# CARMIGNAC PORTFOLIO MERGER ARBITRAGE PLUS F GBP ACC HDG

Recommended minimum investment horizon:

Potentially lower return

Potentially lower return

Potentially higher return

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LUXEMBOURG SICAV SUB-FUND

LU2601234169 Monthly Factsheet - 28/02/2025

## **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

Carmignac Portfolio Merger Arbitrage Plus is a UCITS fund, following an alternative investment strategy that seeks to benefit from the price discontinuities ("arbitrage") of the shares related to merger and acquisition transactions. The Fund invests in officially announced M&A deals in the developed markets. The Fund seeks to achieve a positive absolute return over a 3-year investment horizon through capital growth.

Fund management analysis can be found on P.3

# **PERFORMANCE**

Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance. Performances are net of fees (excluding possible entrance fees charged by the distributor).

#### FUND PERFORMANCE SINCE LAUNCH (Basis 100 - Net of fees)



#### CUMULATIVE AND ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE (as of 28/02/2025 - Net of fees)

		Cumulative Pe	rformance (%)		Annualised Performance (%)
	Since	1	1	Since	Since
	31/12/2024	Month	Year	14/04/2023	14/04/2023
F GBP Acc Hdg	1.31	0.83	5.93	9.94	5.17

#### MONTHLY PERFORMANCE (%) (Net of fees)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2025	0.47	0.83	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	1.31
2024	-0.06	0.02	1.14	-0.31	0.10	0.69	1.15	0.48	0.16	-0.43	0.29	1.23	4.52
2023	_	_	_	-0.17	-0.64	0.47	0.52	1.57	0.72	0.49	0.56	0.26	3.83

VAR
Fund VaR 8.7%

PERFORMANCE CONTRIBUTION

Equity Derivatives 1.2%
Currency Derivatives -0.2%
Cash and Others -0.0%
Total 1.0%

Gross monthly performance





F. Cretin-Fumeron

S. Dieudonné

# **KEY FIGURES**

Merger Arbitrage Exposure <sup>(1)</sup>	114.4%
Number of Strategies	46
Cash and Others	18.1%
Net Fauity Exposure	86 7%

#### **FUND**

SFDR Fund Classification: Article 8

**Domicile:** Luxembourg **Fund Type:** UCITS **Legal Form:** SICAV

**SICAV Name:** Carmignac Portfolio **Subscription/Redemption:** Daily

Order Placement Cut-Off Time: Before 13:30

(CET/CEST)

Fund Inception Date: 14/04/2023 Fund AUM: 150M€ / 156M\$ (2) Fund Currency: EUR

#### SHARE

Dividend Policy: Accumulation Date of 1st NAV: 14/04/2023 Base Currency: GBP NAV (share): 109.94£

## FUND MANAGER(S)

Fabienne Cretin-Fumeron since 14/04/2023 Stéphane Dieudonné since 14/04/2023

# OTHER ESG CHARACTERISTICS

Minimum % Taxonomy Alignment 0%	
Minimum % Sustainable Investments 0%	
Principal Adverse Impact Indicators Yes	



<sup>\*</sup> For the share class Carmignac Portfolio Merger Arbitrage Plus F GBP Acc Hdg. Risk Scale from the KIID (Key Investor Information Document). Risk 1 does not mean a risk-free investment. This indicator may change over time. (1) Sum of all the long equity exposures from the portfolio, the short book is excluded. (2) Exchange Rate EUR/USD as of 28/02/2025.

