# **CARMIGNAC PORTFOLIO** MERGER ARBITRAGE PLUS I EUR ACC

Recommended minimum investment horizon: LOWER RISK HIGHER RISK 6

**LUXEMBOURG SICAV SUB-FUND** 

LU2585801330 Monthly Factsheet - 31/03/2025

## **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

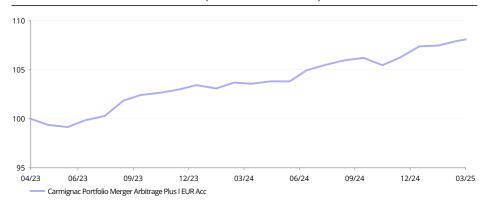
Carmignac Portfolio Merger Arbitrage Plus is a UCITS fund, following an alternative investment strategy that seeks to benefit from the price discontinuities ("arbitrage") of the shares related to merger and acquisition transactions. The Fund invests in officially announced M&A deals in the developed markets. The Fund seeks to achieve a positive absolute return over a 3-year investment horizon through capital growth.

Fund management analysis can be found on P.3

## **PERFORMANCE**

Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance. Performances are net of fees (excluding possible entrance fees charged by the distributor).

### FUND PERFORMANCE SINCE LAUNCH (Basis 100 - Net of fees)



#### CUMULATIVE AND ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE (as of 31/03/2025 - Net of fees)

		Cumulative Pe	Annualised Performance (%)		
	Since 31/12/2024	1 Month	1 Year	Since 14/04/2023	Since 14/04/2023
I EUR Acc	1.05	-0.06	3.84	8.09	4.04

## MONTHLY PERFORMANCE (%) (Net of fees)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2025	0.36	0.75	-0.06	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	1.05
2024	-0.11	-0.05	1.05	-0.38	0.03	0.62	1.07	0.41	0.11	-0.53	0.22	1.20	3.68
2023	_	_	_	-0.19	-0.74	0.38	0.45	1.49	0.65	0.41	0.52	0.17	3.17

VAR	
Fund VaR	7.0%

#### **PERFORMANCE** CONTRIBUTION

Equity Derivatives	-2.5%
Currency Derivatives	2.6%
Cash and Others	-0.1%
Total	-0.1%

Gross monthly performance





F. Cretin-Fumeron

S. Dieudonné

## **KEY FIGURES**

Merger Arbitrage Exposure (1)	107.8%
Number of Strategies	51
Cash and Others	27.2%
Net Equity Exposure	82.1%

#### **FUND**

SFDR Fund Classification: Article 8

Domicile: Luxembourg Fund Type: UCITS Legal Form: SICAV

SICAV Name: Carmignac Portfolio

Fiscal Year End: 31/12

Subscription/Redemption: Daily Order Placement Cut-Off Time: Before 13:30

(CET/CEST)

Fund Inception Date: 14/04/2023 Fund AUM: 175M€ / 189M\$ (2)

Fund Currency: EUR

#### SHARE

**Dividend Policy:** Accumulation Date of 1st NAV: 14/04/2023 Base Currency: EUR Share class AUM: 129M€ NAV (share): 108.09€

 $\textbf{Morningstar Category}^{\text{\tiny{TM}}}\textbf{:} \ \text{Alt - Event Driven}$ 

## **FUND MANAGER(S)**

Fabienne Cretin-Fumeron since 14/04/2023 Stéphane Dieudonné since 14/04/2023

### OTHER ESG CHARACTERISTICS

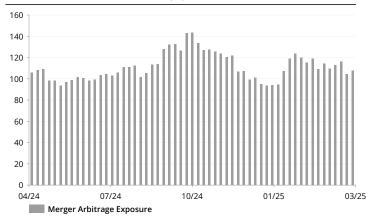
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Principal Adverse Impact Indicators Y	es



<sup>\*</sup> For the share class Carmignac Portfolio Merger Arbitrage Plus I EUR Acc. Risk Scale from the KID (Key Information Document). Risk 1 does not mean a risk-free investment. This indicator may change over time. (1) Sum of all the long equity exposures from the portfolio, the short book is excluded. (2) Exchange Rate EUR/USD as of 31/03/2025.

