

## Axiom European Banks Equity – Share Class HC EUR(v)

Sub-fund of the Luxembourg SICAV : Axiom Lux

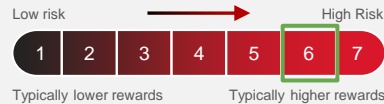
### NAV & Monthly perf.

2265.7  
6.32%

### Assets Under Management

€ 180M

### SRI<sup>1</sup>



### SFDR<sup>2</sup>



#### Asset manager

Axiom Alternative Investments

#### Legal structure

Luxembourg SICAV : Axiom Lux

#### Strategy inception date<sup>4</sup>

25/03/2014

#### Sub-fund inception date<sup>4</sup>

Absorption the 11/01/2019

#### Share class inception date

25/03/2014

#### ISIN Code

LU1876459212

#### Minimum subscription

1share

#### Share class currency

EUR

#### Management fees

2%

#### Subscription fees

0% (2% max.)

#### Redemption fees

0% (2% max.)

#### Performance fee

20% (if perf. > index)

#### Type of share

Accumulation

#### Valuation frequency

Daily

#### Cut-off and settlement day

before 12.00 PM / 3 business days

#### Main risks

Risk related to the use of financial futures instruments (IFT), equity risk, liquidity risk (for more information please refer to the Fund's prospectus)

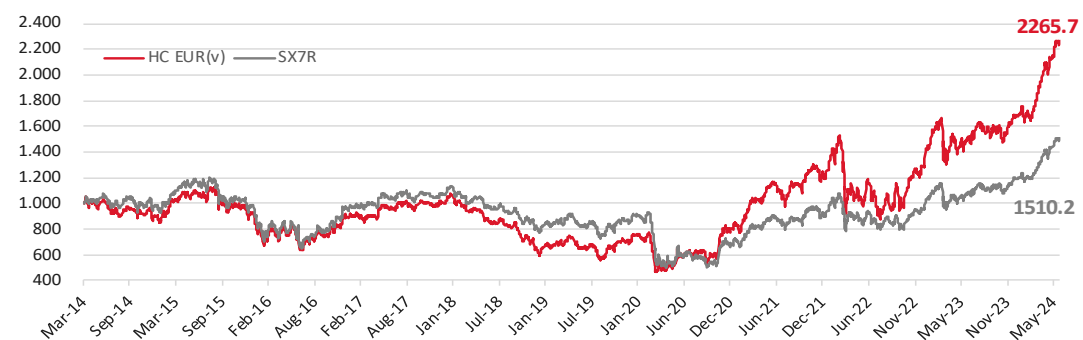
### Investment objectives<sup>3</sup>

The objective of this Fund is to achieve, over a minimum 5-year investment horizon, a return (net of management fees) similar to or greater than that of its benchmark (Stoxx Europe 600 Banks Net Return<sup>5</sup>). The Fund is actively managed and references the Stoxx Europe 600 Banks Net Return<sup>5</sup> (the "Benchmark") for comparative purposes only.

### Historical performance (EUR)<sup>4</sup>

	Annual performances <sup>6</sup>								
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023			
AEBE - HC EUR(v)	-37.89%	21.31%	6.84%	56.84%	2.03%	31.69%			
SX7R	-25.37%	13.52%	-24.42%	38.54%	1.06%	26.46%			
	Annualized Performances <sup>6</sup>			Cumulated Performances <sup>6</sup>					
	3 years	5 years	Since inception	1 month	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since inception
AEBE - HC EUR(v)	25.22%	28.55%	8.36%	6.32%	34.00%	61.46%	96.33%	251.01%	126.57%
SX7R	18.99%	13.08%	4.13%	5.23%	25.27%	47.98%	68.47%	84.91%	51.02%

### Net of fees performance since inception (base 1000)<sup>4</sup>



### Key metrics

Number of positions	29	1 year Beta	1.20
1 year Sharpe ratio	3.38	1 year volatility	17.68%
1 year Information ratio	2.73	5 years volatility	33.10%
5 years Information ratio	1.40	Correlation to the SX7R since inception	0.96

Past performance do not predict future returns.

Internal source from Axiom AI | Risk and reward profile represents the annual historical volatility of the sub-fund over a 5-year period. Historical data such as that used to calculate the synthetic indicator may not be 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". The capital initially invested is not guaranteed | <sup>2</sup> Refer to page 3 of the document | <sup>3</sup> There is no guarantee that the investment objective will be achieved or that there will be a return on investment | <sup>4</sup> Fund created as a FCP under French law on 25/03/2014 before being absorbed by the SICAV Axiom Lux under Luxembourg law on 11/01/2019 | <sup>5</sup> More information about the index : <https://www.stoxx.com/index-details?symbol=SX7R> | <sup>6</sup> Net of fees performances



## Monthly commentary

### Management team



ANTONIO ROMAN



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Risk assets rallied in May as US treasuries recouped some of their April losses. US growth and inflation surprised to the downside, while the opposite is true in Europe. The SX7R returned +5.23% vs. +3.31% for the SXXR.

