



# PROSPECTUS

# **Candriam Risk Arbitrage**

07 October 2024

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# I. GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

# Name: Candriam Risk Arbitrage

Legal form of the UCITS: Fonds Commun de Placement (FCP) under French law.

Creation date and anticipated term: Formed on 29/03/1996 for a term of 99 years. The management company was changed from Candriam France to Candriam on 1 July 2022.

| Unit | ISIN code    | Allocation<br>of         | Currency |             | amount of<br>ription | Original<br>net asset | Type of   | Foreign<br>exchange |
|------|--------------|--------------------------|----------|-------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---|---------------------|
| Onit |              | distributable<br>amounts | Gurrency | initial (*) | subscriptions        | value                 | subscriber  | risk hedging        |
| С    | FR0000438707 | Capitalisation           | EUR      | None        | None                 | EUR<br>15,244.90      | All subscribers   | Cf. risk<br>profile |
| N    | FR0010988055 | Capitalisation           | EUR      | None        | None                 | EUR<br>1,000.00       | Distributors<br>approved by<br>Candriam   | Cf. risk<br>profile |
| U    | FR0013251766 | Capitalisation           | EUR      | None        | None                 | 150.00<br>EUR         | Life assurance<br>products<br>marketed in Italy   | Cf. risk<br>profile |
| R    | FR0013312345 | Capitalisation           | EUR      | None        | None                 | EUR<br>150.00         | Financial<br>intermediaries<br>(including<br>distributors and<br>platforms)<br>which:<br>(i) have different<br>arrangements<br>with their clients<br>for the provision<br>of investment<br>services in<br>connection with<br>the fund, and<br>(ii) as a result of<br>their applicable<br>laws and<br>regulations, are<br>not entitled to<br>receive duties,<br>fees and other<br>monetary<br>benefits from the<br>Management<br>Company in<br>connection with<br>the provision of<br>the above-<br>mentioned<br>investment<br>services. | Cf. risk<br>profile |



| Unit        | ISIN code    | Allocation<br>of distributable | Currency | Minimum a<br>subscr                          |               | Original<br>net asset | Type of  | Foreign<br>exchange                           |
|-------------|--------------|--------------------------------|----------|--|---------------|-----------------------|--|---|
|             |              | amounts                        |          | initial (*)                                  | subscriptions | value                 | subscriber   | risk hedging                                  |
| R2          | FR0013251782 | Capitalisation                 | EUR      | None   | None          | 150.00<br>EUR         | Management<br>mandates<br>between a client<br>and Belfius<br>Banque in which<br>financial<br>management is<br>delegated to<br>Candriam and for<br>which Belfius<br>Banque does not<br>receive any form<br>of remuneration<br>from a Candriam<br>Group entity | Cf. risk profile                              |
| RS          | FR0013480332 | Capitalisation                 | EUR      | EUR<br>50,000,000.00                         | None          | EUR<br>1500.00        | Distributors and<br>intermediaries<br>appointed by the<br>Management<br>Company who<br>will not receive<br>any<br>compensation<br>from the<br>Management<br>Company  | Cf. risk profile                              |
| z           | FR0013251790 | Capitalisation                 | EUR      | None   | None          | EUR<br>1,500.00       | UCIs approved<br>by the<br>Management<br>Company and<br>managed by a<br>Candriam Group<br>entity.  | Cf. risk profile                              |
| ο           | FR0013334554 | Capitalisation                 | EUR      | None   | None          | 1,500.00<br>EUR       | Feeder funds<br>managed by OFI<br>Asset<br>Management  | Cf. risk profile                              |
| I           | FR0013353570 | Capitalisation                 | EUR      | EUR 250,000.00                               | None          | 1,500.00<br>EUR       | All subscribers  | Cf. risk profile                              |
| 12          | FR0013353786 | Capitalisation                 | EUR      | EUR 250,000.00                               | None          | 1,500.00<br>EUR       | All subscribers  | Cf. risk profile                              |
| l in<br>USD | FR0013446366 | Capitalisation                 | USD      | EUR<br>250,000.00 or<br>equivalent in<br>USD | None          | 1,500.00<br>USD       | All subscribers  | Full and<br>systematic<br>against the<br>euro |
| VB          | FR001400S813 | Capitalisation                 | EUR      | None   | None          | 1,500.00<br>EUR       | UCIs governed<br>by Belgian law<br>approved by the<br>Management<br>Company.   | Cf. risk profile                              |

(\*)The minimum initial subscription amount will not apply to the Management Company, to Candriam Group entities, and to funds managed by Group entities.

Place where the latest annual and interim reports can be obtained

The latest annual and interim reports will be sent to the unitholder within one week of a request to:

# CANDRIAM

SERENITY – Bloc B 19-21 route d'Arlon L-8009 Strassen (Grand Duchy of Luxembourg)

# Candriam – Succursale Française

40, rue Washington 75408 Paris Cedex 08 Tel: 01.53.93.40.00 www.candriam.com contact: https://www.candriam.fr/contact/

For further clarification, please contact the management company at the address shown above.

# Place where latest voting policy can be obtained

The "voting policy" document and the report on the conditions under which the voting rights were exercised can be consulted at the registered office of the management company or sent out to any holder who so requests from:

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In order to meet regulatory requirements, the Management Company may, over and above the legal publications, communicate the fund's portfolio composition to certain professional investors

In accordance with the provisions of the French law on the protection of persons with regard to the processing of personal data, and all applicable local laws and regulations, in each case, as amended, revised or replaced (including by operation of EU Regulation 2016/679, "GDPR"), the Management Company collects, stores and processes, by electronic or other means, the personal data of investors for the purpose of providing the services requested by the investors and complying with its legal and regulatory obligations. The personal data processed by the Management Company includes, in particular, the name, contact details (including postal or email address), the tax identification number (TIN), banking details, invested amount and holdings in the fund ("Personal Data"). The investor may at his/her discretion refuse to communicate Personal Data to the Management Company. In this case, however, the Management Company may reject a subscription application for units. Investors are entitled: (i) to consult their Personal Data (including, in certain cases, in a format in widespread use which is machine readable); (ii) to have their Personal Data corrected (if it is incorrect or incomplete); (iii) to have their Personal Data deleted if the Management Company or the fund no longer has a legitimate reason to process it; (iv) to impose a limit on the processing of their Personal Data; (v) to prevent their Personal Data being processed by the Management Company under certain circumstances; and (vi) to file a complaint with the relevant regulator by writing to the Management Company at the address of its registered office. Personal Data is processed, in particular, for the following purposes: processing subscriptions, redemptions and conversions of units and payments of dividends to investors; account administration; client relationship management; performing controls on excessive trading and market timing practices; tax identification as may be required under French or foreign laws and regulations (including laws and regulations relating to FATCA or CRS. CRS is the Common Reporting Standard, an information standard for the automatic exchange of information regarding bank accounts between tax authorities, developed by the OECD and implemented by Directive 2014/107/EU); and compliance with applicable anti-money laundering rules. Personal Data supplied by investors is also processed for the purpose of maintaining the register of unitholders of the fund. In addition, Personal Data may be processed for prospecting purposes. Investors have the right to object to the use of their Personal Data for prospecting purposes by writing to the fund. The Management Company may ask investors for their consent to collect or process their Personal Data on certain occasions, for example, for the purposes of marketing. The investors can withdraw this consent at any time. The Management Company also processes investors' Personal Data where necessary to fulfil its contract with the investors in question, or when required by law, such as if the fund receives a request from law enforcement or other government officials. The Management Company also processes investors' Personal Data when it is in its legitimate interests to do this and when these interests are not overridden by investors' data protection rights. For example, there is a legitimate interest in ensuring the effective operation of the fund.

Personal Data may be transferred to affiliates and third-party entities supporting the activities of the fund which include, in particular, the Management Company, administrator, depositary, transfer agent and distributors that are located in the European Union. Personal Data may also be transferred to entities which are located in countries outside the European Union and whose data protection laws do not necessarily guarantee an adequate level of protection. When subscribing for units, all investors expressly agree to the transfer and processing of their Personal Data to and by such entities, including those located outside the European Union, and in particular in those countries which do not necessarily guarantee an adequate level of protection. The Management Company or the fund may also transfer Personal Data to third parties such as governmental or regulatory bodies, including tax authorities, in or outside the European Union, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. In particular, such Personal Data may be disclosed to the French tax authorities, which may in turn, acting as the data controller, disclose it to foreign tax authorities. Investors can obtain more detailed information about how the fund ensures that transfers of Personal Data comply with the GDPR by contacting the fund at the registered office of the Management Company. Personal Data will not be retained for a period longer than necessary for the purpose of data processing, subject to applicable legal minimum retention periods.



### Management Company: CANDRIAM

Approved by the CSSF on 1 April 2004 as a UCITS management company under the number S00000626 and registered since 3 July 2014 as an AIFM under the number A00000634 SERENITY – Bloc B 19-21 route d'Arlon L-8009 Strassen (Grand Duchy of Luxembourg)

Financial management is performed directly by CANDRIAM and/or by one or more of its branches, namely:

Candriam – Succursale Française 40, rue Washington 75408 Paris Cedex 08

Candriam – Belgian Branch Avenue des Arts 58 1000 Brussels (Belgium)

# Depositary – custodian:

CACEIS BANK Société Anonyme (Public Limited Company) Registered office: 89-91 rue Gabriel Péri 92120 Montrouge Postal address: 12, Place de Etats-Unis CS 40083 – 92549 Montrouge CEDEX

Principal activity: Bank and investment services provider authorised by CECEI on 1 April 2005.

The duties of the depositary, as defined in the applicable regulations, include the safekeeping of assets, compliance oversight of the Management Company's decisions, and liquidity monitoring of the FCP.

The depositary is independent of the Management Company.

A description of delegated safekeeping functions, the list of delegates and sub-delegates of CACEIS Bank, and information about potential conflicts of interest arising from these delegations are available on the CACEIS website – www.caceis.com

Up-to-date information is available to investors on request.

# Auditors:

PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS Audit Registered office and postal address: 63, rue de Villie

63, rue de Villiers 92200 Neuilly Sur Seine

Signatory:

Amaury Couplez

# **Delegates:**

# Fund administration and accounting:

| CACEIS FUND AUMINISTRATION |                                  |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Registered office:         | 89-91 rue Gabriel Péri           |
|                            | 92120 Montrouge                  |
| Postal address:            | 12, Place de Etats-Unis          |
|                            | CS 40083 – 92549 Montrouge CEDEX |

 The fund's liabilities are managed by:

 CACEIS BANK

 Société Anonyme (Public Limited Company)

 Registered office:
 89-91 rue Gabriel Péri

 92120 Montrouge

 Postal address:
 12, Place de Etats-Unis

 CS 40083 – 92549 Montrouge CEDEX

The Management Company CACEIS Bank is responsible, by delegation of the Management Company, for managing the liabilities of the FCP, including the centralisation and processing of subscription and redemption orders for units of the FCP.

Up-to-date information is available to investors on request.

Marketing agents: CANDRIAM SERENITY – Bloc B 19-21 route d'Arlon L-8009 Strassen (Grand Duchy of Luxembourg)

# and/or by the branches of CANDRIAM.

As the fund is admitted to Euroclear France, its units may be purchased or redeemed from financial intermediaries that are not known to the Management Company.

# Advisers:

None.

# **Conflicts of interest policy:**

The Management Company has and maintains effective organisational and administrative procedures to identify, manage and monitor conflicts of interest.

The Management Company also has a delegate selection and monitoring procedure and a contractual policy designed to prevent all potential conflicts of interest.



# 1. GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

# Rights attached to the units:

Each unitholder has a right of co-ownership of the fund's assets that is proportional to the number of units held.

# Entry in a register or note on liabilities holding arrangements:

The depositary is responsible for liability accounting. Euroclear France is responsible for the administration of the units. CACEIS keeps the register of holders of units in purely registered form.

# Voting rights:

As the units of an AIF do not carry any voting rights, the decisions are made by the Management Company.

Form of the units: Bearer or registered pure

**Decimalisation**:

Yes, each unit is divided into thousandths.

# Closing date:

Last net asset value in December.

# Information on the tax regime:

The fund is not subject to corporate income tax. In accordance with the transparency principle, the tax authorities take the view that the holder is the direct holder of a fraction of the financial instruments and cash sums held by the fund. The tax regime applicable to the sums distributed by the fund or to the unrealised or realised capital gains or losses of the fund depends on the taxation provisions applicable to the investor and/or the fund jurisdiction. Investors are recommended to consult an adviser on this matter.

# 2. SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

# Management objective:

In connection with its totally discretionary management, the fund's objective is to seek to outperform the capitalised €STR index for units denominated in EUR and the capitalised Effective Federal Funds Rate for USD units over the minimum recommended investment period.

