

# VARENNE VALEUR I-EUR

MONTHLY REPORT (I-EUR) - 29 FEBRUARY 2024



Classification  
SFDR: Article **8**

Morningstar Rating™  
★★★★★

NAV 1 838.80 €  
Net Assets 1 411.39 M€



\* Risk indicator scored on a scale of 1 (lower risk) to 7 (higher risk). Category 1 does not mean "risk-free". This indicator may change over time. The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 5 years where the risk is considered to be significantly higher if the holding period is different. The actual risk can vary significantly if you cash in at an early stage and you may get back less.

VARENNE VALEUR seeks to generate a return uncorrelated to the indices over the medium term by applying a discretionary investment strategy. The fund's assets may be invested in equities and other securities giving access to capital, as well as in bonds and any other negotiable debt security, including government securities, as well as financial contracts (e.g., foreign exchange, interest rates, equities, indices) traded on regulated markets, or over-the-counter, for hedging and/or exposure purposes. The fund is actively managed, the type of management implemented makes a comparison with a benchmark inapplicable.

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## CUMULATIVE AND ANNUALIZED RETURNS

	CUMULATIVE						ANNUALIZED
	Year to Date	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception	Since Inception
VARENNE VALEUR	5.32%	9.36%	16.11%	41.45%	81.34%	83.88%	6.25%

## ANNUALIZED VOLATILITY

	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception
VARENNE VALEUR	9.69%	10.55%	10.80%	9.69%	9.68%

## MONTHLY RETURNS

Years	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	YTD
2024	0.25%	5.05%											
2023	6.75%	1.91%	-2.21%	-0.14%	-3.19%	0.86%	1.76%	1.24%	-1.96%	-2.51%	6.57%	3.78%	12.96%
2022	-6.18%	-3.01%	0.29%	-1.18%	-2.78%	-1.92%	4.73%	-2.93%	-3.30%	-0.60%	3.40%	-3.01%	-15.73%
2021	-1.80%	5.70%	3.17%	1.65%	2.87%	0.30%	1.20%	0.59%	-1.20%	4.57%	-0.37%	2.16%	20.22%
2020	0.55%	-2.37%	-4.83%	3.45%	2.14%	-0.58%	-0.99%	3.10%	0.11%	-0.09%	8.73%	2.17%	11.32%
2019	4.36%	1.01%	1.17%	1.70%	-2.04%	2.39%	1.05%	-1.17%	-0.24%	-0.65%	2.27%	0.93%	11.15%
2018	1.00%	-1.84%	-0.84%	2.28%	1.43%	-0.25%	1.56%	1.85%	0.09%	-2.85%	-0.99%	-4.09%	-2.82%
2017	-0.15%	1.66%	1.91%	1.73%	0.09%	-0.85%	-0.86%	-0.94%	1.63%	0.06%	0.94%	0.51%	5.82%
2016	-1.97%	0.55%	-0.12%	0.36%	-0.64%	-0.07%	2.89%	-0.71%	-0.43%	-0.91%	1.32%	1.62%	1.82%
2015	6.41%	3.50%	2.17%	4.55%	0.51%	-1.05%	1.23%	-2.63%	0.52%	3.09%	-1.60%	-1.42%	15.93%
2014		1.40%	-0.87%	-0.25%	0.75%	-1.16%	-4.95%	1.34%	0.97%	0.91%	3.38%	0.28%	1.59%

Data calculated by Varenne Capital Partners. Inception date is as of 14/02/2014. Returns are presented net of fees.

Varenne Valeur, a sub-fund of the SICAV Varenne UCITS, was created on 25/04/2022 by the merger-absorption of the French FCP Varenne Valeur, with a ratio of 1 to 1. The data presented before 25/04/2022 relates to the French fund and are presented for informational purposes. Please note that the investment policy and the composition of the Sub-Fund's portfolio do not differ materially from those of the French fund.

## 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).

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

Delta Adjusted Exposure

	Gross	Base 100
More than € 10 billion	61.77%	79.79%
From € 5 billion to 10 billion	12.12%	15.65%
From € 2 billion to 5 billion	2.16%	2.79%
Less than € 2 billion	1.36%	1.76%
Total	77.41%	100%

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

Delta Adjusted Exposure

	Gross	Base 100
Europe	40.38%	52.17%
North America	37.03%	47.83%
Others	0.00%	0.00%
Total	77.41%	100%

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

Delta Adjusted Exposure

JD SPORTS	United Kingdom	3.68%
META PLATFORMS	United States	3.19%
GTT	France	3.06%
NVIDIA	United States	3.03%
INGERSOLL RAND	United States	2.82%

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

Delta Adjusted Exposure

	Gross	Base 100
Application Software	7.75%	10.02%
Specialty Stores	6.45%	8.33%
Interactive Media & Services	5.51%	7.11%
Aerospace & Defense	5.44%	7.03%
Systems Software	5.16%	6.66%
Pharmaceuticals	5.10%	6.59%
Packaged Foods & Meats	4.99%	6.45%
Oil & Gas Storage & Transportation	3.06%	3.95%
Semiconductors	3.03%	3.91%
Industrial Machinery	2.82%	3.65%

