# CARMIGNAC PORTFOLIO MERGER ARBITRAGE PLUS F GBP ACC HDG



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LUXEMBOURG SICAV SUB-FUND

LU2601234169 Monthly Factsheet - 30/05/2025

# **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

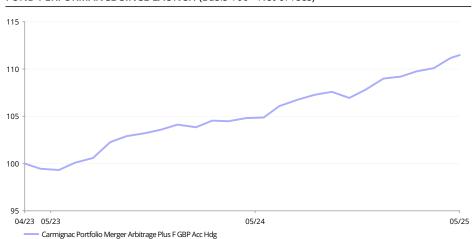
Carmignac Portfolio Merger Arbitrage Plus is a UCITS fund, following an alternative investment strategy that seeks to benefit from the price discontinuities ("arbitrage") of the shares related to merger and acquisition transactions. The Fund invests in officially announced M&A deals in the developed 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 30/05/2025 - Net of fees)

	Cumulative	Annualised Performance (%)		
_	1 Year	Since 14/04/2023	Since 14/04/2023	
F GBP Acc Hdg	6.43	11.47	5.23	

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

	2024	2023
F GBP Acc Hdg	4.52	3.83

VAR	
Fund VaR	7.2%





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S. Dieudonné

# **KEY FIGURES**

Merger Arbitrage Exposure <sup>(1)</sup>	105.4%
Number of Strategies	53
Cash and Others	24.2%
Net Equity Exposure	82.7%

#### **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: 204M€ / 232M\$ (2) Fund Currency: EUR

#### SHARE

Dividend Policy: Accumulation Date of 1st NAV: 14/04/2023 Base Currency: GBP Share class AUM: 55732£ NAV (share): 111.47£

## **FUND MANAGER(S)**

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

#### OTHER ESG CHARACTERISTICS

Minimum % Taxonomy Alignment	0%
Minimum % Sustainable Investments.	0%
Principal Adverse Impact Indicators	Yes



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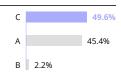
# MERGER ARBITRAGE EXPOSURE (%) (1)

# 160 140 120 100 80 60 40 20 05/24 08/24 11/24 02/25 05/25 Merger Arbitrage Exposure

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

Name	Country	Sector / Rating	%
HESS CORP	USA	Energy	5.2%
ENSTAR GROUP LTD	USA	Financials	4.1%
CHAMPIONX CORP	USA	Energy	3.9%
VERALLIA SA	France	Materials	3.8%
KELLANOVA	USA	Consumer Staples	3.8%
DUN & BRADSTREET HOLDINGS INC	USA	Industrials	3.8%
NTT DATA GROUP CORP	Japan	Information Technology	3.7%
GRUPO CATALANA OCCIDENTE SA	Spain	Financials	3.7%
FUJITSU GENERAL LTD	Japan	Consumer Discretionary	3.5%
PLAYA HOTELS & RESORTS NV	USA	Consumer Discretionary	3.4%
Total			38.9%

#### MERGER ARBITRAGE RISK LEVEL

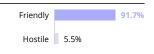


#### MERGER ARBITRAGE TYPE



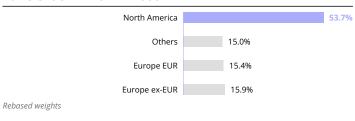
#### MERGER ARBITRAGE NATURE

Rebased weights

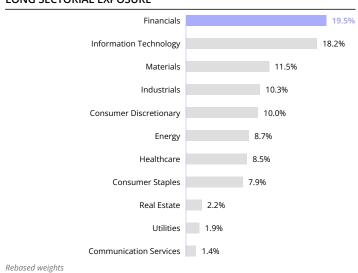


Rebased weights

#### LONG GEOGRAPHICAL EXPOSURE



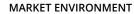
#### LONG SECTORIAL EXPOSURE



MAIN MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS OVER THE MONTH

Target	Buyer	Sector	Size (M€)	Country
NTT DATA GROUP CORP	NIPPON TELEGRAPH & TELEPH	ONE CORP Information Technology	14521	Japan
TXNM ENERGY INC	BLACKSTONE INC	Utilities	10356	USA
SKECHERS USA INC	3G CAPITAL INC	Consumer Discretionary	9181	USA
PARKLAND CORP	SUNOCO LP	Energy	8762	Canada
INFORMATICA INC	SALESFORCE INC	Information Technology	7144	USA

#### **FUND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS**



- After two turbulent months, May saw a return to calm for the markets and also for merger arbitrage, with
  most asset classes ending the month in positive territory and the HFRX Merger Arbitrage Index posting a
  1.42% gain (in US dollars) over the month.
- Overall, merger arbitrage spreads tightened somewhat. Notable examples include the narrowing of Hess ahead of the arbitration between Chevron and Exxon over the Stabroek oil field off the coast of Guyana, and the rise in Covestro, which is making good progress with the various competition authorities. Ansys, still awaiting approval from the Chinese authorities, benefited from the easing of tensions between the US and China
- In addition, just over a dozen transactions were completed, which also contributed to the tightening of spreads.
- The notable event of the month was the resumption of M&A activity after a period of uncertainty linked to the trade war launched by the Trump administration. Thirty-two new transactions were announced during the month, compared with only 13 in the previous month.
- While activity remains modest in the US, Europe and especially Asia have taken over, accounting for 47% of total new transactions. Japan was particularly active, with not only one significant transaction (the purchase of NTT Data Group by its parent company for \$14 billion) but also a large number of smaller deals.
- As expected, the fall in interest rates is enabling financial buyers to continue deploying their capital. Private equity groups accounted for nearly 25% of new transactions.

#### PERFORMANCE COMMENTARY

- The fund posted a positive performance during the month.
- The main contributors to performance were: Spartan Resources, Covestro, Ansys.
- The main detractors to performance were: Fortnox, Interpublic Group, Juniper Network.

#### **OUTLOOK AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

- The fund's investment ratio is 105%, up from the previous month.
- With 53 positions in the portfolio, diversification remains satisfactory.
- 2025 continues to look much more promising than 2024 thanks to a more favourable antitrust environment for M&A activity worldwide: the change of 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, regulators in the UK being pushed by politicians to prioritise economic activity, and the Japanese market continuing to open up to foreign capital.
- Lower interest rates should also drive M&A activity in the coming quarters.
- However, instability linked to the trade war launched by the Trump administration and geopolitical tensions are slowing the recovery, which is less robust than we had hoped.









# **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://ec.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%	_
F USD Acc Hdg	14/04/2023	CAPMAFU LX	LU2601233948	Max. 1%	_	_	1.25%	0.5%	20%	_
F GBP Acc Hdg	14/04/2023	CAPMAFG LX	LU2601234169	Max. 1%	_	_	1.25%	0.51%	20%	_

(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 the actual charge

(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.

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