# Benchmark index:

The benchmark used does not explicitly take sustainability criteria into account.

The fund is actively managed and the investment approach implies a reference to an index.

| Index name       | Capitalised €STR  |
|------------------|---|
|                  | Capitalised Effective Federal Funds Rate – EFFR or Fed Fund   |
| Index definition | €STR: represents the short term rate in euros that reflects unsecured overnight   |
|                  | borrowing costs in euros for banks in the euro zone.  |
|                  | Effective Federal Funds Rate (Interest Rate) - EFFR: the interest rate at which   |
|                  | depository institutions lend reserve balances (USD amounts held at Federal Reserve  |
|                  | Banks) to each other overnight.   |
| Use of the index | - to compare performance,   |
|                  | <ul> <li>to calculate the outperformance fee for some categories of units</li> </ul>  |
| Index provider   | The €STR index is provided by European Money Markets Institute, which is an entity  |
|                  | registered with ESMA in accordance with Article 34 of Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 of  |
|                  | the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 on indices used as<br>benchmarks in financial instruments and financial contracts or to measure the |
|                  | performance of investment funds and amending Directives 2008/48/EC and  |
|                  | 2014/17/EU and Regulation (EU) No 596/2014.   |
|                  | It is available from https://www.emmi-benchmarks.eu.  |
|                  |   |
|                  | The EFFR index is provided by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (New York  |
|                  | Fed)  |
|                  | It is available from: https://apps.newyorkfed.org/markets/autorates/fed%20funds   |
|                  | The Management Company has adopted robust written plans to cover the cases  |
|                  | where the publication of the benchmark index has been stopped or where major  |
|                  | changes in that benchmark have occurred. The Management Company, based on   |
|                  | these plans, may choose another benchmark, if appropriate. Any such change of   |
|                  | benchmark will be reflected in an updated prospectus. Such plans are available free   |
|                  | of charge, upon request, at the registered office of the Management Company.  |

# • Strategies used:

The fund's management strategy aims to outperform the EONIA for units denominated in EUR and the FED FUND for USD units over the recommended investment period, mainly through the use of arbitrage strategies in so-called "special situations", mostly involving European and North American equities. The fund's risk management approach aims to limit volatility (to less than 5%).

The portfolio is managed based on two focal points:

- Dynamic strategy,
- Portfolio fund management strategy.

The fund is classified according to Article 8 of the SFDR Regulation, which means that the fund promotes, among other characteristics, environmental and/or social characteristics but does not have sustainable investment as its objective. The prospectus must be read in conjunction with the detailed information on the ESG characteristics of this sub-fund as described in the SFDR Annex.

# 1. Dynamic strategy

The investment strategy is an alternative management strategy referred to as "special situations". According to this methodology, the main investment parameter is whether or not any event occurs that is likely to create a discontinuity in the price of a given asset. The fund invests in all geographical areas, focusing on Europe and North America.

The assets considered are mainly equities, convertible bonds and/or derivatives.

Each special situation is analysed so as to identify the investment opportunity offering the optimum risk/return ratio in relation to that special situation in the portfolio, irrespective of the sector.

These special situations consist of any type of event that may create discontinuity in the price of an asset.

The fund is invested mainly in the declared cash or share tender offers segment: the strategy for this segment consists in buying or selling the selected assets of companies involved in a cash or share tender offer transaction in order to benefit from the transaction.

The main risk here is whether or not the transaction will be completed. This strategy may be implemented, for example, by buying or selling shares in the companies involved in a merger or acquisition. Mergers and acquisitions impact on all asset classes, making it possible for the management team to benefit from the transaction via products other than equities.

To a lesser extent, other special situations may be included such as demergers, changes in share ownership, changes in capital structure, management and strategy changes etc. Regulatory events are also considered, as are any developments within a sector which would result in a new strategic positioning of the players in that sector.

There is no exhaustive list of special situations: any type of event that may create a discontinuity in the price of an asset is a special situation.

This strategy consists in buying or selling a security in order to benefit from an event, while hedging systemic market risk in the most appropriate way (for example, if the situation from which the management team wishes to benefit consists in buying a security, the market risk could be hedged by selling another equity in the same sector, or by using derivatives).

Exposure to any given event may be achieved by means of either securities or forward financial instruments.

Investment opportunities may be identified at two levels:

- (i) By monitoring all equity financing operations announced or under consideration,
- (ii) By monitoring sectors and companies using a theme-based approach (regulatory changes, changes in share ownership, balance sheet restructuring, etc.) in order to identify opportunities ahead of announcements

The selection of positions is discretionary. It is based on an analysis in order to determine the yield/risk pairing for each situation. The positions offering the best yield/risk pairing in line with the fund's objective and which meet the total risk criteria of the portfolio are then added to the portfolio.

The quantification of the risk/return ratio requires a detailed examination of the probability of success of the special situation under consideration.

Lastly, before adding a position to the portfolio, the management team endeavours to identify all the risks associated with that position, the extent to which these risks are compatible with the portfolio and the risks to be hedged where necessary.

Sustainability risks are also measured by analysing ESG aspects. Candriam defines a framework which allows the asset managers to identify opportunities and risks around the serious challenges of sustainable development, potentially affecting portfolios in a substantial way.

As such, the issuing companies are evaluated from two distinct but related perspectives:

1) An analysis of each company's activities (products and services) to assess how its activities respond to the serious long-term challenges of sustainable development, in particular climate change, resource management and waste management, and

2) An analysis of the management of the essential stakeholders of each company, to assess how the companies integrate the interests of their stakeholders (customers, employees, suppliers, investors, society and the environment) into their strategies, their operations and the definition of their strategy.



The ESG analysis for issuing companies is applied to a minimum of 75% of the sub-fund's long investments (in direct lines or via derivative products on individual issuers), apart from deposits, liquidity and index derivatives.

The ESG score is a measure of the result of the internal ESG analysis performed by Candriam on the basis of its proprietary analysis. The score is calculated for companies, and can be used to calculate an ESG score for the portfolios by adding together the scores of the portfolio securities according to their weighting in the fund's assets. The score ranges from 0 (less good score) to 100 (top score).

The fund seeks to achieve an ESG score that is above an absolute threshold. This threshold is defined as a function of the investment universe and may be reviewed if the investment universe changes.

The threshold and the details of the methodology are available in the transparency code available from the following link: https://www.candriam.com/documents/candriam/article\_205/fr/document.pdf

The fund seeks to exclude certain companies as described in the SFDR Annex.

"Negative" exposures (short) are authorised on these companies but not if they are exposed to controversial weapons subject to a legal exclusion.

Under certain conditions, the analysis and selection process may also be accompanied by active involvement based on dialogue with the companies.

# Alignment with the Taxonomy

The European taxonomy of green activities (the "Taxonomy") - Regulation (EU) 2020/852 is part of the EU's global efforts to meet the objectives of the European Green Deal and to allow Europe to achieve climate-neutrality by 2050.

This Regulation sets six environmental objectives:

- Climate change mitigation
- Climate change adaptation
- The sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources
- The transition to a circular economy
- Pollution prevention and control
- The protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems.

For directly-managed investments and/or the underlying funds managed by Candriam, the environmental aspects making up these environmental objectives are placed at the heart of the ESG analysis of issuers. This work to evaluate the contribution of issuers to the main environmental objectives, in particular the battle against climate change, requires a sector-based appraisal based on a heterogeneous data set and complex realities with multiple interdependencies. Candriam's ESG analysts also anticipated the entry into force of the criteria fixed by the EU, and developed their own analysis framework. This will enable a systematic evaluation of the contribution of a company's activities to various environmental objectives defined by Candriam and in line with the Taxonomy.

Following the publication of the technical criteria for the Taxonomy's two environmental objectives related to climate change by the group of experts created at the European level, Candriam has undertaken to integrate these criteria into its pre-existing analysis framework.

Carrying out such an analysis over the entire scope of the issuers concerned relies heavily on the effective publication of certain data by these key issuers, making it possible to assess their contribution in detail.

As a result, a purely quantitative assessment of the data on compliance with the criteria enacted in the Taxonomy appears insufficient to define a minimum percentage of alignment of the investments with the European Taxonomy. In this framework, our analysis of issuers' alignment with the Taxonomy is based on qualitative criteria integrated into our ESG analysis as described previously.

As a reminder, the issuing companies are assessed from two distinct but related perspectives:

- an analysis of each company's activities (products and services) to assess how its activities respond to the serious long-term challenges of sustainable development;
- an analysis of the management of the essential stakeholders of each company, to assess how the companies integrate the interests of their stakeholders (customers, employees, suppliers, investors, society and the environment) into their strategies, their operations and the definition of their strategies.

For these reasons, we are not indicating a minimum alignment percentage. This percentage must therefore be considered as 0.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

### Useful links

For more information about ESG analyses, visit the Candriam website the following links: please via https://www.candriam.com/en/professional/sfdr/

- Exclusion policy: document entitled Candriam Exclusion Policy.

- Engagement policy: document entitled Candriam Engagement Policy.



# 2. Portfolio fund strategy

The strategy consists of constructing a diversified portfolio invested in securities issued by private issuers (corporate debt and securities issued by financial institutions), government bonds and other French and foreign money market instruments with a short-term rating of at least A-2, when acquired, (or equivalent) from at least one recognised ratings agency or considered to be of equivalent quality by the Management Company (in particular if there is no rating).

The fund may also make use of efficient portfolio management techniques as described below.

This part of the portfolio represents between 0 and 100% of the fund's net assets.

# • Instruments used:

# 1. Equities

These are mainly equities traded on a regulated market in all geographical areas, focusing on European and/or North American regulated markets. Investments will essentially be in large and mid-cap securities. Nevertheless, the asset manager reserves the right to invest up to 30% in companies with a market capitalisation of EUR 250 million or lower.

This part of the portfolio represents between 0 and 100% of the fund's net assets.

# 2. Debt securities and money market instruments

These are mainly bonds and negotiable debt securities, including *commercial paper*, of all types of issuers with a short-term rating of at least A-2, when acquired, (or equivalent) from at least one recognised ratings agency or considered to be of equivalent quality by the Management Company.

Debt instruments are selected on the basis of an internal analysis of the credit risk. The sale or purchase of a line is therefore not solely based on the rating by the ratings agencies, but under the best conditions compatible with the interests of the unitholders.

This part of the portfolio represents between 0 and 100% of the fund's net assets.

# 3. Shares or units in UCITS

In accordance with the applicable laws, the fund may invest up to 10% of its assets in:

- Units or shares in European UCITS which do not hold more than 10% of UCI units,
- Units or shares of European AIFs or foreign investment funds which do not hold more than 10% of UCI units or of foreign investment funds and which meet the three other criteria of the Code Monétaire et Financier.

Within this limit, the fund may invest in ETFs (Exchange Traded Funds) traded on regulated markets.

The UCIs will be managed by Candriam or by an external Management Company. Investment is for the purpose of diversifying the portfolio and optimising performance.

# 4. Other assets

The fund may invest up to 10% of its assets in eligible financial securities or money market instruments not traded on a regulated market - that is, subscription warrants and contingent value right (CVR) certificates.

# 5. Derivative financial instruments: Limited by the fund's VaR

### Type of derivative instruments

For the purpose of efficiently managing the portfolio, the fund may make use of derivative products such as swaps, futures, options and CDS, warrants etc. arising notably from equity, interest rate and foreign exchange risk.

The fund may also make use of total return swaps or other derivative financial instruments which have the same characteristics, for example contracts for difference, for the purpose of (long or short) exposure, hedging or arbitrage.

The underlying instruments to these operations may be either individual securities, financial indices (equities, indices, volatility etc.) in which the fund may invest in accordance with its investment objectives.

Such transactions may relate to a maximum of 200% of the net assets.

These derivatives may be traded on regulated or over-the-counter markets.

# Authorised counterparties.

In over-the-counter operations, counterparties to these transactions are approved by the Management Company's risk management department and, when the transactions are initiated, have a minimum rating of BBB-/Baa3 from at least one recognised ratings agency or considered to be of equivalent quality by the Management Company (in particular if there is no rating). The counterparties are located in an OECD member country.

Additional information on the one or more counterparties to the transactions is contained in the fund's annual report.

### Financial collateral:

Cf. section 10. Management of financial collateral for OTC derivative products and efficient portfolio management techniques.

# 6. Instruments with embedded derivatives:

As part of its strategy, the portfolio may be invested in convertible bonds up to a limit of 50% of the assets.

It may hold callable and/or puttable bonds, and more generally any financial instrument containing a financial contract.

# 7. Deposits

The asset manager may make use of cash deposits representing up to 100% of the assets for cash management purposes.



