

# VARENNE SELECTION I-EUR

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Classification  
SFDR: Article **8**

Morningstar Rating™  
★★★

NAV **2 170.09 €**  
Net Assets **305.11 M€**



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## CUMULATIVE AND ANNUALIZED RETURNS

|                   | CUMULATIVE   |        |         |         |                 | ANNUALIZED      |
|-------------------|--------------|--------|---------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                   | Year to Date | 1 year | 3 years | 5 years | Since Inception | Since Inception |
| VARENNE SELECTION | 2.69%        | 9.63%  | 10.21%  | 68.82%  | 117.01%         | 9.24%           |

## ANNUALIZED VOLATILITY

|                   | 1 year | 3 years | 5 years | Since Inception |
|-------------------|--------|---------|---------|-----------------|
| VARENNE SELECTION | 15.77% | 17.80%  | 18.24%  | 15.77%          |

## MONTHLY RETURNS

| Years | January | February | March  | April  | May    | June   | July   | August | September | October | November | December | YTD     |
|-------|---------|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|---------|
| 2024  | -3.24%  | 4.12%    | 1.93%  |        |        |        |        |        |           |         |          |          |         |
| 2023  | 10.78%  | 2.04%    | -2.04% | -1.24% | -5.37% | 1.95%  | 2.65%  | 0.26%  | -4.32%    | -5.44%  | 12.10%   | 7.34%    | 18.21%  |
| 2022  | -10.14% | -6.14%   | 1.65%  | -3.33% | -5.61% | -2.42% | 8.14%  | -5.79% | -7.05%    | -0.92%  | 7.79%    | -4.77%   | -26.48% |
| 2021  | -2.19%  | 9.63%    | 4.10%  | 3.62%  | 4.47%  | 0.91%  | 3.17%  | 2.50%  | -2.86%    | 7.05%   | -0.57%   | 3.38%    | 37.83%  |
| 2020  | 1.99%   | -4.29%   | -9.49% | 9.22%  | 3.78%  | -1.36% | -0.86% | 6.30%  | 0.62%     | -0.80%  | 13.02%   | 4.89%    | 23.18%  |
| 2019  | 7.82%   | 2.66%    | 3.43%  | 2.12%  | 0.06%  | 2.75%  | 2.75%  | -2.80% | 1.14%     | -2.01%  | 4.68%    | 2.41%    | 27.53%  |
| 2018  | 1.19%   | -3.76%   | -1.52% | 4.28%  | 0.48%  | -0.83% | 4.01%  | 3.14%  | 0.27%     | -3.93%  | -0.16%   | -6.31%   | -3.68%  |
| 2017  | 1.92%   | 1.97%    | 2.52%  | 3.56%  | 1.59%  | -1.77% | -0.94% | -0.94% | 3.62%     | 0.29%   | 0.94%    | 0.82%    | 14.28%  |
| 2016  | -2.76%  | 0.03%    | 1.19%  | 1.65%  | -0.02% | -2.09% | 4.33%  | -0.33% | 0.10%     | -0.61%  | 0.60%    | 3.38%    | 5.37%   |
| 2015  |         |          |        |        |        | -2.20% | 2.43%  | -4.94% | 0.65%     | 3.66%   | -1.36%   | -1.21%   | -3.19%  |

Data calculated by Varenne Capital Partners. Inception date is as of 24/06/2015. Returns are presented net of fees.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The value of the investment as well as its performance may vary. The initial investment cannot be guaranteed. Please note that the fund is subject to specific risks, notably the risk of discretionary management, equity risk, liquidity risk, credit risk, counterparty risk, sustainability risk in addition to the **risk of capital loss** and market risk. A more complete description of risks is available in the Fund's Prospectus. Please note that if the currency of the Fund/Share Class is different from the investor' local currency, fluctuations in the exchange rate between the two currencies will have an impact on gains or losses generated by the Fund or the share class (upwards or downwards).

Varenne Selection is a French General Purpose Professional Fund. The Fund is not subject to the same rules as general investment funds (open to non-professional investors) and may therefore carry higher risk. Only those persons mentioned in the "Target investors" section of the prospectus may purchase units in the Fund.

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## EXPOSURE BY MARKET CAPITALIZATION<sup>(1)</sup>

Delta Adjusted Exposure

|                                | Gross  | Base 100 |
|--------------------------------|--------|----------|
| More than € 10 billion         | 44.29% | 52.97%   |
| From € 5 billion to 10 billion | 21.60% | 25.83%   |
| From € 2 billion to 5 billion  | 10.20% | 12.20%   |
| Less than € 2 billion          | 7.52%  | 9.00%    |
| Total                          | 83.61% | 100%     |

## GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN<sup>(1)</sup>

Delta Adjusted Exposure

|               | Gross  | Base 100 |
|---------------|--------|----------|
| Europe        | 71.44% | 85.45%   |
| North America | 12.16% | 14.55%   |
| Others        | 0.00%  | 0.00%    |
| Total         | 83.61% | 100%     |

