



PROTECTED TREND FUND

Annual report as at 29 December 2023

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STRATEGY

IDENTIFICATION

MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE

The management objective of the Fund is to allow unitholders to benefit:

Over a recommended investment horizon of three years, from a variable synthetic exposure to a quantitative strategy (hereinafter the "Strategy") consisting of long positions on different asset classes (equities, interest rates, commodities via futures indices, real estate and currency).

A sliding protection mechanism described below in respect of which the net asset value will be, on each Fund valuation day, at least equal to the highest value between (i) 90% of the net asset value observed on the last working day of the previous month and (ii) 99% of the level of protection offered during the previous month.

BENCHMARK INDEX

On account of its management objective and the strategy pursued, the Fund cannot be compared to any benchmark.

INVESTMENT STRATEGY

1. Strategy employed

In order to achieve its management objective, the Fund will enter into an OTC swap agreement allowing it to benefit from a variable synthetic exposure to the performance of the Strategy and the rolling protection mechanism as described below:

Sliding protection mechanism

The FCP benefits from a sliding protection mechanism. The level of protection is re-evaluated every month. Thus, on each Fund valuation date, the net asset value shall be at least equal to the current month's level of protection revalued as the highest value between (i) 90% of the net asset value observed on the last working day of the previous month and (ii) 99% of the level of protection offered in the previous month.

Calculation example:

- Last month's level of protection: €950
- Net asset value observed on last working day of previous month: €1,025

Current month's protection level = maximum (99%* €950; 90%* €1,025) = €940.5.

Variable exposure mechanism to the Strategy

The investment strategy put in place, through the forward financial instrument, consists of a variable synthetic exposure to the Strategy's performance. Exposure to the Strategy will be determined by the application of a quantitative algorithm. It will vary between 0 and 100% and will evolve daily depending on one hand on the changes to the Strategy's performance and on the other hand on the levels of protection acquired under the sliding protection mechanism as detailed above.

Description of the "Strategy"

The Strategy offers an exposure to the development of the two portfolios: a risky portfolio and a defensive portfolio (see below). The investment universe consists of five asset classes: equities, interest rates, commodities (through futures indices), real estate and currency. Asset class selection is performed through a filter process and has been designed to maximise portfolio diversification. The process of selecting the underlying assets within each asset class is based on criteria of geographic diversification, liquidity and transparency.

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In a non-limiting way, this process leads to the selection of the following underlying factors, all different in terms of asset class and geographic area:

- Developed country equity market (eurozone, US, Japan etc.)
- Equity markets emerging countries
- Commodity market through futures indices
- Currency market
- Interest rate market (OECD countries)
- Real estate equity market

In addition, a volatility control mechanism will be applied to the Strategy. This volatility control mechanism will consist of a dynamic allocation between the universe comprising the two portfolios and an investment in monetary instruments in order to keep the Strategy's short-term volatility below 10% at an annualised rate. Volatility is a risk indicator. The lower it is, the less risky the Fund is considered to be. However, the volatility criterion does not capture all of the specific risks of the underlying indices.

Exposure to the Strategy may be achieved through a strategy index developed by BNP Paribas that is eligible for the Fund in accordance with the regulations in force.

The investment strategy uses a quantitative allocation mechanism that is readjusted monthly according to a determined algorithm.

Description of portfolios

Risky portfolio

The risky portfolio universe includes the following asset classes: equities, commodities (via futures indices), real estate and currency. The strategy put in place within the risky portfolio offers a long exposure to these asset classes.

The composition of the risky portfolio will be determined each month by application of an algorithm.

The objective of the algorithm is to find the weights that will be assigned to each underlying asset of the portfolio universe in order to maximise the expected return under volatility constraints (the maximum level of volatility is set at 10%).

In application of an algorithm, an automatic reallocation is carried out every month between the different underlying assets. Optimal diversification will be sought through the application of a systematic optimisation model of the yield/risk couple based on historically observed levels (performance, volatility, correlation). The objective of the algorithm is to find the weights that will be assigned to each index in order to maximise the expected return under the constraint of volatility (the maximum level of volatility is set at 10%).

Lastly, the short-term volatility of the risky portfolio is checked daily in order to maintain it at a maximum annualised rate of around 10%.