#### CARMIGNAC PORTFOLIO MERGER ARBITRAGE PLUS F GBP ACC HDG

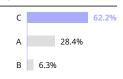
# MERGER ARBITRAGE EXPOSURE (%) (1)

# 160 140 120 100 80 60 40 20 02/24 05/24 08/24 11/24 02/25 Merger Arbitrage Exposure

#### **TOP TEN - MERGER ARBITRAGE**

Name	Country	Sector / Rating	%
HESS CORP	USA	Energy	7.8%
ENSTAR GROUP LTD	USA	Financials	5.4%
CHAMPIONX CORP	USA	Energy	4.8%
PACTIV EVERGREEN INC	USA	Materials	4.6%
FUJITSU GENERAL LTD	Japan	Consumer Discretionary	4.1%
SHINKO ELECTRIC INDUSTRIES CO LTD	Japan	Information Technology	4.1%
KELLANOVA	USA	Consumer Staples	4.1%
NEXUS AG	Germany	Healthcare	4.0%
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS PARENT INC	USA	Communication Services	4.0%
COVESTRO AG	Germany	Materials	3.6%
Total			46.4%

#### MERGER ARBITRAGE RISK LEVEL



#### MERGER ARBITRAGE TYPE

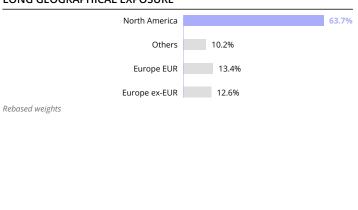


#### MERGER ARBITRAGE NATURE

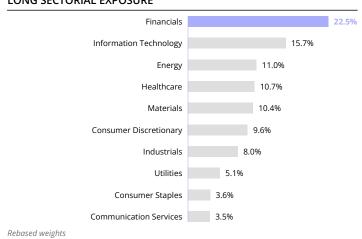


Rebased weights

#### LONG GEOGRAPHICAL EXPOSURE



#### LONG SECTORIAL EXPOSURE



#### MAIN MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS OVER THE MONTH

Target	Buyer	Sector	Size (M€)	Country
INNERGEX RENEWABLE ENERGY INC	CAISSE DE DEPOT ET PLACEMENT DU QUEBEC	Utilities	6133	Canada
H&E EQUIPMENT SERVICES INC	HERC HOLDINGS INC	Industrials	5374	USA
SUBSEA 7 SA	SAIPEM SPA	Energy	5100	Luxembourg
JUST EAT TAKEAWAY.COM NV	PROSUS NV	Consumer Discretionary	4999	Netherlands
METRO AG	EP GLOBAL COMMERCE GMBH	Consumer Staples	4637	Germany

### **FUND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS**



- The beginning of the month was fairly calm for the Merger Arbitrage strategy in an environment that is still generally very buoyant for equities.
- The second part of February proved to be more eventful. In a bear market phase, merger arbitrage discounts showed their resilience supported by several events favourable to the strategy.
- First, there were two increased bids. The first in the US on the company H&E Equipment Services: Herc Holdings offered a price 20% higher than the initial offer of United Rentals, which, in fact, already presented an acquisition premium of nearly 85%. The second in Europe with the company Anima, on which the buyer Banco BPM increased its price from 6.20 euros to 7.00 euros a share.
- Then, the US antitrust authorities finally gave their approval for the acquisition of HashiCorp by IBM, which was still subject to some uncertainties. This news suggests a more accommodating attitude to M&A transactions in the future on the part of the new administration.
- Finally, M&A activity has been robust in Europe with some significant deals: in the Oil & Gas sector, the merger, still at a preliminary stage, between the Norwegian Subsea 7 and the Italian Saipem for €5.7 bn, the takeover of Just Eat Takeaway.com by Prosus for €5.2 bn and the continued consolidation in the Italian banking sector with BPER Banca's bid for Banca Popolare di Sondrio for €4.4 bn.
- The HFRX Merger Arbitrage index consequently showed a positive performance of 0.74%.

#### PERFORMANCE COMMENTARY

- The fund posted a positive performance over the month.
- The main contributors to the positive performance were: H&E Equipement Services, HashiCorp and Enstar Group.
- The main detractors to the performance were: Hess and Discover Financial Services.

