

April 2020

Lazard Capital Fi

International bonds and debt securities	Share classes	ISIN code*	NAV €	Net assets (€ million)	Total net assets (€ million)
	PVC EUR unit	FR0010952788	1 676,76	265,93	457,34
	PVD EUR unit	FR0013043841	93 208,90	47,23	
	RVD EUR unit	FR0010952796	113,24	13,09	
	TVD EUR Unit	FR0013305968	85,49	0,00	
	RVC EUR Unit	FR0013306727	94,65	23,51	
	SC EUR Unit	FR0013311446	9 870,39	81,06	
	SD EUR Unit	FR0013476058	8 542,40	0,00	
		ISIN code	NAV \$	Net assets (\$ million)	
	PVC H-USD Unit	FR0013072733	1 238,67	3,19	
	PC H-USD Unit	FR0013476041	843,87	0,00	
* Not all share classes of the relevant sub-fund are registered		ISIN code	NAV CHF	Net assets (CHF million)	
for marketing in German and Austria	PVC H-CHF Unit	FR0013236783	1 026,01	0,17	

MANAGEMENT

■ INVESTMENT POLICY

The fund's investment objective is to outperform the Barclays Global Contingent Capital € Hedged index for units PVC EUR, PVD EUR, RVC EUR, RVD EUR, SC EUR and TVD EUR, Barclays Global Contingent Capital Hedged USD for unit PVC H-USD and Barclays Global Contingent Capital Hedged CHF for PVC H-CHF.

To attain this objective, the strategy will rely on an active management of the portfolio mainly invested in subordinated securities (this type of debt is more risky than Senior Unsecured or Securitized debts), or any securities, not considered as common stocks, issued by European financial institutions. The investment process combine both a Top-down approach (strategic and geographical allocation approach which takes into consideration the macro and sectorial environments) and a Bottom-up approach (stock-picking based on fundamental analysis of the issuer and its securities) and then integrating the regulatory environment in which this asset class evolves. The modified duration will be managed in a 0 to 8 range. The fund only invests in bonds or securities issued by companies having their head office in an OECD member country and/or in issues or securities listed in a stock market of one of these countries. The FCP invests only in obligations negotiated in Euro, USD or Sterling.

■ FUND MANAGER'S COMMENT - François Lavier - Alexis Lautrette

The net asset value of Lazard Capital Fi rose by +6,3% over the month (PVC share) versus +8,2% for the Barclays Global Contingent Capital € Hedged Index.

AT1s in OAS tightened by -88 bps to 558 bps according to Bloomberg Barclays Global Index.

The German government bond yield curve steepened during the month, with the 10-year yield down -11 bps to -0,6%, the 5-year yielddown -11 bps to -0,8%, while the 2-year yield down -8 bps to -0,8%.

For 2020, Lazard Capital Fi posted a net performance of -11,9% vs -8,5% for the Barclays Global Contingent Capital € Hedged Index.

Lazard Capital Fi has a 260-day volatility of 15,7% vs 15,7% for the Barclays Global Contingent Capital € Hedged Index.

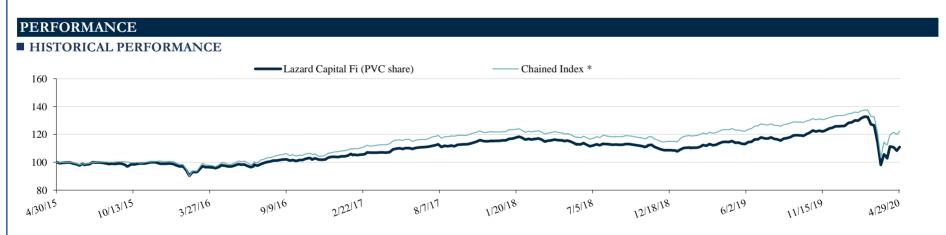
After the terrible month of March, several factors led to a nice bounce on credit during April. First of all, the massive outflows in bond funds have been reversed with significant inflows for several weeks, particularly on IG. Then the good news in terms of health was accompanied by new support measures on the central bank side (new liquidity measures for the ECB and willingness to do "what it takes", programs to purchase Credit Corporates by the Fed and the BoJ) and also new regulatory reductions for banks (leverage ratio, provisioning of doubtful persons benefiting from State guarantees or moratoria linked to the Covid-19 epidemic, etc.).

The first publications of results for the banks were not as bad as expected: the cost of risk increased without surprise, particularly on exposures linked to the oil sector. Overall, European banks have passed large generic provisions that represent more than 50% of the stock of new provisions for the 1st quarter, stock based on estimates as uncertainty remains high. Almost all banks are making profits, although dropping sharply YoY. Capital ratios are down slightly but remain at high levels. We note the good surprise for Deutsche Bank, which published better than expected net profit thanks to the good performance of its market activities and good cost control, despite the increase in the estimated cost of risk.

Tensions remain on peripheral debt, particularly in Italy, with on the one hand the good surprise at S&P and the unchanged BBB rating with negative outlook, offset by the surprise downgrade by Fitch to BBB-, stable outlook, outside the official calendar. However, the ECB's PEPP remained very active and managed to limit the widening of the Italian spread. Primary market has timidly resumed, mainly on the senior part for banks (Svenska, Crédit Agricole, BNP, UBS) but also on the Tier 2 in £ for UK insurers (Legal & General, Phoenix, Pension Insurance).

