

## DORVAL MANAGEURS SMALL CAP EURO N Share (EUR) - Acc

## **EQUITIES STRATEGY**



#### MANAGEMENT PHILOSOPHY

Dorval Manageurs Small Cap Euro is an equity fund that invests primarily in euro area small- and midcaps, and is eligible for French equity savings plans (PEA) and SME equity savings plans (SME PEA). It also carries the French government Relance and SRI accreditations. The fund takes an active investment approach with no restrictions as it seeks to lock in leading euro area companies' growth, assessed on the basis of Dorval Asset Management's selection criteria. This approach is governed by a stringent socially responsible investment policy, as fundamental analysis of eligible companies is combined with screening for environmental, social and governance (ESG) opportunities and risks. The management objective is to outperform the MSCI EMU Small Cap Net Total Return over a minimum recommended five-year investment timeframe. The Fund does not seek to replicate this reference indicator and can therefore significantly diverge from it.

#### FUND MANAGER'S COMMENT

Anti-Covid measures were relaxed in China in December, leading to investor concerns on overcrowded hospitals and projected death tolls. Our fund posted a positive performance this month amidst falling stock-market indices. We took profits on Nexus for valuation reasons, while we added to undervalued companies (GL Events, Xilam, Chargeurs, Seb). Our portfolio currently invests in 47 companies with a median market cap of €531 million. At this stage and despite a challenging macroeconomic environment, we expect earnings growth for companies on our portfolio of 23.5% in 2023 with a P/E of 13.9x and yield of 2.7%.

#### **RISK AND REWARD PROFILE**

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#### Lower risk, typically lower rewards

Higher risk,

The SRRI level of this UCITS is an indicator with a score from 1 to 7. It corresponds to an increasing level of risk and reward. It is the result of a regulatory methodology based on annualised volatility, calculated over 5 years. Checked on a periodic basis, the indicator can vary.





References to rankings, labels, awards or ratings are not an indicator of the future performance of the fund or the investment manager.

#### **FUND RISKS**

Equity investments may undergo major share price fluctuations. The fund is exposed to certain specific risks, i.e. **risk of capital loss**, equity risk, risk related to market capitalization size, exchange rate risk, risk related to the use of derivatives products, interest rate risk, credit risk, sustainability risk. Capital invested is not guaranteed. Please refer to the fund's full prospectus for a full description of risks.

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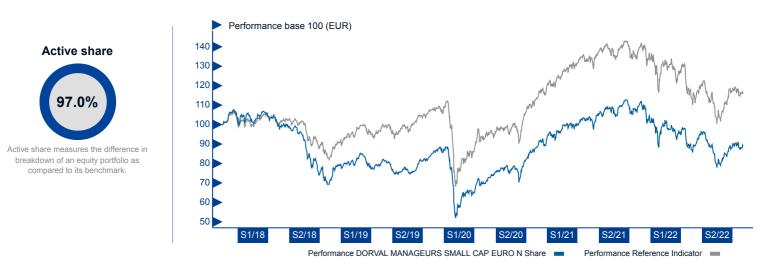
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#### **NET PERFORMANCE SINCE INCEPTION (%)**

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Performance calculation takes into account net dividend re-invested for the fund and net dividend re-invested for the reference indicator.

### **NET PERFORMANCE SINCE INCEPTION**



#### Net cumulative performance

Net annualised performance Since Since 1 Month 3 Months 6 Months YTD 1 Year 3 Years 5 Years 10 Years 3 Years 5 Years 10 Years inception inception Fund - N Share 0.21% 12.53% 2.25% -19.81% -19.81% 4.06% -12.22% -10.89% 1.34% -2.57% -2.26% 1.95% Reference Indicator -1.60% 7.82% 15.51% 2.69% 2.90% 12.64% -17.11% -17,11% 14.18% 2.54% Difference 1.81% -0.11% 0.30% -2.70% -2.70% -3.76% -26.40% -26.40% -1.21% -5.26% -5.16%

