

May 2019 Lazard Credit Fi.

International bonds and debt securities	ISIN code	NAV €	Net assets (€ million):	Total net assets (€ million) :
IVC	ınit FR0010590950	14 782,64	485,73	
RVC	ınit FR0010752543	328,09	66,01	807,60
IC v	ınit FR0011844034	1 194,99	95,65	
IVD	ınit FR0012074151	103,41	79,64	
ID	ınit FR0013306743	981,74	50,98	
TC	ınit FR0013305935	194,84	26,56	
RVD	ınit FR0013306735	196,67	0,00	
	ISIN code	NAV \$	Net assets (\$ million):	
IC USD	ınit FR0013305935	1 234,52	3,20	
	ISIN code	NAV CHF	Net assets (CHF million):	
IC H-CHF	ınit FR0013076932	1 048,72	0,19	
MANACEMENT				

#### **■ INVESTMENT POLICY**

The management objective aims to achieve, on a minimum investment horizon of 3 years, a performance net of fees of ICE BoFAML Euro Financial Index in Euros for IVC, RVC, IC, IVD, ID, TC, RVD units, ICE BofAML Euro Financial in Franc Swiss 100% hedged for IC H CHF unit and ICE BofAML Euro Financial 100% hedged in Dollar US for IC USD unit. 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 UCIT will only invest into debts or 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 sterling.

## ■ FUND MANAGER'S COMMENT - François Lavier - Alexis Lautrette

The net asset value of Lazard Credit Fi fell by -0,69% over the month (IVC share).

Spreads on financial debt have all widened. Tier 2 bonds widened by 36 bps to end the month at 249 bps and Senior debts widened by 17 bps at 107 bps according to JP Morgan's SUSI indices. AT1s in OAS widened by 47 bps to end the month at 433 bps according to Bloomberg Barclays Global Index.

The German government bond yield curve flattened during the month, with the 10-year yield down 22 bps to -0,20%, the 5-year yield down 17 bps to -0,58%, while the 2-year yield fell 8 bps to -0,67%.

Lazard Credit Fi posted a net performance of +4,39% year-to-date compared with +4,17% for the JP Morgan SUSI Lower Tier 2 and +6,25% for the Barclays Global Contingent Capital € Hedged Index.

Lazard Credit Fi has a 260-day volatility of 2,4% compared with 2% for the SUSI Lower Tier 2 and 3,9% for the Barclays Global Contingent Capital € Hedged Index.

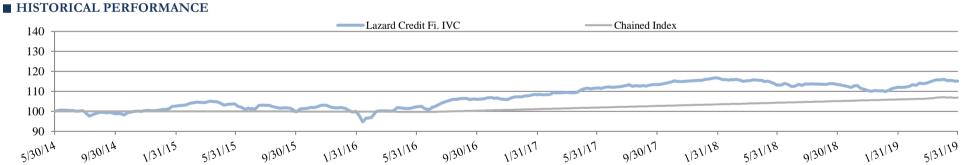
The US-China trade war has resurfaced at the beginning of the month, the dialogue between the two parties seems complicated for now and we are witnessing the increase of sanctions currently. There was also a lot of volatility on Italy during the month with Matteo Salvini coming out stronger of European elections.

In this complicated context for risky assets, the fundamentals of financial issuers remain well oriented with the publication of the first quarter results. No particular surprises to report but always an improving asset quality in Italy, Ireland and Portugal. We also note the upgrade of one notch for RBS (S&P) and Banco BPM (Moody's) and that Barclays has moved into positive outlook (Moody's) this month.

The primary have been active this month with new issuers such as the car leasing specialist LeasePlan in AT1 and the Finnish insurer Sampo in Tier 2.

The primary market, excluding covered bonds, totaled €22,1bn in gross issuance according to Barclays, with net bank issuance totaling +€6,4bn over the month. Since the beginning of the year, gross issuance has represented €122,1bn and net issuance +€28,5bn.

# PERFORMANCE



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**

Annualized performance*	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Lazard Credit Fi. IVC	-4,55%	7,74%	5,27%	1,14%	6,53%
Chained Index***	2,37%	2,36%	1,03%	-0,11%	0,10%

Cumulative performance*	Month	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 ans
Lazard Credit Fi. IVC	-0,69%	4,39%	1,87%	12,64%	15,14%
Chained Index***	-0,19%	1,04%	2,43%	7,09%	6,86%

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

The performance less than one year is given for illustrative purposes.

