

EUROPE CLIMATE CARE PROTECTION 90%

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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# **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

The THEAM Quant – Equity Europe Climate Care Protection 90% fund seeks to provide capital growth over the medium term, linked to the performance of European equities with strong Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) standards, which are selected on the basis of their carbon footprint and energy transition strategy.

It implements a quantitative investment strategy via partial and variable exposure to the BNP Paribas Equity Europe Climate Care Paris-aligned NTR Index, while securing, during a given calendar year, 90% of the highest NAV reached since the last business day of the previous year. The Fund also intends to distribute an annual coupon of 1% of the NAV recorded on the second-last business day of said year.

# **STRATEGY**

A low-enough carbon footprint alone is not enough to combat climate change over the long term; we don't select companies solely on the basis of their current carbon emissions but also on the robustness of their Energy transition strategy. Our allocation algorithm rebalances the portfolio quarterly by assigning optimal weights to each share from a universe of European Equities.

The final selection aims to:

- Have a carbon footprint reduced by at least 50% compared to the Benchmark Portfolio\*;
- Maximize its Moody's ESG Solutions energy transition score;
- Control risk versus the STOXX Europe 600 with a maximum tracking error of 5%.

The strategy evolved in December 2021, to now follow the **Paris-aligned benchmark (PAB) objectives.** In line with the Parisagreement, PAB is the most ambitious of the climate benchmarks proposed by the European Commission – adhering to these standards implies a more selective portfolio, hereby preventing "greenwashing" whilst aiding investors in their pursuit to mitigate climate risk.

\*The Benchmark Portfolio is constituted by all the shares belonging to the Moody's ESG Solutions European Universe. The weight of each share within the Benchmark portfolio is proportional to the free float market capitalization of this share.

These internal guidelines are for indicative purposes only; Prospectus and KID are prevailing.

# PERFORMANCE As of March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Jul 21 - Mar 24	THEAM QUANT- EQUITY EUROPE CLIMATE  CARE PROTECTION 90%	Stoxx Europe 600 NR
Performance 1 month	1.85%	3.81%
Performance Year To Date	1.95%	7.62%
Annualised Volatility Since Start Date	5.01%	14.79%
Max Drawdown Since Start Date	-8.85%	-20.71%

Source: Bloomberg. Past performance is not an indicator of future performance.

Follow the icon to go to the fund page on the THEAM Quant website







# **MONTHLY COMMENTARY**

#### **MACRO BACKGROUND**

Our fund posted a positive return in March: 1.85%. The fund underperformed the STOXX Europe 600 index by -1.96%.

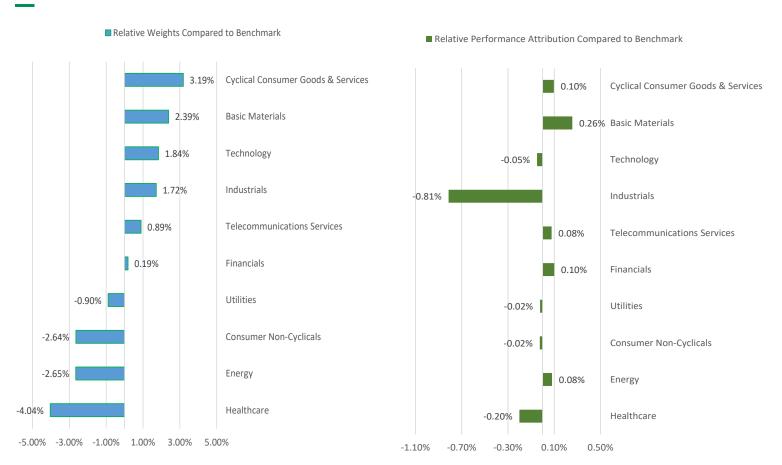
#### PERFORMANCE BREAKDOWN

The performance of the fund's underlying equity strategy can be explained as follows:

Note: The fund's exposure to the Equity Europe Climate Care Strategy is variable, and keeps changing periodically.

- Our selection within the Healthcare sector underperformed that of the benchmark (-0.2 %), a loss limited by our stronger relative under allocation (-4 %).
- Within the Industrials sector, stock picking underperformed that of the benchmark (-1.5 % versus +3.8 %).
- Within France, our choice underperformed by -2.9 %.
- On the contrary, our selections within the Basic Materials and Cyclical Consumer Goods & Services sectors outperformed those of the benchmark (resp. +0.9 % and +0.2 %), which was magnified by our stronger over allocation (resp. +2.4 % and +3.2 %).
- Lastly, within the Financials sector, our equity selection outperformed by 0.4 %.
- The allocation analysis shows a rise of 1.1 % and 0.5 % for the Financials and the Basic Materials sectors (weighted at 19.9 % and 9.5 % respectively). On the contrary, Industrials and Cyclical Consumer Goods & Services fell by 1.2 % and 0.9 % (weighted at 16.1 % and 15.0 % respectively).