Central banks have turned slightly more hawkish following a series of disappointing inflation prints. In the US, annualized core PCE and core services PCE are still trending above 3%. In Europe, there was an upside surprise in negotiated wages driven by Germany bonus payments. May core HICP rose to 2.9%, with the services component reaching 4.1%. Overall, though wages are moderating, there is little evidence that inflation is reverting to 2%.

Moving to European financials, M&A continued to hit the headlines. ABN announced the acquisition of Hauck Aufhauser Lampe, a mid market private bank in Germany. There were rumors of talks between EFG and Julius Baer. After shareholder approvals, the two UK deals (Virgin - Nationwide and Coopbank - Coventry) have advanced to the next stage and are expected to complete in late 2024 or early 2025. Unicredit is said to be looking at a potential acquisition of FiBank in Romania. In an interview with Bloomberg, Emmanuel Macron indicated that he was supportive of cross-border banking M&A, even if it involved a French target.

On the regulatory front, the EU CMDI (Crisis Management and Deposit Insurance) package seems to be making progress. The proposal extends the resolution toolkit to smaller banks, introduces a single-tier depositors preference, and clarifies the interaction between deposit guarantee schemes and the single resolution fund. In the US, the initial Basel 3 Endgames proposals have been significantly watered down, with the total increase in required capital levels now estimated at ~10% vs. ~20% initially. ECB governor Villeroy de Galhau urged the EU to push back the implementation of the new market risk regulations to make sure EU banks won't be at a disadvantage versus their US counterparts.

In other news, the Italian factoring specialist BFF has been subject to a dividend and bonus ban following a Bank of Italy investigation, which showed that the bank did not correctly apply the Definition of Default regulations.

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## Portfolio Management and Research team



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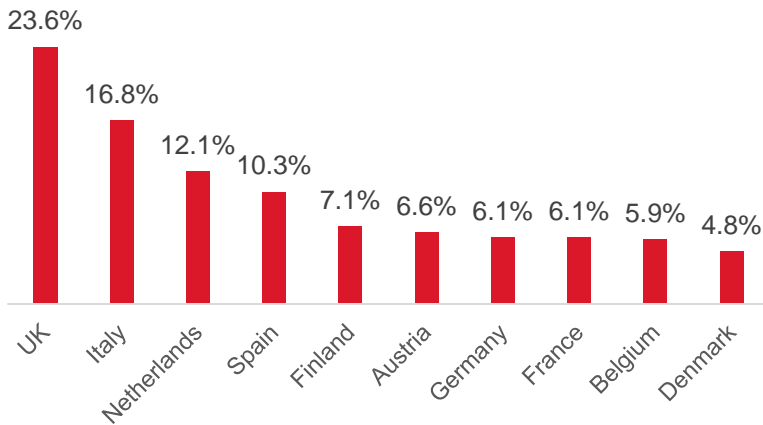
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## Portfolio breakdown (in % of Net Assets)

Top 10 country<sup>1</sup>



Top 5 holdings<sup>1</sup>

Issuer	%
HSBC	9.5%
NORDEA BANK ABP	7.1%
KBC GROUP NV	5.9%
DANSKE BANK A/S	4.8%
BARCLAYS PLC	4.8%

## ESG main indicators

■ Axiom European Banks Equity

■ Investment Universe

### Key metrics

	AXIOM EUROPEAN BANKS EQUITY		Universe	
	Average	Issuer coverage	Average	Issuer coverage
ACRS	43%	24	41%	57
°C	2.7	24	2.8	58
ESG	59	27	54	204

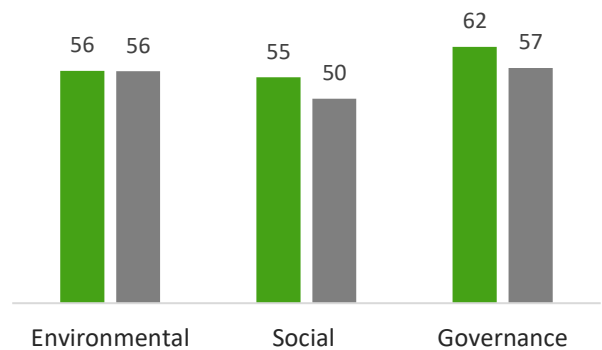
The ACRS, implied temperature (°C) and ESG scores represent 96%, 96% and 96% of the fund's assets respectively (index & derivatives excluded).