The strategy put in place within the risky portfolio aims to take advantage of the risk premiums offered by each of the underlying markets. The source of performance is based on the search for optimal diversification and allocation within the portfolio. Through these different underlying markets, the Fund will indirectly have access to several complementary and different markets mentioned above.

Defensive portfolio

The universe of the defensive portfolio includes exposure to interest rates (OECD countries).

The composition of the defensive portfolio will be determined daily through quantitative indicators. These indicators are based on the term structure of the rate curves to identify prospects for long exposure on each of the instruments considered.

Similarly, and in the same way as the risky portfolio, the control of short-term volatility is carried out daily in order to maintain it at a maximum annualised rate of around 4%.

On the one hand, there are the replication and enforcement costs defined by underlying assets and which by their nature and the nature of the strategy vary over time, and on the other hand, the costs resulting from the management of the volatility control mechanism of the Strategy and the management of the sliding protection mechanism by the counterparty of the forward financial instrument. These costs initially estimated at 1% will reduce the Fund's performance.

Exposure to the Strategy may also be reviewed in response to events of a fiscal, regulatory or other nature affecting the ability to be exposed to the various underlying strategies.

In addition to the swap contract used to expose the Fund to the quantitative strategy, and in order to achieve its management objective, the Fund may use effective portfolio management techniques such as temporary sales or purchases of securities. The Fund may also invest in financial instruments (equities, bonds etc.) whose yield will be exchanged against a monetary rate via the conclusion of swap contracts.

In this way, the Fund may be exposed to money market returns (through the above-mentioned temporary sales or purchases of securities or swap contracts), which will be supplemented by the strategy's performance, generated via the swap contract used to expose it to the quantitative strategy, from which management fees will be deducted.

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The Management Company reserves the right to stop exposing the Fund to the strategy in place in favour of exposing it to money market instruments, if the market conditions so warrant and particularly in the event of market disruption, and to re-expose the Fund to the strategy when market conditions are deemed to be more appropriate.

Information relating to the SFDR and EU Taxonomy Regulations:

Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector (the SFDR) sets out the rules regarding transparency and the provision of sustainability-related information.

The Fund does not promote environmental and/or social and governance characteristics, nor does it have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of Articles 8 and 9 of the SFDR Regulation.

The Fund's management objective is to offer unitholders variable synthetic exposure to a quantitative strategy associated with a sliding protection mechanism. In order to achieve this objective, the investment process will not take into account the sustainability risks or the main negative impacts on sustainability factors.

The investments underlying this financial product do not take into account the European Union's criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2020 on establishing a framework for promoting sustainable investments and amending the SFDR (Taxonomy Regulation) aims to establish criteria to determine whether an economic activity is environmentally sustainable.

The European Taxonomy Regulation is a classification system that establishes a list of economic activities that are environmentally sustainable.

Economic activities that are not recognised by the Taxonomy Regulation are not necessarily harmful to the environment or unsustainable. Furthermore, other activities that contribute substantially to the environmental and social objectives are not yet necessarily part of the Taxonomy Regulation.

The Fund's investments do not take into account the criteria of the European Union in terms of environmentally sustainable economic activities as established by the Taxonomy Regulation.

2. Asset classes to be included in the composition of the assets

The Fund may invest in the following assets:

Assets (excluding embedded derivatives)

The Fund will be invested in financial instruments (equities, bonds, debt securities, UCIs etc.) and/or money market instruments.

Equities

Within the limits set by the regulations, the Fund may be invested in capital securities and similar securities (shares, ADRs, GDRs, certificates and/or others, shares of closed-end funds etc.):

- issued by listed and/or unlisted companies (up to a limit of 10% of the Fund's net assets) on regulated markets;
- issued in euro or other currencies;
- of all nationalities;
- issued by large-, mid- or small-cap companies;
- without business sector constraints.

Direct investments in securities mentioned above will systematically be hedged through the use of total return swap contracts or other derivative financial instruments which have the same characteristics in order not to expose the Fund to additional equity risk. These investments are made as part of the Fund's investment strategy.

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Debt securities and money market instruments

The Fund may be invested in money market instruments (such as: French annual interest treasury bills (BTANs), French fixed-rate treasury bills (BTFs) with a residual duration of less than one year, ECPs, CDNs (negotiable certificates of deposit) etc.) denominated in euro and/or in one of the currencies of OECD member states. These instruments consist of securities acquired by outright purchase or reverse repurchase agreement.

