

# **ECHIQUIER CLIMATE & BIODIVERSITY IMPACT EUROPE G**

MAY 2024 (data as of 05/31/2024)



The subfund seeks long-term performance by gaining exposure to European equity markets through companies that stand out for their level of progress in addressing climate change and biodiversity issues, as well as for their good governance and the quality of their social and environmental policies (ESG).





Type

111 M€ Net assets



Sicav (subfund)

106.89€ NAV

Recommended investment horizon



#### **Fund Managers**

Adrien Bommelaer, Luc Olivier, Paul Merle

#### Characteristics

Echiquier Impact Creation of the Sicav 10/16/2017 Indefinite Lifetime Creation of the subfund 12/15/2020

Date of 1st NAV 12/15/2020 FR0013517281 Bloomberg code **ECCIEGE FP** Base currency

Income allocation Accumulation MSCI FUROPE NR Ref. Indic.

SFDR classification Article 9

#### **Financial information**

3% max. not acquired by the Entry charge subfund

None

Management fees 1,35% incl. taxes

Performance fee No Swing pricing No Min. subscription None

# Fees as of 12/30/2022

Exit charge

Management fees and other administrative 1.36% and operating expenses

0,42% Transaction costs

Outperformance fees No

### **Operational information**

Valorisation frequency Daily Cut off Noon Settlement D+2

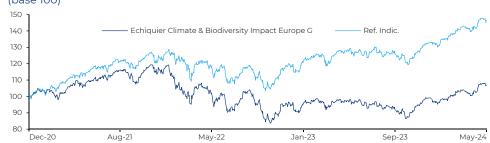
Société Générale Fund administrator BNP Paribas SA Decimalisation Thousandths

#### **Fund Manager comments**

Echiquier Climate & Biodiversity Impact Europe G turned in a positive monthly performance of 3.87% and of 7.96% year-to-

The markets rebounded in May, buoyed by the stabilisation of US long-term interest rates and good news releases. Cyclical or value sectors such as financials, industrials and property outperformed, while energy and luxury goods lagged. Against this backdrop, the fund is outperforming. Among the main beneficiaries, MUNICH RE is benefiting from the recovery in financials and solid results. EXPERIAN has posted very solid annual growth (for the financial year to the end of March). Lastly, the market is expecting INFINEON to bounce back after the long destocking of semiconductors. Among the big detractors, HERMES is falling with the luxury goods sector and there has been some profit-taking on ASHTEAD after its CMD was held without any major announcements. SAP was penalised by disappointing software publications, particularly from SALESFORCE. We sold our positions in VAISALA and NESTE after its third earnings warning, which caused us to lose confidence in the company. We initiated a position in CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY, the leader in rail freight in North America, which is making a massive contribution to the decarbonisation of freight transport.

#### Evolution of the performance of the fund and its reference indicator since inception (base 100)



Ref. Indic.: source Bloomberg

#### **Perf.** (%)

	Fullu	Rei. IIIuic.
1 month	+3.9	+3.
YTD	+8.0	+10.
1 year annualised	+11.7	+17.
3 years annualised	-0.7	+8.4
Since inception annualised	+1.9	+11.

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Other risk indicators (based on weekly figures)	1 year	3 Years	5 Years	10 years	Since inception
Fund volatility	13.7	16.4	-	-	16.0
Ref. indicator volatility	11.3	13.6	-	-	13.3
Sharpe ratio	0.8	0	-	-	0.2
Beta	1.1	1.1	-	-	1.1
Correlation	0.9	0.9	-	-	0.9
Information ratio	-1.0	-1.3	-		-1.4
Tracking error	4.8	6.4	-	-	6.6
Max. drawdown of the fund	-11.8	-29.9	-	-	-29.9
Max. drawdown of the benchmark	-8.3	-19.5	-	-	-19.5
Time to recovery (business days)	36.0	-	-	-	-

# Risk indicator



Important risk(s) for the fund not taken into account in this indicator: credit risk, liquidity risk, counterparty guarantees. The risk category associated with this fund is not guaranteed and may change over time.

The synthetic risk indicator shows the level of risk of this product compared with others. It indicates the probability that this product will incur losses in the event of market movements or if we are unable to pay you. We have classified the product in risk class 4 out of 7, which is a low to medium risk class. In other words, the potential losses associated with the future performance of the product are low to medium and, if the situation were to deteriorate on the financial markets, it is unlikely that our ability to pay you would be affected.

