

## Axiom Obligataire – Share Class BC (USD)

Sub-fund of the Luxembourg SICAV : Axiom Lux

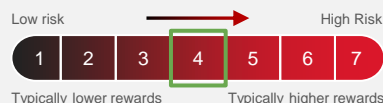
### NAV & Monthly perf.

2151.4  
0.20%

### Assets Under Management

€ 301M

### Risk and reward profile<sup>1</sup>



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



### Asset manager

Axiom Alternative Investments

### Legal structure

Luxembourg SICAV : Axiom Lux

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

23/07/2009

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

Absorption the 25/01/2019

### Share class inception date

10/02/2011

### ISIN Code

LU1876461036

### Minimum subscription

1 000\$

### Share class currency

USD

### Management fees

2%

### Entry charge

0% (2% max.)

### Exit charge

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

Credit risk, counterparty risk, liquidity risk (for more information please refer to the Fund's prospectus)

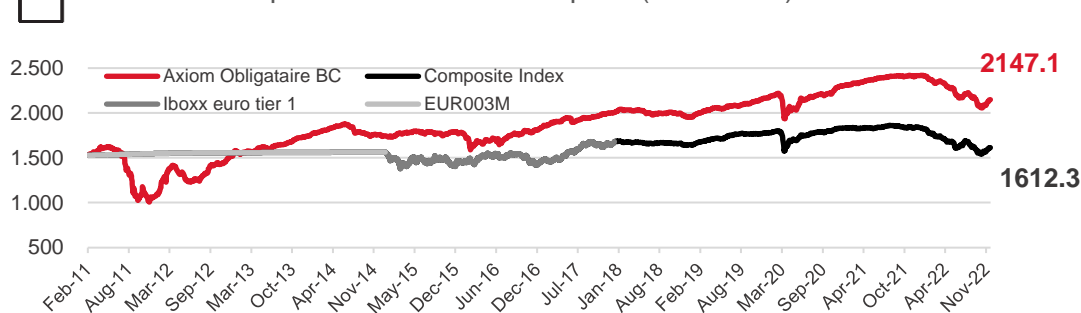
### Investment objectives<sup>3</sup>

The objective of this Fund is to achieve, over a minimum 3-year investment horizon, a return (net of management fees) similar to or greater than that of its benchmarks : ICE BofAML Euro Financial Index (40%), ICE BofAML Euro Corporate Index (40%) and ICE BofAML Contingent Capital Index (20%)<sup>5</sup>. The Fund is actively managed and references the Benchmarks for comparative purposes only.

### Historical performance (USD)

Annual performances <sup>7</sup>								
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022			
Axiom Obligataire - BC	-2.35%	10.73%	6.32%	4.92%	-11.04%			
Benchmark	-2.03%	7.80%	3.25%	0.15%	-12.84%			
			Cumulated performances		Annualized performances			
	1month	YTD	1year	3 years	5 years	Since inception		
Axiom Obligataire - BC	0.20%	-11.04%	-11.04%	-0.77%	7.30%	-0.26%	1.42%	2.92%
Benchmark	#####	-12.84%	-12.84%	-9.87%	-4.82%	-3.41%	-0.98%	0.38%

### Net of fees performance since inception (base 1000)




### Key metrics

Number of positions	110	Modified Duration	2.01
Volatility 5 years	3.76%	Credit sensitivity	2.99
Volatility 3 years	4.61%	Yield to call	10.61%
Sharpe ratio 5 years	-0.18	Yield to maturity <sup>6</sup>	9.67%
Sharpe ratio 3 years	-0.44	Average rating by issuers (WARF)	BBB-
		Average rating by instruments (WARF)	BB

Past performance is not indicative of future results

Source : Axiom AI | <sup>1</sup> 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 the 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 07/23/2009 before being absorbed by the SICAV Axiom Lux under Luxembourg law on 01/25/2019 | <sup>5</sup> More information about the indexes : <https://www.theice.com/market-data/indices> | <sup>6</sup> Yield to maturity, excluding cash, in all currencies. Yield to maturity is the rate of return on the portfolio assuming that the securities are not redeemed and held in perpetuity | <sup>7</sup> Net of fees performances

 Monthly commentary


PAUL GAGEY  
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### Market commentary

December concluded a year of contradictory events in 2022. Euphoria gave way to the anxiety of a war at the gates of Europe, triggering persistent inflation which had initially been considered transitory. The central banks were slow to assess the danger but decided to act so as not to undermine their credibility in this battle, after a decade of low interest rates.

The consequence of this monetary tightening has manifested itself radically with the French 10-year rising from 0.20% to 3.11% over the year while its German counterpart has risen from -0.18% to 2.57%. These movements are of a magnitude we have seen before, but with a starting level close to zero, the limited carry could not cushion this sudden rise.