#### Net calendar performance

	2022 - YTD	2021	2020	2019	2018	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fund - N Share	-19.81%	25.78%	3.18%	19.10%	-29.17%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reference Indicator	-17.11%	23.35%	5.45%	28.21%	-17.40%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Difference	-2.70%	2.43%	-2.28%	-9.12%	-11.77%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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#### **NET PERFORMANCE SINCE INCEPTION (%)**

#### MAIN HOLDINGS CHANGES PORTFOLIO BREAKDOWN BY MANAGER TYPE CHARGEURS 51.2% Bought SEB Strengthened GL EVENTS XILAM ANIMATION NEXUS NEURONES Sold FACC AG Reduced ESKER SA 7.9% WAVESTONE THERMADOR GROUPE 20.8% 16.5% Total number of equity holdings 47 15.2% Top 5 holdings Top 10 holdings 28.3% Empire builders Family Heirs Homegrown managers Rescuers

Top 10 Equities	Country	Sector	Weight	Investment themes
KAUFMAN & BROAD	France	Consumer Discretionary	3.1%	Stock-Picking
LU-VE SPA	Italy	Industrials	3.1%	Environmental and energy transition
SOITEC	France	Technology	3.1%	innovation and business transformation
VOYAGEURS DU MONDE	France	Consumer Discretionary	3.0%	Stock-Picking
CHARGEURS	France	Consumer Discretionary	2.8%	Stock-Picking
GL EVENTS	France	Industrials	2.7%	Stock-Picking
AUBAY	France	Technology	2.7%	innovation and business transformation
ASSYSTEM	France	Industrials	2.6%	Environmental and energy transition
INFOTEL	France	Technology	2.6%	innovation and business transformation
ESKER SA	France	Technology	2.6%	innovation and business transformation

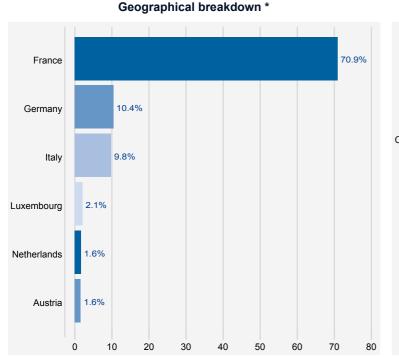
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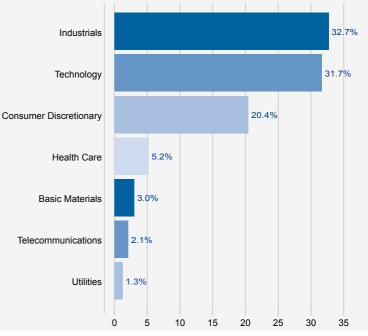


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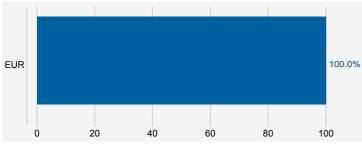
#### **PORTFOLIO BREAKDOWN**





Sector breakdown \*

Breakdown by currency



\* Percentage of portfolio invested in equities excl. derivatives

#### **VALUATION 2023**

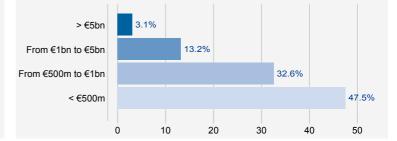
Price to earnings multiple - P/E	13.9x
Growth in earnings per share	23.5%
EV/EBIT	11.8x
Dividend Yield	2.7%