#### **OUTLOOK AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

- The fund's investment rate is 114%, up on the previous month.
- With 46 portfolio positions, diversification remains satisfactory.
- 2024 was a very complicated year for Merger Arbitrage: strong antitrust pressure, particularly in the US, with some deals blocked (Capri, Albertsons) and others under increased scrutiny (Hess, Pioneer Natural Resources, Catalent or Juniper), recovery in M&A activity not as strong as expected due to this increased scrutiny from the competition authorities, highly volatile deals (DS Smith, United States Steel, China Traditional Chinese Medicine) which led to the unwinding and closure of several Merger Arbitrage portfolios within the largest investment platforms.
- Outlook for 2025 is much brighter, thanks to a more favorable antitrust environment for M&A activity
  worldwide: change of administration in the US following Trump's election, publication of the Draghi report
  in Europe recommending the emergence of national champions to face global competition, regulator in the
  UK pushed by the political class to prioritize economic activity, Japanese market continuing to open up to
  foreign capital. Lower interest rates should also drive M&A activity in the quarters ahead.







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# **PORTFOLIO ESG SUMMARY**

This financial product is classified Article 8 of the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation ("SFDR"). 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 are:

- ESG analysis applied to at least 90% of the equity holding in the Long portfolio;
- The Sub-Fund's equity portfolio universe is actively reduced.

# PORTFOLIO ESG COVERAGE

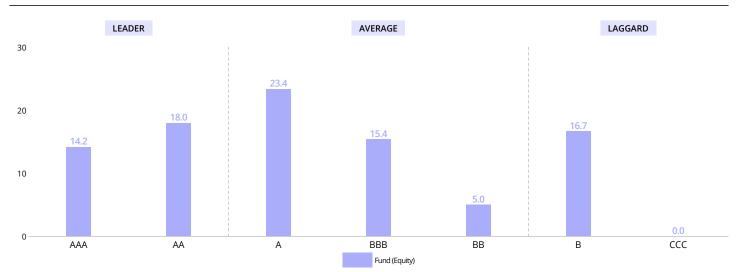
# Number of issuers in the portfolio 40 Number of issuers rated 40 Coverage Rate 100.0%

#### **ESG SCORE**

Carmignac Portfolio Merger Arbitrage Plus F GBP Acc Hdg A

Source: Carmignac

#### MSCI ESG SCORE PORTFOLIO



Source: MSCI ESG Score. ESG Leaders represent companies rated AAA and AA by MSCI. ESG Average represent companies rated A, BBB, and BB by MSCI. ESG Laggards represent companies rated B and CCC by MSCI. Portfolio ESG Coverage: 94.1%

#### TOP 5 ESG RATED PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

Company	Weight	ESG Rating
SUMITOMO MITSUI BANKING CORP	4.0%	AAA
INNERGEX RENEWABLE ENERGY INC	2.0%	AAA
CA CONSUMER FINANCE SA	4.0%	AA
DISCOVER FINANCIAL SERVICES	3.3%	AA
JUNIPER NETWORKS INC	1.9%	AA
Source: MSCI ESG		



#### **GLOSSARY**

Active Management: An investment management approach where a manager aims to beat the market through research, analysis and their own judgement.

Investment/net exposure rate: The investment rate constitutes the volume of assets invested expressed as a percentage of the portfolio. Adding the impact of the derivatives to this investment rate results in the net exposure rate, which corresponds to the real percentage of asset exposure to a certain risk. Derivatives can be used to increase the underlying asset's exposure (stimulation) or reduce it (hedging).

Merger Arbitrage Exposure: The Merger Arbitrage Exposure level refers to the equity long book of the portfolio, the short book used as coverage is excluded

Merger Arbitrage Risk: The risk level of each deal from the equity long book of the portfolio is assessed to determine the risk of deal failure. Ratings are based on our in-house methodology and rated between A and C, where A is the least risky and C is the highest risk.