## TOP HOLDINGS<sup>(1)</sup>

Delta Adjusted Exposure

|             |                |        |
|-------------|----------------|--------|
| SALMAR      | Norway         | 10.01% |
| SAFRAN      | France         | 9.07%  |
| HUGO BOSS   | Germany        | 8.92%  |
| JD SPORTS   | United Kingdom | 8.78%  |
| ULTA BEAUTY | United States  | 8.20%  |

## TOP 10 SUB-INDUSTRY<sup>(1)</sup>

Delta Adjusted Exposure

|                                     | Gross  | Base 100 |
|-------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Specialty Stores                    | 16.98% | 20.31%   |
| Packaged Foods & Meats              | 10.01% | 11.97%   |
| Aerospace & Defense                 | 9.07%  | 10.85%   |
| Apparel, Accessories & Luxury Goods | 8.92%  | 10.67%   |
| Airlines                            | 7.59%  | 9.08%    |
| Technology Distributors             | 7.52%  | 9.00%    |
| Health Care Supplies                | 7.16%  | 8.56%    |
| Health Care Equipment               | 6.32%  | 7.56%    |
| Oil & Gas Storage & Transportation  | 2.81%  | 3.36%    |
| Broadline Retail                    | 1.99%  | 2.39%    |

## CURRENCY EXPOSURE<sup>(2)</sup>

Delta Adjusted

| In %                        | EUR    | USD   | CHF   | NOK   | GBP   |
|-----------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Exposure                    | 53.66  | 14.78 | 11.15 | 12.48 | 8.39  |
| Adjusted Exposure           | 60.47  | 22.56 | 11.15 | 3.17  | 3.12  |
| Hedging                     | -17.95 | 20.11 | -0.19 | 3.37  | 12.08 |
| Net Exposure <sup>(3)</sup> | 78.42  | 2.45  | 11.34 | -0.20 | -8.96 |

## N° OF LINES, MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION & EXPOSURES PER FRAMEWORK

|                   | Lines | Monthly Contribution | Gross Exposure<br>Delta Adjusted | Gross Exposure<br>Notional |
|-------------------|-------|----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Long Equity       | 22    | 2.27%                | 98.34%                           | 134.73%                    |
| Short Equity      | 15    | -0.09%               | 2.91%                            | 2.91%                      |
| Merger Arbitrage  | 4     | -0.01%               | 5.22%                            | 5.22%                      |
| Tail Risk Hedging | 5     | -0.20%               | -                                | 233.02%                    |

## MONTHLY CONTRIBUTORS<sup>(4)</sup>

|                  |             |       |
|------------------|-------------|-------|
| JD SPORTS        | Long Equity | 1.09% |
| UBS              | Long Equity | 0.91% |
| SAFRAN           | Long Equity | 0.73% |
| ESSILORLUXOTTICA | Long Equity | 0.47% |
| SALMAR           | Long Equity | 0.39% |

## MONTHLY DETRACTORS<sup>(4)</sup>

|                                  |                   |        |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|--------|
| HUGO BOSS                        | Long Equity       | -0.93% |
| SESA                             | Long Equity       | -0.90% |
| ULTA BEAUTY                      | Long Equity       | -0.44% |
| GTT                              | Long Equity       | -0.09% |
| PUT DUAL DIGITAL €STOXX50 EURJPY | Tail Risk Hedging | -0.07% |

Source: Varenne Capital Partners. In the case of investments in funds managed by Varenne Capital, the data presented above use a look-through approach.

<sup>(1)</sup> Data shown for the Enterprise Picking + Synthetic Enterprise Picking component of the Long Equity Framework

<sup>(2)</sup> Data for the Long Equity, Short Equity and Merger Arbitrage. Only currencies with an Adjusted Exposure > 0.30% are displayed

<sup>(3)</sup> Net Exposure = Adjusted Exposure - Hedging

<sup>(4)</sup> The data on the main contributors is provided for information purposes only, is subject to change and constitutes neither a recommendation to buy nor a recommendation to sell the securities displayed. The performance contribution figures do not take into account fees such as the fund management fees. Newly established positions will only be included in the reporting after a period of six weeks.

## MONTHLY COMMENTARY

**Contribution:** The fund's performance over the month came mainly from the Long Equity strategy, which made a positive contribution of +2.27%. The main positive contributors to performance were JD Sports (+1.09%), UBS (+0.91%) and Safran (+0.73%). Conversely, the main negative contributors were Hugo Boss (-0.93%), SeSa (-0.90%) and Ulta Beauty (-0.44%).

**Long Equity:** New positions in bioMérieux (FR), Veeva Systems (US) and Adyen (US) were initiated, the position in Amazon (US) was strengthened and the position in LVMH (FR) was closed.

