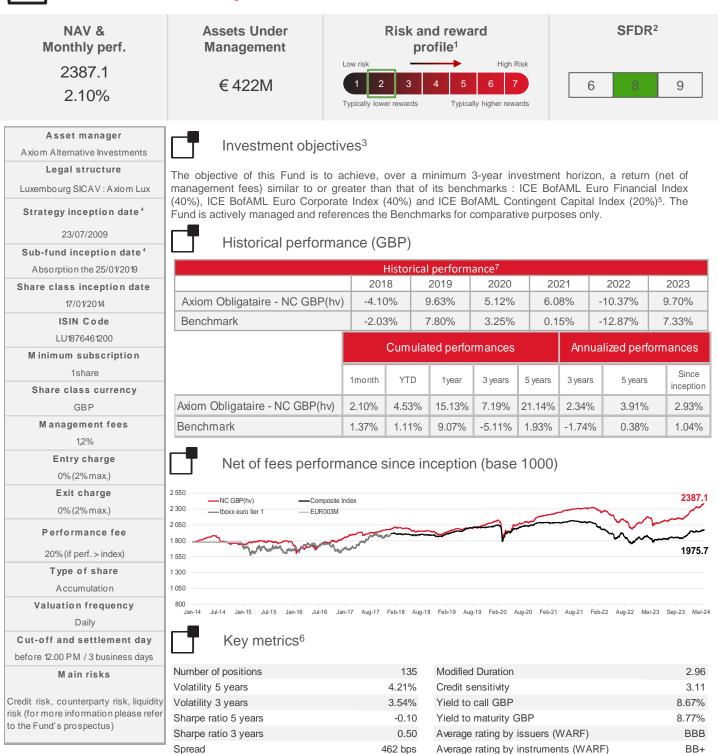
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# Axiom Obligataire – Share Class NC GBP(hv)

Sub-fund of the Luxembourg SICAV : Axiom Lux



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

#### Management team



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High and stable rate curves, upgraded economic momentum, evidence of a pick-up in volumes, slower deposit rotation, unchanged reserve requirements, all supported an improved sentiment towards the earnings trajectory for the sector. Credit indices were stable, with the Xover finishing the month at c. 300 bps vs. 115 bps for the Subfin.

The FED upgraded their growth projection for 2024 from 1.4% to 2.1% and lifted their core PCE estimate from 2.4% to 2.6%. The dot plot kept 3 cuts in 2024 but showed one fewer cut for both 2025 and 2026, which was taken dovishly by the market. Elsewhere, the ECB repeated its intention to have a first cut in June. The Bank of Japan raised rates for the first time since 2007 but emphasized that its accommodative policy is here to stay. The Swiss National Bank delivered a surprise cut in a context of low domestic inflation.

Economic data improved slightly, with both the European and US Citi economic surprise indices firmly in positive territory. Inflation data remains hard to read, but the case of a swift return to 2% in the US looks increasingly difficult to make. In Europe services and wages inflation remains high but is offset by declining energy and food prices as well as weak industrial goods inflation. Overall, the progress towards 2% inflation seems fragile and vulnerable to a pick-up in commodity and goods prices.

German lenders recovered in the absence of any prospect of capital and liquidity stress in the near term from weak commercial real estate markets. Aareal AT1s climbed back from 60 to 80. PBB T2s ended the month at 55 after reaching a low of 30. Helaba posted record FY23 net profits despite the increased losses in the real estate division. LBBW numbers did not show any material NPL formation in its German CRE book.

#### Fund's activity

The fund performed well this month, buoyed by the positive environment in the sector.

In the Tier 2 segment, we purchased bonds issued by Montepio 8 1/2, Hellenic Bank 10 1/4 and Volksbank 5 3/4. In the AT1 bucket, we essentially strengthened our position in the Van Lanschot bond, which offers a yield of 8.875%

It does not constitute an investment recommendation.



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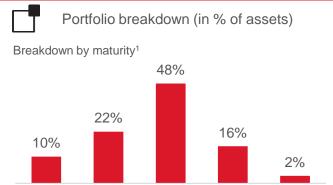


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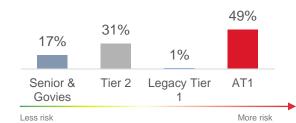
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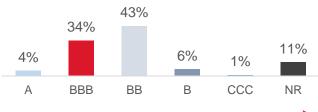
Breakdown by subordination<sup>3</sup>



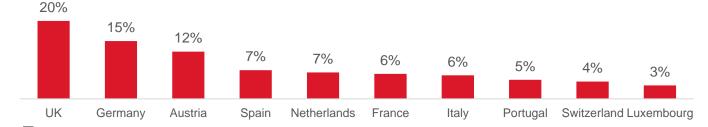
Top 5 issuers<sup>2</sup>

VOLKSBANK WIEN AG	3,17%
CAIXABANK SA	3,07%
SAXO BANK	2,76%
VAN LANSCHOT NV	2,54%
INTESA SANPAOLO SPA	2,19%

Breakdown by rating<sup>3</sup>



Top 10 country<sup>1</sup>



Less risk

Glossary

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.
ITR (Implied Temperature Raise)	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.
ESG	Refers to the Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) criteria that enable an analysis of a company's non-financial performance.
Energy transition	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



More risk





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



Corporate Engagement

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.

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Axiom Obligataire Investment universe

#### Key metrics

		Universe		
Average	Issuer coverage	Average Issuer coverage		
41%	32	42%	76	
2.7	51	2.8	96	
44	60	49	628	
	Average 41% 2.7	Averagecoverage41%322.751	AverageIssuer coverageAverage41%3242%2.7512.8	

The ACRS, implied temperature (°C) and ESG scores represent 38%, 60% and 71% of the fund's assets respectively (index & derivatives excluded).

#### Top 5 holdings by ACRS

ACRS	ESG	ITR
63%	N/A	2.4
56%	39	2.6
53%	54	2.7
52%	51	2.8
49%	N/A	2.4
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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 thirdparty 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.

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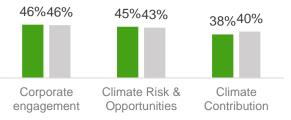


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ESG average ratings





## 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.