# LAZARD

February 2017

## **Objectif Crédit Fi.**

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International bonds and debt securities		ISIN code	NAV €	Net assets (€ million) :	Total net assets (€ million) :
	C unit	FR0010590950	13 957,02	241,75	
	R unit created on July 3rd 2009	FR0010752543	313,65	74,23	450,77
	I unit created on April 14th 2014	FR0011844034	1 121,34	75,45	
	G unit created on August 8th 2014	FR0012074151	104,45	59,32	
		ISIN code	NAV \$	Net assets (\$ million) :	
	DH unit created on January 7th 2016	FR0013076932	1 094,78	3,40	
MANAGEMENT					

### ■ INVESTMENT POLICY

The management objective aims to achieve, on a minimum investment horizon of 3 years, a performance net of fees of Eonia + 2,70% for the C and G shares, Eonia + 2,30% for the I shares and Eonia + 2% for the R shares. 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 issued by companies incorporated in an OECD country and/or in issues or securities listed on a stock exchange of those countries. The UCIT only invests in securities negotiated in Euro, dollar and sterline.

### FUND MANAGER'S COMMENT - François Lavier

The net asset value of Objectif Crédit Fi rose by 0,37% over the month (C share).

Spreads on financial debt widened slightly. Tier 1 bonds widened by 1bp to 357bp against government bonds, Tier 2 bonds widened by 7bp to 259bp and Senior debts by 6bp to end the month at 104bp according to JP Morgan's SUSI indices. In contrast, CoCos tightened by 23bp in OAS to end the month at 442bp according to Barclays' Global index.

The German government bond yield curve fell significantly during the month, with the 10-year yield down 23bp to 0,21% and the 5-year yield down 17bp to -0,57%, while the 2-year yield fell 20bp to -0,90%.

Objectif Crédit Fi posted a net performance of +1,36% year-to-date compared with +0,87% for the JP Morgan SUSI Lower Tier 2 and +1,93% for the SUSI Tier 1.

The fund has a 260-day volatility of 3,3% compared with 3,0% for the SUSI Lower Tier 2 and 2,5% for the SUSI Tier 1.

The market was in "risk-off" mode for almost all of February due to the political risk in France, with German yields trending sharply downwards until 24 February, the OAT-Bund spread reaching a four-year high (nearly 80bp), financial equities declining and financial credit widening, until the French presidential election polls became more favourable for Macron and Fillon, widening the gap with Le Pen in the second round. The last week of February was therefore quite the reverse of the first three weeks.

The political risk in France eclipsed the rather positive macroeconomic figures as well as the results from banks and insurers, which were also good. Uniccedit successfully finalised its €13bn capital increase.

The primary market, excluding covered bonds, totalled  $\notin$ 19bn in gross issuance of Senior Unsecured debt according to Barclays, with net bank issuance totalling - $\notin$ 18bn over the month. Since the beginning of the year, gross issuance has totalled  $\notin$ 53bn and net issuance is negative to the tune of  $\notin$ 26bn.

Crédit Fi has a yield to maturity of 4,4% and a yield to call of 4,2% with a modified duration of 0,6 and a credit duration of 5,8.

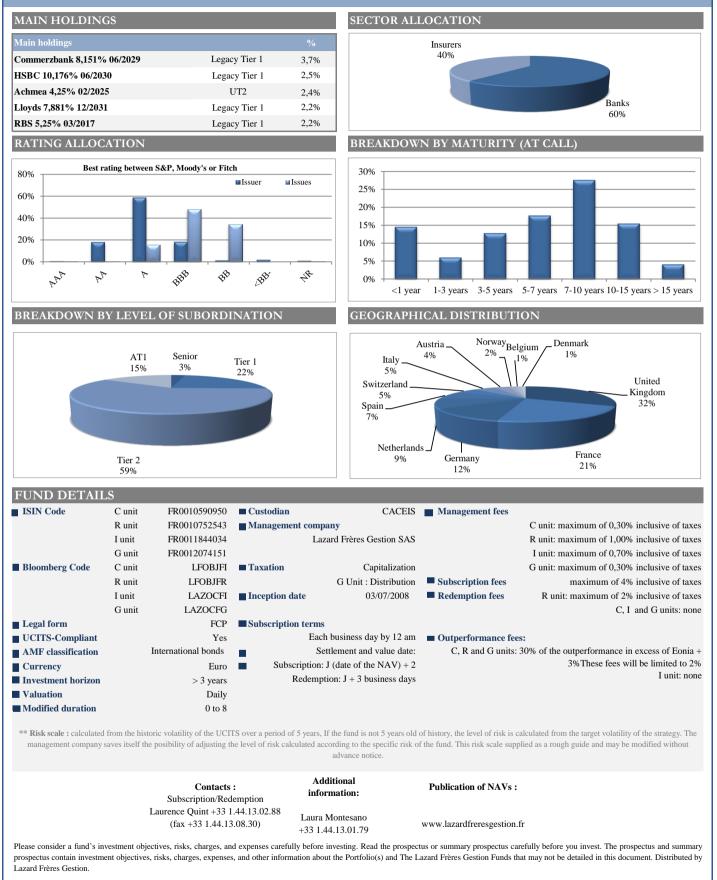
#### PERFORMANCE HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE Objectif Crédit Fi. - Compounded eonia 140 120 100 80 Feb-14 May-14 Aug-14 Nov-14 Feb-15 May-15 Aug-15 Nov-15 Feb-16 May-16 Aug-16 Nov-16 Feb-17 Past performance indications is not a guarantee of current or fut PERFORMANCE SCALE RISK\*\* 1 2 3 4 5 Objectif Crédit Fi. 1.36% 5.27% 1,14% 6.53% 8,18% \*\*Risk scale calculated from the volatility of the UCITS over a period of 5 years (see detail on Compounded eonia 0 39% 1.03% -0.11% 0.10% 0.09% the back) RISK RATIOS Objectif Crédit Fi. 0,37% 1,36% 12,19% 11,94% 43,75% Compounded eonia 0,18% 0,39% 1,46% 1,38% 1,67% Volatility Objectif Crédit Fi. 3.64% 4.55% Compounded eonia 0,17% 0,14% **Fracking error** 3,65% 4,54% 2,76 0,73 Information ratio Ratios calculated on a weekly basis over 1 year and monthly over three years LAZARD FRERES GESTION - S.A.S au capital de 14.487.500€ - 352 213 599 RCS Paris 25, rue de Courcelles -75008 PARIS wwww.lazardfreresgestion.fr

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