### Top 5 holding by ACRS

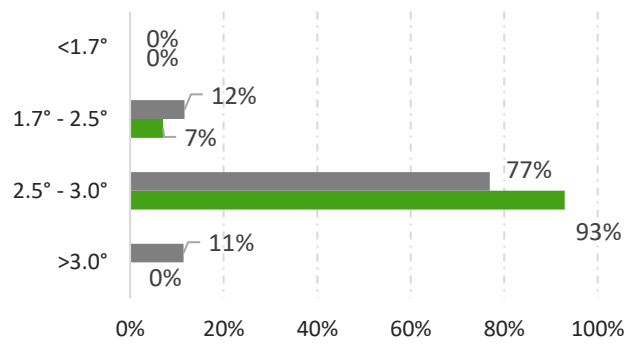
Issuers	CNTY	ACRS	°C	ESG
COMMERZBANK AG	DE	53%	2.7	54
STANDARD CHARTERED PLC	GB	51%	2.9	46
BBVA	ES	50%	2.7	84
ERSTE GROUP BANK AG	AT	49%	2.5	41
NORDEA BANK ABP	FI	49%	2.4	66

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### ESG by pillars



### Breakdown by Implied Temperature Rise (ITR)<sup>2</sup>



These percentages have been reweighted to 100%.

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## Glossary

**Volatility:** the volatility of a security or fund indicates how much the price of that security or fund may vary, up or down, from its average price, over a given period of time.

**Sharpe ratio:** measures the difference in profitability of a portfolio of financial assets (e.g. equities) compared to the rate of return of a risk-free investment (i.e. the risk premium, positive or negative), divided by an indicator of risk, the standard deviation of the profitability of this portfolio, i.e. its volatility. The higher the standard deviation, the greater the risk-adjusted outperformance of the asset.

**Information ratio:** measures the excess return relative to a benchmark divided by the volatility of those excess return.

**Correlation:** the correlation between two financial assets, or more generally between two random variables, is the strength of the link between these two variables. The closer the coefficient is to the extremes, the more the variables are correlated, i.e. linearly dependent on each other.

**Beta:** compares an asset's movements against its benchmark market, which helps determine its risk level relative to other benchmark assets.

## Main risks

**Risk of loss of capital:** the sub-funds do not offer any protection or guarantee. As a result, investors may not be able to fully recover their initial investment.

**Operational risk:** the risk of losses resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people, systems or external events. The occurrence of these risks may cause the net asset value of the fund to fall

**Currency risk:** as some of the assets may be denominated in currencies other than the reference currency, the sub-fund may be affected by changes in exchange controls or in the exchange rates between the reference currency and these other currencies. For this reason, the sub-fund will systematically hedge against this risk. However, a residual risk remains. These exchange rate fluctuations may cause the net asset value of the sub-fund to fall.

**Credit risk:** this risk arises from the possibility that an issuer of bonds or debt securities may not be able to honour its payment obligations, i.e. the payment of coupons and/or the repayment of capital at maturity. Such a default may result in a decrease in the net asset value of the sub-fund (including total return swaps or DPSs). This also includes the risk of a downgrade of the issuer's credit rating.

**Counterparty risk:** A sub-fund that invests in OTC derivatives may be exposed to the risk arising from the creditworthiness of its counterparties and their ability to meet the terms of such contracts. The sub-fund may enter into forward contracts, options and swaps, including CDS, or use derivative techniques, which involves the risk that the counterparty may not meet its obligations under each contract.

**Exchange rate:** Any investment in equities may involve directly or indirectly an exchange rate risk. While the net asset value of the sub-fund is calculated in its reference currency, the performance of an underlying asset or its components denominated in a currency other than the reference currency will also depend on the exchange rate of that currency. Similarly, the currency other than the reference currency in which an asset of the sub-fund is denominated implies a currency risk for the sub-fund.

**Liquidity risk:** risk arising from the difficulty or impossibility of selling securities held in the portfolio when necessary and at the price at which the portfolio is valued, due to the limited size of the market or insufficient trading volumes on the market where these securities are usually traded. The realisation of this risk may result in a decrease in the net asset value of the sub-fund.

**Use of derivatives:** If a sub-fund whose performance is linked to an underlying asset frequently invests in derivatives or securities other than the underlying asset, derivative techniques will be used to link the value of the shares to the performance of the underlying asset. While the prudent use of such derivative techniques may be beneficial, derivatives also involve risks which in some cases may be greater than the risks associated with more traditional instruments. Transaction costs may be associated with the use of such derivatives.

**Climate/ESG data risk:** The Management Company's ESG integration process relies on third party data from climate/ESG data providers. Data providers may apply different models and use different sources of information, which may contain inaccurate, incomplete or unaudited data. In addition, where data is insufficient, data providers may use internal methods to produce subjective estimates and approximations. Similarly, the Management Company conducts qualitative analysis based on self-reported information, which is generally not audited by a third party. As the portfolio manager bases its investment decisions on this data, this uncertainty in data collection may have a negative impact on the performance of the portfolio.

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