# SECTOR RELATIVE WEIGHTS AND PERFORMANCE ATTRIBUTION

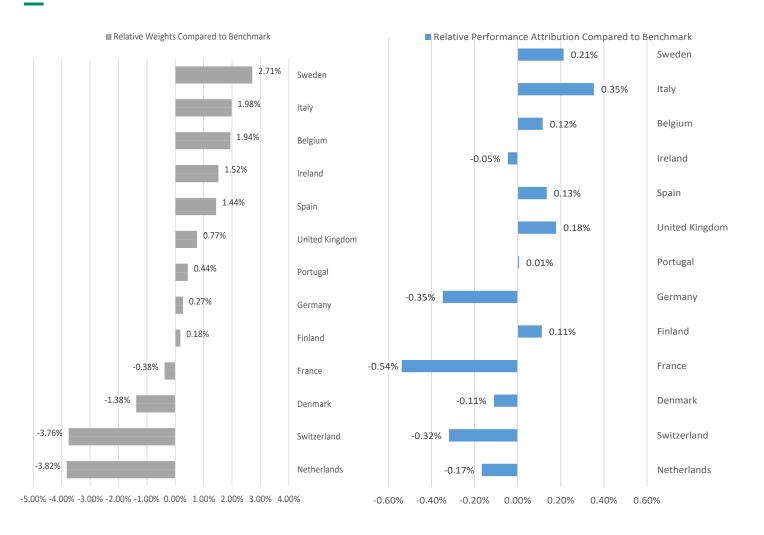


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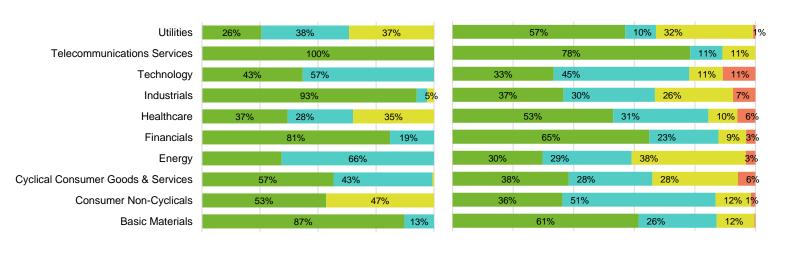




# COUNTRY RELATIVE WEIGHTS AND PERFORMANCE ATTRIBUTION



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#### **ESG REPORT**

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# INVESTMENT PROCESS IN A NUTSHELL

#### **EQUITY SELECTION STRATEGY**

#### INVESTMENT UNIVERSE

World developed market listed companies assessed by Vigeo Eiris with sufficient liquidity1 (~2400 companies)

# **FILTERS ON COMPANIES** CONSTRAINTS ON PORTFOLIOS

FINAL

**SELECTION** 

#### **ESG SCORE**

Vigeo Eiris - Exclusion of companies:

- With a Vigeo Eiris ESG score in the lowest 25% in their sector or below 30/100
- Involved in armament, nuclear, tobacco, pornography or in critical controversies
- Companies with a BNP Paribas Investment Partners ESG Score of 9 or 10 (10 being the worst score)

#### **ENERGY TRANSITION SCORE**

Vigeo Eiris filter:

Among intense emitters only those with the best energy transition strategy in their sector can be selected by the Strategy

- Liquidity: the average daily volume observed over 1 month and 6 months at or above 10M EUR for each stock in the portfolio
- Weighting: the weight of each company must be comprised between 0% and 1%, consequently the possible portfolios are well-diversified, comprising at least 100 stocks.
- Sectorial diversification: the weight of each sector (according to ICB Industry level 1) must not exceed a 30% difference with the sector's weigh in the benchmark

The final selection must be the portfolio that:



5% per annum

Has an expected tracking

error vs. the Benchmark

Index not exceeding 5% p.a.

-50%

Has a carbon footprint reduced by at least 50% compared to the Benchmark Portfolio



Maximises its Vigeo Eiris **Energy Transition score** under the above constraints

#### Figure 1: The Equity Europe Paris-Aligned Climate Care Strategy

Source: BNP Paribas, for illustration purposes only. For further information, in particular, the risks of the product, please refer to the Prospectus and KIDs of the fund.



**Climate Scenario** Global Warming of 1.5°C scenario (with no or limited overshoot)

**Allocation Constraint** 

= or > Exposure to sectors highly exposed to climate change and its mitigation\*

**Self Decarbonisation** 

-7% Minimum yearly reduction\*\*
in GHG emissions intensity until 2050

**Relative Decarbonisation** 

-50% Minimum reduction in GHG emissions intensity compared to the reference universe\*\*\*

WHY THE BNP PARIBAS **CLIMATE CARE PAB?** 

"Smart" PAB: while our strategy embraces the PAB standards, it goes beyond by recognising that the companies with the strongest energy transition strategies should be better equipped to address the evolving economic and regulatory landscape and therefore display potential higher risk-adjusted returns in the future. We therefore maximise this forward-looking indicator for our portfolio, while controlling several dimensions of risk.

