

## Axiom European Banks Equity

Investment objective

Over a 5-year horizon, Axiom European Banks Equity seeks to outperform the Stoxx Europe 600 banks index. The fund is permanently exposed to equities, with at least 75% of total assets invested in the European financial sector.

The Management Company has full discretion over the composition of the portfolio of the fund and may take exposure to companies, countries or sectors not included in the benchmark, even though the Benchmark constituents may be representative of the fund's portfolio.

The SRRI represents the annual historical volatility of the fund over a 5-year period. Historical data such as that used to calculate the synthetic indicator cannot be considered as a reliable indication of the fund's future risk profile. The risk category associated with the fund is not guaranteed and may change over time. The lowest risk category does not mean "risk free". Your initial investment is not guaranteed.

### KEY DATA AND RISK ANALYSIS

Funds AuM	45M€	1 year Beta	1.10
Investment ratio	97%	1 year volatility	31.0%
Correlation to the SX7R since inception	0.95	1 year Sharpe ratio	3.56

### NAV VALUES AND MONTHLY RETURNS

	Class BC (USD)	Class C (EUR)	Class E (GBP)	Class R (EUR)	Class I (EUR)	Class J (EUR)	Class M (CHF)
Last NAV	-	1184.0	1124.1	1189.9	1175.8	1224.8	1028.9
Monthly performance		3.26%	3.34%	3.24%	3.35%	3.34%	3.33%

#### PERFORMANCE EVOLUTION – CLASS C

Performance since inception vs SX7R



Performance since jan. 2019 base 1000 (New strategy, new portfolio manager)



Past performance does not guarantee future results.

#### HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE – CLASS C

1 month	3 months	YTD	1 year	3 years <sup>4</sup>	5 years <sup>4</sup>	Since inception <sup>4</sup>
3.26%	9.43%	47.57%	109.86%	13.06%	9.59%	2.27%

#### MONTHLY PERFORMANCE SINCE CLASS C INCEPTION

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Year
<b>2014</b>			2.01% <sup>3</sup>	-0.86%	0.11%	-5.63%	-2.55%	1.15%	1.69%	-2.96%	2.90%	-5.94%	<b>-10.06%</b>
<b>2015</b>	-0.21%	14.33%	3.02%	-0.05%	2.28%	-3.11%	6.36%	-7.88%	-7.16%	2.63%	0.87%	-6.57%	<b>2.43%</b>
<b>2016</b>	-13.63%	-5.03%	-0.83%	6.52%	2.71%	-18.04%	6.37%	7.64%	-2.65%	8.27%	1.81%	7.12%	<b>-4.01%</b>
<b>2017</b>	1.17%	-3.82%	6.02%	4.89%	-0.11%	1.52%	3.24%	-3.21%	4.95%	-1.05%	-1.35%	0.34%	<b>12.71%</b>
<b>2018</b>	5.76%	-3.91%	-6.51%	0.62%	-9.53%	-1.30%	4.39%	-8.20%	0.38%	-11.32%	-2.03%	-12.93%	<b>-37.89%</b>
<b>2019</b>	7.84%	6.06%	-4.42%	8.50%	-12.10%	1.76%	-3.86%	-7.08%	13.65%	3.35%	2.56%	6.23%	<b>21.31%</b>
<b>2020</b>	-6.22%	-8.36%	-21.47%	6.62%	-1.24%	11.00%	-1.48%	8.72%	-11.07%	2.06%	34.48%	3.61%	<b>6.84%</b>
<b>2021</b>	-4.01%	21.22%	10.01%	3.36%	8.71%	-6.24%	-0.76%	6.78%	3.26%				<b>47.57%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Past performance does not guarantee future results. - <sup>2</sup> Annualized performance. - <sup>3</sup> Performance over less than a month

## MONTHLY COMMENTARY



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The month of September saw a rebound in volatility across rates and equities as markets adjusted for broadening supply constraints and a more hawkish Fed. In China, manufacturing activity was hindered by a worsening power crunch due to low coal and gas inventories facing up strong global demand. Growth expectations for Q4 21 were unchanged in Europe but lower in the US. Banks outperformed the market: the SX7R index returned +3.88% vs. -3.29% for the SXXR. The yield on 10-year Treasuries ended the month 20bps higher at 1.50%.

The deteriorating health of the Chinese property market led some investors to question European banks' exposures to the sector. Banks with meaningful presence in the region include HSBC, Standard Chartered, UBS and Credit Suisse. They report no direct balance sheet exposures to Evergrande and less than 1% of loans exposed to Chinese real estate, most of which being IG rated. Similarly, concerns were raised as a wave of defaults hit independent European energy suppliers struggling to manage the sudden increase in prices. However, these companies are often small and capital-light, with close to zero bank financing.

On the M&A front, SocGen is reportedly considering buying ING retail activities in France, while Groupama announced it would exit the Orange Bank joint-venture. In the Netherlands, ABN hired advisors to identify an acquisition target, presumably in wealth management. Rumours around the future of Monte Paschi continued to flow, with a portfolio transfer to Unicredit now appearing as the most likely option.

The regulatory agenda remained crowded. The EC sent a draft proposal to extend the state aid temporary framework to 30 June 2022, emphasizing the need to avoid any cliff-edge effects. In parallel, it put forward directives with regards to the fundamental review of solvency II and the resolution of insurance groups. On aggregate, it should be neutral for insurers' capital, as the short-term relief from lower risk weights for some investments is compensated by the phasing-out of transitory measures on interest rates. Final calibration of Basel IV is still being discussed, with the EC insisting that it should not lead to significant aggregate increase in capital requirements.