**Short Equity:** No major changes were made to the portfolio.

**Merger Arbitrage:** The offers for Alteryx (US) and Textainer (US) were successfully closed.

**Tail Risk Hedging:** The portfolio reduces its sensitivity to extreme economic and financial risks through put options on the Euro Stoxx 50 maturing in December 2024, digital put options on the Euro Stoxx 50 linked to the 2-year EUR rate maturing in November and December 2024 and January 2025, digital put options on the Euro Stoxx 50 linked to the EURJPY maturing in December 2024, January 2025 and February 2025 and on the S&P 500 index linked to the USDJPY maturing in October, November and December 2024, January 2025 and February 2025, January 2025 and February 2025 and on the S&P 500 index linked to the USDJPY at expiry dates in October, November and December 2024, January 2025 and February 2025, as well as a position on the US yield curve (2-year/10-year) linked to a fall in the S&P 500 index at expiry dates in December 2024 and March 2025.

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## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

|                            |                               |                                |   |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Fund Status                | Professional AIF / Unit Trust | Investment Manager             | Varenne Capital Partners  |
| Distribution Policy        | Accumulation                  | Fund Domicile                  | France  |
| Benchmark                  | None                          | Custodian                      | CACEIS Bank   |
| Initial NAV <sup>(1)</sup> | 1 000 €                       | End of Year                    | Last trading day of December  |
| NAV Frequency              | Daily                         | Subscribers Concerned          | Professional investors  |
| Investment Horizon         | 5 years                       | Subscriptions/Redemptions      | Daily before 11am   |
| Currency                   | Euro                          | Subscription Fee               | Up to 2%, fully paid to distributors when applicable  |
| Fund Inception             | 01/12/2006 (A-EUR)            | Redemption Fee                 | None  |
| Class Inception            | 24/06/2015                    | Minimum Initial Subscription   | 10,000,000 EUR  |
| Lifetime of the Fund       | 99 years                      | PEA Eligibility                | Yes   |
| VALOR                      | 28477830                      | Management Fee                 | 1.1% of Net Assets  |
| Fund Management Approval   | AMF GP-06000004               | Performance Fee <sup>(1)</sup> | Maximum 14.95% (after tax) of the Units' positive performance exceeding the maximum between High Water Mark and the Hurdle the annualised 12-month rolling average of capitalised Euro Short Term Rate (€STR) +300 basis points (floored at 0). |
| ISIN code                  | FR0012768836                  | Bloomberg Ticker               | VARSELI FP Equity   |

## DEFINITIONS

### DEFINITIONS OF THE STRATEGIES

**Long Equity:** The Long Equity strategy focuses on investing in quality companies in developed markets, using proprietary databases for an integrated analysis blending fundamental and behavioral aspects. The teams specialized in the Long Equities strategy deploy distinct methodologies to seize the best market opportunities.

**Short Equity:** This strategy aims to identify companies at risk of unsustainable profitability, fundamental business deterioration or major financial problems, which could lead to recapitalization, capital restructuring or liquidation.

**Merger Arbitrage:** Positions taken in stocks undergoing announced and friendly mergers, acquisitions and capital restructurings, which aims to reduce the correlation of the portfolio to the market indexes and potentially offer additional performance, especially during falling markets. With the use of a dedicated IT system, the team detects, in real time over a global universe, all new announced deals. They will then focus exclusively on those deals that offer the most favourable risk/return profile, as evaluated by the team.

**Tail Risk Hedging:** The Investment Manager uses instruments which have an asymmetric profile, like options, to improve the risk/return profile of the portfolio in the event of a major economic or financial crisis. Tail Risk Hedging strategies are useful in a negative economic scenarios without having to reduce the rest of the portfolio's exposure levels to the markets.

### GLOSSARY

**€STR:** The Euro Short Term Rate Index (€STR) is calculated as a volume-weighted average of all overnight unsecured loan transactions carried out by the most active banking institutions in the euro area. It is calculated by the European Central Bank and disseminated by the Banking Federation of the European Union. It is available on the website <https://www.banque-france.fr/>.

**Delta Adjusted:** For any optional instrument, the "Delta Adjusted" exposure is equal to the exposure corresponding to the equivalent quantity of securities. For any non-optional instrument, this exposure is equal to the notional value.

**Long Position:** Represents any position to which the fund is exposed directly or via derivatives where expected gains are positively correlated with the increase in its price.

**Short Position:** Represents any position to which the fund is exposed via derivatives where expected gains are positively correlated with the decline in its price.

**Volatility:** The volatility of a security is reflected in the deviation of the returns to their average and makes it possible to assess the variations with which these returns have been obtained.

**Currency Exposure - Adjusted Exposure:** In the "Long Equity" pocket, Varenne's analysts consider the cash flows of companies to determine their actual exposure to the various currencies and thus determine, if necessary, the hedges deemed appropriate. This approach may not necessarily consider the currency in which a company's share price is denominated.

For the "Merger Arbitrage" strategy and the "Short Equity" strategy, positions are fully hedged according to the currency of denomination.

**High Water Mark:** is the highest Net Asset Value per Share between the End of Year Dates on which a Performance Fee has been crystallized and paid. The High Water Mark is subject to reset in accordance with ESMA guidelines on performance fees after the performance period of five (5) years.

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