This indicator represents the risk profile shown in the KID. The risk indicator assumes that you hold the share for 5 years. Warning: the real risk may be very different if you opt to exit before that time, and you may get less in return

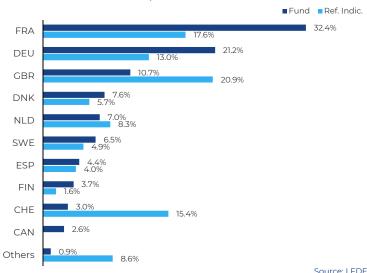
#### **Fund Profile**

EV/Sales 2024	5.1
PER 2024	24.7
Yield	2.5%
Active share	78.9%

Cash (% of the net assets)	-0.2%
Number of positions	29
Average market capitalization (M€)	138 072
Median market capitalization (M€)	49 627
	Source: LFDE

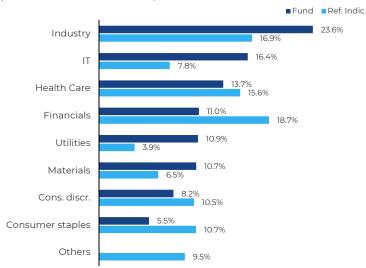
#### Geographic breakdown

(% of the net assets without cash)



#### Sector breakdown (GICS)

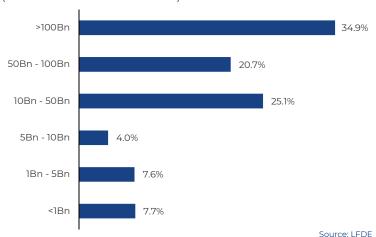
(% of the net assets without cash)



Source: Bloomberg

## Capitalization breakdown (€)

(% of the net assets without cash)



## **Top holdings**

Holdings	Country	Sector	% of the net assets
Novo Nordisk	DNK	Health Care	7.6
ASML	NLD	ΙΤ	7.0
L'Oréal	FRA	Consumer s	5.5
Compass	GBR	Cons. discr.	4.6
Legrand	FRA	Industry	4.5
Iberdrola	ESP	Utilities	4.5
Munich Re	DEU	Financials	4.1
Allianz	DEU	Financials	4.0
Schneider Electric	FRA	Industry	4.0
Air Liquide	FRA	Materials	3.9
Total weight o	of the top 10	holdings: 49.7%	
			Source: LFDE

# Currency breakdown



Source: LFDE

# Performance analysis (monthly)

Top 3 contributors						
Holdings Performance Contribution						
Munich Re	11.1	0.4				
Infineon Technologies	12.6	0.4				
ASML	4.6	0.3				
Weight of the 3 contributors: 14.1%						

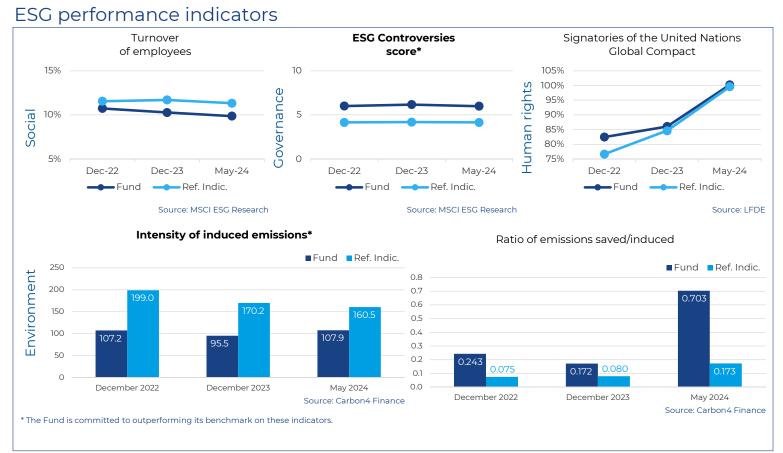
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Holdings		Performance	Contribution			
Hermès		-2.4	-0.1			
Compass		-1.5	-0.1			
Ashtead		-2.4	-0.1			
Weight of the 3 contributors: 11.0%						

