# LAZARD FRÈRES GESTION

October 2020				Lazard Ca	pital FI - PC H USD
International bonds and debt securities	Share classes	ISIN code*	NAV \$	Net assets (\$ million)	Total net assets (€ million)
	PC H-USD Unit	FR0013476041	963,33	0,00	590,47
* Not all share classes of the relevant sub-fund are registered					
for marketing in German and Austria					
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 0,1% over the month versus +0,4% for the Barclays Global Contingent Capital € Hedged Index.

AT1s in OAS tightened by -2 bps to 466 bps according to Bloomberg Barclays Global Index. The German government bond yield curve flattened during the month, with the 10-year yield down -10 bps to -0,6%, the 5-year yielddown -11 bps to -0,8%, while the 2-year yield down -9 bps to -0,8%.

Lazard Capital Fi has a 260-day volatility of 16,7% vs 16,1% for the Barclays Global Contingent Capital € Hedged Index.

The first banks' publications for Q3 are better than expected in general with two main trends: a very sharp decline in the cost of risk and well below consensus expectations for 3Q20 and on which managers expect an improvement in 2021 and CET1 capital ratios still rising QoQ. These excellent results will not have succeeded to offset the bad news on the health front, however with limited reaction to announcements of new light-lockdowns in Europe. On the central bank side, no news yet, but Ms. Lagarde has promised to act at the next monetary policy meeting in December.

The M&A theme continues to drive the market, with rumors in Italy between Banco BPM and Crédit Agricole as well as between Unicredit and Monte dei Paschi (with probably a capital increase that could go up to 2.5 billion). In Spain, merger talks between Liberbank and Unicaja are continuing while rumors of a merger between BBVA, Kuxtabank and Sabadell have emerged.

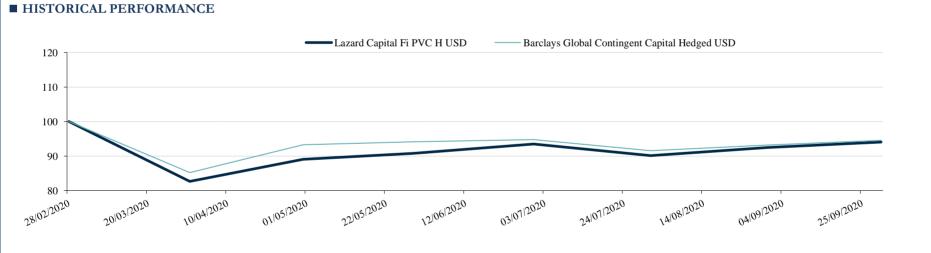
The EBA has published its guidelines on Legacy instruments and their ability to be included or not in the capital structure of banks. The central recommendation is as follows: call / reimburse or modify the terms and conditions, which has led to a positive reaction in the Legacy market, also already well oriented this month with the Rabobank tender operation on a legacy Tier 1. AIB and Barclays have exercised the call of the last two AT1s with a call date in 2020, so there have been in the end only 3 "non-calls" out of around 20 bonds in 2020, despite the uncertainty and the difficulties related to Covid.

The primary market was calm with Caixabank, Crédit Agricole and Nykredit in AT1, the insurer Unipol in RT1, Santander and Banque Postale in Tier 2.

The primary market, excluding covered bonds, totaled 18 bn $\in$  in gross issuance according to Barclays, with net bank issuance totaling +8 bn $\in$  over the months. Since the beginning of the year, gross issuance has represented 225 bn $\in$  and net issuance +66 bn $\in$ .

In Lazard Capital Fi, the most important contributors to the performance have been Legacy with +0,3%, AT1 and RT1 with -0,2% and banks Tier 2 with -0,3%. By country, the most important contributions came from UK (+0,2%), Germany (+0,2%) and Belgium (+0,1%). By issuer, Deutsche Bank with +0,2% and BNP Paribas with +0,2% are the most important contributions.

### PERFORMANCE



\* Barclays Global Contingent Capital USD hedged

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 PC H USD		-	-	-	-	-
Barclays Global Contingent Capital USD hedged		-	-	-	-	-
0		M	VTD	4	3	<b>e</b>
Cumulative performance*		Month	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years
Lazard Capital Fi PC H USD		0,08%	-	-	-	-
		0,47%	_			
Barclays Global Contingent Capital USD hedged * The performance quoted represents past performance. Pas	t performance		arantee future	results.	-	-
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### 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 PC H USD	-	-
Barclays Global Contingent Capital USD hedged	-	-
Tracking error	-	-
Information ratio	-	-

#### Gross currency exposure: 70% EUR / 14% USD / 16% GBP

Net currency exposure:

100% USD

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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## **October 2020**

**RATING ALLOCATION** 

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AT1/RT1 81%

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70%

60%

50%

40% 30%

20%

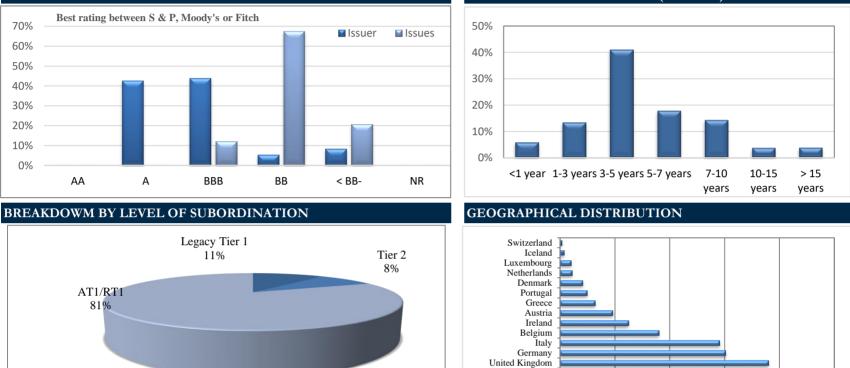
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MAIN HOLDINGS		
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Barclays PLC 5,875% Perp	Banks AT1	4,3%
Commerzbank FR 6,125% Perp	Banks AT1	3,9%
Caixa Bank 5,25% Perp	Banks AT1	3,0%
Bank of Ireland 6% Perp	Banks AT1	3,0%
KBC Group 4,25% Perp	Banks AT1	2,5%

# SECTOR ALLOCATION Insurers 6% Banks 94%

### BREAKDOWN BY MATURITY (AT CALL)



Spain

0%

5%

10%

15%

20%

25%

### **FUND DETAILS** ISIN Code PC H-USD Unit

Custodian CACEIS Bank 🔲 Management fees PC H-USD : maximum of 1,285% inclusive of taxes FR0013476041 Management company Lazard Frères Gestion SAS **Fund Administration** Caceis FA Bloomberg Code LALCFPH FP Legal Form FCP Taxation Capitalization **Subscription fees** Maximum of 4% inclusive of taxes UCITS-Compliant Redemption fees Yes None AMF Classification International bonds 28/02/2020 **Outperformance fees Inception date** Currency Euro Subscription terms 15% of the outperformance in excess of each units' respective Each business day by 12 am indexes. Investment horizon Minimum 5 years Settlement and value date : Valuation Daily Subscription: J (date of the NAV) + 2 business days Modified duration 0 to 8 Total expense ratio and transaction fees Redemption: J + 2 business days For more information, please check our prospectus on www.lazardfreresgestion.fr

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