

Candriam Sustainable Global Equity Fund



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Meet the Manager

Candriam Belgium SA (known as Candriam Investors Group), specialises in traditional management, sustainable and responsible investment and alternative investment solutions. Candriam has funds under management of EU\$150 billion4 with a team of more than 600 professionals. Candriam is a wholly-owned subsidiary of New York Life Insurance Company. Further information on the Manager can be found in its online profile.

Candriam is a pioneering Sustainable and Responsible Investment (SRI) manager, having been active in this space for over two decades. Candriam takes into account Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) factors over and above the usual financial criteria applied to investment decisions. Company analysis takes into account not only the various stakeholders (including clients, suppliers, employees and society at large) but also global sustainability trends to which they are exposed (including climate change, demographic evolution, resource depletion and health and well-being). This process helps to identify the long-term opportunities and risks for companies.

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To achieve returns (before fees and taxes) in excess of the benchmark over the medium to long term.

Fund Description

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The Fund

The Candriam Sustainable Global Equity Fund ("the Fund") is a core-strategy global developed markets equity fund benchmarked to the MSCI World (in AUD and with net dividends reinvested).

Candriam's sustainable management philosophy generates alpha from two distinct sources. The first source of alpha is our sustainable investment universe, which consists only of issuers that optimally manage the themes related to sustainable development. The second results from detailed quantitative analysis coupled with a risk-controlled portfolio construction process. Sector, region and style biases in the portfolio are minimized to ensure that only stock specific factors drive portfolio performance rather than systematic risk biases or predetermined investment themes.

<Any missing data points have not yet been supplied by the manager>

Fund Information	Candriam Sustainable Global Equity Fund	
Who is ultimately accountable for the Fund performance?	Candriam Investors Group	
Candriam Belgium SA (Candriam) is a subsidiary of New York Life Investments and is headquartered in Brussels, Belgium. Candriam specialises in traditional management, sustainable and responsible investment and alternative investment solutions.		
As of 31 December 2019, Candriam had funds under management of USD \$146billion. Candriam is a pioneering Sustainable and Responsible Investment (SRI) manager, having been active in this space for over two decades. Candriam takes into account Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) factors over and above the usual financial criteria applied to investment decisions. Company analysis takes into account not only the various stakeholders		
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When did the named individual(s) assume accountability?	01/11/2002	
Is the Portfolio Manager invested in the Fund?	Yes	
Asset manager's full name	Candriam Investors Group	
ISIN Code	AU60AAP00013	
APIR Code	AAP0001AU	
Responsible Entity / Trustee / Supervisor	Ausbil Investment Management Limited	
Legal Domicile of the Fund	Australia	
Legal Structure	Unit Trust	
Is the Fund a registered NZ PIE structure?	Yes	
Is the Fund closed to new or existing investors?	Open	
Product's investment style	Diversified Investment Approach	
Manager's ownership structure	Other	
How many years has this Manager been managing this asset class?	N/A	
Country Registered for Sale	Australia	
Date of the latest PDS	30/09/2023	
The asset class that the Fund primarily invests in is	Shares	
Geographical focus of the Fund	Global	



Under the Bonnet

The Fund is designed for investors with at least a five year investment time horizon, who wish to benefit from the long term capital gains available from global equities investments and who are comfortable with fluctuations in capital value in the short to medium term.

Overview	Candriam Sustainable Global Equity Fund
Product's public published benchmark?	MSCI World Index (Net Dividends Reinvested)
The product's internal targeted excess return is?	N/A
Minimum investment horizon?	5+ years
Does the product charge a performance fee?	No
Product's performance fee?	N/A
Hurdle before a performance fee is charged?	N/A
Is there a high water mark?	N/A
Product's current buy spread?	0.15%
Product's current sell spread?	0.15%
Does the manager have the ability to change the Buy/Sell spread?	N/A
Distributions per year?	Annually
Distribution Dates?	Jun 30
Normal pricing frequency?	Daily
Product inception date	01/12/2004
Strategy inception date	01/12/2004

Management Fees	Historic	Estimate
GST – inclusive or exclusive?		inc GST
Management Fee (MER) / Manager's basic fee		0.75%
Other Fees and Costs		0.00%
Performance Fee		N/A
Total Fund Charges (i.e. TER/ICR)		0.75%
Date		30/09/2023



Does Size Matter?

FUM	Candriam Sustainable Global Equity Fund	@Date
Fund currency	AUD	
Current size of the Fund (\$)	\$113,621,736	31/03/2024
Current FUM in the strategy, including mandates (\$)	\$113,621,736	31/03/2024
Current total FUM of the Manager (\$m)		



See our view on the Research IP blog <u>Does Size Matter</u>. The investible universe for a fund can be limited by some or all of these attributes:

- Asset class (e.g. cash, bonds, shares etc)
- Geography (e.g. Australia, New Zealand, global etc)
- Size of issue (e.g. minimum issue size of bonds, market capitalisation of shares)
- Liquidity
- or other factors like credit ratings, issuer types etc.

The Downside

The Manager is aware of the broad range of risks, as identified in the <u>Product Disclosure Statement (PDS)</u>, and is mindful of them when constructing and managing the portfolio.

Investors should note that all investments carry risk. Different investment strategies may carry different levels of risk, depending on the assets that make up the strategy. Assets with the highest long- term returns may also carry the highest level of short-term risk. See our views on what investment risks to look out for on the Research IP blog.

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Is it Ticking?

