EUR million sales                   | 95%      | 0.4     | 100%       | 0.4   |
| PAI Corpo 7 - Activities with a negative impact on biodiversity-sensitive areas                          |   | 95%      | O.1%    | 100%       | 0.2%  |
| PAI Corpo 8 - Water discharges   | T Water Emissions                       | 2%       | 0       | 1%         | 0     |
| PAI Corpo 9 - Hazardous or radioactive waste ratio   | T Hazardous Waste                       | 95%      | 0.2     | 99%        | 7.7   |
| PAI Corpo 10 - Violations of UNGC and OECD principles  |   | 97%      | 0%      | 100%       | 0%    |
| PAI Corpo 11 - Lack of UNGC and OECD compliance processes and mechanisms                                 |   | 95%      | 0%      | 100%       | 0.0%  |
| PAI Corpo 12 - Unadjusted gender pay gap   |   | 60%      | 11.6%   | 72%        | 11.8% |
| PAI Corpo 13 - Gender diversity in governance bodies   |   | 97%      | 42.6%   | 100%       | 42.1% |
| PAI Corpo 14 - Exposure to controversial weapons   |   | 98%      | 0%      | 100%       | 0%    |
| PAI Corpo OPT_1 - Water use  | m <sup>3</sup> /EUR mln sales           | 72%      | 435     | 70%        | 703   |
| PAI Corpo OPT_2 - Water recycling  |   | 3%       | 0.0%    | 5%         | O.1%  |
| PAI Corpo OPT_3 - Investments in companies with no policy for preventing accidents at work Source : MSCI |   | 95%      | 0.0%    | 100%       | 0.0%  |

Source : MSCI

It should be noted that DNCA Finance changed its non-financial data provider in October 2023 from monitoring negative externalities by the Scope Rating provider to monitoring performance indicators (PAI) by the MSCI provider.

This change of supplier and indicator typology prevents DNCA Finance from producing a 3-year ESG performance comparison. DNCA Finance Committed to produce this historical data from the data available in December 2023.

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#### Administrative information

Name: DNCA INVEST Sri Europe Growth ISIN code (Share B): LU0870553459 SFDR classification: Art.8 Inception date: 28/12/2012 Investment horizon: Minimum 5 years Currency: Euro Country of domicile: Luxembourg Legal form: SICAV Reference Index: STOXX Europe 600 EUR NR Valuation frequency: Daily

Management company: DNCA Finance

Portfolio Managers: Carl AUFERET CEA Alexandre STEENMAN

Minimum investment: None Subscription fees: 2% max Redemption fees: -Management fees: 2.40% Ongoing charges as of 31/12/2023: 2.53% Performance fees: 20% of the positive performance net of any fees above the index: STOXX Europe 600 EUR NR

Custodian: BNP Paribas - Luxembourg Branch Settlement: T+2 Cut off: 12:00 Luxembourg time

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If the portfolio investment process can incorporate ESG approach, the portfolio's investment objective is not primarily to mitigate this risk. The sustainability risk management policy is available on the website of the Management Company.

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#### Glossary

Beta. Measures the average extent to which a fund moves relative to the broader market. The beta of a market is 1. A fund with a beta of more than 1 moves on average to a greater extent than the market. A fund with a beta of less than 1 moves on average to a lesser extent. If beta is a minus number, it is likely that the stock and the market move in opposite directions

Correlation coefficient. The correlation coefficient is a measure of correlation. It is used to determine the relationship between two assets over a given period. A positive coefficient means that the two assets move in the same direction. Conversely, a negative coefficient means that the assets move in the opposite direction. The correlation or decorrelation can Dividend yield. Annual dividends per share / Price per share EV (Enterprise Value). Market value of common stock + market value of preferred equity + market value of debt + minority interest - cash and investments.

ND/EBITDA (Net Debt / EBITDA). A measurement of leverage, calculated as a company's interest-bearing liabilities minus cash or cash equivalents, divided by its EBITDA. The net debt to EBITDA ratio is a debt ratio that shows how many years it would take for a company to pay back its debt if net debt and EBITDA are held constant.

P/B. The Price to Book Ratio is the ratio of the market value of equity (market capitalisation) to its book value. It is used to compare the market valuation of a company with its book value.

P/CF (Share price/Cash Flow per Share). The price-to-cash-flow ratio is an indicator of a stock's valuation.

PER (Price Earnings Ratio). A company's share price divided by the amount of profits it makes for each share in a 12-month period. PE ratios are normally calculated on the base of all the profit made in the period, whether or not the profit is paid out to shareholders in that period.

ROE (Return On Equity). The amount of net income returned as a percentage of shareholders equity. Return on equity measures a corporation's profitability by revealing how much profit a company generates with the money shareholders have invested. Sharpe Ratio. A way of measuring the historical risk-adjusted return on an investment. It is the average previous return minus the risk-free return, divided by the standard deviation (a measure of risk that looks at the diversion of actual returns from expected returns).

Sharpe Ratio. The Sharpe ratio measures the excess return over the risk-free money rate of an asset portfolio divided by the standard deviation of that return. It is therefore a measure of the marginal return per unit of risk. It is used to measure the performance of managers with different risk policies.

Tracking error. Tracking Error is a measure of how closely an investment portfolio follows the index against which it is benchmarked. It is the difference in the return earned by a portfolio and the return earned by the benchmark against which the portfolio is constructed. For example, if a bond portfolio earns a return of 5.15% during a period when the portfolio's benchmark (say, for example, the Lehman Brothers Index) produces a return of 5.06%, the tracking error is .09%, or 9 basis points.



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