INTEREST RATE SENSITIVITY RANGE	From 0 to 0.5
CURRENCY OF SECURITIES	All currencies*
LEVEL OF CURRENCY RISK	None**
EXPOSURE RANGES CORRESPONDING TO THE ISSUERS' GEOGRAPHIC REGION	Eurozone countries: 0% to 100% of net assets Non-eurozone countries: 0% to 10% of net assets

* The Fund is primarily invested in euro

** Assets denominated in a currency other than the euro are matched with one or more currency swaps in order to systematically hedge them against currency risk.

Within the limits set by the regulations, the Fund may be invested in bonds of any kind: fixed-rate bonds, variable-rate bonds, indexed bonds (inflation, CMRs, CMSs). These instruments consist primarily of securities that have been acquired outright or purchased under repurchase agreements and had a minimum rating of A-3 (Standard & Poor's) or P-3 (Moody's) at purchase or, failing this, a long-term investment-grade rating or an internal rating assigned by the Management Company that meets equivalent criteria.

In the event of a downgrade in the rating of the issuers of the securities held by the portfolio, the Management Company may, in the interest of the holders, proceed with the sale of the securities whose issuers have been downgraded.

Debt securities and money market instruments may account for up to all of the Fund's net assets. Investments outside the eurozone may account for up to 10% of the Fund's net assets.

Units or shares of UCIs

As part of its money market management strategy, the Fund may invest up to 10% of its net assets in units or shares of UCITS or investment funds (AIFs).

These UCITS and investment funds (AIF) include:

- UCITS under French or foreign law;
- French investment funds (AIFs) or investment funds (AIFs) established in other European Union Member States or investment funds established on the basis of a foreign law that meet the criteria set out in Article R. 214-13 of the French Monetary and Financial Code.

The UCIs mentioned above may be managed by the Management Company or by companies affiliated to it within the meaning of Article L. 233-16 of the French Commercial Code.

Derivatives:

The Fund may trade in regulated, French or foreign or over-the-counter forward financial instruments.

Transactions are carried out in accordance with the regulatory provisions, the overall risk related to forward financial instruments and/or financial contracts that do not exceed the total value of the portfolio.

The forward financial instruments used to allow the Fund to gain exposure to the investment strategy with a view to achieving its management objective or to hedge certain risks are as follows:

- Single over-the-counter short-term options.
- Purchase options on the strategy index.
- Financial flow exchange transactions that may relate to the strategy index.

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As regards swap contracts on financial flows, the Fund may enter into financial contracts negotiated over the counter (swap) and in particular exchange contracts (Total Return Swap) that swap the performance of the Fund's assets against a fixed or variable rate and one or more swap contracts on financial flows that swap a fixed or variable rate against the performance of the investment strategy.

Maximum proportion of assets under management that may be the subject of a total return swap: 120% of net assets.

Proportion of assets under management expected to be the subject of a total return swap: All of the Fund's net assets.

These financial instruments will be entered into with counterparties selected by the Management Company in line with its best execution and best selection policy, from among those institutions with their registered office located in an OECD or European Union member state referred to in Article R. 214-19 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, and who are rated as good quality issuers. These counterparties may be companies related or affiliated to the Management Company.

Securities with embedded derivatives

The Fund does not plan to use securities with embedded derivatives (warrants, Credit Linked Notes, EMTN etc.). Any warrants or rights obtained following transactions affecting the securities in the portfolio are authorised; however, the Fund does not intend to directly acquire this type of asset.

Deposits

The Fund reserves the right to make deposits during the life of the Fund as part of its cash investments, up to a limit of 10% of its net assets.

Cash borrowings

Within the context of its cash management, the Fund may temporarily borrow cash, up to a limit of 10% of its net assets.

Temporary purchases and sales of securities:

Types of transactions used: For the purposes of managing the Fund efficiently, the Management Company reserves the right to carry out temporary purchases and sales of securities, in particular: repurchase agreements, repurchase agreements against cash, lending/borrowing of debt securities, capital securities and money market instruments, in accordance with the provisions of Article R. 214-18 of the French Monetary and Financial Code.

Types of transactions: All operations must be limited to achieving the management objective: All transactions are conducted so as to achieve the management objective or to optimise cash management and to comply at all times with constraints relating to the nature of the securities held.

Maximum proportion of assets under management that may be subject to such transactions or contracts: up to 100% of the Fund's assets.