Source Bloomberg / Dorval AM

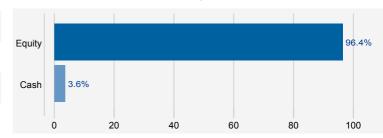
## RISK ANALYSIS

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Ratio	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Ratio	Results	Date
Sharpe ratio	-1.06	0.07	-0.11	Max performance	116.34%	from 18/03/2020 to 12/11/202
Beta	0.87	0.93	0.98	Max drawdown	-51.76%	from 23/01/2018 to 18/03/202
Alpha	-0.11	-0.02	-0.09	Recovery period	530	days
Information ratio	-0.38	-0.16	-0.70	Gain frequency	55.74%	per month
Volatility - N Share	18.75	23.05	20.92			
Reference Indicator Volatility	20.15	23.35	19.91			
Tracking error	7.11	7.67	7.53			

#### Breakdown by market capitalisation \*



#### Breakdown by asset class





#### **CHARACTERISTICS AND FUND RISKS**

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#### **CHARACTERISTICS**

Legal structure	Mutual Fund (FCP)	Inception date	13 Dec 2017	Settlement of redemptions	D+2 business days
Country of legal registration	France	First NAV date	13 Dec 2017	Unit decimalisation	Yes
UCITS	Yes	Asset Management company	Dorval Asset Management	Initial minimum subscription	One thousandth of a unit
Investment period	5 years	Custodian	Caceis Bank France	Subscription fee not retained by the UCITS	2% max
AMF classification	Eurozone equities	Delegated financial manager	Caceis Fund Administration	Redemption fees	None
Eligible for PEA French share savings plans	Yes	NAV frequency	Daily	Management fees	1.50 %
Eligible for PME-PEA French share savings plans	Yes	Settlement of subscriptions	D+2 business days	Reference Indicator	MSCI EMU Small Cap Index net total return DNR
Currency	EUR	Cut-off time	- Paris time	Perforr	mance fees
Target subscribers	Distributors or intermediaries (MiFID II)	Centralisation of orders befor order on D a	•		above its index if the fund's positive (see page 8)

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#### **ESG PERFORMANCE REPORT**

#### SRI APPROACH AND METHODOLOGY

Dorval Asset Management takes a long-term investment approach, and we firmly believe that we have a pivotal role to play in directing investment to build a more responsible and sustainable economy. We engage with real economy stakeholders to encourage them to adapt their environmental, social and governance practices to support this transition, acting as a responsible investor as we pledge to meet the highest standards with both our clients and partners, as well as with the companies we invest in.

Dorval Asset Management's approach since 2004 has consistently been built on shareholder dialogue, drawing on a practical and collaborative approach in our role as shareholder – further reinforced by our voting policy – as well as in our regular meetings with companies. This governance approach is resolutely grounded in the Manageurs range's philosophy, which includes the original Dorval Manageurs fund.

However, we also look beyond this aspect and include all Environmental, Social and Governance considerations in our extra-financial analysis for securities in our initial investment universe and our assessment of managers.

For more information on our methodologies, please refer to our Dorval AM website: <u>https://www.dorval-am.com/en\_FR/our-esg-approach</u>

#### ESG STRATEGIES



#### **RATING - PROPRIETARY METHODOLOGY**

66.9	ESG	E	S	G	Coverage
Fund	66.9	72.4	63.8	65.9	96%
Investment universe	60.6	65.9	54.8	61.2	98%
% difference	+10%	+10%	+16%	+8%	-2%

Coverage: Calculated as a percentage of assets excluding cash investments

#### **PROPRIETARY RATING METHODOLOGY**

Our proprietary ESG methodology draws on input from our partner MSCI as well as in-house research information to develop issuer ratings across each fund's investment universe.

Our approach is based on the following principles:

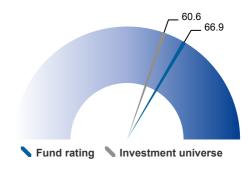
\* We assess ESG challenges and allocate an in-house weighting after screening for sector-specific, geographical and market cap considerations;

\* We assign an ESG rating for each issuer based on its exposure to the challenges set out, and the way they are managed by the company.