# 8. Cash borrowing: between 0 and 10%

The fund may temporarily register a debit balance as a result of transactions related to cash flow (investments and divestments in progress, subscription/redemption and purchase/sale transactions, etc.), within a limit of 10% of the assets.

# 9. Efficient portfolio management technique:

In order to increase its yield and/or reduce its risks, the fund is authorised to make use of the following efficient portfolio management techniques covering transferable securities and money market instruments:

# Securities borrowing

For cash management purposes, the fund may use securities borrowing transactions corresponding to up to 100% of the net assets. The proportion is normally expected to vary between 0% and 75%.

# Securities lending transactions

The fund may lend the securities in its portfolio to a borrower directly or through a standardised lending system organised by a recognised securities settlement service or a lending system organised by a financial institution that is subject to prudential supervision rules and that specialises in this type of transaction.

The proportion is normally expected to vary between 0% and 75%.

# Reverse repurchase transactions

The fund may enter into reverse repurchase transactions for which on maturity the seller (counterparty) is required to take back the asset contained in the repurchase agreement and the fund is required to return the asset contained in the reverse repurchase agreement.

Such transactions may relate to a maximum of 100% of the net assets. The proportion is normally expected to vary between 25% and 75%.

For the term of the reverse repurchase agreement, the fund may not sell or use the securities which are contained in this agreement as a pledge/collateral unless the fund has other means of coverage.

# Repurchase transactions

The fund may enter into repurchase transactions for which on maturity the fund is required to reacquire the asset contained in the repurchase agreement and the seller (counterparty) is required to return the asset contained in the reverse repurchase agreement.

To meet temporary liquidity needs, such transactions may relate to a maximum of 10% of the net assets. The proportion is normally expected to vary between 0% and 10%.

The fund must, on expiration of the term of the repurchase agreement, have the necessary assets to pay the agreed return price to the fund.

The use of these transactions must not result in a change in its investment objectives or result in additional risks being taken which exceed its risk profile as defined in the Prospectus.

# Associated risks and measures to restrict them.

The risks associated with efficient portfolio management techniques (including collateral management) are identified, managed and restricted by the risk management process. The principal risks are counterparty risk, delivery risk, operational risk, legal risk, custody risk and conflict of interest risk (as defined in the section entitled Risk profile), and such risks are mitigated by the organisation and the procedures defined by the Management Company as follows:

# Selection of counterparties and legal framework

Counterparties to these transactions are approved by the Management Company's risk management department and, when the transactions are initiated, have a minimum rating of BBB-/Baa3 from at least one recognised ratings agency or are considered to be of equivalent quality by the Management Company. These counterparties are entities which are subject to prudential supervision. The counterparties are located in an OECD member country. Each counterparty is bound by a contract the clauses of which have been validated by the legal department/risk management department.

# Financial collateral

See point 10 entitled Management of financial collateral for OTC derivative products and efficient portfolio management techniques below

### Restrictions on reinvestment of financial collateral received

See point 10 entitled Management of financial collateral for OTC derivative products and efficient portfolio management techniques below

# Measures taken to reduce the risk of conflicts of interest

To limit the risk of a conflict of interest, the Management Company has established a process for selecting and monitoring counterparties through committees (reviews) organised by the risk management department. In addition, the remuneration of these transactions is in line with market practices in order to avoid any conflict of interest.

# Remuneration policy for securities lending activities

Income from securities lending is returned in full to the fund after deduction of costs and direct and indirect operational expenses. The costs and fees paid to the Management Company amount to a maximum of 40% of this income.

During the course of this activity, the Management Company is responsible for concluding securities lending operations and the resulting administrative follow-up, the supervision of activity risks, legal and fiscal monitoring of the activity as well as the hedging of the operational risks stemming from this activity.

The periodic reports contain detailed information on the income from securities lending activities and on the operational costs and fees engendered.

The annual report contains detailed information on the income from securities lending activities and on the operational costs and charges engendered. It also specifies the identity of the entities to which these costs and charges are paid and specifies if they are related to the Management Company and/or the depositary.

<u>Remuneration policy for repurchase agreements</u> Income from repurchase agreements is paid in full to the fund.

<u>Remuneration policy for securities borrowing activities</u> Income from securities borrowing activities is paid in full to the fund.

# Periodic investor information

Further information on the conditions of application of these efficient portfolio management techniques is contained in the annual and semi-annual reports.

# 10. Management of financial collateral for OTC derivative products and efficient portfolio management techniques.

Some over-the-counter transactions in financial instruments are covered by a collateralisation policy that has been validated by the risk management department.

# General criteria

All collateral to reduce exposure to counterparty risk satisfies the following criteria:

- Liquidity: any collateral received in a form other than cash must have a strong level of liquidity and be traded on a regulated market or within the framework of a multilateral trading system making use of transparent price setting methods such that it can be quickly sold at a price close to the valuation prior to the sale.
- Valuation: the collateral received will be valued on a daily basis and assets with highly volatile prices will only be accepted as collateral if sufficiently prudent safety margins are in place.
- · Credit quality of issuers: see point b below.
- Correlation: the financial collateral received must be issued by an entity which is independent of the counterparty and does not have a strong correlation with the counterparty's performance.
- Diversification: the financial collateral must be sufficiently diversified in terms of the countries, markets and issuers (for the net assets). As regards issuer diversity, the maximum exposure to an issuer through the collateral received must not exceed 20% of the net assets of the respective fund. However, this limit is raised to 100% for securities issued or guaranteed by a member state of the European Economic Area (EEA), by its local authorities or by public international bodies to which one or more member states of the EEA belong. These issuers must be highly rated (in other words rated at least BBB-/Baa3 by a recognised ratings agency or regarded as such by the Management Company). If the fund exercises this latter option, it must hold securities belonging to at least six different issues, with securities belonging to the same issue not exceeding 30% of the total amount of the net assets.

The management risks connected with collateral, such as operational and legal risks, must be identified, managed and mitigated by the risk management process.

The collateral received may be fully mobilised at any time without reference thereto to the counterparty or the need to obtain its agreement.

# Types of authorised collateral

The permitted types of financial collateral are as follows:

- · Cash denominated in the reference currency of the fund,
- Highly rated debt securities (rated at least BBB-/Baa3 or equivalent by one of the ratings agencies) issued by public sector issuers from an OECD country (governments, supranational bodies, etc.) and of a minimum issue size of EUR 250 million, and a maximum residual maturity of 25 years,
- Highly rated debt securities (rated at least BBB-/Baa3 or equivalent by one of the ratings agencies) issued by private sector issuers from an OECD country and of a minimum issue size of EUR 250 million, and a maximum residual maturity of 10 years,
- Equities listed or traded on a regulated market of a member state of the European Union or on a stock exchange of a state which is a member of the OECD provided the equities are included in a significant index,
- Shares or units in undertakings for collective investment offering adequate liquidity and investing in money market instruments, highly rated bonds or shares that meet the conditions stated above.

The risk management department of the Management Company may impose stricter criteria in terms of the collateral received and thereby exclude certain types of instruments, certain countries, certain issuers or certain securities.

In the event of materialisation of the counterparty risk, the fund could end up owning the financial collateral received. If the fund may dispose of such collateral at a value corresponding to the value of the loan/assets transferred, it would not bear negative financial consequences. Otherwise (if the value of assets received as collateral fell below the value of the assets loaned/transferred before they could be sold), it would incur a loss equal to the difference between the value of the assets loaned/transferred and the value of the collateral once it is liquidated. *Level of financial collateral received* 

The level of collateral required for over-the-counter financial instruments and efficient portfolio management techniques is determined by the agreements reached with each of the counterparties taking account, as applicable, of factors such as the nature and the characteristics of the transactions, the quality of credit and of the counterparties, as well as market conditions at the time. The counterparty's exposure which is not covered by collateral will at all times remain below the counterparty risk limits fixed by the regulations.

# Discounting policy

The Management Company has put in place a discounting policy suited to each category of assets (depending on the credit quality in particular) received as financial collateral. This policy can be obtained by investors free of charge from the Management Company's registered office.

# Restrictions on reinvestment of financial collateral received

Non-cash financial collateral may not be sold or reinvested or pledged.

Financial collateral received in cash can only be deposited with counterparties meeting the above eligibility criteria, invested in highly rated government loans, used for the purpose of reverse repurchase transactions that can be recalled at any time and/or invested in short-term monetary funds, in accordance with the applicable diversification criteria.

Although invested in assets with a low degree of risk, the investments may, nevertheless, contain some limited financial risk.

# Safekeeping of collateral

In the event of transfer of ownership, the collateral received will be held by the Depositary or a sub-custodian. In other types of collateral agreement, the collateral may be held by an external depositary subject to prudential supervision which is not connected to the supplier of the financial collateral.

The collateral received may be fully mobilised at any time without reference thereto to the counterparty or the need to obtain its agreement.

# Financial collateral in favour of the counterparty

Certain derivatives may initially require collateral to be lodged in favour of the counterparty (cash and/or securities).

# Periodic investor information

Further information on the conditions of application of these efficient portfolio management techniques is contained in the annual and semi-annual reports.

# 11. Valuation

The various transaction types set out in the section entitled Efficient portfolio management technique are valued on a daily basis at cost plus interest. For contracts exceeding three months, the credit spread of the counterparty may be revalued.

# Collateral

Collateral received is valued daily by the Management Company and/or the collateral agent. This valuation follows the valuation principles defined in this prospectus, applying the discounts applicable to the instrument type. Collateral provided is valued daily by the Management Company and/or the collateral agent.

# Agreements constituting financial collateral:

Cash overdraft: By way of security against the cash overdraft facility granted by the depositary bank or institution, the fund grants the latter financial collateral in the simplified form laid down in the provisions of articles L.413-7 and thereafter of the Code Monétaire et Financier.



# TABLE OF DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS

|                               | TYPE (<br>MARKI                             |             | TYPE OF RISK |                |                     |        |               | TYPE OF USE |          |
|-------------------------------|---|-------------|--------------|----------------|---------------------|--------|---------------|-------------|----------|
|                               | Regulated<br>and/or<br>organised<br>markets | OTC markets | Equity       | Interest rates | Foreign<br>exchange | Credit | Other risk(s) | Hedging     | Exposure |
| Futures in                    |   |             |              |                |                     |        |               |             |          |
| Equities                      | х   | х           | Х            |                | Х                   |        |               | Х           | х        |
| Interest rates                | х   | х           |              | х              |                     |        |               | Х           |          |
| Foreign exchange              | х   | х           |              |                | Х                   |        |               | Х           |          |
| Indices                       | х   | х           | х            |                |                     |        |               | Х           | х        |
| Volatility                    | х   | х           |              |                |                     |        | Х             | Х           | х        |
| Options in                    |   |             |              |                |                     |        |               |             |          |
| Equities                      | х   | Х           | х            |                | Х                   |        | Х             | Х           | х        |
| Indices                       | х   | х           | х            |                | Х                   |        | Х             | Х           | х        |
| Swaps                         |   |             |              | -              |                     |        |               |             |          |
| Equities                      |   | х           | Х            |                | Х                   |        |               | Х           | х        |
| Interest rates                |   | х           |              | Х              |                     |        |               | Х           |          |
| Foreign exchange              |   | х           |              |                | Х                   |        |               | Х           |          |
| Indices                       |   | х           | Х            |                |                     |        |               | Х           | х        |
| Volatility                    |   | х           |              |                |                     |        | Х             | Х           | х        |
| Forward exchange              |   |             |              | -              |                     |        |               |             |          |
| Currency(-ies)                |   | Х           |              |                | Х                   |        |               | Х           |          |
| Credit derivatives            |   |             |              |                |                     |        |               |             |          |
| Credit default swaps<br>(CDS) |   | х           |              |                |                     | х      |               | х           |          |
| i-traxx                       |   | х           |              |                |                     | х      |               | Х           |          |

# **Risk profile:**

Your money will be mainly invested in financial instruments selected by the Management Company. These instruments will be subject to market trends and uncertainties.

The fund may be exposed to the following principal types of risk:

### Risk of loss of capital:

There is no guarantee for investors relating to the capital invested, and investors may not receive back the full amount invested.

### Equity risk:

The fund may be exposed to equity market risk through direct investment (through transferable securities and/or derivative products). These investments, which generate long or short exposure, may entail a risk of substantial losses. A variation in the equity market in the reverse direction to the positions can lead to the risk of losses and may cause the net asset value of the fund to fall.

Since the fund may be exposed to small- and mid-cap stocks, which are generally more volatile than large-caps, its net asset value may follow the behaviour of these stocks. Since only a limited number of such securities are listed on the stock market, downward market movements tend to be quicker and more pronounced than for large-caps. This may lead to quicker and more significant falls in the net asset value of the UCITS.