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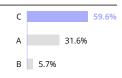
## MERGER ARBITRAGE EXPOSURE (%) (1)



#### **TOP TEN - MERGER ARBITRAGE**

Name	Country	Sector / Rating	%
HESS CORP	USA	Energy	7.3%
CHAMPIONX CORP	USA	Energy	5.6%
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS PARENT INC	USA	Communication Services	5.3%
ENSTAR GROUP LTD	USA	Financials	4.7%
PACTIV EVERGREEN INC	USA	Materials	3.8%
PLAYA HOTELS & RESORTS NV	USA	Consumer Discretionary	3.8%
KELLANOVA	USA	Consumer Staples	3.7%
NEXUS AG	Germany	Healthcare	3.4%
FUJITSU GENERAL LTD	Japan	Consumer Discretionary	3.4%
COVESTRO AG	Germany	Materials	3.3%
Total			44.4%

#### MERGER ARBITRAGE RISK LEVEL



#### MERGER ARBITRAGE TYPE

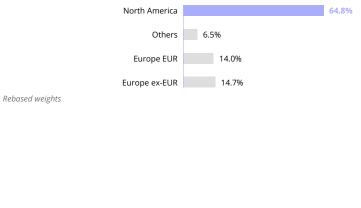


#### MERGER ARBITRAGE NATURE

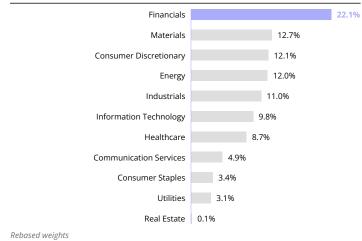


Rebased weights

#### LONG GEOGRAPHICAL EXPOSURE



### LONG SECTORIAL EXPOSURE



### MAIN MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS OVER THE MONTH

Target	Buyer	Sector	Size (M€)	Country
WALGREENS BOOTS ALLIANCE INC	SYCAMORE PARTNERS LLC	Consumer Staples	36549	USA
MR COOPER GROUP INC	ROCKET COS INC	Financials	19141	USA
AZEK CO INC/THE	JAMES HARDIE INDUSTRIES PLC	Industrials	8133	USA
VEREN INC	WHITECAP RESOURCES INC	Energy	6013	Canada
ALLEGRO MICROSYSTEMS INC	ON SEMICONDUCTOR CORP	Information Technology	5993	USA



## **FUND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS**





- In a complex market environment for most asset classes, the Merger Arb strategy demonstrated its resilience in March. Indeed, US stock indices recorded a decline of 5 to 10% at their lowest point, while the HFRX Merger Arbitrage index posted a slightly negative monthly performance of -0.17%.
- Some spreads were more volatile than average: Discover Financial Services, still awaiting approval from the Fed and DOJ; Ansys, where geopolitical tensions between China and the US are complicating the approval process by Chinese competition authorities; and Despegar, under pressure following press articles reporting malpractices revealed by a former employee.
- A dozen transactions were completed, contributing to the tightening of other spreads. Among them: Altair Engineering, Arcadium Lithium, Hargreaves Lansdown, and Pactiv Evergreen.
- Despite uncertainties related to the tariff war launched by the Trump administration, M&A activity was relatively strong in March, with around twenty transactions announced for a total amount of nearly 100 billion euros.
- Taking advantage of lower interest rates to deploy their capital more aggressively, Private Equity groups
  confirmed their return. They represented 30% of buyers in March. Notable transactions include two
  significant deals: one in the US with the acquisition of Walgreens Boots Alliance by Sycamore for 36 billion
  euros, and the other in Europe with the acquisition of Fortnox by EQT and First Kraft for nearly 4 billion
  euros.



#### PERFORMANCE COMMENTARY

- The fund recorded a slightly negative performance over the month.
- The main contributors to performance were: Calibre Mining, Hess, and Intra-Cellular Therapies.
- The main detractors from performance were: Discover Financial Services, Ansys, and Surmodics.