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

Delta Adjusted

In %	USD	EUR	GBP	CHF	DKK	CAD	NOK
Exposure	41.12	22.38	10.17	5.49	2.69	2.08	4.70
Adjusted Exposure	43.98	24.48	7.96	5.49	2.69	2.08	1.95
Hedging	44.29	-12.50	7.85	2.25	2.80	2.08	1.90
Net Exposure <sup>(3)</sup>	-0.31	36.98	0.11	3.24	-0.11	-	0.05

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

	Lines	Monthly Contribution	Gross Exposure Delta Adjusted	Gross Exposure Notional
Long Equity	37	5.07%	84.41%	91.59%
Short Equity	13	-0.01%	2.51%	2.51%
Merger Arbitrage	6	0.11%	6.74%	6.74%
Tail Risk Hedging	6	-0.21%	-	146.70%

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

NVIDIA	Long Equity	0.77%
META PLATFORMS	Long Equity	0.68%
CTS EVENTIM	Long Equity	0.37%
INGERSOLL RAND	Long Equity	0.36%
SALMAR	Long Equity	0.35%

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

UBS	Long Equity	-0.48%
SESA	Long Equity	-0.24%
L'OREAL	Long Equity	-0.08%
PUT DUAL DIGITAL €STOXX50 EU 2Y RATE	Tail Risk Hedging	-0.08%
ABF	Long Equity	-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 +5.07%. The main positive contributors to performance were Nvidia (+0.77%), Meta Platforms (+0.68%) and CTS Eventim (+0.37%). Conversely, the main negative contributors were UBS (-0.48%), Sesa (-0.24%) and L'Oréal (-0.08%).

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

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

**Merger Arbitrage:** A new position has been opened on Masonite (CA).

**Tail Risk Hedging:** The portfolio reduces its sensitivity to extreme economic and financial risks through put options on the S&P 500 and Euro Stoxx 50 expiring in September and December 2024, a "best of" Euro Stoxx 50/Nikkei 225 put option maturing in March 2024, digital put options on the Euro Stoxx 50 linked to the 2-year EUR rate maturing in November 2024, December 2024 and January 2025, digital put options on the S&P 500 index linked to the USDJPY maturing in October, November and December 2024 and January 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, maturing in December 2024 and March 2025.

**Important Information:** As of 1st January 2024, the objective of the fund is to seek an annualized performance in excess of the Capitalized Euro Short Term Rate (€STR) (average over 12 rolling months) over the recommended investment period.

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## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Fund Status	Sub-fund of the SICAV VARENNE - UCITS	Investment Manager	Varenne Capital Partners
Distribution Policy	Accumulation	Fund Domicile	Luxembourg
Benchmark	None	Custodian	CACEIS Bank, Luxembourg Branch
Initial NAV <sup>(1)</sup>	1 000 €	End of Year	Last trading day of December
NAV Frequency	Daily	Subscribers Concerned	All subscribers
Investment Horizon	5 years	Subscriptions/Redemptions	Daily before 11am
Currency	Euro	Subscription Fee	Up to 2%, fully paid to distributors when applicable
Fund Inception <sup>(1)</sup>	31/01/2003 (A-EUR)	Redemption Fee	None
Class Inception <sup>(1)</sup>	14/02/2014	Minimum Initial Subscription	3,000,000 EUR
Lifetime of the Fund	Unlimited	PEA Eligibility	Yes
VALOR	112314352	Management Fee	1.1% of Net Assets
Fund Management Approval	AMF GP-06000004	Performance Fee	Maximum 14.95% (after tax) of the Share class' positive performance exceeding the maximum between High Water Mark and the Hurdle, the annualised 12-month rolling average of capitalised EURO STR (€STR) (floored at 0).
ISIN code	LU2358390917	Bloomberg Ticker	VAVALIE LX Equity

<sup>(1)</sup> Varenne Valeur, sub-fund of the SICAV Varenne UCITS, was created on 25th April 2022 via the merger of the French fund Varenne Valeur, with a 1:1 ratio. The French fund was launched on 31 January 2003.

## 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

**Euro Short Term Rate (€STR):** The Euro Short Term Rate (€STR) index is calculated as a weighted average of all day-to-day unsecured loan transactions carried out by the most active banking institutions in the eurozone. It is calculated by the European Central Bank and disseminated by the Banking Federation of the European Union. Further information on the Benchmark Index is available on the following website: <https://www.banque-france.fr/>. The index is used as a backward-looking performance indicator for an investment over the recommended 5-year period.

**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 security 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 security 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:** The highest Net Asset Value per Share between the End of Year Dates on which a Performance Fee has been crystallized and paid.

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