Net asset value: Price of all units (in an FCP) or shares (in a SICAV).

SICAV: Société d'Investissement à Capital Variable (Open-ended investment company with variable capital)

#### **ESG DEFINITIONS & METHODOLOGY**

ESG: E for Environment, S for Social, G for Governance

**ESG score Calculation:** Only the Equity and Corporate Bond holdings of the fund considered. Overall Fund Rating calculated using MSCI Fund ESG Quality Score methodology: excluding cash and non ESG-rated holdings, performing a weighted average of the normalized weights of the holdings and the Industry-Adjusted Score of the holdings, multiplied by (1+Adjustment%) which consists of the weight of positively trending ESG ratings minus the weight of negatively trending ESG ratings. For a detailed explanation see "MSCI ESG Fund Ratings Methodology", Section 2.3. Updated June 2023. https://www.msci.com/documents/1296102/34424357/MSCI+ESG+Fund+Ratings+Methodology.pdf

Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI): Negative, material, or potentially material effects on sustainability factors that result from, worsen, or are directly related to investment choices or advice performed by a legal entity. Examples include GHG emissions and carbon footprint.

Sustainable Investments: The SFDR defines sustainable investment as 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.

**Taxonomy Alignment:** In the context of an individual company, taxonomy alignment is defined as the proportion of a company's revenue that comes from activities that meet certain environmental criteria. In the context of an individual fund or portfolio, alignment is defined as the portfolio-weight weighted average taxonomy alignment of included companies. For more information, please follow this link:

https://eć.europa.eu/info/sites/default/files/business\_economy\_euro/banking\_and\_finance/documents/sustainable-finance-taxonomy-faq\_en.pdf

# **CHARACTERISTICS**

Share Class	Date of 1st NAV	Bloomberg	ISIN	SEDOL	CUSIP	Management Fee	Entry costs (1)	Exit costs (2)	Ongoing Charge <sup>(3)</sup>	Performance fee	Minimum Initial Subscription <sup>(4)</sup>
F EUR Acc	14/04/2023	CARMERF LX	LU2585801173	BLFB0G0	L14562273	Max. 1%	_	_	1.25%	Yes	_
I EUR Acc	14/04/2023	CRPTFIE LX	LU2585801330	BLFB0H1	L14562281	Max. 1%	_	_	1.11%	Yes	EUR 10000000
F GBP Acc Hdg	14/04/2023	CAPMAFG LX	LU2601234169	BLFB0J3	L1506T837	Max. 1%	_	_	1.25%	Yes	_
I GBP Acc Hdg	14/04/2023	CAPMAIG LX	LU2601234326	BLFB0K4	L1506T878	Max. 1%	_	_	1.11%	Yes	GBP 10000000

- (1) We do not charge an entry fee. (2) We do not charge an exit fee for this product.
- (2) We do not charge an extra fee for this product.
  (3) Ongoing charges are based on the expenses for the last financial year ended. They may vary from year to year and do not include performance fees or transaction costs.
  (4) Please refer to the prospectus for the minimum subsequent subscription amounts. The prospectus is available on the website: www.carmignac.com.

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EQUITY: The Fund may be affected by stock price variations, the scale of which is dependent on external factors, stock trading volumes or market capitalization. ARBITRAGE RISK: Arbitrage seeks to benefit from such price differences (e.g. in markets, sectors, securities, currencies). If arbitrage performs unfavorably, an OCIATED WITH THE LONG/SHORT STRATEGY: This risk is linked to long and/or short investment may lose its value and generate a loss for the Sub-Fund. RISK positions designed to adjust net market exposure. The fund may suffer high losses if its long and short positions undergo simultaneous unfavourable development in opposite directions. LIQUIDITY: Temporary market distortions may have an impact on the pricing conditions under which the Fund might be caused to liquidate, initiate or modify its positions.

The Fund presents a risk of loss of capital.

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