Our portfolio management teams and our financial and extra-financial analysts screen for 37 ESG challenges based on a range of qualitative and quantitative indicators, with a particular focus on 12 of these aspects.

The extra-financial score - from 0 to 100, with 100 being the top score - is based on each of the E, S and G dimensions. We exclude 20% of the investment universe comprising companies with the lowest scores and with an eliminatory score on at least one of the dimensions. Issuers with an environmental or social rating of less than 10 or a governance score of under 30 are excluded. Any issuer with an overall extra-financial rating of less than 40 is also excluded.

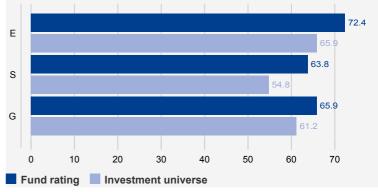
Our methodology draws partly on primary data from an external provider. Our approach places governance at the very center of our ESG analysis and can therefore minimize certain environmental or social risks and opportunities.



#### RATING FOR FUNDS' FIVE LARGEST HOLDINGS

	ESG	E	S	G	Weight
KAUFMAN & BROAD	70.6	69.8	51.7	81.7	3.1%
LU-VE SPA	88.9	100.0	88.1	80.7	3.1%
SOITEC	63.6	65.6	66.7	61.2	3.1%
VOYAGEURS DU MONDE	66.4	98.9	75.2	42.7	3.0%
CHARGEURS	54.9	46.1	22.4	79.5	2.8%

#### **RATING - PROPRIETARY METHODOLOGY**



Sources: Dorval AM, MSCI - all securities in universe have same weighting



#### **ESG PERFORMANCE REPORT**

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#### FUND'S ESG PERFORMANCE

				ESG Assessment			ESG Assessment N-1 & N-2			
Indicator	Definition						2	021	2020	
		Fund	Universe	Δ	Fund	Universe	Fund	Universe	Fund	Universe
Carbon intensity (tCO₂ eq/\$m of revenues)	Tons of carbon emissions in Scope 1 and 2 (direct emissions) per million dollars of revenues generated, weighted for the proportion of companies in the scope in question.	60.0	168.6	-64%	87%	89%	86.2	191.7	103.8	189.1
Promoting diversity	Percentage of companies that have taken measures to enhance diversity in their teams, weighted for the proportion of companies in the scope in question.	64%	42%	1.5x	89%	99%	68%	42%	67%	55%
Independence of the Board of Directors	Percentage of members of Board of Directors complying with MSCI's independence criteria, weighted for the proportion of companies in the scope in question.	54%	62%	0.9x	98%	93%	55%	60%	55%	45%
Signatories to the UN Global Compact	Percentage of companies that signed the UN Global Compact, weighted for the proportion of companies in the scope in question.	37%	19%	1.9x	94%	100%	29%	22%	28%	19%

Sources: Dorval AM, Bloomberg, MSCI, UN - all securities in the universe have the same weighting Coverage: Calculated as a percentage of total weighting for companies

#### **Reporting Relance**

Dorval Manageurs Small Cap Euro contributes to efforts to support the French economic recovery program.

The French state Relance accreditation helps provide the vital capital for French companies to stage a recovery via investment funds. The goal is to direct individual and professional investors' savings into these investments that address the French economy's financing needs following on from the Covid-19 crisis.

Dorval Manageurs Small Cap Euro invests at least 30% in French companies' capital. This includes at least 10% of the fund being invested in very small companies, SMEs and mid-sized firms headquartered in France.

Environmental, social and good governance requirements dictate the investment and shareholder engagement policies for funds with this accreditation.