- The fund's investment rate is 108%, up from the previous month.
- With 51 positions in the portfolio, diversification remains satisfactory.
- The year 2024 was particularly challenging for Merger Arbitrage: significant antitrust pressure, especially in the US, with blocked deals (Capri, Albertsons) and others under increased scrutiny (Hess, Pioneer Natural Resources, Catalent, Juniper). The expected rebound in M&A activity was not as strong due to this heightened regulatory oversight.
- Additionally, highly volatile deals (DS Smith, United States Steel, China Traditional Chinese Medicine) led to the unwinding and closure of several Merger Arbitrage portfolios within major investment platforms.
- The outlook for 2025 is much more promising, thanks to a more favourable antitrust environment for M&A
   activity globally: a change in administration in the US following Trump's election, the publication of the
   Draghi report in Europe recommending the emergence of national champions to face global competition,
   UK regulators being pushed by the political class to prioritize economic activity, and the Japanese market
   continuing to open up to foreign capital.
- The decrease in interest rates is also expected to drive M&A activity in the coming quarters.





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## **PORTFOLIO ESG SUMMARY**

This financial product is classified Article 8 of the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation ("SFDR"). The binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product are:

- ESG analysis applied to at least 90% of the equity holding in the Long portfolio;
- The Sub-Fund's equity portfolio universe is actively reduced.

#### PORTFOLIO ESG COVERAGE

Number of issuers in the portfolio 44
Number of issuers rated 44
Coverage Rate 100.0%

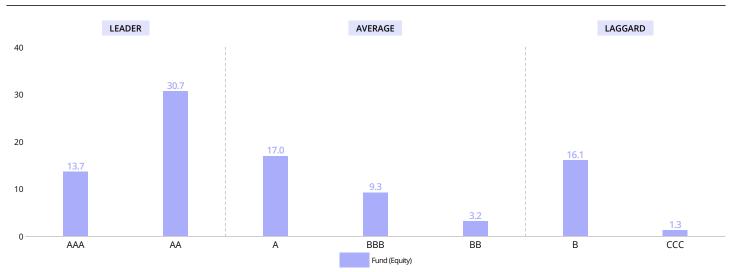
#### **ESG SCORE**

Carmignac Portfolio Merger Arbitrage Plus I EUR Acc

Source: MSCLESG

Source: Carmignac

#### MSCI ESG SCORE PORTFOLIO



Source: MSCI ESG Score. ESG Leaders represent companies rated AAA and AA by MSCI. ESG Average represent companies rated A, BBB, and BB by MSCI. ESG Laggards represent companies rated B and CCC by MSCI. Portfolio ESG Coverage: 89.3%

## **TOP 5 ESG RATED PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS**

Company	Weight	ESG Rating
INNERGEX RENEWABLE ENERGY INC	1.9%	AAA
DISCOVER FINANCIAL SERVICES	2.4%	AA
JUNIPER NETWORKS INC	1.5%	AA
BERRY GLOBAL GROUP INC	1.0%	AA
NORDSTROM INC	0.9%	AA
Source: MSCI ESG		



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## **GLOSSARY**

Active Management: An investment management approach where a manager aims to beat the market through research, analysis and their own judgement.

Investment/net exposure rate: The investment rate constitutes the volume of assets invested expressed as a percentage of the portfolio. Adding the impact of the derivatives to this investment rate results in the net exposure rate, which corresponds to the real percentage of asset exposure to a certain risk. Derivatives can be used to increase the underlying asset's exposure (stimulation) or reduce it (hedging).

Merger Arbitrage Exposure: The Merger Arbitrage Exposure level refers to the equity long book of the portfolio, the short book used as coverage is excluded

Merger Arbitrage Risk: The risk level of each deal from the equity long book of the portfolio is assessed to determine the risk of deal failure. Ratings are based on our in-house methodology and rated between A and C, where A is the least risky and C is the highest risk.

Net asset value: Price of all units (in an FCP) or shares (in a SICAV).