Responsible investing has become front of mind for many investors, but there is a minefield of green washing out there. We share the views of the Research IP team on sustainable investing, the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) considerations and the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment (UN PRI) on the Research IP blog.

ESG Information	Candriam Sustainable Global Equity Fund
Which EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR) classification best describes this product?	No integration of sustainability risks promoted or any sustainable investment objective (Article 6)
Is the Manager a signatory to the UNPRI?	Yes
UNPRI Rating : Strategy & Governance	N/A
UNPRI Rating : Listed Equity – Incorporation	N/A
UNPRI Rating : Listed Equity – Active Ownership	N/A
Are the UN Sustainable Development Goals considered in the investment process?	N/A
Does the Manager incorporate ESG factors into analysis and decisions?	Yes
Does the Manager implement negative screening?	N/A
Does the Manager implement positive, best-in-class or norms-based screening?	N/A
Does the Manager focus specifically on sustainability themed investments?	N/A
Does the Manager invest for impact? i.e. target non- financial outcomes that are intentional, measurable and additional.	N/A
Does the Manager integrate corporate engagement and proxy voting into their investment approach?	Yes
Is the Fund RIAA Certified?	Yes
Best in class screening	Best in class screening
RIAA Secondary Investment Approach	Negative Screening
Link to RIAA Fund Profile	https://www.responsiblereturns.com.au/investment- options/candriam-sustainable-global-equity-fund/profile
Link to Disclose information on Sorted (NZ only)	N/A
Link to Mindful Money (NZ only)	N/A

You can find fund manager Public Signatory Reports on the UNPRI site.



Check the Pulse

Philosophy & Process

Candriam Sustainable Global Equity Fund

Research Philosophy

<no supplied response>

Guidelines for filtering the universe

<no supplied response>

Research Approach

The analysis is designed to filter out those companies which have significantly and repeatedly breached any of the principles on Human Rights, Labour Rights, the Environment, and Anti-Corruption.

Candriam evaluates breaches using the following factors:

- 1. Temporal: When did the incident occur, and how long did it last?
- 2. Magnitude: What was the environmental damage and the related costs?
- 3. Credibility: What were the allegations, legal proceedings, or other issues?
- 4. Recurrence: Was this a one-time event, or were there repeated instance?

Emphasis is placed on the company's response. A management which acts to prevent recurrence is preferable to or which fails to acknowledge responsibility, or which takes no corrective measures.

Breaches are assigned a colour code for each of the main categories including Human Rights, Labour, Environment, and Anti-Corruption. Information regarding actual, suspected and/or related incidents or breaches of international standards is collected through both external research and internal analyses.

They exclude companies for which there is evidence of repeated and significant violations of Global Compact principles and where the organization has adopted no appropriate response or change in behaviour.

Specific inputs to the research process

<no supplied response>

Third party inputs used	<no response="" supplied=""></no>
Primary valuation approach	<no response="" supplied=""></no>
Secondary valuation approach (if applicable)	<no response="" supplied=""></no>
In constructing the portfolio the manager is	<no response="" supplied=""></no>
Biases present in the product	<no response="" supplied=""></no>
Number of securities in the investment universe	<no response="" supplied=""></no>
Number of securities fully researched	<no response="" supplied=""></no>
Typical number of holdings in the portfolio	<no response="" supplied=""></no>
Anticipated portfolio turnover	<no response="" supplied=""></no>
Typical level of cash held in the portfolio	0-10%

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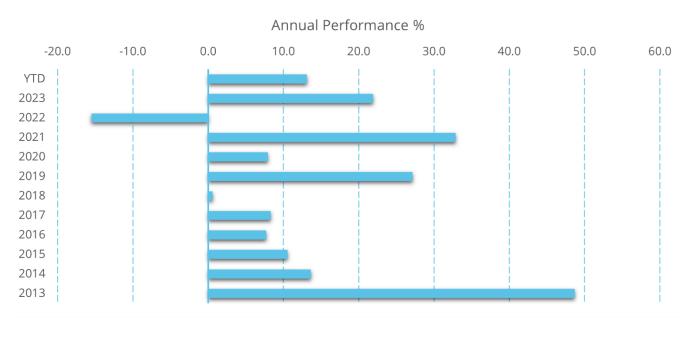


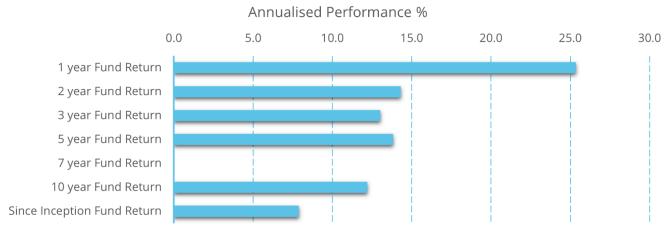




Is it Working?

Performance	Candriam Sustainable Global Equity Fund
"Performance to" date	31/03/2024
	19 years, 3 months, 25 days
Inception date of the performance?	6/12/2004
Negative Months (3 Years)	<no data=""></no>
Negative Months (5 Years)	<no data=""></no>
Negative Months (7 Years)	<no data=""></no>
Negative Months (10 Years)	<no data=""></no>
Max Gain Since Inception	<no data=""></no>
Max Loss Since Inception	<no data=""></no>
Max Drawdown Since Inception	<no data=""></no>
Volatility (3 Years)	<no data=""></no>
Beta (3 Years)	1.027
Sharpe (3 Years)	0.88







The second opinion



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