Proportion of assets under management expected to be the subject of such transactions or contracts: nil.

Potential leverage related to temporary purchases and sales of securities: no.

Remuneration: see the "Fees and Costs" section of the prospectus below.

These operations will all be carried out under market conditions and any income will be acquired in full by the Fund.

These transactions will be concluded in accordance with the best execution policy of the Management Company and will be concluded with counterparties selected by the Management Company from among those institutions whose registered office is located in an OECD or European Union member state referred to in Article R. 214-19 of the French Monetary and Financial Code and which have a good quality issuer rating. These transactions may be conducted with companies affiliated with the BNP Paribas Group.

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Information about contracts constituting collateral

To achieve its management objective, the Fund may obtain or grant the collateral referred to in Article L. 211-38 of the French Monetary and Financial Code in accordance with the Management Company's risk policy. These guarantees may be sovereign debt bonds issued by the states listed below and rated higher than AA or its equivalent by at least one of the following rating agencies: S&P, Moody's and Fitch.

The States concerned are: Austria, Canada, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Great Britain, United States of America, Australia, Switzerland, Norway and Sweden.

As collateral, the Fund may receive up to 100% of its net assets in securities issued or guaranteed by a member state of the OECD in accordance with the Management Company's risk policy. The Fund may thus be fully guaranteed by securities issued or guaranteed by a single eligible OECD member state.

Only collateral received in cash may be reinvested in accordance with the regulations in force. Cash received may therefore be held on deposit, invested in high-quality government bonds, used in reverse repurchase transactions or invested in short-term money market UCITS.

The collateral received should be sufficiently diversified. Securities received from a same issuer may not exceed 20% of the net assets. Notwithstanding the following, the Fund may receive up to 100% of its net assets, securities issued or guaranteed by an OECD member state as collateral in accordance with the Management Company's risk policy. The Fund may thus be fully guaranteed by securities issued or guaranteed by a single eligible OECD member state.

In addition to the collateral outlined above, the Management Company provides collateral on the Fund's assets (financial securities and cash) in favour of the Depository in respect of its financial obligations to the latter.

TOTAL RISK

The method used by the Management Company to calculate the total risk of the UCI it manages is the commitment method.

RISK PROFILE

Your money will be invested primarily in financial instruments selected by the Management Company. These instruments will be subject to market fluctuations and risks.

Due to its structure, the Fund will be subject to the main risks described below:

Risk of capital loss

Due to the sliding protection mechanism, the net asset value of the Fund may not decrease daily by more than 10% from the net asset value observed on the last working day of the previous month and not by more than 99% from the level of protection offered in the previous month. Thus, if the level of the Fund's net asset value decreases, the levels of protection acquired will also fall. There is therefore a risk that holders will lose almost all of their capital after a long holding period.

Model risk related to the Strategy

The selection and allocation model for each of the Strategy's risky and defensive portfolios is based on criteria for calculating returns and risks based on historically observed levels. So there is a risk that the model will not be efficient, and there is no guarantee that past market situations will recur in the future. The application of the model does not guarantee future results. Thus, through the model put in place, trend reversals should lead to a counter-performance of the Fund.

Risk related to changes in the underlying assets

Given the structure of the Fund, its valuation will depend on the development of the underlying components of the Strategy. As the Strategy is structurally purchasing these underlying assets, a decrease of one or more underlying assets will result in a decrease in the Fund's net asset value. But establishing a volatility control mechanism will diminish the impact of a downward overexposure of the basket of indices.

On the one hand, there are the replication and enforcement costs defined by underlying assets and which by their nature and the nature of the strategy vary over time, and on the other hand, the costs resulting from the management of the volatility control mechanism of the Strategy and the management of the sliding protection mechanism by the counterparty of the forward financial instrument. These costs initially estimated at about 1% will reduce the performance of the Fund.

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Risk associated with a commodity futures index

The Strategy's portfolio may consist of commodity futures indices, so the Fund is exposed to liquidity risk specific to the trading of these financial instruments that may adversely affect the performance of the Fund.

Changes in the components of commodity futures indices may differ significantly from those in the markets of traditional financial instruments (equities and bonds).

In fact, changes in the price of commodities futures are strongly linked to the current and future production levels of the underlying asset, and even to estimated natural reserves, specifically in the case of energy products. Climatic and geopolitical factors can also affect the levels of supply and demand of the underlying asset in question or, in other words, may change the latter's expected rarity on the market. These factors specifically and directly influence commodity prices, explaining the lack of correlation between commodity markets and traditional markets.

