# **MONTHLY FACTSHEET AS OF 29/02/2024**

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# **Axiom Short Duration Bond Fund – Share Class HC CHF(h)**

Sub-fund of the Luxembourg SICAV: Axiom Lux



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### Assets Under Management

€ 411M







Credit risk, counterparty risk, liquidity risk (for more information please refer to

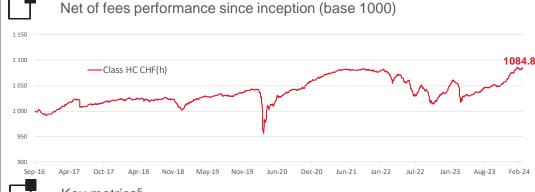
the Fund's prospectus)

## Investment objectives<sup>2</sup>

The objective of this Fund is to achieve, over a minimum 3-year investment horizon, a return net of management fees above the following benchmark: €STR capitalised⁴ +2%.

### Historical performance

	Historical performance								
	2017	201	8 2	2019	2020	2021	2	022	2023
Axiom Short Duration - HC CHF	2.81%	-1.66% 3.6		.61%	1.95%	1.69%	-3.	95%	3.80%
	Annualized Performance <sup>6</sup>			Cumulated Performance <sup>6</sup>					
	3 years	5 years	Since inception	1 month	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since inception
Axiom Short Duration - HC CHF	0.40%	1.20%	1.10%	-0.12%	0.85%	2.88%	1.19%	6.14%	8.48%



#### Key metrics<sup>5</sup>

Number of positions	189
Volatility 3 years	1.87%
Volatility 1 year	2.13%
Sharpe ratio 5 years	0.27
Sharpe ratio 3 years	-0.40
Spread	265 bps

Yield to Maturity (in CHF)	4.56%
Yield to Call (in CHF)	3.88%
Modified duration	1.66
Credit sensitivity	2.63
Average rating by issuers (WARF)	BBB+
Average rating by instruments (WARF)	BBB-

#### Past performance is not indicative of future results

Source: Axiom AI | The STR +2% index replaced the EURIBOR+2% as of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 2021. | ¹ 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 | ² There is no guarantee that the investment objective will be achieved or that there will be a return on investment | ³ 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 | ⁴ More information about the indexes: https://www.ecb.europa.eu/stats/financial\_markets\_and\_interest\_rates/euro\_short-term\_rate/html/index.en.html | ⁵ 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 | ⁶ Net of fees performances





Monthly commentary



ADRIAN PATURLE

Risk assets continued to perform well in February despite the volatility in interest rates. Economists are no longer predicting a recession in the US. Indeed, given the strength in the aggregate balance sheets and cash flows of households and corporates, a loosening of monetary policy and lending conditions could lead to higher growth through a releveraging of the private sector. Though the European economy remains weak, PMIs have rebounded from their lows. The SeniorFin tightened by 6 bps to end the month at 64 bps.

US CRE concerns resurfaced as the NYCB saga took a new twist. The New York lender faces a trifecta of problems as it deals with regulatory standards for 100bn+banks, a change in state rent control regulations adversely affecting the NY multifamily market, and leadership issues. The contagion to other regionals was limited as the risks from CRE are now better understood by the market. In Europe, German domestic banks were under some pressure as the US exposures of Aareal and PBB generated negative newsflow. On the bright side, the moves were contained, and recovery is underway. Aareal's results sent positive signals on the ability of the bank to absorb losses and the resilience of its liquidity. Though the US office NPL ratio reached a staggering 25%; the bank was able to absorb US losses thanks to pre-provision profitability and good asset quality in Europe. The fund took advantage of this negative environment to invest in a few German banks with very low exposure to the United States, such as Oldenburgische Landesbank (senior rating BBB+ on a Tier 2 at 8%) and Hamburg Commercial Bank (senior rating BBB on a non-preferred senior at 8%).

We also note that buyback offers are accelerating in the insurance sector with the end of the regulatory transition period: AXA is trying to buy back its legacy bonds in GBP with a spread of 60 bps. The fund has a 20% allocation to this theme.

These examples do not constitute an investment recommendation



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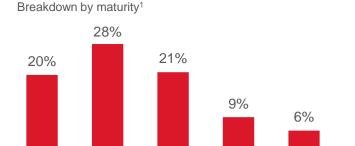


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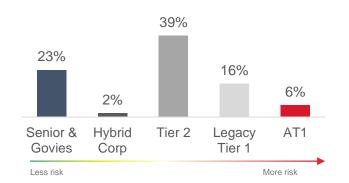


Portfolio breakdown (in % of assets)



< 1 year 1 - 3 years 3 - 5 years 5-10 years >10 years

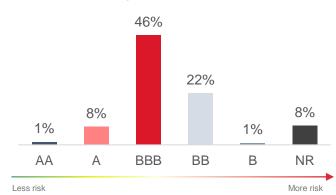
Breakdown by subordination<sup>1</sup>



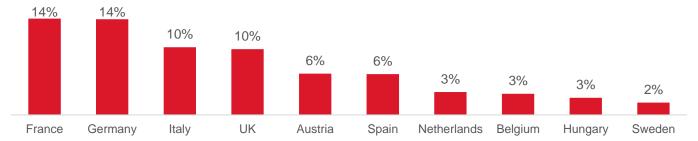
Top 5 issuers1

CNP ASSURANCES	3,15%
OTP BANK NYRT	2,22%
UNICREDIT SPA	2,14%
STANDARD CHARTERED PLC	2,04%
SOGECAP SA	1,49%

#### Breakdown by rating<sup>1</sup>



Breakdown by country1





Debt subordination	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.				
Tier 1	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.				
Legacy bonds	Hybrid debt that was eligible as regulatory capital under Basel 1 or Basel 2 and that is not eligible under Basel 3.				
Contingent convertible (Coco)	Securities that can be converted into shares under certain circumstances, usually when a solvency ratio threshold has been crossed.				

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### Our ESG and climate approach

#### Methodology

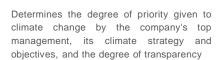
Our selection of holdings takes into account the following ESG criteria:

- 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







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

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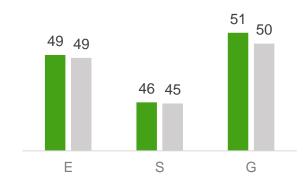
Investment universe

Key metrics

		SHORT ON BOND	Universe		
	Average	Issuer coverage	Average	Issuer coverage	
ACRS	41%	51	42%	76	
°C	2.7	78	2.8	96	
ESG	48	94	48	627	

The ACRS, implied temperature (°C) and ESG scores represent 41%, 61% and 79% of the fund's assets respectively (index & derivatives excluded).

### ESG average ratings



Top 5 holdings by ACRS

	ACRS	ESG	ITR
COMMERZBANK AG	53%	54	2.7
AXA SA	52%	81	3.6
STANDARD CHARTERED PLC	51%	46	2.9
BBVA	50%	84	2.7
HAMBURG COMMERCIAL BANK	49%	N/A	2.4

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ACRS by pillars

45%46%
42%43%
37%40%

Corporate Climate Risk & Climate engagement Opportunities Contribution

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.





**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.