

# **March 2019**

# **Lazard Euro Short Duration**

### MANAGEMENT

#### ■ INVESTMENT POLICY

The fund's investment objective is to outperform the following benchmark index over the recommended minimum investment horizon of one year (performance net of management fees): ICE BofAML 1-3 year Corporate (ER01) in euros, net coupons reinvested.

#### ■ FUND MANAGER'S COMMENT - Benjamin Le Roux

Fears of an economic slowdown led to a sharp easing in yields, amplified by disappointing figures in Europe and the United States (German manufacturing PMI and US jobs). Sovereign yields reached record levels, with Bund posting a negative return of -0.07%, its lowest level since October 2016. Furthermore, neither the Fed nor the ECB have scheduled any interest rate hikes in 2019. Mario Draghi announced the launch of a new series of targeted long-term loans for Eurozone banks (TLTRO III) from September 2019.

Finally, positive developments in the US-China trade talks, inflows into the credit market and a dip in the primary market contributed to reducing credit risk premiums. Senior and hybrid corporate bonds outperformed over the month.

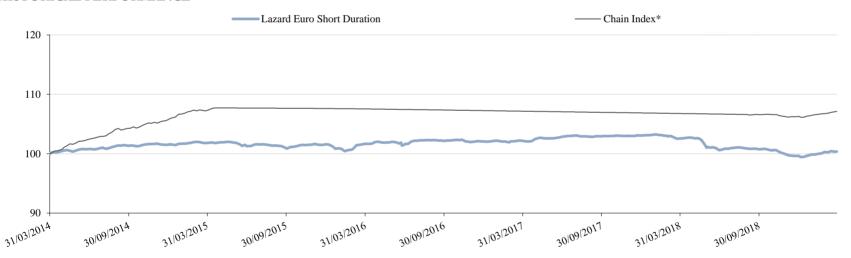
Peripheral spreads presented a mixed picture, with the Spanish and Portuguese 10-year yields widening by 9bp and 3bp, respectively, while the Italian spread remained stable over the month. S&P upgraded Portugal's rating from BBB- to BBB.

The spread against government bonds tightened by 4bp to 102bp for senior financial credit, by 8bp to 120bp for IG corporate credit and widened by 2bp to 220bp for financial subordinated credit (Merrill Lynch indices).

Exposure to the credit risk was 93%, split 38% in non-financial debt and 55% in financial debt invested in maturities of up to 5 years (call date). At the same time, exposure to the interest rate risk was further reduced at the end of the month following the easing in interest rates observed across the curve. Modified duration stood at -0.25 at end-March compared with +0.15 at end-February.

### PERFORMANCE

#### ■ HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE



Past performance indications is not a guarantee of current or future performance.

### **■ PERFORMANCE**

Cumulative performance*	Month	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years
Lazard Euro Short Duration	0,09%	0,74%	-2,12%	-1,27%	0,36%
Chain Index **	0,36%	0,81%	0,33%	-0,39%	7,12%

Annualized performance*	1 an	3 ans	5 ans	
Lazard Euro Short Duration	-2,12%	-0,43%	0,07%	
Chain Index **	0,33%	-0,13%	1,39%	

\*\* Merrill Lynch EMU Corporate until 15/04/2015, Eonia capitalised until 30/08/2018 after ICE BofAML 1-3 year Corp.

Performances annuelles*	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Lazard Euro Short Duration	-3,31%	0,97%	0,45%	0,08%	3,77%
Chain Index **	-0,57%	-0,36%	-0,33%	1,74%	8,25%

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# ■ ECHELLE DE RISQUE\*\*

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\*\*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.

#### RATIOS DE RISQUE

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Volatilité			
Laz	ard Euro Short Duration	1,20%	1,35%
	Chain Index **	0,40%	0,36%
Tracking error		1,08%	1,30%
Ratio d'information		-2,30	-0,23
Ratio de Sharpe		-1,48	-0,05

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

<sup>\*</sup> Performances, net of fees and reinvested net coupons, given for information purposes only and based on the recommended investment horizon

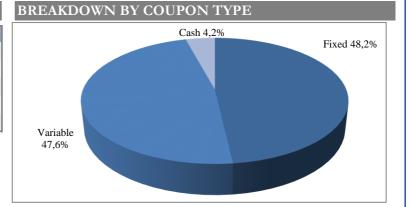


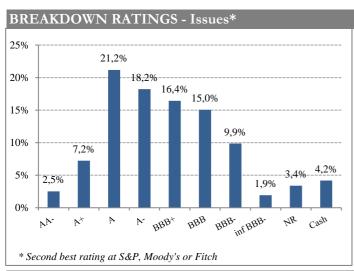
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Settlement and value date: Souscription J (date VL) + 2 ouvrés Redemption: J + 2 business days

MAIN HOLDINGS	
Main holdings	% Actif
UBS Bank 23/04/2021	2,49%
Cfcm Nord Europe 30/07/2019	2,49%
HSBC 27/09/2022	2,07%
Volkswagen 15/06/2021	2,06%
Deutsche Bank Ag 07/12/2020	2,05%

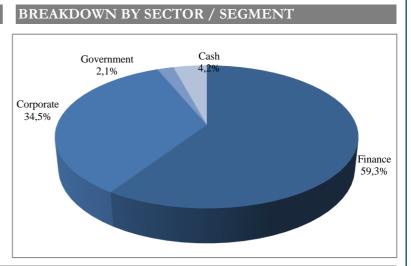




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#### **FUND DETAILS** ■ ISIN code unit IC FR0000027609 0.40% TTC max, de l'actif net ■ Custodian Caceis Bank Management fees ■ ISIN code unit ID FR0000029860 **■** Bloomberg code LAOBPRI/LAOBRPD FP **■** Management company Outperformance fees Legal form Lazard Frères Gestion SAS Sicav 20% of the outperformance in excess of each units' respective UCITS - Compliant Yes indexes. ■ AMF Classification Euro Bonds ■ Subscription fees 4% TTC maximum Unit IC Capitalization - Unit ID Distribution 1% TTC maximum **■** Investment horizon Minimum 1 year **■** Redemption fees ■ Valorisation Daily **■** Inception Date **■** Modified Duration from -2 to +5 **■** Subscription terms **■** Total expense ratio and transaction fees On next NAV for orders placed before 12 am

\*\* 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

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