# **OFTWARE CONVICTION FUND**

Sub-fund of Pergam Funds' SICAV

## Monthly Factsheet: March 2025

Performances – Part IU

**Cumulative performances** 

19.2%

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### MANAGEMENT TEAM AND OBJECTIVE

- International Equity Fund
- Investment theme: technology and software.
- Seeking growth stocks mainly in the cloud, data
- monitoring, cybersecurity, ERP and CRM sub-sectors. Recommended investment horizon: > 5 years

#### **Key figures**

et Asset Value (IU Share): \$109,48

Asset under management: €20,9 M

#### **Risk & Reward profile - SRI**



Potentially lower vields

Potentially higher vields

#### **Characteristics**

Portoflio manager



Thierry LARROQUE Ptlf, Manager



Legal form: SICAV UCITS V under French Law Inception: 03/30/2022 (IU Share)

ISIN:

• RU Share: FR00140084F4

IU Share: FR00140084G2

**Net Asset Value:** 

- IU Share: \$109,48
- RU Share: \$138,78

Bloomberg ticker: PESWCIU FP / PESWCRU FP **Classification:** International Equity

Benchmark: BBG World Large, Mid & Small Cap NR \$ **Base currency: USD** Valuation: Daily

#### Administrative information

Custodian: ODDO BHF Management company: PERGAM Subscription / redemption cutoff: 11h Subscription / redemption settlement: T+2

#### Fees - Part IU

Subscription fees: up to 2% (not paid to the fund) **Redemption fees: 0%** Management fees: 1,2% TTC Performance fees: 15% of the outperformance of the subfund compared to the performance of the BBG World Large, Mid & Small Cap NR \$

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#### **Calendar performances**

|             | IU Share        | RU Share* | Benchmark |          | IU Share | RU Share* | Benchmark |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 2022        | -29,9%          |           | -18,7%    | 1 month  | -13,2%   | -13,2%    | -3,7%     |
| 2023        | 63,1%           | 45,8%     | 20,9%     | 3 months | -12,1%   | -12,3%    | -1,5%     |
| 2024        | 9,1%            | 8,5%      | 16,0%     | 6 months | -3,3%    | -3,7%     | -2,9%     |
| * Launch da | ate: 02/28/2023 |           | ,         | 9 months | -3,9%    | -4,5%     | 3,9%      |
|             |                 |           |           | YTD      | -12,1%   | -12,3%    | -1,5%     |
|             |                 |           |           | 1 year   | -7,3%    | -8,0%     | 6,3%      |

Inception

9.5%

#### Comment

The increase in American tariffs, whether effective or not, has eventually caused the markets to plummet, with the MSCI World Index dropping by 8% (in euros) over the month.

Just over a month ago, the enthusiasm inspired by Donald Trump's economic agenda catapulted US stocks to a record high. Today, as fears rise about his trade war's intentions and impact, the S&P 500 is experiencing its first 10% correction in nearly two years since the February peak.

Europe has fared better (MSCI Europe -4.3%), supported by the prospect of a ceasefire in Ukraine and Germany's substantial stimulus plan, which has caused the shares of European defense companies to skyrocket, having already been sought for since the Trump-Zelensky meeting on February 28.

The announcements on April 2nd may reignite fears of a big increase in global trade hostilities. Such measures are likely to disrupt supply chains, increase production costs, and prompt retaliation.

In the midst of a macroeconomic downturn in the United States, investors are resorting to safe-haven assets (gold, bonds), while technology equities are underperforming due to inflation worries and the level of economic activity.

The indices' major weights continue to be attacked (Alphabet -9% this month, Nvidia and Meta -13%, Amazon -10.4%) because they encapsulate a portion of the new American risk premium.

Investors are concerned, particularly in the Software segment, and are trying to determine whether this will have an influence on companies' purchasing decisions at the conclusion of the quarter.

To all of these uncertainties, add tiredness on the issue of Generative AI, as well as worries about monetization prospects and cautionary statements from Microsoft on its data center capacity increase. In this shaky environment, the fund declined 16% in March, marking the end of a mixed season with outcomes that were typically above expectations, but forecasts that were rather disappointing.

Over the course of the month, we will see positive results from Workday, SnowFlake, and Elastic. On the other hand, disappointment with the results of SalesForce, Adobe, CrowdStrike, and particularly MongoDB (-34% for the month) drove down SnowFlake, which had produced great results just a few days prior. Even the season's top performers (Atlassian, Hubspot, Confluent, CyberArk, and the more defensive Workday) could not keep up.

We continued to reduce our position in MongoDB, whose outlook is disappointing (difficulty in signing "big deals"). The high growth of the Atlas division, the Multicloud database service, and AI are not yet enough to offset the lower trend in the rest of the business, despite the stock's long-term potential.

With valuations returning to well below historical averages (the EV/Sales ratio is back to 5.8x compared to a historical average of 6.4x), attention will naturally turn to the start of the earnings season, particularly the tone of the comments on growth prospects.

We are confident in the positions we hold and the themes we are involved in (Application Software, Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Software, DevOps, Observability). The Software market (Cloud, GenAI) has long-term promise.