Au premier semestre 2022, Dorval Manageurs Small Cap Euro a participé à l'introduction en bourse de Lhyfe. Le fonds a participé pour 522 497€ (sur une levée de 110M€). Lhyfe, start up nantaise dirigée par son fondateur, Matthieu Guesné, développe, commercialise et exploite des unités de production d'hydrogène exclusivement à partir d'énergies renouvelables (éolien, solaire principalement). Une première unité de production est en fonctionnement depuis septembre 2021, en Vendée. L'objectif est de produire 2.5MW en 2023 et atteindre 3GW en 2030. La filière hydrogène va profiter de plans d'investissements en France (9Md€) et en Europe.La société a levé 110M€, avec l'entrée d'EPDR et Mitsui&Co au capital. Lhyfe et EDPR ont aussi conclu un accord industriel, EDPR fournira de l'électricité renouvelable pour les projets de production d'hydrogène de Lhyfe.

Au second semestre, peu d'opérations ont été réalisées en raison des conditions de marché - Introductions en bourse : Charwood Energy, Icape, Okwind, Metavisio - Augmentations de capital : Valbiotis, Kalray . Le fonds Dorval Manageurs Small Cap Euro n'a pas participé en raison de la taille de capitalisation boursière de ces sociétés et surtout du faible flottant. Les critères ESG n'étaient par ailleurs pas toujours réunis pour répondre au processus d'investissement du fonds.

## FRENCH STATE **RELANCE ACCREDITATION**

This fund carries the Relance accreditation





mmm 50.0% French very small companies, SMEs and

mid-sized firms



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34 French componies financed by equity capital

24 French very small companies, SMEs and mid-sized firms

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85977 Staff employed in France by 224 Prench companies

Couverture : Calculée en pourcentage des actifs du fonds

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DEFINITIONS



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Active share: Active share measures the difference in breakdown of an equity portfolio as compared to its benchmark.

Alpha: Coefficient used to measure a fund's additional positive or negative performance as compared to levels its market risk – as measured by its reference indicator – would justify. We calculate: Alpha = Fund average (MoyenneFonds) - (Reference indicator average (MoyenneIndice) \* Beta).

Beta: Measure of a fund's sensitivity to market movements (represented by its reference indicator). A beta higher than 1 indicates that the fund amplifies the trends of its reference market on the upside as well as on the downside. Conversely, a beta lower than 1 means that the fund tends to react less to movements in its reference market. We calculate: Beta = Fund-reference indicator covariance (CovarianceFondsIndice) / Reference indicator variance (VarianceIndice);

• Fund-reference indicator covariance (CovarianceFondsIndice): covariance for weekly fund and reference indicator performances

• Reference indicator variance (VarianceIndice): variance in the reference indicator's weekly performances

• Fund average (MoyenneFonds), Reference indicator average (MoyenneIndice): average of weekly performances for fund and reference indicator.

Dividend yield: Returns are the yield on shares, equating to the dividends paid by companies that the fund invests in, divided by these companies' share price.

#### DNR: Net dividends reinvested

The €STR (European Short Term Rate) is a new money market benchmark, calculated and published by its administrator, the European Central Bank (ECB), which has been gradually replacing another short-term rate, the EONIA, since 2 October 2019. The €STR is the market benchmark interbank interest rate in the european. It is calculated every day using data collected from several European banks. Further information on the benchmark index is available on its administrator's website: www.ecb.europa.eu.

EV/EBIT: Enterprise value divided by operating profit. This multiple is useful in assessing the speed at which an investor will recover the initial investment in a company after a full takeover.

Gain frequency: Ratio of the number of positive observations to the total number of observations since fund inception.

Growth in earnings per share: Trends in profits for companies in the fund's holdings, weighted for the proportion of these shares held in the fund.

Information ratio: The information ratio measures the fund's relative performance adjusted for each point of volatility compared to its reference indicator. We calculate: Information ratio (RatioInfo) = Average difference (MoyenneDiff) / Average standard deviation (StdDevDiff);

• Average difference (MoyenneDiff): The average of the performance differences between the fund and the reference indicator

• Average standard deviation (MoyenneStdDev): The standard deviation of performance differences between the fund and the reference indicator.

Maximum performance: Maximum gain historically recorded by the fund.

