

#### *March* 2021

#### Lazard Capital FI SRI - 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	1 089,02	0,76	754,70

\* 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

AT1s in OAS tightened by -11 bps to 340 bps according to Bloomberg Barclays Global Index.

The horizon seems to be sustainably brightening for European banks, first of all EBA published its risk dashboard for Q4 2020 with NPL ratio continuing to decline and CET1 capital ratio reaching an all time high. Moratoriums fell -60% since Q2 2020 to 318bn, among expired one NPLs still represent a small portion (3.3%). No funding problem either with 331bn borrowed in the last TLTRO3 operation, which should push excess liquidity beyond the 4000bn mark.

On the issuer side, the end of the month was marked by the setbacks of the Archegos fund and the losses generated for its prime brokers, and in particular Credit Suisse, which was battered after issuing a statement indicating "a significant impact in Q1". CS finally communicated on an impact of CHF4.4bn, but which will translate "only" into a pre-tax loss of CHF900m thanks to an excellent Q1 on the revenue side. CS shares droped -19% over the last week and AT1s between -2% and -5%. S&P, Fitch and Moody's have placed the bank's rating on negative outlook.

The Greek bank Piraeus has announced its "Sunrise Plan" with an ambitious target of NPL below 10% within 12 months and 3% in the medium term (vs. 35% currently).

On the Legacy side, BNP and Op Corporate Bank called Legacy Tier 1 bonds that were trading well below par while Natwest launched a tender offer for two Legacy Tier 1s (already the target of a buyback offer in September 2020) and four Tier 2s.

The primary market has been active in financial credits, with Alpha Bank, Barclays, Société Générale and Hannover Re, Storebrand and AXA on the insurance side, the last two in green format. On the AT1 side we had HSBC with two bonds in \$, CNP in \$ (RT1), Sabadell in € and Natwest in £.

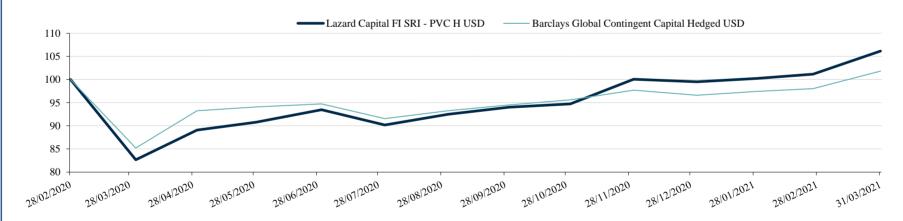
In Lazard Capital Fi, the most important contributors to the performance have been AT1 and RT1 with +1,54%, banks Tier 2 with +0,05% and Legacy with +0,05%. By country, the most important contributions came from Spain (+0,54%), UK (+0,29%), Germany (+0,28%) and Italy (+0,15%). By issuer, CaixaBank SA with +0,16%, Barclays PLC with +0,16% and Deutsche Bank AG with +0,13% are the most important contributions.

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For more information, please consult the relevant fund sheet on our website http://www.lazardfreresgestion.fr/FR/Fonds\_71.html or contact your sales representative.

## PERFORMANCE

## ■ HISTORICAL 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*	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Lazard Capital FI SRI - PC H USD	-	-	-	-	-
Barclays Global Contingent Capital USD hedged	-	-	-	-	-

Cumulative performance*	Month	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years
Lazard Capital FI SRI - PC H USD	1,61%	2,46%	37,55%	-	-
Barclays Global Contingent Capital USD hedged	0,60%	1,22%	27,99%	-	-

\* The performance quoted represents past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results.

Modified duration	3,4	Spread duration	3,9
	d to ma	•	5,0%
(Withou	ıt hedg	ing costs)	
Y	ield to	call	4,9%
(Withou	ıt hedg	ing costs)	4,2 /(

Average rating (issuer) <sup>1</sup>	BBB	
Average rating (issues) <sup>1</sup>	вв-	
Average rating for each security		
Yield to call	5,5%	
(With hedging costs)		
Spread vs Govt.	508	

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.

# ■ 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

## **RISK RATIOS**

	1 year	3 years			
Volatility					
Lazard Capital FI SRI - PC H USD	9,56%	-			
Barclays Global Contingent Capital USD hedged	8,63%	-			
Tracking error	1,34%	-			
Information ratio	2,06	-			
Ratios calculated on a weekly basis over 1 year and a monthly basis over 3 years					

Gross currency exposure: 71% EUR / 18% USD / 11% GBP

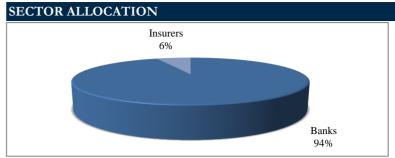
Net currency exposure: 95% EUR / 5% USD

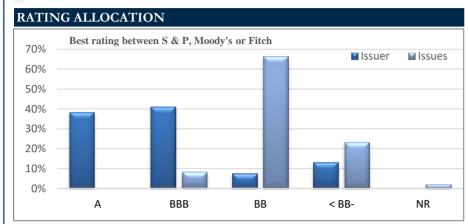


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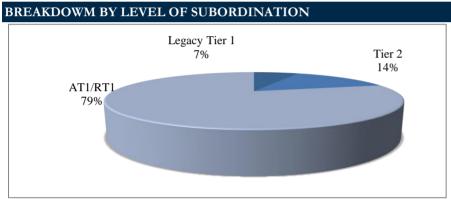
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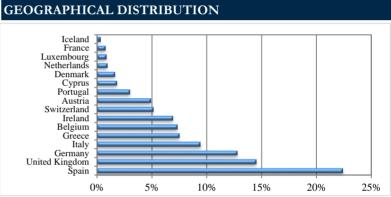


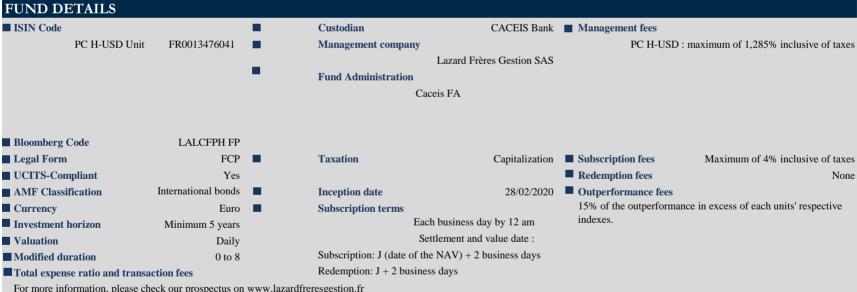












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\*\* Risk scale: calculated from the historic volatility of the UCITS over a period of 5 years, If the fund is not 5 years old of history, the level of risk is calculated from the target volatility of the strategy. The management company saves itself 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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