\*\*\* Since April 1st, ICE BofAML Euro Financial Index, from June 30, 2016 to Ma

Modified duration	4,2
Yield to maturity (Without hedging costs)	4,3%
Yield to call (Without hedging costs)	3,8%
Yield to call (With hedging costs)	3,2%
Yield to Worst	3,7%

pread duration	3,0
average rating (issuer) <sup>1</sup>	BBB+
verage rating (issues) <sup>1</sup>	ВВ+
Average rating for each security	
Spread vs Govt.	371

# ■ SCALE RISK\*\* 2

 $**Risk\ scale\ calculated\ from\ the\ volatility\ of\ the\ UCITS\ over\ a\ period\ of\ 5\ years\ (see\ detail\ on\ the$ 

Risk 1 does not mean a risk-free investment. This indicator may change over time.

# ■ RISK RATIOS

		1 year	3 years	
Volatility				
L	azard Credit Fi. IVC	3,30%	3,69%	
	Chained Index***	0,45%	0,36%	
Tracking error		3,22%	2,91%	
Information ratio		-0,17	0,58	
Ratios calculated on a weekly basis over 1 year and monthly over three years				

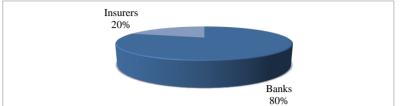


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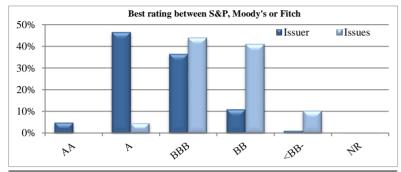
## MAIN HOLDINGS

Main holdings		
Dresdner Fndg Trust 8,15 06/2031	Banks Legacy Tier 1	3,6%
Fortis Bank 12/2049	Banks Legacy Tier 1	2,1%
Banco de Sabadell 5,375 12/2028	Banks Tier 2	1,9%
Danske Bank 5,88 12/2049	Banks At1/Rt1	1,9%
Caixa Bank 2,75 07/2028	Banks Tier 2	1,8%

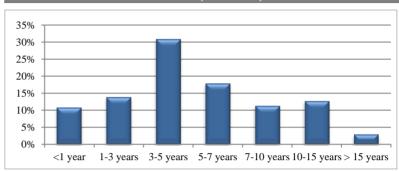
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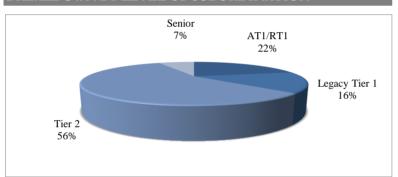
#### RATING ALLOCATION



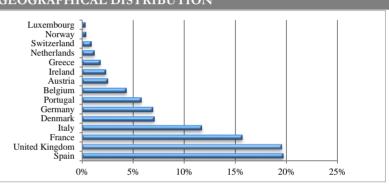
#### BREAKDOWN BY MATURITY (AT CALL)



#### BREAKDOWN BY LEVEL OF SUBORDINATION



#### GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION



### **FUND DETAILS**

**Investment horizon** 

■ Valuation

■ ISIN Code	IVC unit	FR0010590950	
	RVC unit	FR0010752543	
	IC unit	FR0011844034	
	IVD unit	FR0012074151	
	IC USD	FR0013076932	
	TC Unit	FR0013305935	
IC H-C	CHF Unit	FR0013236791	
	RVD Unit	FR0013306735	
	ID Unit	FR0013306743	
■ Bloomberg Code	LFO	OBJFI/LFOBJFR/	

■ Custodian CACEIS Bank Management fees ■ Management company

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IVC unit: maximum of 0,3% inclusive of taxes RVC unit: maximum of 1% inclusive of taxes IC unit: maximum of 0,7% inclusive of taxes

IVD unit: maximum of 0,3% inclusive of taxes IC USD unit: maximum of 0,75% inclusive of taxes

TC unit: maximum of 0,7% inclusive of taxes IC H-CHF unit: maximum of 0,75% inclusive of taxes

RVD unit: maximum of 1% inclusive of taxes ID unit: maximum of 0.7% inclusive of taxes

maximum of 4% inclusive of taxes

Capitalization ■ Taxation LAZOCFI/LAZOCFG IVD Unit : Distribution

**■** Subscription fees 03/07/2008 **■** Redemption fees

RVC, TC, RVD, ID unit: maximum of 2% inclusive of taxes; else units: none

Legal form FCP **■** Subscription terms

■ UCITS-Compliant Yes ■ AMF classification International bonds Currency Euro

Settlement and value date: Subscription: J (date of the NAV) + 2 business Redemption: J + 2 business days

**■** Total expense ratio and transaction fees

Each business day by 12 am **Performance fees:** 

IVC, RVC, RVD and IVD units: 30% of the outperformance in excess of ICE BofAML Euro Financial Index. These fees will be limited to 2%

IC, ID, TC, IC USD et IC H-CHF unit: none

■ Modified duration 0 to 8 For more information, please check our prospectus on www.lazardfreresgestion.fr

**■** Inception date

■ Fund administration

\*\* 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

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Daily

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