Figure 2: Paris-Aligned Benchmark Standards & BNP Paribas "Smart" PAB: Explained

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# PROTECTION MECHANISM

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### 90% Protection

The protection secures 90% of each investment for a calendar year, during which, the value of the investment cannot fall below the secured protection level.

# Locking in 90% of the highest level reached daily during the 12-month period:

- If the NAV reaches a new maximum the protection level increases proportionately to always secure 90% of the Reference NAV\*.
- Each time a new maximum value is recorded, the new protection level becomes the floor for the concurrent calendar year.
- If the NAV decreases, there is a formal BNP Paribas guarantee that it will not fall below the recorded protection level for that calendar year.

# Resetting the protection level:

Every year, on the first business day, the **protection level is reset** to 90% of the previous day's NAV (i.e. fund NAV on the last business day of the previous calendar year) which becomes the new starting Reference NAV or rather, the secured protection level for the new calendar year.

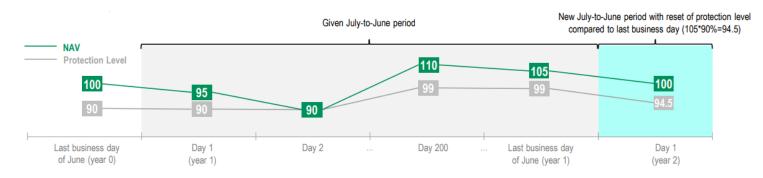
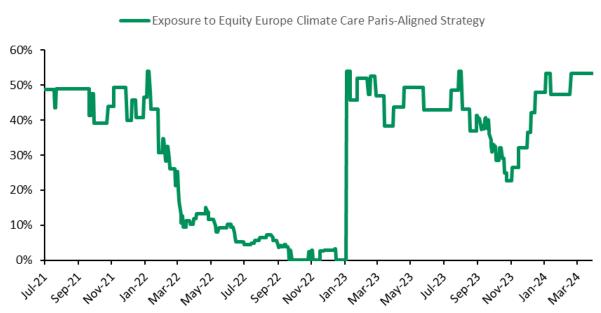


Figure 3: The Protection Mechanism

\*Reference NAV – Highest NAV reached since last business day of the previous calendar year.

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# **WEIGHT IN EQUITY STRATEGY**



Source: BNP Paribas,





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# **FUND CHARACTERISTICS AND RISKS**

	THEAM Quant – Equity Europe Climate Care Protection 90%		
Management company	BNP Paribas Asset Management France		
Type of fund	Sub-fund of the Luxembourg SICAV THEAM QUANT, UCITS Compliant		
Recommended investment horizon	4 years		
Capital protected	No		
SFDR Category <sup>4</sup>	Article 8 – Promotion of Environmental or Social Characteristics		
SRI Risk Classification (scale of 1-7) <sup>5</sup>	2	2	
Share <sup>6</sup>	Protected Share I (EUR) ACC	Protected Share C (EUR) ACC	
Launch date	01 July 2021	01 July 2021	
Bloomberg Code	THCP9IE LX Equity	THCP9CE LX Equity	
ISIN Code	LU2051101355	LU2051101272	
Subscription / Exit fees	0.00% max / 0.00% max	3.00% max / 0.00% max	
On-going charges	0.76%	1.70%	
International registration	Italy		

- 4 Following the new Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR), financial entities such as BNP Paribas Asset Management, which sell products in EU are required to classify the products they manufacture/advise into one of three categories: products with sustainable investment objectives (Article 9); products promoting environmental/social characteristics (Article 8); products which neither correspond to Article 8 nor to Article 9 (Article 6).
- 5 The Summary Risk Indicator is determined on a scale from 1 to 7 (7 being the highest risk level), the higher the risk, the longer the recommended investment horizon.
- 6 For all shares available, please refer to the prospectus here.

# WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

The value of investments and the income from them may go down as well as up, and investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Liquidity Risk: This risk arises from the difficulty of selling an asset at a fair market price and at a desired time due to lack of buyers.

Counterparty Risk: linked to the default of a counterparty on over-the-counter markets.

Risk related to the protection mechanism: The protection mechanism implemented linked to the Guarantee involves that if the Net Asset Value (NAV) per Share of each Class falls, the levels of protection will also be reduced accordingly. There is thus, a risk that investors may lose almost all of their capital if they hold their Shares for a long period.

Risk related to the use of forward financial instruments: In order to achieve its investment objective, the UCITS makes use of forward financial instruments traded over-the-counter that allow it to replicate the performance of the strategy. These instruments may involve a series of risks that could lead to adjustments or even the early termination of the instrument, which may affect the net asset value of the UCITS.

For the full list of risks, please refer to the prospectus.





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