Maximum drawdown: Maximum loss historically recorded by the fund.

P/E multiple: The price/earnings multiple is calculated by dividing the share price by its net earnings per share. The P/E is used to value a share as compared to share prices for sector peers: the lower the P/E, the cheaper the share price is deemed to be.

Recovery period: Time expressed in number of days the fund takes to exceed the highest net asset value over the indicated period.

**Risks**: Risk data are calculated over a given timeframe based on weekly performances.

Sharpe ratio: Indicator of a fund's outperformance relative to a risk-free rate, divided by the risk taken (fund volatility). The Sharpe ratio measures the marginal performance per unit of risk. The higher the ratio, the higher the fund's risk-adjusted yield. We calculate: Information ratio (RatioInfo) = (Annualised fund performance (PerfsFondsAnnualise) - Risk-free rate (TauxSansRisque)) / (Fund standard deviation (FondsStdDev) \* Sqrt (52));

(TauxSansRisque)) / (Fund standard deviation (FondsStuDev) Sqrt (52)),

Annualised fund performance (PerfFondsAnnualise): the fund's annualised performance over the investment period

Risk-free rate (TauxSansRisque): the annualised €STER performance over the investment period

• Fund standard deviation (FondsStdDev): The fund's performance standard deviation.

Tracking error: Tracking error is the standard deviation for the series of differences between portfolio returns and benchmark returns. High tracking error implies a major difference between the fund and the benchmark, whether on the upside or downside.

Volatility: Amplitude in the variation of a financial instrument over a given time period. High volatility means that the share price varies significantly and therefore that the risk associated with the share is high.

#### MANAGERS GLOSSARY

The fund management team ranks the company managers in 4 broad categories:

Homegrown Managers: these executives started their career in the company they manage today. In most cases, they have more than 10 years' experience in the company in a management position in an international context;

Rescuers: they were given authority during a crisis. These managers are the heads of a pool of companies in turnaround situations;

Empire Builders: genuine niche developers, they have the ability to identify one or more long-term growth opportunities;

Family Heirs: they have a family link with the Builder and take on the operational management of the company. They often start out with a poor image which is not always justified. They are often supported in their ventures by an experienced manager.

#### **DEFINITIONS OF SRI STRATEGIES (ESG REPORTING)**

Best-in-Universe: The best-in-universe approach focuses on companies carrying the highest non-financial scores, independently of their business sector. Sectors that are broadly deemed to be most virtuous will be more heavily represented, so this approach can lead to sector bias, which we fully recognize.

**Engagement**: Our engagement strategy comprises both individual shareholder engagement – exercising our voting rights, conducting direct and constructive dialogue with companies as part of a relationship established over the long term – and collaborative shareholder engagement via various influential financial market bodies: these policies are rolled out to encourage companies and/or policymakers to take on board non-financial criteria.

Exclusion: Our exclusion strategy covers both sector exclusion – ruling out sectors deemed to be harmful to society – and exclusion based on compliance with standards, whereby we exclude companies that do not comply with the United Nations Global Compact and companies subject to controversies that we feel are incompatible with our values.

Integration: Environmental, social and governance criteria (ESG) are directly integrated or embedded in the fund management process via an ESG score developed for each stock in the investment universe. The ESG score is used both to ascertain the eligible investment universe and as a building block for the portfolio construction and management process.

SRI Label: Created by the French Ministry of Finance, this public label aims at giving Sustainable Responsible Investment (SRI) management an extra visibility with savers. To obtain the SRI Label, the certification body conducts an audit to ensure the funds meet a set of labelling criteria. For further information on the methodology, visit www.lelabelisr.fr. References to rankings, labels, awards or ratings are not an indicator of the future performance of the fund or the investment manager.

#### **OUTPERFORMANCE FEE**

The Management Company ensures that over a performance period of 5 years maximum, any underperformance of the UCITS compared to the benchmark index is compensated before performance fees become due.

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