In Capital Fi, the most important contributors to the performance have been AT1/RT1 for +4,90%, Legacy and Tier 2 both contributed for +0,30%. By country, the most important contributions came from the UK (+1,2%), Spain (+1,1%) and Germany (+0,7%). By issuer, Deutsche Bank, Barclayd and Santander are the three main positive contributions.

The primary market, excluding covered bonds, totaled 26 bn \in in gross issuance according to Barclays, with net bank issuance totaling +11 bn \in over the months. Since the beginning of the year, gross issuance has represented 86 bn \in and net issuance +56 bn \in .



 * Barclays Global Contingent Capital € hedged since 31/12/2015, before JPMorgan Susi Tier 1.
Past performance indications is not a guarantee of current or future performance. The return may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations The tax treatment depends on the indivividual circumstances of each investor and may be subject to change in the future

PERFORMANCE

Annual performance*	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Lazard Capital Fi PVC	16,23%	-6,26%	11,48%	4,77%	4,70%
Chained Index	16,18%	-5,83%	13,41%	7,00%	4,50%

Cumulative performance*	Month	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years
Lazard Capital Fi PVC	6,29%	-11,92%	-3,48%	1,75%	11,02%
Chained Index	8,18%	-8,54%	-1,38%	6,01%	22,19%

* The performance quoted represents past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. The performance less than one year is given for illustrative purposes.

Modified duration	4,0	Spread duration	4,3
	l to ma ıt hedg	turity ing costs)	6,1%
	ield to 1t hedg	call ing costs)	9,0%
Yie	ld to W	Vorst	6,0%

Average rating (issuer) ¹	BBB+
Average rating (issues) ¹	BB
¹ Average rating for each security	
Yield to call (With hedging costs)	8,7%
Spread vs Govt.	936

SCALE RISK**



**Risk scale calculated from the volatility of the UCITS over a period of 5 years (see detail on the back).Risk 1 does not mean a risk-free investment. This indicator may change over time.

RISK RATIOS

	1 year	3 years
Volatility		
Lazard Capital Fi	PVC 23,13%	12,72%
Chained	Index 23,00%	11,48%
Tracking error	4,67%	2,83%
Information ratio	-0,46	-0,48
Pation calculated on a weekly basis over 1 yea	r and a monthly basis	over 3 vears

Ratios calculated on a weekly basis over 1 year and a monthly basis over 3 years

Gross currency exposure: 55% EUR / 23% USD / 22% GBP

Net currency exposure:

100% EUR

Estimates on yields in different currencies, spreads or sensitivities are based on the best judgment from Lazard Freres Gestion for all the securities included into the portfolio at the mentioned date. LFG does not provide any guarantee on its accuracy or on the methodology used.

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RATING ALLOCATION

70%

60%

50%

40%

30%

20%

10%

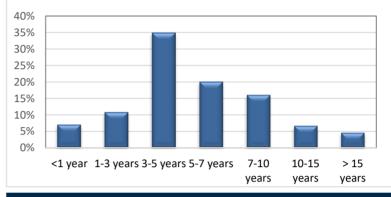
Best rating between S & P, Moody's or Fitch

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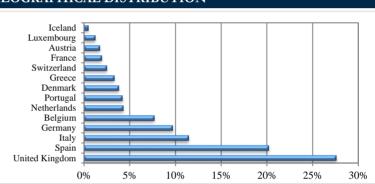
MAIN HOLDINGS		
Main holdings		
CaixaBank 5,25% Perp	Banques AT1	2,7%
Banco Santander 4,75% Perp	Banques AT1	2,5%
Danske Bank 6,125% Perp	Banques AT1	2,5%
Barclays PLC 5,875% Perp	Banques AT1	2,3%
Phoenix Group Holding 5,625%	Assurance RT1	2,2%

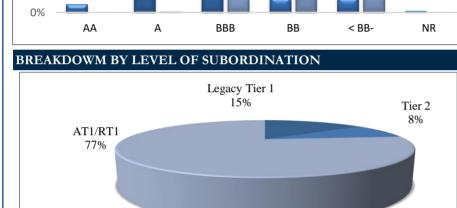
SECTOR ALLOCATION Insurers 10% Banks 90%

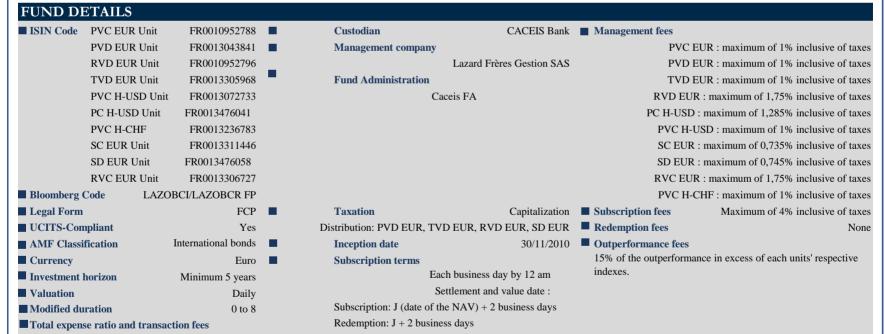
BREAKDOWN BY MATURITY (AT CALL)



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** Risk scale : calculated from the historic volatility of the UCITS over a period of 5 years, If the fund is not 5 years old of history, the level of risk is calculated from the target volatility of the strategy. The management company saves itself the posibility of adjusting the level of risk calculated according to the specific risk of the fund. This risk scale supplied as a rough guide and may be modified without advance notice.

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