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### RISKS

Significant risk(s) for the Fund not taken into account in the SRRI indicator include the following :

**Risk related to the use of financial futures instruments (IFT):** As the Fund, may invest in derivatives, the net asset value may fall more significantly than the markets and financial instruments underlying these products. The occurrence of this risk may lead to a reduction in the net asset value of the Fund

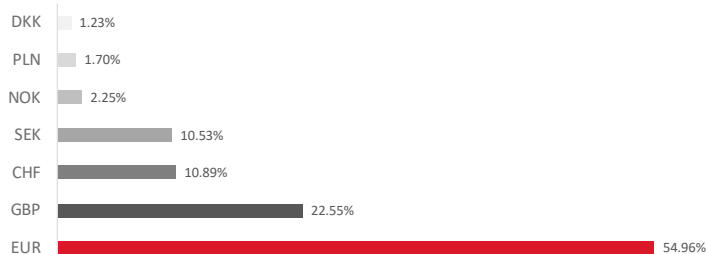
**Equity risk :** Due to its investment objective, this Fund is exposed to equity risk. Therefore, its value may decrease when the equity market declines, especially when prices of financial stocks decrease.

**Liquidity risk:** Liquidity risk exists when particular investments are difficult to purchase or sell. This can reduce the Fund's returns because the Fund may be unable to transact at advantageous times or prices. This can be the result of shocks of unprecedented intensity and severity such as but not limited to pandemics and natural disasters.

For more information on risks, please refer to the prospectus of the Funds

## PORTFOLIO SPLIT (in % of assets)

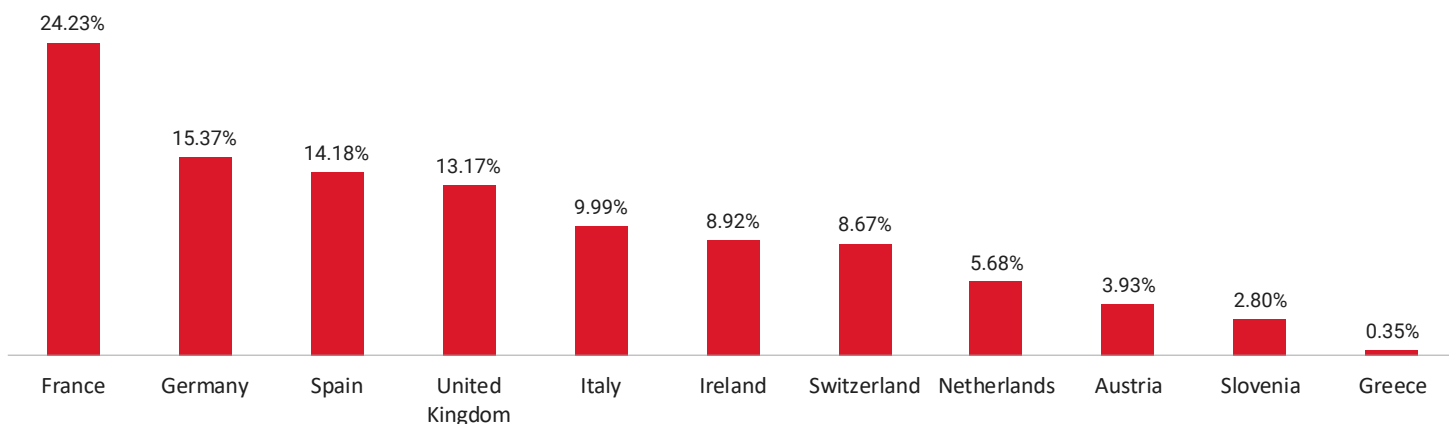
### BY CURRENCY



### TOP 5 ISSUERS

DEUTSCHE PFANDBRIEFBANK	6.76%
SOCIETE GENERALE	6.21%
UBS GROUP	5.89%
CREDIT AGRICOLE	5.88%
AIB GROUP	4.80%

### BY COUNTRY <sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Exposure by country at the end of the month

## FUND INFORMATION

**Type** Lux SICAV

**Registered countries** CH – FR – LU – UK

**Subscription / Redemption** Before 12:00 / Settlement D+3

Name	ISIN	Currency <sup>10</sup>	Affectation	Inception date	Min 1st subscription	Management fees <sup>11</sup>	Performance fees
Class BC	LU1876459568	USD	Capitalisation	-	1 share	2.00%	YES
Class C	LU1876459212	EUR	Capitalisation	25/03/2014	1 share	2.00%	YES
Class E	LU2249462792	GBP	Capitalisation	27/07/2021	1 share	0.65%	YES
Class R	LU1876459303	EUR	Capitalisation	20/05/2014	1 share	2.00%	YES
Class I	LU2249462958	EUR	Capitalisation	08/03/2021	1 000 000€	1.00%	YES
Class J	LU2249462875	EUR	Capitalisation	02/03/2021	1 share	1.20%	YES
Class M	LU1876459485	CHF	Capitalisation	11/06/2021	1 share	2.00%	YES
Class Z	LU1876459642	EUR	Capitalisation	27/11/2015	1 share	0.05%	NO

<sup>10</sup> Currency exposure is systematically hedged | <sup>11</sup> All details of the expenses incurred by the fund are available in the Prospectus

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