# Risk arising from cash and share tender offers:

The cancellation of an offer, the extension of deadlines or unfavourable changes in the offer terms may significantly increase the volatility of the companies concerned. The occurrence of these events may cause the net asset value of the UCITS to fall.

# Risk arising from the arbitrage strategy:

Arbitrage is a technique which consists in benefiting from the differences in prices recorded (or anticipated) between markets and/or sectors and/or securities and/or currencies and/or instruments. If such arbitrage transactions perform unfavourably (a rise in short transactions and/or fall in long transactions), the fund's net asset value may fall.

### Liquidity risk:

Liquidity risk is defined as that of a position in the fund's portfolio that cannot be sold, liquidated or closed at a limited cost and within a sufficiently short time, thus jeopardizing the fund's ability to comply at any time with its obligations to redeem the shares of investors at their request. On certain markets (in particular emerging and high-yield bonds, equities with low market capitalisation, etc.), the quotation spreads may widen under less favourable market conditions, which could impact on the net asset value when assets are purchased or sold. Furthermore, in the event of a crisis on these markets, the securities could also become difficult to trade.



# Risk associated with derivative financial instruments:

financial derivatives are instruments whose value depends on (or is derived from) one or more underlying financial assets (equities, interest rates, bonds, currencies, etc.). The use of derivatives therefore involves the risk associated with the underlying instruments. They may be used for purposes of exposure or hedging against the underlying assets. Depending on the strategies employed, the use of derivative financial instruments can also entail leverage risks (amplifying downward market movements). In a hedging strategy, the derivative financial instruments may, under certain market conditions, not be perfectly correlated to the assets to be hedged. With options, an unfavourable fluctuation in the price of the underlying assets could cause the fund to lose all of the premiums paid. OTC financial derivatives also entail a counterparty risk (though this may be attenuated by the assets received as collateral) and may involve a valuation risk or a liquidity risk (difficulty selling or closing open positions).

# Counterparty risk:

The fund may use OTC derivative products and/or efficient portfolio management techniques. These transactions may cause a counterparty risk, i.e. losses incurred in connection with commitments contracted with a defaulting counterparty.

### Interest rate risk:

A change in interest rates, resulting notably from inflation, may cause a risk of losses and reduce the net asset value of the fund (particularly in the event of a rate increase if the fund has a positive rate sensitivity and in the event of a rate decline if the fund has a negative rate sensitivity). Long term bonds (and related derivatives) are more sensitive to interest rate variations. A change in inflation, in other words a general rise or fall in the cost of living, is one of the factors potentially affecting interest rates and consequently the NAV.

# Credit risk:

Risk that an issuer or a counterparty will default. This risk includes the risk of changes in credit spreads and default risk. The fund may be exposed to the credit market and/or specific issuers in particular whose prices will change based on the expectations of the market as regards their ability to repay their debt. The fund may also be exposed the risk that a selected issuer will default, i.e. will be unable to honour its debt repayment, in the form of coupons and/or principal. Depending on whether the fund is positively or negatively positioned on the credit market and/or some issuers in particular, an upward or downward movement respectively of the credit spreads, or a default, may negatively impact the net asset value.

# Foreign exchange risk:

Foreign exchange risk derives from the fund's direct investments and its investments in forward financial instruments, resulting in exposure to a currency other than its valuation currency. Changes in the exchange rate of this currency in relation to that of the fund may negatively affect the value of assets in the portfolio.

# Volatility risk:

The fund may be exposed (taking directional positions or using arbitrage strategies for example) to market volatility risk and could therefore, based on its exposure, suffer losses in the event of changes in the volatility level of these markets.

# Emerging countries risk:

Market movements can be stronger and faster on these markets than on the developed markets, which could cause the net asset value to fall in the event of adverse movements in relation to the positions taken. Volatility may be caused by a global market risk or may be triggered by the vicissitudes of a single security. Sectoral concentration risks may also be prevalent on some emerging markets. These risks may also heighten the volatility. Emerging countries may experience serious political, social, legal and fiscal uncertainties or other events that could have a negative impact on the sub-funds investing in them. In addition, local depositary and sub-custodial services remain underdeveloped in non-OECD countries and emerging countries, and transactions carried out in these markets are subject to transaction risk and custody risk. In some cases, the fund may be unable to recover all or part of its assets or may be exposed to delays in delivery when recovering its assets.

# Delivery risk:

The fund may want to liquidate assets which at that time are subject to a transaction with a counterparty. In this case, the fund would recall these assets from the counterparty. Delivery risk is the risk that the counterparty, although contractually obliged, may not be able in operational terms to return the assets quickly enough to allow the fund to honour the sale of these instruments on the market.

### **Operational risk:**

The operational risk is the risk of direct or indirect losses associated with a number of factors (such as human error, fraud and malice, IT system failures and external events, etc.) which may have an impact upon the fund and/or the investors. The Management Company aims to reduce these risks by putting in place controls and procedures.

### Custody risk:

the risk of loss of assets held by a depositary as a result of insolvency, negligence or fraudulent action by the depositary or a subcustodian. This risk is mitigated by the regulatory requirements governing depositary services.

### Legal risk:

The risk of litigation of all kinds with a counterparty or a third party. The Management Company aims to reduce these risks by putting in place controls and procedures.

# Risk of conflicts of interest:

selection of a counterparty based on reasons other than the sole interest of the fund and/or unequal treatment in the management of similar portfolios could be the main sources of conflicts of interest.



# Risk of changes to the benchmark index by the index provider:

Unitholders should note that the benchmark index provider has full discretion to determine and therefore alter the characteristics of the relevant benchmark index for which it acts as sponsor. Under the terms of the licence contract, an index provider may not be required to give licence holders using the relevant benchmark index sufficient notice of changes to the benchmark index. As a result, the Management Company may not be able to inform fund unitholders in advance of changes made by the index provider to the characteristics of the relevant benchmark index.

# Sustainability risk:

The sustainability risk refers to any environmental, social or governance-related event or situation that might affect the performance and/or reputation of issuers in the portfolio.

Sustainability risks may be subdivided into three categories:

- Environmental: environmental events may create physical risks for the companies in the portfolio. For example, such events could arise from the consequences of climate change, loss of biodiversity, changes in ocean chemistry, etc. Apart from these physical risks, the companies could be negatively impacted by mitigation measures taken to address environmental risks (such as a carbon tax). These mitigation risks could affect companies depending on their exposure to the above risks and how well they adapt to them.
- Social: refers to the risk factors linked to human capital, the supply chain and the way companies manage their impact on society. Issues around gender equality, remuneration policies, health and safety and the risks associated with working conditions in general all fall within the social dimension. The social dimension also includes risks of violation of human rights or labour rights in the supply chain.
- Governance: these aspects are linked to governance structures, for example the independence of the board of directors, management structures, labour relations, remuneration and compliance, or tax practices. The thing that governance risks have in common is that they are due to inadequate oversight of the company and/or the lack of incentive for the company to move towards higher governance standards.

The sustainability risk may be specific to the issuer, depending on its activities and practices, but may also be due to external factors. If an unforeseen event occurs in a specific issuer such as a strike or more generally an environmental disaster, the event could have a negative impact on portfolio performance. In addition, issuers which adapt their activities and/or policies may be less exposed to the sustainability risk.

Possible mitigation measures to manage risk exposure include the following:

- exclusion of controversial activities or issuers
- exclusion of issuers based on sustainability criteria
- inclusion of sustainability risks when issuers are selected or given weightings in the portfolio
- engagement and sound management of the issuers

Where applicable, these mitigation measures are described in the section in the prospectus describing the investment policy of the fund.

# ESG risk:

Our methodology is based on the definition of ESG sector models by our internal ESG analysts. Our research limitations are largely linked to the nature, extent and consistency of the currently available ESG data.

- Nature: certain ESG dimensions lend themselves more to narrative, qualitative information. Such information is subject to interpretation so it introduces a degree of uncertainty into the models.

- Extent: once the ESG dimensions considered by our analysts to be important for each sector have been defined, there is no guarantee that the data will be available for all the companies in that sector. Where possible, we will try to fill in the missing data from our own ESG analysis.

- Uniformity: the different ESG data providers have different methodologies. Even within the same provider, analogous ESG dimensions may be processed differently depending on the sector. This makes it harder to compare data from different providers.

The absence of European-level common or harmonised definitions and labels incorporating ESG and sustainability criteria may give rise to different approaches among the asset managers to fix the ESG objectives and to determine whether these objectives have been achieved by the funds they manage.

Our methodology excludes or limits exposure to the securities of certain issuers for ESG reasons. As a result, it is possible that certain market conditions will generate financial opportunities that the fund is unable to benefit from.

Where applicable, exclusion or inclusion measures relating to the ESG investment risk are described in the section describing the investment policy of the fund.

# Guarantee or protection:

None

# Type of subscriber/profile of the typical investor:

- C units All subscribers with no minimum initial subscription
- N units Distributors approved beforehand by Candriam with no minimum initial subscription.
- U units Life assurance products marketed in Italy.
- R units Financial intermediaries (including distributors and platforms) which:

(i) have different arrangements with their clients for the provision of investment services in connection with the fund, and

(ii) as a result of their applicable laws and regulations, are not entitled to receive duties, fees and other monetary benefits from the Management Company in connection with the provision of the above-mentioned investment services.



| R2 units       | Management mandates between a client and Belfius Banque in which financial management is delegated to     |
|----------------|---|
|                | Candriam and for which Belfius Banque does not receive any form of remuneration from a Candriam Group     |
|                | entity.   |
| RS units       | Distributors and intermediaries appointed by the Management Company who will not receive any compensation |
|                | from the Management Company   |
| Z units        | UCIs approved by the Management Company and managed by a Candriam Group entity.                           |
| O units        | Feeder funds managed by OFI Asset Management  |
| I units        | All subscribers with a minimum initial subscription of EUR 250,000.00.                                    |
| I2 units       | All subscribers with a minimum initial subscription of EUR 250,000.00.                                    |
| I in USD units | All subscribers with a minimum initial subscription of EUR 250,000.00 or equivalent in USD.               |
| VB units       | UCIs governed by Belgian law approved by the Management Company, with no minimum initial subscription     |

In view of the instruments and strategies used, Candriam Risk Arbitrage is aimed at investors who are aware of the risks arising from arbitrage strategies, and particularly those referred to as "special situations", as well as investing in equity markets, and, accepting these risks, wish to achieve earnings on their invested capital over the recommended investment period.

The amount it is reasonable to invest in this UCITS depends on the investor's personal circumstances. In order to determine this, you need to take account of your personal wealth/assets, your present requirements and in 18 months, but also whether you wish to take risks or, conversely, prefer to make a cautious investment. Investors are also strongly advised to diversify their investments sufficiently so as not to be exposed solely to the risks of this UCITS.

# The minimum recommended investment period is 18 months.

The units of this fund are not and will not be registered in the United States in accordance with the U.S. Securities Act of 1933 as amended ("1933 Securities Act") and are not and will not be eligible under any law of the United States. These units may not be offered, sold or transferred to the United States (including its territories and possessions) or directly or indirectly benefit any U.S. Person (as defined in Regulation S of the 1933 Securities Act and equivalents and Rule 4.7. of the Commodity Exchange Act). Subscribers to units of the fund may be required to certify in writing that they are not U.S. Persons. Unitholders are required to notify the management company immediately in the event that they become U.S. Persons and will be required to dispose of their units to non-U.S. Persons. The management company reserves the right to redeem any unit that is or becomes the direct or indirect property of a U.S. Person or any holding of units by any person which is illegal or detrimental to the interests of the fund.

However, notwithstanding the foregoing, the FCP reserves the right to make a private placement of its shares to a limited number of U.S. Persons to the extent permitted under applicable U.S. law.

In addition, financial institutions which do not comply ("non compliant") with the FATCA programme (FATCA stands for the U.S. Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act), as included in the Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act (the "HIRE Act"), and its application measures, including the analogous provisions adopted by partner countries which have signed an "Intergovernmental Agreement" with the United States, must expect to be forced to have their units redeemed when the programme comes into force. Units of the fund may not be offered, sold or transferred to a U.S. employee benefit plan subject to the U.S. Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA") or any other U.S. employee benefit plan or U.S. individual retirement account or arrangement ("IRA") and may not be offered, sold or transferred to a fiduciary or any other person or entity acting on behalf of the assets of a U.S. employee benefit plan or IRA (collectively, a "U.S. benefit plan investors"). Subscribers to units of the fund may be required to certify in writing that they are not U.S. benefit plan investors. Unitholders are required to notify the fund immediately in the event that they are or become U.S. benefit plan investors and will be required to dispose of their units to non-U.S. benefit plan investors. The fund reserves the right to redeem any units which are or become owned, directly or indirectly, by a U.S. benefit plan investor. However, notwithstanding the foregoing, the fund reserves the right to make a private placement of its units with a limited number of U.S. benefit plan investors, to the extent permitted under applicable U.S. law.