Emerging country investment risk

The Fund's exposure to emerging markets may imply a greater risk of potential loss and thus of a decrease in the net asset value of the Fund than an investment or exposure in developed markets, particularly as a result of greater market volatility, a smaller volume of negotiations of the assets concerned, possible economic and/or political instability, risks of market closures or government restrictions on foreign investment, and, more broadly, conditions for operating and monitoring markets that can deviate from the standards prevailing in international market places.

Interest rate risk

The Fund is exposed to the interest rate market (OECD countries). The Fund's net asset value may decline if the algorithm fails to properly anticipate interest rate fluctuations in the countries concerned.

Risk related to the lack of rating of the underlying assets

Investors are urged to note the fact that the Fund's net asset value is determined every business day of the Paris, London, New York and Hong Kong Stock Exchange, with the exception of statutory holidays, on the basis of the closing prices of the underlying indices recognised on that date. If, for timing reasons, the place of listing of one of the underlying is closed at a net asset value date, the valuation of the forward financial instrument at that date will be based on a level estimated by the counterparty and deemed appropriate by the management company. This level may be conservative and therefore may lead to a risk of a decrease in net asset value.

Counterparty risk

Counterparty risk refers to losses incurred by the Fund as a result of over-the-counter transactions concluded with a counterparty if that counterparty defaults. This risk exists primarily for futures contracts (including total return swaps), repurchase agreements etc. that the Fund may enter into with BNP Paribas or any other counterparty. However, counterparty risk is limited by the implementation of a guarantee granted to the Fund in accordance with the regulations in force.

Risk of conflicts of interest

The Fund is exposed to the risk of conflicts of interest, particularly when making temporary sales or purchases of securities with counterparties linked to the group to which the management company belongs.

Risks associated with collateral management

Management of collateral received in connection with securities-financing transactions and over-the-counter forward financial instruments (including total return swaps) may involve certain specific risks such as operational risks or custody risk. As such, these contracts may have a negative effect on the Sub-Fund's net asset value.

Legal risk

The use of temporary purchases and sales of securities and/or forward financial instruments (including total return swaps [TRS]) may result in a legal risk related to the execution of contracts.

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Sustainability risk

Unmanaged or unmitigated sustainability risks can impact returns on financial products. For example, if an environmental, social or governance event or situation were to occur, it could have an actual or potential negative impact on the value of an investment. The occurrence of such an event or situation can also lead to a change in the Fund's investment strategy, which can involve the exclusion of securities of certain issuers. More specifically, the negative effects of sustainability risk may affect issuers by means of a series of mechanisms, including: 1) a decrease in revenues; 2) higher costs; 3) damage to or depreciation of asset value; 4) higher cost of capital; and 5) regulatory fines or risks. Owing to the nature of sustainability risks and specific issues such as climate change, the likelihood that sustainability risks will have an impact on returns on financial products is likely to increase in the longer term.

RECOMMENDED MINIMUM INVESTMENT HORIZON

3 years.

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MANAGEMENT REPORT

STATUTORY AUDITOR

PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS

INVESTMENT POLICY

The Fund's investment strategy is to provide unitholders with (i) a variable synthetic exposure to a quantitative strategy over a recommended three-year investment horizon (hereinafter the "Strategy") composed of long positions on different asset classes and (ii) a sliding protection mechanism described below under which the net asset value is, each day of the Fund's assessment, at least equal to the higher value between 90% of the net asset value observed on the last working day of the previous month and 99% of the level of protection offered during the previous month.

The "Strategy" offers an exposure to the development of two portfolios: a risky portfolio and a defensive portfolio:

- The risky portfolio universe includes the following asset classes: equities including real-estate stocks, commodities (via futures indices), and currencies. The composition of the risky portfolio is determined each month by application of an algorithm.
- The universe of the defensive portfolio includes exposure to interest rates (OECD countries). The composition of the defensive portfolio is determined daily through quantitative indicators.

Moreover, the short-term volatility of the Strategy is checked on a daily basis with the aim of maintaining it at an annualised rate of below 10%.

Exposure to the "Strategy" is determined by applying a quantitative algorithm. It varies between 0 and 100% and evolves daily depending, on the one hand, on changes to the performance of the Strategy and, on the other hand, on the protection levels acquired under the sliding protection mechanism.