SICAV: Société d'Investissement à Capital Variable (Open-ended investment company with variable capital)

## **ESG DEFINITIONS & METHODOLOGY**

ESG: E for Environment, S for Social, G for Governance

**ESG score Calculation:** Only the Equity and Corporate Bond holdings of the fund considered. Overall Fund Rating calculated using MSCI Fund ESG Quality Score methodology: excluding cash and non ESG-rated holdings, performing a weighted average of the normalized weights of the holdings and the Industry-Adjusted Score of the holdings, multiplied by (1+Adjustment%) which consists of the weight of positively trending ESG ratings minus the weight of negatively trending ESG ratings. For a detailed explanation see "MSCI ESG Fund Ratings Methodology", Section 2.3. Updated June 2023. https://www.msci.com/documents/1296102/34424357/MSCI+ESG+Fund+Ratings+Methodology.pdf

Principal Adverse Impacts (PAI): Negative, material, or potentially material effects on sustainability factors that result from, worsen, or are directly related to investment choices or advice performed by a legal entity. Examples include GHG emissions and carbon footprint.

Sustainable Investments: The SFDR defines sustainable investment as an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

**Taxonomy Alignment:** In the context of an individual company, taxonomy alignment is defined as the proportion of a company's revenue that comes from activities that meet certain environmental criteria. In the context of an individual fund or portfolio, alignment is defined as the portfolio-weight weighted average taxonomy alignment of included companies. For more information, please follow this link:

https://eć.europa.eu/info/sites/default/files/business\_economy\_euro/banking\_and\_finance/documents/sustainable-finance-taxonomy-faq\_en.pdf

## **CHARACTERISTICS**

Share Class	Date of 1st NAV	Bloomberg	ISIN	Management Fee	Entry costs <sup>(1)</sup>	Exit costs <sup>(2)</sup>	Management fees and other administrative or operating costs <sup>(3)</sup>		Performance fees <sup>(5)</sup>	Minimum Initial Subscription <sup>(6)</sup>
F EUR Acc	14/04/2023	CARMERF LX	LU2585801173	Max. 1%	_	_	1.25%	0.45%	20%	_
A EUR Acc	14/04/2023	CARARBA LX	LU2585801256	Max. 1.5%	Max. 1%	_	1.8%	0.45%	20%	_
I EUR Acc	14/04/2023	CRPTFIE LX	LU2585801330	Max. 1%	_	_	1.11%	0.45%	20%	EUR 10000000

(1) of the amount you pay in when entering this investment. This is the most you will be charged. Carmignac Gestion doesn't charge any entry fee. The person selling you the product will inform you of

(2) We do not charge an exit fee for this product.
(3) of the value of your investment per year. This estimate is based on actual costs over the past year.
(4) of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate of the costs incurred when we buy and sell the investments underlying the product. The actual amount varies depending on the

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(5) when the share class overperforms the Reference indicator during the performance period. It will be payable also in case the share class has overperformed the reference indicator but had a negative performance. Underperformance is clawed back for 5 years. The actual amount will vary depending on how well your investment performs. The aggregated cost estimation above includes the average over the last 5 years, or since the product creation if it is less than 5 years.

(6) Please refer to the prospectus for the minimum subsequent subscription amounts. The prospectus is available on the website: www.carmignac.com.

## MAIN RISKS OF THE FUND

EQUITY: The Fund may be affected by stock price variations, the scale of which is dependent on external factors, stock trading volumes or market capitalization. ARBITRAGE RISK: Arbitrage seeks to benefit from such price differences (e.g. in markets, sectors, securities, currencies). If arbitrage performs unfavorably, an WITH THE LONG/SHORT STRATEGY: This risk is linked to long and/or short investment may lose its value and generate a loss for the Sub-Fund. RISH positions designed to adjust net market exposure. The fund may suffer high losses if its long and short positions undergo simultaneous unfavourable development in opposite directions. LIQUIDITY: Temporary market distortions may have an impact on the pricing conditions under which the Fund might be caused to liquidate, initiate or modify its positions.

The Fund presents a risk of loss of capital.

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