<u>Methods for determining and allocating distributable amounts:</u> All the fund's distributable amounts are fully capitalised.

# Share or unit currencies:

| Unit | ISIN code    | Allocation<br>of         |          | Minimum amount of<br>subscription |               | Original<br>net asset | t asset I ype of                                | Foreign<br>exchange risk |
|------|--------------|--------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Onit |              | distributable<br>amounts | Currency | initial (*)                       | subscriptions | value                 | subscriber                                      | hedging                  |
| С    | FR0000438707 | Capitalisation           | EUR      | None                              | None          | EUR<br>15,244.90      | All subscribers                                 | Cf. risk profile         |
| Ν    | FR0010988055 | Capitalisation           | EUR      | None                              | None          | EUR<br>1,000.00       | Distributors<br>approved by<br>Candriam         | Cf. risk profile         |
| U    | FR0013251766 | Capitalisation           | EUR      | None                              | None          | 150.00<br>EUR         | Life assurance<br>products marketed<br>in Italy | Cf. risk profile         |



|          |              | Allocation<br>of         |          |  | Minimum amount of<br>subscription |                    |  | Foreign                                    |
|----------|--------------|--------------------------|----------|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--|--|
| Unit     | ISIN code    | distributable<br>amounts | Currency | initial (*)                                  | subscriptions                     | net asset<br>value | Type of subscriber   | exchange risk<br>hedging                   |
| R        | FR0013312345 | Capitalisation           | EUR      | None   | None                              | EUR 150.00         | Financial<br>intermediaries<br>(including<br>distributors and<br>platforms) which:<br>(i) have different<br>arrangements with<br>their clients for the<br>provision of<br>investment services<br>in connection with<br>the fund, and<br>(ii) as a result of<br>their applicable laws<br>and regulations, are<br>not entitled to<br>receive duties, fees<br>and other monetary<br>benefits from the<br>Management<br>Company in<br>connection with the<br>provision of the<br>above-mentioned<br>investment services. | Cf. risk profile                           |
| R2       | FR0013251782 | Capitalisation           | EUR      | None   | None                              | 150.00<br>EUR      | Management<br>mandates between<br>a client and Belfius<br>Banque in which<br>financial<br>management is<br>delegated to<br>Candriam and for<br>which Belfius<br>Banque does not<br>receive any form of<br>remuneration from a<br>Candriam Group<br>entity  | Cf. risk profile                           |
| RS       | FR0013480332 | Capitalisation           | EUR      | EUR<br>50,000,000.00                         | None                              | EUR<br>1500.00     | Distributors and<br>intermediaries<br>appointed by the<br>Management<br>Company who will<br>not receive any<br>compensation from<br>the Management<br>Company  | Cf. risk profile                           |
| z        | FR0013251790 | Capitalisation           | EUR      | None   | None                              | EUR<br>1,500.00    | UCIs approved by<br>the Management<br>Company and<br>managed by a<br>Candriam Group<br>entity.   | Cf. risk profile                           |
| 0        | FR0013334554 | Capitalisation           | EUR      | None   | None                              | 1,500.00<br>EUR    | Feeder funds<br>managed by OFI<br>Asset Management   | Cf. risk profile                           |
| I        | FR0013353570 | Capitalisation           | EUR      | 250,000.00                                   | None                              | 1,500.00<br>EUR    | All subscribers  | Cf. risk profile                           |
| 12       | FR0013353786 | Capitalisation           | EUR      | 250,000.00                                   | None                              | 1,500.00<br>EUR    | All subscribers  | Cf. risk profile                           |
| l in USD | FR0013446366 | Capitalisation           | USD      | EUR<br>250,000.00 or<br>equivalent in<br>USD | None                              | 1,500.00<br>USD    | All subscribers  | Full and<br>systematic<br>against the euro |
| VB       | FR001400S813 | Capitalisation           | EUR      | None   | None                              | 1,500.00<br>EUR    | UCIs governed by<br>Belgian law<br>approved by the<br>Management<br>Company  | Cf. risk profile                           |

(\*)The minimum initial subscription amount will not apply to the Management Company, to Candriam Group entities or funds managed by Group entities.

Investors participate in the fund by subscribing to and holding shares in one of the categories of units. In order to guarantee equal treatment of all investors within the same category of units, the individual shares in the category of units have the same rights and obligations.



The Management Company may, while remaining within the framework of the parameters which characterise the various categories of units, conclude agreements with individual investors or a group of investors granting special rights to these investors ("negotiated discounts").

The purpose of these special rights is to provide discounts on the fees billed to the category of units, or specific information. They are granted on the basis of objective criteria defined by the Management Company and are paid from its own funds.

Objective criteria include, but are not limited to (alternatively, or cumulatively):

- The expected holding period for an investment in the fund,
- The investor's willingness to invest during the fund's launch phase,
- The actual or expected amount placed or to be placed by the investor,
- The total assets under management held by the investor in the fund or in another product offered by the Management Company,

• The type of investor (for example repackager, wholesaler, fund management company, asset manager, other institutional or private investor),

• The fees or revenues generated by the investor with a group of companies or all companies affiliated with the group of which the Management Company is part.

Any investor or potential investor in a category of units is entitled to the same agreements if, in the reasonable opinion of the Management Company, he or she is objectively in the same situation as another investor in the same category of units who has concluded agreements. In order to receive the same treatment, any investor or potential investor is able to contact the Management Company in the form of a request. The Management Company will share with the investor or potential investor relevant information about the existence and nature of these specific agreements, will verify the information it received from the investor or potential investor) whether or not the investor or potential investor is entitled to the same treatment.

# Subscription and redemption arrangements:

Orders are executed as shown in the table below:

# ¤ All units except O units

| Business day D   | Business day D   | D<br>NAV<br>calculation day        | Business<br>day D+1 | Business<br>day D+1 | Business<br>day D+3     | Business<br>day D+3   |
|--|--|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Centralisation of<br>subscription orders<br>before midday <sup>1</sup> | Centralisation of<br>redemption orders<br>before midday <sup>1</sup> | Order execution on D at the latest | NAV calculation     | NAV<br>publication  | Subscription settlement | Redemption settlement |

<sup>1</sup>Unless a different period is agreed with your financial institution.

# **¤** O units:

| Business day D   | Business day D  | D<br>NAV<br>calculation day        | Business<br>day D+1 | Business<br>day D+1 | Business<br>day D+3     | Business<br>day D+3   |
|--|---|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Centralisation of<br>subscription orders<br>before 1 p.m. <sup>1</sup> | Centralisation of<br>redemption<br>orders before 1<br>p.m. <sup>1</sup> | Order execution on D at the latest | NAV<br>calculation  | NAV<br>publication  | Subscription settlement | Redemption settlement |

<sup>1</sup>Unless a different period is agreed with your financial institution.

Subscriptions and redemptions for all units may be made in amounts, in a whole number of units or a fraction of a unit, each unit being divided into thousandths.

For the O units, the first subscription can be made by transferring securities.

Subscription and redemption orders are centralised by CACEIS Bank, at the following address: CACEIS BANK

| Registered office: | 89-91 rue Gabriel Péri – 92120 Montrouge                   |
|--------------------|--|
| Postal address:    | 12 place des États-Unis - CS 40083 - 92549 Montrouge CEDEX |

Investors should note that orders sent to marketing agents other than the institutions set out above must take account of the fact that these marketing agents are subject to the order centralisation cut-off time imposed by CACEIS Bank. As a result, these marketing agents may impose their own cut-off time, earlier than the one stated here, in order to allow time to send the orders to CACEIS Bank.

# Redemption gates:

The management company may use gates to spread out redemption requests from UCITS unitholders over multiple net asset values if they exceed a certain threshold, determined objectively.

# Description of the method used:

The management company may decide not to execute all redemptions using the same net asset value once a net redemption ratio threshold is reached (all units combined and divided by the net assets of the fund). The gate threshold is therefore applied to all categories of units in the fund. The threshold is objectively set at 5% of the net assets of the fund. The maximum period of application of the redemption gate is 20 NAVs over 3 months.



# Procedures to inform unitholders:

If some or all of their redemption requests are not going to be executed, the relevant unitholders will be personally informed by the centraliser as soon as possible after the centralisation date.

The management company's website will inform all unitholders if the redemption gate is activated.

And finally, all unitholders will be informed of any triggering of the gate in the next periodic reporting for unitholders.

# Processing of unexecuted orders:

Orders which are not executed due to a redemption gate are carried forward and are not cancelled. While the redemption gate remains in effect, redemption orders will be satisfied in the same proportion for all unitholders requesting a redemption at the same net asset value. Orders that are carried forward in this way do not have priority over previous redemption orders. If redemptions are split again at this net asset value, therefore, they are split according to the same conditions as new orders.

Under no circumstances may redemption orders which are unexecuted and automatically carried forward be revoked by the unitholders of the UCITS concerned.

The gating of redemptions is not automatic: when redemption requests net of subscription requests exceed the gate threshold, and if the liquidity situation so allows, the management company may decide to satisfy redemption requests above the proposed threshold and thus execute some or all of the orders that may otherwise have been gated.

# Exemption:

A round trip transaction for taxation purposes, namely a request to redeem units simultaneously linked to a subscription request on the same NAV date, with the same ISIN code, for the same number of units, using the same intermediary and the same account, will not be part of the gate calculation mechanism and will therefore be honoured as it is.

# Illustration of gating:

For example, if the redemption requests for units in a UCITS total 10% of net assets, whereas the gate threshold is set at 5%, the management company may decide to satisfy redemption requests up to 7.5% of net assets (and thus execute 75% of redemption requests instead of 50% if it had strictly applied the gate at 5%).

For more detailed information about gates, the unitholder is invited to refer to the fund rules.

# Frequency of net asset value calculation:

Daily.

On every trading day on the Paris Stock Exchange, except for French public holidays.

# Additional information

The place of publication of the net asset value is the premises of the Management Company. The prospectus of the UCI, the latest annual reports and the asset breakdown will be sent to the unitholder within eight business days of a written request addressed to:

# CANDRIAM

SERENITY – Bloc B 19-21 route d'Arlon L-8009 Strassen (Grand Duchy of Luxembourg)

# Candriam, Succursale Française

40, rue Washington 75408 Paris Cedex 08 Tel: 01.53.93.40.00 <u>www.candriam.com</u> contact: https://www.candriam.fr/contact/

# Charges and fees:

### Subscription and redemption fees:

Subscription and redemption fees are added to the subscription price paid by investors or deducted from the redemption price. The fees paid to the UCITS are used to offset the fees incurred by the UCITS in order to invest or divest the assets allocated. Fees not retained are returned to the Management Company, marketing agent, etc.

| Maximum charges payable by investors and<br>collected upon subscription or redemption* | Calculation basis     | Rate incl. taxe  | s max.   |
|--|-----------------------|--|--|
| Subscription fee<br>not paid to the UCITS  | NAV x number of units | C unit:<br>N units:<br>U units:<br>R units:<br>R2 units:<br>RS units:<br>Z units:<br>O units:<br>I and I in USD units:<br>I2 units:<br>VB units: | 1.00%<br>None<br>1.00%<br>1.00%<br>1.00%<br>None<br>None<br>1.00%<br>1.00%<br>None |
| Subscription fee<br>paid to the UCITS  | NAV x number of units | None   |  |
| Redemption fee<br>not paid to the UCITS  | NAV x number of units | C unit:<br>N units:<br>U units:<br>R units:<br>R2 units:<br>RS units:<br>Z units:<br>O units:<br>I units:<br>I2 units:<br>VB units:              | 1.00%<br>None<br>1.00%<br>1.00%<br>1.00%<br>None<br>None<br>1.00%<br>1.00%<br>None |
| Redemption fee<br>paid to the UCITS  | NAV x number of units | None   |  |

\* Exemption conditions: subscription preceded by redemption on the same day for the same number of units, based on the same net asset value and by the same holder.

# Operating and management charges:

These cover all the costs billed directly to the UCITS apart from the transaction fees. Transaction charges include intermediary charges (brokerage, stock exchange duties, etc.) and any turnover fees, where applicable, which may be collected in particular by the depositary and the Management Company.

In addition to the operating and management charges, there may be:

- Outperformance fees. These are paid to the Management Company if the UCITS outperforms its objectives.