Between the beginning and the end of 2022, the index levels were:

- Main from 48 to 91bps with a maximum at 138 on 27 September.
- Senior Fin from 55 to 99bps with a maximum at 153 on 29 September.
- Sub fin from 108 to 172bps with a maximum at 280, on 29 September
- Xover from 242 to 474bps with a maximum at 670, on 27 September

This context revealed a dichotomy between a resilient real economy and volatile financial markets. The main questions for the coming year will be the labour market and the level of interest rates. At the heart of this balancing act, central banks will have to balance the imperative of growth with the constraint of controlled inflation.

2023 should be as turbulent as the previous year, with the difference that the macroeconomic environment has changed profoundly. Inflation is expected to ease as commodity flows normalise and interest rates are expected to remain at high levels. This situation offers attractive opportunities for the European financial sector, especially as its fundamentals have been strengthened thanks to prudent regulation. Nevertheless, it should be remembered that risks are still in the market and that selectivity will be one of the keys for performance in the coming year.

### Funds Activity

We invested in the Credit Suisse senior 2026 bond with a yield close to 8% for a yield in the BBB category. Switzerland's second largest bank has completed a 4 billion issue, partly underwritten by Saudi Arabia. The flight of large clients seems to be stopped, notably by increasing the interest rate for large depositors.

In addition, the Icelandic bank Arion Banki was selected in the senior preferred format with a yield close to 7% for a Moody's Baa1 rating.

These examples do not constitute an investment recommendation

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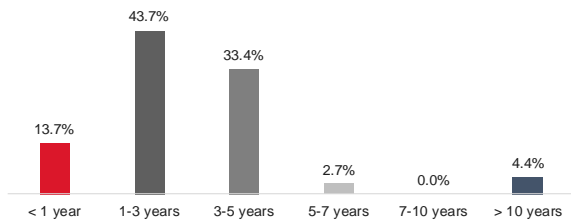
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Portfolio breakdown (in % of assets)

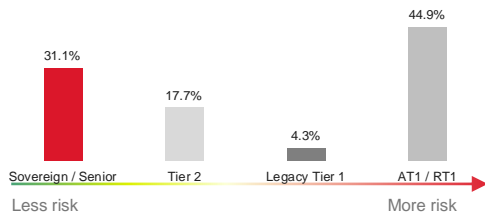
Breakdown by maturity<sup>1</sup>



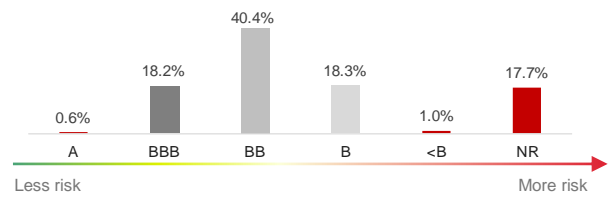
Top 5 issuers<sup>2</sup>

Quatrim	3.9%
Van Lanschot	2.7%
Crédit Suisse	2.5%
HLD Europe	2.5%
Banque International Lux	2.4%