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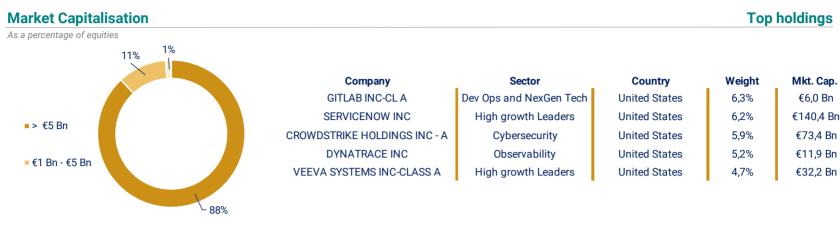
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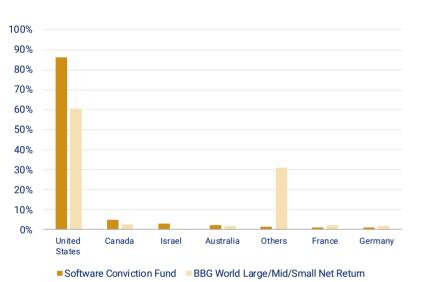
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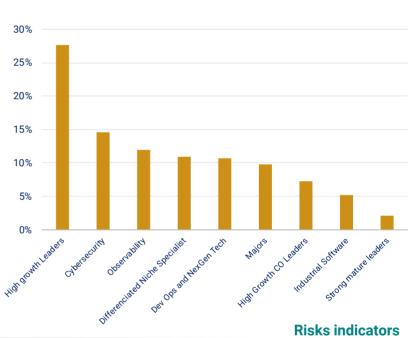
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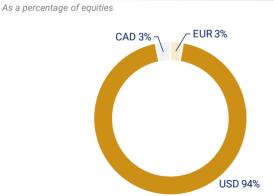
### Geographic breakdown

As a percentage of equities





## **Currency exposure**



## **Risks indicators**

**Main activity** 

Sector breakdown As a percentage of equities

| Ratios                 | Fund    |
|------------------------|---------|
| Active Share           | 92,03%  |
| Volatility (1 year)    | 24,9%   |
| Beta (1 year)          | 1,23    |
| Tracking Error (3 ans) | -13,57% |
| Sharpe ratio (1 year)  | -0,33   |
| Sortino ratio (1 year) | -0,31   |

## **Main contributors**

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|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|----------|---|
|                   | Weight Contrib. |                 | Weight | Contrib. |   |
| ATOSS SOFTWARE SE | - 0,06%         | GITLAB INC-CL A | 6,3%   | -1,51%   | Buy: SNOWFLAKE INC-CLASS A, SHOPIFY INC - CLASS A |
|                   |                 | HUBSPOT INC     | 4,5%   | -1,08%   | Sell: MONGODB INC. DYNATRACE INC                  |
|                   |                 | DYNATRACE INC   | 5,2%   | -1,02%   | ······  |

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## **ESG Data**

## **Our ESG Approach**

## Methodology

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Extra-financial criteria are taken into account in our ESG methodology through a number of filters based on a « best in universe » approach, leading to a reduction in the initial universe of at least 20%

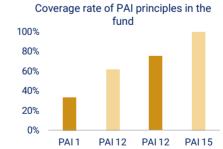
These filters are as follows:

- Exclusion policy: we apply sector and normative exclusions
- Controversy management: our main objective is to minimize negative impacts on the portfolio by monitoring controversies
- Internal rating of each of the E, S and G pillar for all issuers:
  - Pergam has created its own ESG rating matrix with a tailored selection of criteria, based on qualitative and quantitative analysis
    - An additional analysis is carried out during exchanges with issuers included in the portfolio
  - Governance plays a predominant role, as we are convinced it is a prerequisite for the implementation of the E and S pillars by issuers



## Best issuer's ESG ratings

|                | Rating | Weight | Sector                |    |
|----------------|--------|--------|-----------------------|----|
| RAPID7 INC     | 4,57   | 0,5%   | Cybersecurity         | 10 |
| ADOBE INC      | 4,17   | 2,6%   | High growth Leaders   | 8  |
| SALESFORCE INC | 3,96   | 4,3%   | High growth Leaders   | 6  |
| AUTODESK INC   | 3,91   | 2,1%   | Strong mature leaders | 4  |
| ANSYS INC      | 3,80   | 1,0%   | Industrial Software   | 2  |
|                |        |        |                       |    |



Pergam does not take into account PAIs, but through its selection of ESG criteria we do take certain PAIs into account, such as:

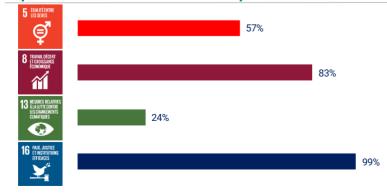
PAI 1 (TABLE 1 ESMA)GHG emissions

PAI 12 (TABLE 1 ESMA) Uncorrected average gender pay gap in investee companies

PAI 12 (TABLE 3 ESMA) Activities and suppliers presenting a significant risk of child labor exploitation

PAI 15 (TABLE 3 ESMA) Lack of policy to combat corruption and bribery

### **Exposure to the Sustainable Development Goals SDGs**



This diagram represents the main exposures to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, of which there are 17 targeting issues such as poverty, health and education.

Through our rating criteria, we assess companies' exposure to these doals.

Pergam chose to focus particularly on the 4 ODD mentioned here.

Sources : Pergam, Bloomberg 3 Index Services Limited

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