They are therefore billed to the UCITS,

| ,     |      |      |        |          |       |    |  |
|-------|------|------|--------|----------|-------|----|--|
| Trans | sfer | fees | billed | l to the | EUCIT | S. |  |

| Charges billed to the FCP  | Calculation basis             | Rate/amount incl. taxes*   |  |  |
|--|-------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Financial management charges and administration charges external to the Management Company | Net assets                    | C units:Maximum 0.80%N units:maximum 1.20% *U units:Maximum 0.60%R units:Maximum 0.70%R2 units:Maximum 0.35%RS units:Maximum 0.40%Z units:Maximum 0.25%O units:Maximum 0.60%I and I in USD units:Maximum 0.60%I2 units:Maximum 0.80%VB units:Maximum 0.35%   |  |  |
| Maximum indirect charges (fees and management charges)                                     | Net assets                    | Not significant **   |  |  |
| Turnover fees collected by the depositary  | Levied on each<br>transaction | Maximum EUR 80/transaction***  |  |  |
| Outperformance fee   | Net assets                    | 20% of performance<br>above the capitalised €STR consisting of a<br>high water mark and a hurdle (see below)<br>for all units except O units and I2 units for<br>which there is no outperformance fee<br>20% of performance above the capitalised<br>EFFR consisting of a high water mark and<br>a hurdle (see below) for the I in USD units |  |  |

\*Since the Management Company has opted out of VAT, these fees are charged excluding VAT and their amount including taxes is equal to their amount excluding taxes.

\*\* The fund invests a maximum of 10% in UCIs.

\*\*\* Maximum amount that varies according to the instruments used.

Research costs:

The costs relating to research as described in article 314-21 of the General Regulation of the AMF may be billed to the UCITS.

Not included in the categories of charges set out above:

- contributions owed for management of the UCITS pursuant to d), 3°, II of article L. 621-5-3 of the code monétaire et financier;
- exceptional and non-recurrent taxes, duties and other government fees (relating to the UCITS),
- exceptional and non-recurrent costs in connection with debt collection (e.g. Lehman) or to proceedings in order to exercise a right (e.g. class action lawsuit).

Information about these costs is subsequently also set out in the annual report of the UCITS.

Methods of calculating and sharing remuneration from temporary acquisitions and disposals of securities (efficient portfolio management techniques):

These transactions, if carried out, must be conducted under market conditions. The proceeds of these transactions will be paid in full to the UCITS.

# Outperformance fees:

For each unit category, the asset manager may be entitled to an outperformance fee based on the outperformance of the net asset value (NAV) in relation to the reference indicator defined below.

| Unit        | Cap. / Dis. | Currency | ISIN         | Outperformance fee | Provisioning rate | Minimum return rate             | Model applied |
|-------------|-------------|----------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| С           | Cap.        | EUR      | FR0000438707 | Yes                | 20%               | Capitalised €STR,<br>floored 0  | Permanent HWM |
| Ν           | Cap.        | EUR      | FR0010988055 | Yes                | 20%               | Capitalised €STR,<br>floored 0  | Permanent HWM |
| U           | Cap.        | EUR      | FR0013251766 | Yes                | 20%               | Capitalised €STR,<br>floored 0  | Permanent HWM |
| R           | Cap.        | EUR      | FR0013312345 | Yes                | 20%               | Capitalised €STR,<br>floored 0  | Permanent HWM |
| R2          | Cap.        | EUR      | FR0013251782 | Yes                | 20%               | Capitalised €STR,<br>floored 0  | Permanent HWM |
| RS          | Cap.        | EUR      | FR0013480332 | Yes                | 20%               | Capitalised €STR,<br>floored 0  | Permanent HWM |
| Z           | Cap.        | EUR      | FR0013251790 | Yes                | 20%               | Capitalised €STR,<br>floored 0  | Permanent HWM |
| 0           | Cap.        | EUR      | FR0013334554 | N/A                | N/A               | N/A                             | N/A           |
| I           | Cap.        | EUR      | FR0013353570 | Yes                | 20%               | Capitalised €STR,<br>floored 0  | Permanent HWM |
| 12          | Cap.        | EUR      | FR0013353786 | N/A                | N/A               | N/A                             | N/A           |
| l in<br>USD | Cap.        | USD      | FR0013446366 | Yes                | 20%               | Capitalised FED FUND, floored 0 | Permanent HWM |
| VB          | Cap.        | EUR      | FR001400S813 | Yes                | 20%               | Capitalised €STR,<br>floored 0  | Permanent HWM |

# **Benchmark index**

The reference indicator is made up of the two following elements:

A high water mark (HWM) corresponding to a first reference asset based on the highest NAV achieved at the end of a financial year from 31/12/2021.

The initial HWM corresponds to the NAV of 31/12/2021. If a new unit category is activated subsequently or a pre-existing unit category is reactivated, the initial NAV of this new unit at (re)launch will be used as the initial HWM.

A hurdle corresponding to a second reference asset based on a theoretical investment of assets at the minimum rate of return which increases the subscription totals and proportionally reduces the redemption totals. If this minimum rate of return is negative, the rate of 0% is used to determine the hurdle rate.

Using a HWM guarantees that unitholders will not be billed for an outperformance fee while the NAV remains below the highest NAV achieved at the end of a financial year from 31/12/2021.

This variable remuneration aligns the interests of the asset manager with those of the investors and is a link with the FCP's risk/return ratio.

# Method for calculating the outperformance fee

As the NAV is different for each unit category, the outperformance fees are calculated independently for each unit, producing fees of different amounts.

The outperformance fee is calculated with the same frequency as the NAV calculation.

The outperformance fee is included in the NAV calculation.

If the NAV upon which fee calculation is based, in other words the NAV after the outperformance fee on redemptions but excluding the outperformance fee on units still in circulation, is greater than the two components of the reference indicator (HWM and hurdle), this constitutes an outperformance.



The smaller of these two outperformances is the basis of calculation for the provision for an outperformance fee in line with the provisioning rate of this outperformance as set out in the table below (the "Provisioning rate").

In the event of underperformance in relation to one of the two components of the reference indicator, the outperformance fee is reversed in line with the provisioning rate of this underperformance. Nevertheless, the accounting provision for the outperformance fee will never be negative.

When a dilution adjustment is applied to the NAV, it is excluded from the outperformance fee calculation.

In the case of unit categories with distribution rights, any distributions of dividends will have no effect on the outperformance fee of the unit category.

For each unit category denominated in the currency of the fund, outperformance fees are calculated in this currency, whereas for unit categories denominated in another currency, whether or not they are currency hedged, the outperformance fees will be calculated in the currency of the unit category.

# Reference period

In general, the outperformance fee is calculated for each 12 month period corresponding to the financial year. This period is regarded as the reference period for calculation of the outperformance fee.

In the case of activation or reactivation of a unit category, the first crystallisation of performance fees for this unit category cannot take place (apart from redemptions) until the end of the financial year following the financial year during which the unit category was (re)activated.

# **Crystallisation**

Any positive outperformance fee is crystallised:

- at the end of each reference period,
- at the time of each net redemption identified on each NAV calculation, in proportion to the number of units redeemed. In this case, the outperformance fee provision will be reduced by the amount crystallised in this way,
- if applicable, on the closing date of a unit category during the reference period.

In addition, and in accordance with the rules, an outperformance fee may be crystallised:

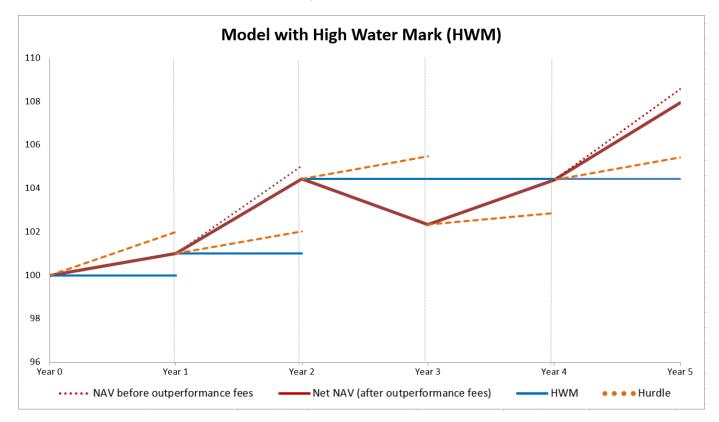
- in the event of merger/liquidation of the fund/unit category during the reference period,
- if the outperformance mechanism changes

# Clawback of negative performances

In the event of negative performance during the reference period, the underperformance will be carried over to the following reference period. The HWM will in this case remain identical to that of the previous period.

As for the hurdle, it is reinitialised at the start of each period regardless of whether an outperformance fee has been crystallised or not





Year 1: The NAV is higher than the high water mark but lower than the hurdle. **No performance fee is paid. The HWM is adjusted.** Year 2: The NAV at the end of the period is higher than the high water mark and the hurdle. **An outperformance fee is paid. The HWM is adjusted.** Year 3: The NAV at the end of the period is lower than the high water mark and the hurdle. **No performance fee is paid. The HWM does not change.** Year 4: The NAV at the end of the period is higher than the hurdle but not higher than the high water mark. **No performance fee is paid. The HWM does not change.** 

Year 5: The NAV at the end of the period is higher than the high water mark and the hurdle. An outperformance fee is paid. The HWM is adjusted.

|   | Year O | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| NAV - Start of period                               | 0      | 100    | 101    | 104.4  | 102.3  | 104.4  |
| Return of the share class (after charges)           |        | 1%     | 4%     | -2%    | 2%     | 4%     |
| NAV - End of period (before outperformance fees)    | 100    | 101    | 105    | 102.3  | 104.4  | 108.6  |
| Hurdle - Start of period                            |        | 100    | 101    | 104.4  | 102.3  | 104.4  |
| Hurdle return (0% if negative)                      |        | 2%     | 1%     | 1%     | 0.5%   | 1%     |
| Hurdle - End of period                              | 100    | 102    | 102    | 105.5  | 102.9  | 105.4  |
| HWM - Start of period                               |        | 100    | 101    | 104.4  | 104.4  | 104.4  |
| Share class outperformance                          |        | 0.0    | 3.03   | 0.0    | 0.0    | 3.1    |
| Outperformance fee due                              |        | NO     | YES    | NO     | NO     | YES    |
| Commission de surperformance (20%)                  |        | 0.0    | 0.61   | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.63   |
| Net NAV - End of period (after outperformance fees) | 100    | 101    | 104.4  | 102.3  | 104.4  | 107.9  |
| HWM - End of period                                 | 100    | 101    | 104.4  | 104.4  | 104.4  | 107.9  |

The performance graphics and performance fee tables presented in this document are simulations and/or are based solely on assumptions. They cannot be considered to be reliable indicators of future performance. They are in no way a guarantee that the fund will achieve or will be likely to achieve performances or receive performance fee amounts similar to those presented.

Subscribers may at any time obtain details from the asset manager regarding the methods for calculating the variable management fees. The total amount of the variable management fees will appear in the FCP's annual report.

# Procedure for selecting intermediaries:

Candriam selects intermediaries to which it sends orders for execution for the major classes of financial instruments (bonds, equities, derivative products). The selection is mainly based on the intermediary's execution policy and subject to the "Selection policy for financial intermediaries to which Candriam sends orders for execution on behalf of the UCIs it manages".

The main execution factors considered are: price, cost, speed, probability of execution and settlement, size and type of order. In application of the broker and counterparty selection and evaluation procedure and at the request of the asset manager, Candriam's Broker Review approves or refuses any new broker application.

Therefore pursuant to this policy, a list by type of instruments (equities, interest rates, money market, derivatives) of the authorised brokers and a list of the authorised counterparties are kept.

Furthermore, on a periodic basis and as part of the Broker Review, the list of approved brokers is reviewed so as to evaluate them on the basis of various filters and make any appropriate and necessary changes.

# Circulation of information on the UCITS

Any information about the FCP can be requested directly from:

**CANDRIAM** SERENITY – Bloc B 19-21 route d'Arlon L-8009 Strassen (Grand Duchy of Luxembourg)

Candriam - Succursale Française 40, rue Washington 75408 Paris Cedex 08 Tel: 01.53.93.40.00

Website: www.candriam.com

Past performance data in relation to the reference indicator is available in the KIID of the fund unit, which can be consulted on the Management Company's website.

# Unit redemptions or repurchases

FCP subscription and redemption applications are centralised at: **Depositary – custodian:** 

# CACEIS BANK

Registered office: 89-91 rue Gabriel Péri 92120 Montrouge

# Environmental, social and quality of governance criteria (ESG)

Information on inclusion or non-inclusion of environmental, social and governance quality criteria in the investment policy is available on the website <u>www.candriam.com</u> and will be included in the annual report where applicable.