Source: LFDI

# **ESG Data**



#### Source: La Financière de l'Echiquier and MSCI ESG Research



# Methodologies and coverage rate

		12/30/2022	12/29/2023	05/31/2024			12/30/2022	12/29/2023	05/31/2024
Turnover	Portfolio	90.3%	94.3%	96.8%	ESG Controversyscore	Portfolio	98.0%	100.0%	100.0%
of employees	Ref. indicator	85.8%	88.0%	86.5%		Ref. indicator	100.0%	99.9%	98.2%
					Controversy score of the portfo	$olio = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (Controversy  Score_{i})$	x Stock Weighting		
		12/30/2022	12/29/2023	05/31/2024			12/30/2022	12/29/2023	05/31/2024
Signatories of the United Nations	Portfolio	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	Carbon	Portfolio	97.2%	100.0%	100.0%
Global Compact	Ref. indicator	96.2%	99.8%	99.9%	data	Ref. indicator	98.8%	99.0%	99.0%
					Carbon intensity of the portfolio	$o = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( \frac{\text{Investment Value}}{\text{Fund Net Asset Val}} \right)$	ue x Carbon Emission	ns Scope 1,2 e 3 se Value <sub>i</sub>	
					Ratio avoided emissions on induced emissions	$c(CIR) = \sum_{i=1}^{n(} \frac{\text{Sum of CO2 emissions savings}}{\text{Sum of CO2 induced emissions}}$	× Stock weighting in the port	folio	

We have not encountered any difficulties in measuring these ESG performance indicators.

ESG: Environmental, Social and Governance criteria. At La Financière de l'Echiquier, the Governance score accounts for around 60% of the ESG score. For further information related to the methodologies used to calculate ESG indicators above and on our approach as a responsible investor, please refer to our transparency code and other documents available on La Financière de l'Echiquier's website at the following link: www.lfde.com/en-ch/responsible-investment/to-find-out-more/

Sources: La Financière de l'Echiquier, The United Nations Global Compact, Carbon 4 Finance, MSCI ESG Research



The French government SRI label is valid for a limited period and is subject to re-evaluation. Furthermore, the fact that a sub-fund has been awarded the label does not mean that it meets your own sustainability objectives or that the label meets the requirements of future national or European rules

### Extra-financial objective of the fund

The fund's management objective is combined with an extra-financial approach that takes account of environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria, such as the issuer's environmental policy, employee protection and the skills of the management team, using a dual "best in universe" and "best effort" ESG approach.

This SRI fund systematically integrates environmental, social and governance criteria into its financial management. This has an impact on the selection of securities in the portfolio.

The following are examples of indicators for each of the E. S and G criteria:

- Environmental indicators: environmental policy and actions, results of action plans put in place by the company, exposure of suppliers to environmental risks, positive or negative impact of products on the environment.
- Social indicators: attractiveness of employer brand, employee retention, anti-discrimination, employee protection, supplier exposure to social risks, relations with civil society.
- Governance indicators: competence of the management team, checks and balances, respect for minority shareholders, business ethics.

The fund seeks to select the issuers with the best extra-financial ratings in their investment universe ("best in universe" approach). The fund also seeks to invest in companies that are at the start of their CSR process and are in the process of improving their ESG practices ("best effort" approach). The fund applies two extra-financial filters to its stock selection: after excluding controversial sectors and practices, companies must meet a minimum ESG rating.

The ESG rating is out of 10 and is awarded to each issuer. The ESG rating of issuers in the portfolio must always be higher than 100%.

This rating is determined by a methodology internal to the management company and is composed as follows:

- **Governance**: the Governance rating represents approximately 60% of the overall ESG rating. This is a historical bias of La Financière de l'Echiquier, which has attached particular importance to this subject since its creation.
- Environment and Social: social and environmental criteria are combined into a Responsibility score. The calculation of this takes account of the type of company concerned:
- for industrial stocks: social and environmental criteria are equally weighted within the Responsibility score. for service values: the "Social" score contributes 2/3 to the "Responsibility" score while the "Environment" score accounts for 1/3 of the "Responsibility" score.

The methodological limitations of the ESG approach mainly concern the reliability of the extra-financial data published by the issuers and the subjective nature of the ratings used by the management company.

La Financière de l'Echiquier carries out ESG ratings on at least 100 % of the securities in its portfolio, with particular attention paid internally to corporate governance and the support of MSCI ESG Research on environmental and social issues.