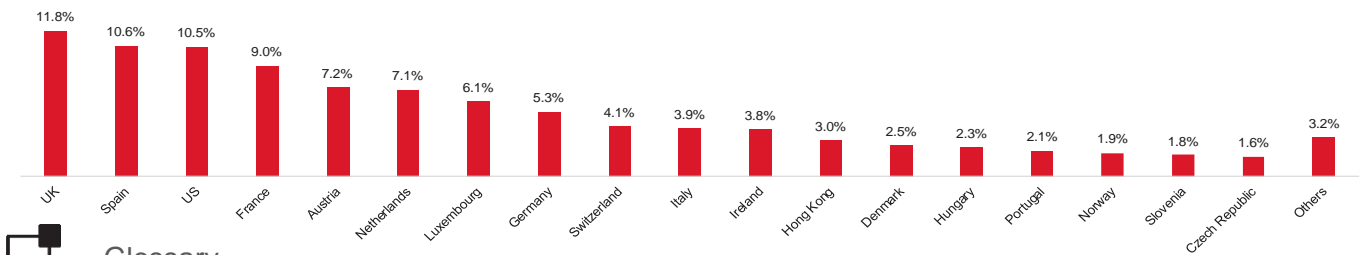
Breakdown by subordination<sup>3</sup>



Breakdown by rating<sup>3</sup>



Breakdown by country<sup>1</sup>



Glossary

<b>Debt subordination</b>	The general principle is that when there is not enough money to pay all the debts, the subordinated debt will be paid after the other debts.
<b>Tier 1</b>	These securities do not have priority in the event of liquidation, they do not have a maturity date, their coupon is optional and cannot be accumulated. They are the riskiest debt securities and therefore offer some of the highest returns.
<b>Legacy bonds</b>	Hybrid debt that was eligible as regulatory capital under Basel 1 or Basel 2 and that is not eligible under Basel 3.
<b>Contingent convertible (Coco)</b>	Securities that can be converted into shares under certain circumstances, usually when a solvency ratio threshold has been crossed.
<b>ITR (Implied Temperature Raise)</b>	Also known as 2° alignment metric, is a forward-looking measure that attempts to estimate a global temperature associated with the greenhouse gas emissions of entities in a portfolio or investment strategy.
<b>ESG</b>	Refers to the Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) criteria that enable an analysis of a company's non-financial performance.
<b>Energy transition</b>	Refers to the transition from the current energy production system, mainly based on fossil fuels, to an energy mix based largely on renewable or low carbon energies.

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Source : Axiom AI | <sup>1</sup> Analysis calculated on the scope of interest rate instruments; all derivatives excluded except single-name CDS | <sup>2</sup> Excluding Government bonds | <sup>3</sup> Fixed income securities only

## Our ESG and climate approach

### Methodology

Our selection of holdings takes into account the following ESG criteria:

- **Exclusion policy** : determines the exclusions we make due to proven controversies, and sectoral or thematic restrictions.
- **ACRS - Axiom Climate Readiness Score** : Our proprietary tool devised to analyze the climate readiness and impact of issuers.
- **ESG database**: ESG performance analysis of the companies and their rating.

### Our climate approach

The fund takes into account the climate performance of banks and insurers in the following aspects



Determines the degree of priority given to climate change by the company's top management, its climate strategy and objectives, and the degree of transparency



Evaluates the processes implemented and tools used to identify, measure and mitigate exposure to climate-related risks, as well as its approach to seizing the opportunities of the energy transition.



Assesses the share of the issuer's investments and/or loans in companies or financial instruments that contribute to the transition. In the case of banks, the implied temperature increase of the corporate loan portfolio is calculated.

## ESG Key metrics

■ Axiom Obligataire ■ Investment universe

### Key metrics

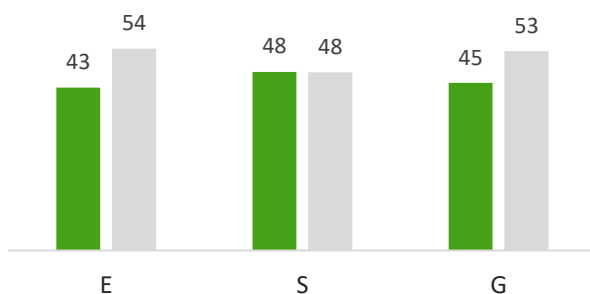
	ACRS	°C	ESG
Portfolio rating	39%	2.7	43
Universe rating	42%	2.8	51
# companies in the universe	58	72	1039
# of companies in the portfolio	20	28	50

The ACRS, implied temperature (°C) and ESG scores represent 25%, 35% and 63% of the fund's assets respectively (index & derivatives excluded).

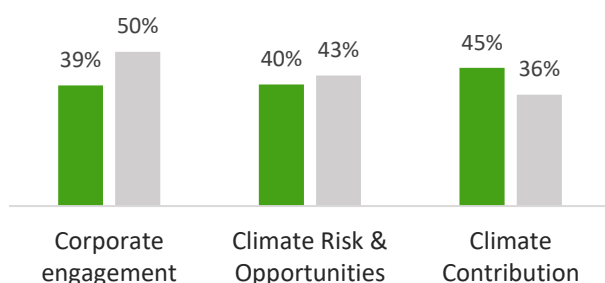
### Top 5 holdings by ACRS

Issuers	CNTY	ACRS	°C	ESG
CESKA SPORITELNA	AT	55.3%	2.5	39
ERSTE BANK	AT	55.3%	2.5	39
MBANK	DE	52.6%	2.7	46
NATWEST	GB	51.6%	2.8	61
BBVA	ES	50.2%	2.7	86

### ESG average ratings



### ACRS by pillars



More information on our climate approach is available upon request.

Source: Axiom AI based on data from S&P Market Intelligence, Iceberg datalab, internal research | The estimates presented here cannot be compared to other ESG or climate funds as they are based on a proprietary methodology developed by Axiom AI. Our methodology relies on third-party data from ESG/Climate data providers that may contain inaccurate or incomplete data. In the event of insufficient data, these providers may resort to estimates and approximations using internal methodologies that may be subjective. As we rely on this data for our investment decisions, such uncertainty can negatively impact portfolio performance.

 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 realization 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.