# IV. INVESTMENT RULES

The UCITS will comply with the regulatory ratios applicable to general UCITS under French law that comply with Directive 2009/65/EC as defined by the Code Monétaire et Financier. The risk diversification rules applicable to this UCITS must be followed at all times. If these limits are exceeded independently of the Management Company or as a result of the exercise of a subscription right, the priority objective of the Management Company will be to rectify the situation as soon as possible, taking into consideration the interests of the unitholders of the UCITS.

# V. OVERALL RISK

The total risk of the UCITS is calculated as the absolute VaR. The absolute VaR corresponds to the potential loss in 99% of cases over a period of 20 business days under normal market conditions. The VaR level for a 99% confidence range is below 20%.

The anticipated maximum leverage will be 2 times the net assets. This leverage will be calculated for all derivative instruments according to the nominal method. There may, however, be temporary exposure to a higher leverage.

In addition to the VaR, we calculate a stress test specific to cash or share tender offer transactions in order to quantify the risks associated with the price variations specific to this type of transaction. In most cases, where a company is the subject of a cash or share tender offer, the share price reacts to the offer; it tends to move towards the offer price if the market expects the offer to be successful, and will fall sharply if the market does not expect the offer to be successful. Other events can affect the share price throughout the offer period. For example, a competing offer could be made, the price of the first offer could be increased, the payment method could change, etc. Fluctuations in the share price caused by these types of changes will also impact on the risk associated with each strategy.





The Management Company has established a general framework concerning remuneration of its staff, in particular a remuneration policy (the "Remuneration Policy") in compliance with the applicable regulations and the following principles in particular:

The Remuneration Policy is compatible with sound and effective risk management including sustainability risks. It discourages any risk-taking that is inconsistent with the risk profile and the rules of the FCP. Candriam has designed policies aiming to promote responsible behaviour among personnel, taking account of sustainability-related impacts.

The Remuneration Policy is compatible with the financial strategy, objectives, values and interests of the Management Company, the FCP and the investors, and includes measures to avoid conflicts of interest.

Candriam's remuneration structure is linked to a risk-adjusted performance. The evaluation of performance is set in a multi-year framework appropriate to the minimum holding period recommended to unitholders of the FCP, in order to ensure that the performance evaluation process is based on the long term performance of the FCP and that the effective payment of the performance-based remuneration elements is spread over the same period.

Candriam aims to ensure that the employees are not encouraged to take inappropriate and/or excessive risks (also concerning sustainability risks) which are incompatible with the risk profile of Candriam and, as applicable, of the funds managed". In addition, when sustainability-related impacts are considered by the fund, Candriam sees to it that the personnel take them fully into account.

The Remuneration Policy therefore ensures that the fixed and variable components of total remuneration are appropriately balanced; that the fixed component of total remuneration is high enough; that the policy concerning variable remuneration elements is sufficiently flexible including the possibility to pay no variable remuneration component.

The details of the updated Remuneration Policy, including the composition of the remuneration committee, a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated, and how this policy is consistent with the consideration of sustainability risks and impacts, are available from the Management Company's website via this link: (document entitled Candriam Remuneration Policy) https://www.candriam.com/fr/professional/sfdr

A printed copy is available free of charge on request.

# Valuation rules:

# Equities, warrants and rights

Equities are valued at the closing price on the various stock exchanges on the reference date.

# ETFs and UCIs

ETFs and UCIs are valued at the net asset value representative of the markets on the reference date or in the absence thereof the preceding date.

# Bonds

Bonds are valued at the closing price on the basis of contributor prices on the reference date.

# Negotiable debt securities and other money market instruments

Negotiable debt securities and other money market instruments are valued using prices calculated on the basis of representative market data on the reference date.

# Futures and options on organised markets

These financial instruments are valued at the closing prices on the various markets on the reference date.

# **Cleared OTC derivatives**

Cleared OTC products are calculated based on models validated by the Management Company, using market data such as interest rate curves, spread curves, etc., available from specialised data providers. The prices obtained from the models are compared with those of the CCP.

# Spot exchange rates

The spot exchange rates are valued from the market data available from specialised data providers.

# Forward exchange

Forward exchange is valued on the basis of the market data available from specialised data providers (spot price, rate curve, etc.).

Credit derivatives Credit derivatives are calculated based on models validated by the Management Company, using market data such as the spread curve, interest rate curve, etc., available from specialised data providers. The prices obtained are compared with those of the counterparties.

# Vanilla swaps

Uncleared vanilla swaps are calculated based on models validated by the Management Company, using market data such as the interest rate curve, etc., available from specialised data providers.

# Other OTC derivatives

Uncleared OTC products are calculated based on models validated by the Management Company, using the market data available from specialised data providers (volatility, interest rate curve, etc.).

The prices obtained from the models are compared with those of the counterparties.

## Repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements, lending and borrowing of securities

Repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements and securities borrowing/lending are valued at cost plus interest. For contracts exceeding three months, the credit spread of the counterparty may be revalued.

### **Exceptional treatment**

Debt securities in which there are not significant amounts of transactions or for which the price is clearly not representative of the market, may be valued on the basis of an estimated method and under the responsibility of the Management Company. In addition, the actuarial method may be used, the rate applied being that for issues of equivalent securities, where applicable, allocated by a differential representative of the intrinsic characteristics of the issuer of the security.

Options in which there are not significant amounts of transactions and/or for which the price is clearly not representative of the market, may be valued on the basis of a method representative of the close of the market at responsibility of the Management Company.

### Main sources

The principal specialised data providers for valuations are Bloomberg, IDC, CMA, WMS and Factset. The Management Company may, nevertheless, change these at its own responsibility if it deems appropriate.

# Off-balance sheet:

The off-balance sheet commitment relating to interest rate swaps corresponds to the nominal contract value.

The off-balance sheet commitment on French and foreign futures markets is calculated based on the regulations in force:

- Futures: quantity by nominal amount by trading price in the contract currency,
- Options: quantity by delta by unit of trading by price of the underlying in the contract currency.

The off-balance sheet commitment in equity swaps is calculated in accordance with applicable procedures: quantity by price of the underlying in each currency plus or minus interest accrued on the interest rate component.

PROSPECTUS UPDATED ON: 07/10/2024



Pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

# Product name:

Candriam Risk Arbitrage - Candriam Risk Arbitrage

# Legal entity identifier

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Sustainable investment means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

# **Environmental and/or social characteristics**

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?

#### Yes Х No x It promotes Environmental/Social It will make a minimum of (E/S) characteristics and while it sustainable investments does not have as its objective a with an environmental sustainable investment, it will have a objective: % minimum proportion of 10 % of sustainable investments in economic activities that with an environmental objective in qualify as environmentally economic activities that qualify as sustainable under the EU environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy **EU** Taxonomy in economic activities that do with an environmental objective in X not qualify as environmentally economic activities that do not qualify sustainable under the EU as environmentally sustainable under Taxonomy the EU Taxonomy X with a social objective It will make a minimum of It promotes E/S characteristics, but will not make any sustainable sustainable investments investments with a social objective %



# What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?

Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained. The fund promotes environmental and social characteristics as follows:

- By seeking to avoid exposure to companies that present both significant and severe structural risks and that are the most seriously in breach of the normative principles, taking account of their practices with regard to environmental and social issues and of adherence to norms such as the UN Global Compact and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises;

- By seeking to avoid exposure to companies that are significantly exposed to controversial activities such as the mining, transport or distribution of thermal coal, the production or retail of tobacco, and the production or sale of controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster bombs, chemical, biological, white phosphorus and or depleted uranium weapons).

In addition to the above, Candriam's ESG research methodology is an integral part of the investment process. Finally, the fund seeks to invest a minimum proportion of its assets in

sustainable investments.

No non-financial benchmark has been designated in order to achieve the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the fund.

# What Sustainability Indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The sustainability indicators used in order to measure the achievement of environmental and social characteristics are the following:

- ESG score: the fund seeks to achieve an ESG score greater than an absolute threshold,

- - steps to ensure that there are no investments in issuers with the "red" flag indicating the most serious breaches of the principles of the UN Global Compact and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises;

- - steps to ensure that there are no investments in issuers particularly exposed to the exploration, mining, transport or distribution of thermal coal;

- - steps to ensure that there are no investments in issuers exposed to controversial weapons;

- - steps to ensure that there are no investments in issuers particularly exposed to the production and distribution of tobacco;

# What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

The sustainable investments which the fund intends to make for part of the portfolio aim to have a positive environmental and/or social impact in the long term.

Concerning sustainable investments with environmental objectives, the fund, through its sustainable investments defined by Candriam's exclusive ESG analysis, may over the long-term contribute to one or more of the following environmental objectives as set out in Article 9 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852:

- a) climate change mitigation,
- b) climate change adaptation,
- c) the sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources,
- d) the transition to a circular economy,
- e) pollution prevention and control.

# How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

The sustainable investments which the financial product makes partially do no significant harm to any sustainable environmental or social investment objectives, to the extent that Candriam takes account of the principal adverse impacts and aims for alignment with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, through the framework of its ESG ratings and its exclusions policy on controversial activities and normative policy.

Companies that contribute negatively to environmental and/or social sustainable investment objectives and that consequently do significant harm to these objectives through their adverse impacts will consequently tend to be allocated a poor score under Candriam's ESG rating system. They are therefore highly likely to be excluded from the eligible investment universe.

How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

For these sustainable investments realised partially by the fund, indicators of the principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors were considered using Candriam's ESG rating framework, exclusions from controversial activities and exclusions based on standards.

Principal adverse impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti - corruption and anti - bribery matters. For example:

1. Through the exclusion of companies involved in controversial activities and standards-based exclusions, which are based on an analysis of companies' compliance with international standards, Candriam takes account of the following principal adverse impacts (PAIs):

• PAI 3, 4 and 5: Exclusion of companies with significant exposure to conventional and non-conventional fossil fuel activities and/or non-renewable energy production. For PAIs 4 and 5, Candriam applies thresholds when taking account of exposure to these activities.

• PAI 7: Activities adversely impacting biodiversity sensitive areas. For example, Candriam excludes companies involved in palm oil (thresholds based on palm oil not certified by the RSPO).

• PAI 10: Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises.

• PAI 14: Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons).

2. By analysing the contribution of a company's business activities to the main sustainability challenges of climate change and resource depletion, Candriam takes account of the following principal adverse impacts:

• PAI 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6: By assessing the main sustainability challenges of climate change, Candriam analyses a company's exposure to climate risks as well as the intensity of GHG emissions generated by their business activities. This assessment is used to determine whether the company's business activities contribute positively or negatively to climate change.

• PAI 7, 8 and 9: Assessment of the impact of a company's business activities on the depletion of natural resources.

3. Through entity level engagement: In order to avoid and/or reduce adverse impacts on sustainability factors, Candriam also considers adverse impacts through its Enterprise-wide Engagement Programme, which includes dialogue with companies and/or the exercise of voting rights. Candriam prioritises engagement and/or voting activities based on an evaluation of the most significant and the most relevant ESG challenges faced by the sectors and the issuers, taking account of the financial, social and environmental impacts. Therefore, the level of engagement may vary from one issuer to another depending on Candriam's prioritising methodology.

The main themes of Candriam's engagement and/or voting practices are the energy transition, fair working conditions and business ethics. For example, in its dialogue and voting activities, Candriam takes into account PAI 1, 2 and 3 (GHG emissions, carbon footprint and GHG intensity), PAI 4 (exposure to fossil fuels), PAI 6 (energy consumption intensity by sector with high climate impact), PAI 10 (violations of the United Nations Global Compact Principles and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), as well as PAI 12 and PAI 13 (gender).

How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

The investments in the portfolio undergo a normative analysis examining respect for international social, human, environmental and anti-corruption norms as defined in the UN Global Compact and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. The conventions of the International Labour Organisation and the International Bill of Human Rights are among the many international references embedded in the normative analysis and Candriam's ESG analysis framework.

The analysis seeks to exclude companies which have significantly and/or repeatedly breached one of these principles.

Additional information on how Candriam takes account of the "do no significant harm" principle can be found at the links mentioned at the end of this Appendix.

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.



# Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

Yes, at the fund level, as indicated in Annex I of the SFDR delegated Regulation supplementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2088, the Principal Adverse Impacts (PAIs) on sustainability factors are taken into account – as described in the Level 1 PAIs in the document entitled "Principal Adverse Impact at Product Level" – by one or more of the following means:

# • Exclusions:

Through the exclusion of companies involved in controversial activities or through standard-based exclusions, Candriam takes the following into account:

1. Through the exclusion of companies involved in controversial activities and standardsbased exclusions, which are based on an analysis of companies' compliance with international standards, Candriam takes account of:

• PAI 10: Violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises.