The E and S ratings are derived from an MSCI ESG Research database. The G rating is an internal rating. A minimum ESG rating of 6.0/10 is required to integrate ESG-managed UCIs. In addition, these funds undertake to ensure that their weighted average ESG rating is higher than that of their investment universe at all times. The securities making up the benchmark index are not selected on the basis of their environmental or social characteristics. The index is not adapted to the social or environmental characteristics promoted by the UCI.

The data on which our various exclusions are based (excluding thermal coal) comes from MSCI ESG Research and is updated monthly

For further information related to the methodologies used to calculate ESG indicators, please refer to our transparency code available on www.lfde.com/en-ch/responsibleinvestment/to-find-out-more/.

# Fund climate & biodiversity profil

	Fund		Ref.	Indic.
	Data	Coverage	Data	Coverage
CBM score	<b>65</b> %	100%	64%	36%
Temperature	1.8°C	100%	2.6°C	99%
MSAppb*	38	96%	62	96%
Eligible Green Share	<b>37.8</b> %	52%	21.2%	39%
Physical risks	27.0	96%	26.5	97%

Climate & Biodiversity Maturity (CBM) Score: score reflecting the level of progress (measured in %) of the company in taking into account the climate and biodiversity issues it faces and will face

 $\underline{\textbf{Temperature:}} \ \textbf{Temperature:} \ \textbf{a measure of the alignment of portfolio companies with the reference}$ trajectory defined by the IEA.

MSAppb\*: biodiversity indicator expressing the average loss of species on a standardised area. Eligible Green Share: represents the share of the company's turnover that comes from activities eligible under the European taxonomy.

Physical risks: measures the exposure of companies to different climatic hazards. The score is based on 100. A score of 100 represents maximum exposure.

### MSAppb\*

	Тор 5		
Holdings	Weight	Climate profile	MSAppb*
Aker Carbon Capture	0.5%	Solution	0.1
Ashtead	2.7%	Solution	5.7
Tomra Systems	0.5%	Solution	5.9
Asml	7.0%	Transition	7.1
Dassault Systemes	2.9%	Transition	7.6

	Flop 5		
Holdings	Weight	Climate profile	MSAppb*
Kemira	3.8%	Transition	311.2
Alfa Laval	3.5%	Solution	99.1
Spie	2.5%	Solution	88.3
Veolia Environnement	2.6%	Solution	49.9
Air Liquide	3.9%	Solution	45.4

### **Climate & Biodiversity Maturity**

	Top 5		
Holdings	Weight	Climate profile	CBM score
Schneider Electric	4.0%	Solution	93%
L'Oreal	5.5%	Pionnier	80%
Veolia Environnement	2.6%	Solution	<b>79</b> %
Sap	3.3%	Pionnier	<b>77</b> %
Astrazeneca	3.5%	Pionnier	<b>73</b> %

Flop 5									
Holdings	Weight	Climate profile	CBM score						
Infineon Technologies	3.3%	Solution	<b>42</b> %						
Aker Carbon Capture	0.5%	Solution	43%						
Ashtead	2.7%	Solution	51%						
Epiroc	3.0%	Transition	<b>52</b> %						
Sika	1.6%	Transition	53%						

Data as of 05/31/2024

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					${\tt Controversy\ Score}_i\ x\ {\tt Stock\ Weighting}_i \bigg)$					
		12/30/2022	12/29/2023	05/31/2024		1-1	12/30/2022	12/29/2023	05/31/2024	
Signatories of the United Nations Global Compact	Portfolio	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	Carbon data	Portfolio	97.2%	100.0%	100.0%	
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					Carbon intensity of the portfolio $= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Investment Value}_{i} \\ \text{Fund Net Asset Value} \end{array} \times \frac{\text{Carbon Emissions Scope 1, 2 e 3}}{\text{Enterprise Value}_{i}} \right)$ $\text{Ratio avoided emissions on induced emissions (CIR)} = \sum_{i=1}^{n_{i}} \frac{\text{Sum of CO2 emissions savings}_{i}}{\text{Sum of CO2 induced emissions}_{i}} \times \text{Stock weighting}_{i} \text{ in the portfolio} \right)$					

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# Glossary

#### **Lexicon of risk indicators**

Volatility Measure of the amplitude of variations in the price of a share, a market or a fund. It is calculated over a given period and is used to assess the regularity of the

performance of a share, market or fund.

Sharpe ratio Indicator of the (marginal) return obtained per unit of risk taken.

If the ratio is negative: less profitability than the benchmark. If the ratio is between 0 and 1: outperformance with too much" risk taken.

