

May 2019			Lazard Euro Short Duration
Bonds and other euro-denominated debt securities	ISIN Code   IC Unit FR0000027609   ID Unit FR0000029860	NAV € 4 400,96 2 321,37	Total net assets IC & ID (€ million) 136,55 MorningStar Sustainability Rating

## 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

May saw a dramatic return to risk aversion as a result of the trade war. Fuelled by disappointing data from the US and China, the fears surrounding the global cycle prompted a reduction in sovereign bond yields. The 10-year German yield fell to an historic low of -0,20%. This sentiment was reinforced by another downward revision of the European Commission's growth forecasts and by disappointing activity indicators. In Italy, the European Commission's new deficit forecasts saw another shift in the country's interest rates.

Against this background, credit spreads widened during the month. As such, the different credit segments produced negative performances, with risky assets underperforming.

There was a great deal of activity on the primary market. In corporate debt, Carrefour, Adecco, Coca Cola, Rentokil, Philipps, Tennet, Becton Dickinson, Gecina, Telenor and Total issued senior and, in some cases, multi-tranche debt. Enel and Vodafone refinanced their hybrid debt. In the financial sector, there were no particular surprises from the earnings of banks and insurance companies. Asset quality continues to improve in all the peripheral countries. RBS received a one-notch upgrade from S&P and Banco BPM from Moody's, while Moody's also upgraded Barclays to a positive outlook.

The margin against government bonds widened by 17 bps for senior financial debt to 111 bps, by 19 bps for IG corporate debt to 125 bps and by 29 bps for subordinated financial debt to 226 bps (Merrill Lynch indices).

Exposure to credit risk has been slightly reduced to 88% of the portfolio, with 36% exposure to non-financial debt and 52% to financial debt invested in maturities up to 5 years (on the call date). Exposure to interest rate risk has fallen, with the portfolio's modified duration dropping from 0 to -1,25.

#### PERFORMANCE

#### ■ HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE Lazard Euro Short Duration Chain Index<sup>3</sup> 120 110 100 90 31/05/2015 30/11/2015 31/05/2017 31/05/2018 31/05/2019 30/05/2014 30111/2014 31/05/2016 30/11/2016 30111/2017 30/11/2018

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	-0,42%	0,78%	-0,58%	-1,55%	-0,12%	
Chain Index **	-0,11%	0,88%	0,46%	-0,26%	5,31%	

Annualized performance*	1 an	3 ans	5 ans	
Lazard Euro Short Duration	-0,58%	-0,52%	-0,02%	
Chain Index **	0,46%	-0,09%	1,04%	

\*\* 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%

-1,25
0,65
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ECHELLE DE RISQUE\*\*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 \*\*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

## **RATIOS DE RISQUE**

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Indicateur	1 an	3 ans
Volatilité		
Lazard Euro Short Duration	0,94%	1,38%
Chain Index **	0,43%	0,38%
Tracking error	0,79%	1,29%
Ratio d'information	-1,33	-0,34
Ratio de Sharpe	-0,23	-0,11

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

upons, given for information purposes only and based on the recommended investment horizon.

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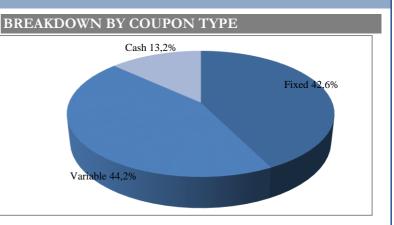
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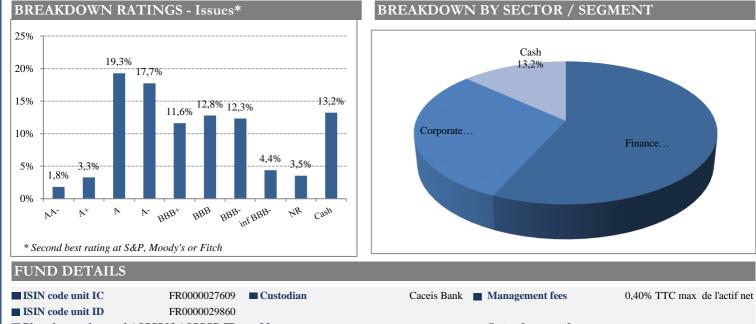


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MAIN HOLDINGS	
Main holdings	% Actif
Cfcm Nord Europe 30/07/2019	2,20%
HSBC 27/09/2022	1,84%
Volkswagen 15/06/2021	1,83%
Deutsche Bank Ag 07/12/2020	1,81%
BNP Paribas 0,54 09/2022	1,70%

# **Lazard Euro Short Duration**





ISIN code unit ID	FR0000029860		
Bloomberg code	LAOBPRI/LAOBRPD FP	Management company	Outperformance fees
Legal form	Sicav	Lazard Frères Gestion SAS	20% of the outperformance in excess of each units' respective
UCITS - Compliant	Yes		indexes.
AMF Classification	Euro Bonds		Subscription fees
Currency	Euro	Taxation	4% TTC maximum
Investment horizon	Minimum 1 year	Unit IC Capitalization - Unit ID Distribution	<b>Redemption fees</b> 1% TTC maximum
Valorisation	Daily	<b>Inception Date</b> 18/12/2002	
Modified Duration	from -2 to +5		Subscription terms
Total expense ratio a	nd transaction fees		On next NAV for orders placed before 12 am
For more information,	please check our prospectus		Settlement and value date :
			Souscription J (date VL) + 2 ouvrés
			Redemption: $J + 2$ business days

\*\* 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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