• PAI 14: Exposure to controversial weapons (anti-personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons).

# • Engagement:

In order to avoid and/or reduce adverse impacts on sustainability factors, the fund also considers adverse impacts through its Entity-wide Engagement Programme, which includes dialogue with companies. Candriam prioritises its engagement activities based on an assessment of the most significant and most relevant ESG challenges facing the sectors and issuers, taking account of the financial, social and environmental impacts. Therefore, the level of engagement may vary depending on the issuers and Candriam's prioritising methodology.

The main themes of Candriam's engagement are the energy transition, fair working conditions and business ethics. For example, in its dialogue activities, Candriam takes into account PAI 1, 2 and 3 (GHG emissions, carbon footprint and GHG intensity), PAI 4 (exposure to fossil fuels), PAI 6 (energy consumption intensity by sector with high climate impact), PAI 7 (activities having an adverse impact on biodiversity sensitive zones) PAI 10 (violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), as well as PAI 12 and PAI 13 (gender).

• Monitoring:

Monitoring includes calculating and assessing the main adverse impacts on sustainability

factors, including reporting at the fund level.

For funds using carbon footprint as a sustainability indicator, PAI 2 is covered by this monitoring approach. PAI 3 (GHG intensity of investee companies) is monitored for funds forming part of Candriam's commitment to the Net Zero Asset Manager initiative. In addition, PAI 10 (violations of UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises), PAI 14 (Exposure to controversial weapons) are covered by the surveillance approach.

The indicators of specific principal adverse impacts taken into account depend on data quality and availability and may change as data quality and availability improves. If it is not possible to use a principal adverse impact indicator due to data limitations or other technical issues, the fund manager may use a representative replacement indicator.

More extensive information on the types of PAI considered can be found through the links provided at the end of this Annex (document entitled "Principal adverse impacts at product level").

No

# What investment strategy does this financial product follow?

The fund management seeks to achieve a performance over the recommended investment period better than the €STR for units denominated in EUR and better than the FED FUND for units in USD, principally by putting so-called "special situations" arbitrage strategies in place, principally on European and North American equities, with risk monitoring intended to limit the volatility of the FCP (less than 5%).

The investment strategy is applied according to a well-defined investment process and a rigorous risk framework. Adherence to these elements is subject to risk monitoring by Candriam.

Regarding the environmental and social aspects of the investment strategy, Candriam's proprietary ESG analysis (which produces ESG ratings and scores) and a normative controversy evaluation (including the controversial activity exclusion policy) are applied, making it possible to define the investable universe for the fund.

Furthermore, Candriam's ESG analysis, which includes an analysis of the issuer's activities and its interaction with its main stakeholders, is an integral part of the financial management of the portfolio, enabling the asset manager to identify the risks as well as opportunities around the serious challenges of sustainable development.

As the management company, Candriam has established a monitoring framework as described in the sustainability risk management policy. Monitoring of the fund's investment strategy risks seeks to ensure that the investments are aligned with and take account of environmental, social and governance indicators and the sustainability thresholds as explained above.

# What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?

The investment strategy contains binding elements such as an exclusion policy comprising a normative filter as well as the exclusion of certain controversial activities as described in Candriam's Level 1 Company-Wide Exclusions Policy. Candriam's Level 1 Company-Wide Exclusions Policy is aimed at harmful activities that in Candriam's opinion have a substantial negative impact and involve significant financial and sustainability risks. Exposure to these activities presents significant systemic and reputational risks for invested companies from economic, environmental and social points of view.

Consequently Candriam excludes activities linked to controversial weapons, tobacco and thermal coal from all the portfolios that it manages directly and encourages third parties to do likewise.

Candriam's Level 1 Company-Wide Exclusions Policy applies to all investments made by Candriam by way of long positions in direct lines on private sector and sovereign issuers and derivative products on individual issuers.

The full list of activities excluded by virtue of Candriam's Level 1 Company-Wide Exclusions Policy and their respective thresholds and exclusion criteria are available through the links provided at the end of this Annex (document entitled "Candriam Level 1



The investment strategy guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance. Company-Wide Exclusions Policy").

In addition, the portfolio is constructed in order to achieve or to respect:

- the objective of the sustainability indicator presented above;

- the minimum proportion set for investments which have environmental and social characteristics;

- the minimum proportion set for sustainable investments.

# What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy?

The fund is subject to an exclusion policy comprising a normative filter as well as the exclusion of certain controversial activities. There is no committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of the investment strategy

# What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?

The company's governance is a core aspect of the stakeholder analysis performed by Candriam. It can be used to evaluate:

1) how a company interacts with and manages its stakeholders, and

2) how a company's board of directors discharges its governance and management functions regarding disclosure and transparency and regarding consideration of sustainability objectives.

In order to evaluate a company's governance practices specifically regarding the stability of the management structures, labour relations, staff remuneration and tax compliance as defined by the SFDR, Candriam's ESG analysis includes five key pillars of governance:

1. The strategic orientation, which evaluates the independence, expertise and composition of the board of directors and ensures that the board acts in the interests of all shareholders and other stakeholders and that it is able to act as an effective counterweight to management,

2. An audit committee and an evaluation of the independence of the auditors in order to avoid conflicts of interest,

3. Transparency around the remuneration of senior managers, enabling managers and the remuneration committee to be held to account by the shareholders, to align the interests of senior management with those of the shareholders, and to focus on long-term performance,

4. The share capital to ensure that all the shareholders have equal voting rights,

5. Financial conduct and transparency.

# What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific assets. The fund seeks to place at least 25% of its total new assets in investments which have environmental and social characteristics (this is not a high threshold due to the nature of the investment strategy, which may have a low market exposure), of which a minimum of 10% of its total net assets will consist of sustainable investments A maximum of 75% of the total net assets of the fund may be allocated to other assets as indicated below.

The investments which have environmental and social characteristics are investments which undergo Candriam's proprietary ESG analysis and are eligible on the basis of their ESG rating. In addition, these investments must respect Candriam's exclusion policy concerning controversial activities and the normative filter. The investments which have E/S characteristics must demonstrate good governance practices.

Sustainable investments are defined on the basis of Candriam's proprietary ESG analysis. An

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include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

Good governance practices



issuer which respects Candriam's exclusion filters is eligible as a sustainable investment on the basis of an ESG rating reflecting high sustainability standards.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of: - **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies

- capital expenditure

 (CapEx) showing the green
 investments made by
 investee companies, e.g. for
 a transition to a green
 economy.

- operational expenditure (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies. 

 Investments
 #1 Aligned with E/S
 #1A Sustainable : Min.
 Taxonomy-aligned : 

 #1 Aligned with E/S
 characteristics:
 Other Environmental

 #1B Other E/S
 characteristics : Min. 0%
 Min. 0%

 #2 Other : Max.
 75%
 Social : Min. 0%

**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2** Other includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category #1 Aligned with E/S characteristics covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers sustainable investments with environmental or social objectives.

- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

# How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

The use of derivative products is not intended to achieve the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the fund.



# To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The EU Taxonomy Regulation establishes six distinct but interconnected environmental objectives. These environmental objectives are placed at the heart of Candriam's ESG research and analysis of issuers.

At the present time, however, only a small number of companies worldwide publish the necessary information for a rigorous evaluation of their alignment with the Taxonomy.

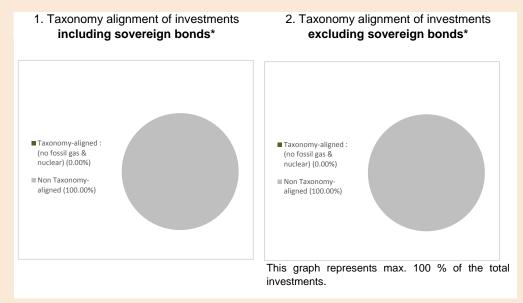
As a result, the fund does not commit to a minimum Taxonomy alignment percentage, meaning that this percentage must be considered to be zero.

Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy ?<sup>1</sup>

|   | Yes |               |                   |
|---|-----|---------------|-------------------|
|   |     | In fossil gas | In nuclear energy |
| X | No  |               |                   |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objectives - see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds<sup>\*</sup>, the first graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy-alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?

No minimum proportion of investments in transitional and/or enabling activities has been fixed. However, Candriam's ESG research and analysis framework includes an evaluation of transitional and/or enabling activities and how they contribute to the sustainability objectives.

# What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

There is no hierarchy of environmental or social objectives and as a result, the strategy neither seeks nor commits to a specific minimum proportion of sustainable investments with an environmental objective.

# What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

There is no hierarchy of environmental or social objectives and as a result, the strategy neither seeks nor commits to a specific minimum proportion of sustainable investments with a social objective.

Enabling activities directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective. Transitional activities are activities for which lowcarbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.



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are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.





# What investments are included under "#2 Other", what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

Investments in the "Others" category may be held in the fund up to a maximum of 75% of the total net assets.

Such investments may be:

- cash: demand deposits, reverse repurchase transactions that are necessary in order to manage the liquidity of the fund following subscriptions/redemptions and/or resulting from the fund's market exposure decisions,

- other investments (including single name derivatives) which comply at least with good governance principles,

- Non single name derivatives may be used in the manner indicated in the fund's prospectus.

# Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

No specific index has been designated as a benchmark in order to evaluate alignment with E/S characteristics.

How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?

N/A

How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?

N/A

- How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?
- Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?

N/A

# Where can I find more product specific information online?

For more detailed information about the product, go to:

https://www.candriam.com/en/private/sfdr/

https://www.candriam.com/en/professional/sfdr/



Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.



# UK SUPPLEMENT relating to the issue of units of Candriam Risk Arbitrage

This UK Supplement should be read in conjunction with and forms part of the latest version of Prospectus as amended or supplemented from time to time (the "Prospectus"). References to the Prospectus are to be taken as references to that document as supplemented or amended hereby. In addition, words and expressions defined in the Prospectus, unless otherwise defined below, shall bear the same meaning when used herein.

Candriam Risk Arbitrage (the "**Fund**") (a French Fonds Commun de Placement - FCP) is a recognised collective investment scheme for the purposes of section 264 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 ("**FSMA**") of the United Kingdom.

The Fund has appointed CANDRIAM, whose registered office is SERENITY Bloc B, 19-21, route d'Arlon, L-8009 Strassen, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg (the "**Management Company**"), to take care of the investment management and promotional services related to the Fund. The Management Company is EEA authorised and is regulated by the *Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier – CSSF* in Luxembourg and the Financial Conduct Authority (the "**FCA**") in the United Kingdom.

The Prospectus is being distributed in the United Kingdom by the Management Company. Other persons distributing the Prospectus in, from, or into the United Kingdom must satisfy themselves it is lawful to do so.

In making an investment decision, prospective investors must rely on their own examination of the legal, taxation, financial and other consequences of an investment in the Fund and the terms of the offering including the merits and risks involved. Prospective investors should not treat the contents of this document as advice relating to legal, taxation or investment matters and are advised to consult their own professional advisers concerning the acquisition, holding or disposal of units.

# **Dealing Arrangements and Information**

Kroll Advisory Ltd (the "**Facilities Agent**") has been appointed, pursuant to an agreement with the Management Company to act as the facilities agent for the Fund in the United Kingdom and it has agreed to provide certain facilities at its offices at The News Building, Level 6, 3 London Bridge Street, London SE1 9SG, United Kingdom, in respect of the Fund.

The attention of investors is drawn to the subscription and repurchase procedures contained in the Prospectus in particular with regard to the deadlines for the Fund. Requests for the repurchase of units (a "**Redemption Request**") may be sent to either the Facilities Agent at the abovementioned offices or the Transfer Agent of the Fund at the offices mentioned in the Prospectus.

Units are issued and repurchased at the net asset value per unit as determined on the relevant valuation day as set out in the Prospectus. Details of the determination of the net asset value per unit are set out in the section entitled "Commercial information" in the Prospectus. Information on the most recently published net asset value per unit may be obtained from either the Facility Agent at the abovementioned offices or the Management Company.

# **Documents Available for Inspection**

The following documents of the Fund may be obtained free of charge during usual business hours from the offices of the Facilities Agent:

- (a) The management rules of the Fund and any amendments thereto;
- (b) the prospectus most recently issued by the Management Company together with any supplements;
- (c) the key investor information documents most recently issued by the Management Company, and
- (d) the most recently produced annual and half yearly reports relating to the Fund.

Complaints about the operation of the Fund may be submitted to the Management Company directly or through the Facilities Agent at the following address:

Kroll Advisory Ltd The News Building, Level 6, 3 London Bridge Street, London SE1 9SG, United Kingdom

The date of this UK Supplement is October 7, 2024.