**Bêta** If the ratio is greater than 1: outperformance that does not come at the cost of "too much" risk."Indicator which corresponds to the fund's sensitivity in relation to

> its benchmark index For a beta of less than 1, the fund is likely to fall less than its index; if the beta is greater than 1, the fund is likely to fall more than its index

Information ratio Synthetic indicator of the effectiveness of the risk/return trade-off, A high indicator means that the fund regularly outperforms its benchmark index. Tracking error An indicator that compares the fund's volatility with that of its benchmark index. The higher the tracking error, the further the fund's average performance is

Max. drawdown Max drawdown measures the biggest fall in the value of a portfolio.

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Carbon data

Time to recovery (business Recovery time, which corresponds to the time needed for the portfolio to return to its highest level (before the "max drawdown").

Sensitivity Variation in the value of an asset when another factor varies at the same time. For example, the interest-rate sensitivity of a bond corresponds to the variation in its price caused by a rise or fall in interest rates of one basis point (0.01%)

Lexicon of financial analysis

EV/Sales Enterprise valuation ratio: enterprise value/sales.

**PER** Company valuation ratio: Price Earning Ratio = market capitalisation/net profit.

Consumer discretionary In contrast to basic consumption, it represents all goods and services considered non-essential. **Basic consumption** As opposed to discretionary consumption, it represents goods and services considered essential.

**Communication Services** This sector includes telecoms network operators and providers of communications and data transmission services.

**Emerging countries** Emerging countries are countries whose economic situation is in the process of development. This growth is calculated on the basis of GDP, new businesses

and infrastructure, and the standard of living and quality of life of the inhabitants.

Commodities A natural resource used in the production of semi-finished or finished products, or as a source of energy,

Lexicon of credit analysis

A bond is said to be "investment grade", i.e. if its financial rating by the rating agencies is higher than BB+. Investment grade bond

High yield bond A high-yield bond is one rated below BBB- by the rating agencies

The average life of its cash flows weighted by their present value. All other things being equal, the higher the duration, the greater the risk. Duration

Yield to worst The worst return a bond can achieve without the issuer defaulting.

Yield (all calls exercised) The yield on a bond includes any call dates incorporated into the bond. These "call" dates correspond to intermediate maturities which give the possibility of

redeeming the bond before its final maturity date.

Non-financial analysis lexicon

Selectivity rate Selectivity rate: percentage of the initial universe excluded for ESG reasons.

Investment universe Investment universe ("investible universe") meeting the constraints of the prospectus.

This controversy score ranging from 0 to 10 (0 being the worst) is provided to us by MSCI ESG Research. We want to measure whether the companies invested in our UCIs are better than those in their benchmark index in terms of management and occurrence of ESG controversies on themes such as the environment, Controversy score

consumer rights, human rights, labour rights, supplier management as well as governance.

A set of raw data (source Carbon4 Finance) used to calculate the various ratios linked to the fund's carbon footprint:

Carbon impact ratio: CO<sub>2</sub> emissions saved and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions induced

Carbon intensity: Scope 1, 2 and 3 carbon emissions (scope 1 represents direct emissions, 2 indirect energy-related emissions, 3 all other indirect emissions).

Carbon Impact Ratio (CIR) Emissions saved to emissions induced ratio calculated by Carbon 4 Finance, which corresponds to the ratio between GHG emissions avoided and GHG emissions

induced by a company (in tonnes of CO2 equivalent), known as the CIR. The higher the CIR, the more relevant the company is to the transition to a low-carbon economy. This indicator enables us to assess the relevance of a company's activity to the challenges of combating climate change. For a given company, a CIR greater than I means that the activity avoids more greenhouse gas emissions than it induces.

Weighted average carbon Carbon intensity is the weighted average of our UCIs (compared with their benchmark index) using Carbon4 Finance's WACI (Weighted Average Carbon

Intensity) methodology. The calculation formula is given in the ESG methodology insert. intensity (WACI)

For more information The SICAV was created on October 16, 2017 for an indefinite period. The subfund was launched on December 15, 2020.

This document, which is of a commercial nature, is above all a monthly report on the management and risks of the sub-fund. It is also intended to provide you with simplified information on the characteristics of the sub-fund.

For further information on the characteristics and costs of this sub-fund, we invite you to read the regulatory documents (prospectus available in English and French and DIC in the official languages of your country) available free of charge on our website www.lfde.com.

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