In order to achieve its management objective, the Fund is fully invested in an OTC forward financial instrument, which allows it to benefit from a variable synthetic exposure to the performance of the Strategy and to the sliding protection mechanism.

The Protected Trend Fund (formerly "BNP Paribas Protected Fund Trend") was created on 30 September 2011, with an original net asset value of €1,000. The minimum subscription requirement is 1000 units, with the exception of the Management Company, the liquidity contributor and BNPP Participations.

Changes during the financial year

None

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Performance

Annual performance stood at 5.84%.

The UCI's past performance is no indication of its future performance.

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Information on efficient portfolio management techniques

Exposure arising from efficient portfolio management techniques		
Type of transaction	Amount in portfolio currency	
Reverse repurchase agreements *		
Repurchase agreements		
Securities lending		
Securities borrowing		
* Securities accepted as collateral are not reused		
Counterparty identity, type and amount of financial collateral received to reduce the counterparty risk		
Name of counterparty	Type of collateral received	Valuation in portfolio currency
Income arising from efficient portfolio management techniques during the financial year, and direct and indirect operating costs and charges		
Type of transaction	Income for the period in portfolio currency	Operating costs and/or charges in portfolio currency
Information on derivative financial instruments		
Underlying exposure achieved through derivatives		
Type of transaction	Counterparty	Amount in portfolio currency
EQUITY SWAP	BNP PARIBAS	10,612,656.00
Counterparty identity, type and amount of financial collateral received		
Name of counterparty	Type of financial collateral	Valuation in portfolio currency
BNP PARIBAS (OTC Bilateral)	cash collateral	-310,000.00
BNP PARIBAS	government bond collateral	14,275,470.38

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Securities financing transactions pursuant to the SFTR

General information		
Name of the Fund	Protected Trend Fund	Any asset awarded to another party by this Fund is considered committed and taken over by this party.
Currency of the Fund	EUR	All amounts below are expressed in the portfolio currency.
Transaction type	Total Return Swaps	
Settlement and clearing	Bilateral	SFTs and TRS are always settled bilaterally.
Information regarding the transaction		
Absolute value of assets committed		10,612,656.00
Total assets committed as a proportion of assets under management		89.10%
Securities lent as a proportion of loanable assets	No securities lending over the period	0.00%
Commodities lent as a proportion of loanable assets	No commodities lending over the period	0.00%
Transaction – breakdown of information	Additional information	Value
Counterparty		
BNP PARIBAS	France	10,612,656.00
Maturity		
Three months to one year		10,612,656.00
Collateral received – breakdown of information	Additional information	Value
Type of instrument		
Cash		310,000.00
Bonds		14,275,470.38
Currency (valued in reference currency)		
EUR		14,585,470.38
Rating		
Aa2	Moody's	
Aa1	Moody's	
Maturity		
More than one year		10,377,069.12
Less than one day		310,000.00
Three months to one year		940,416.43
One month to three months		1,068,168.60
One day to one week		1,889,816.23
Counterparty		
BNP PBAS LONDON (OTC BILAT)		1,702,060.10
BNP PARIBAS		3,146,666.92
BNP PARIBAS (OTC BILAT)		9,426,743.36
Issuer		
FRANCE (REPUBLIC OF)		5,053,452.23
AUSTRIA (REPUBLIC OF)		1,702,060.10
GERMANY (FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF)		7,519,958.05
Total		14,585,470.38

Note: Collateral exchanged during the period covers the entirety of the Fund's OTC derivative activity and not just TRS.

Collateral received – information regarding custody	Name	Absolute value
Depository	BNP PARIBAS SECURITIES SERVICES	14,585,470.38

Collateral provided – information regarding custody	Absolute value of collateral provided	Additional information
Separate accounts	0.00	
Combined accounts	0.00	
Other accounts	0.00	

Financial performance of this type of transaction	Absolute value	As a percentage of total income generated by this type of transaction
Manager		
Income	0.00	0.00%
Expenditure	0.00	0.00%
Undertaking for collective investment		
Income	0.00	0.00%
Expenditure	0.00	0.00%
Third party		
Income	0.00	0.00%
Expenditure	0.00	0.00%

There is no agreement on how TRS-related fees are allocated. The costs and income are included in full in the Fund's income statement under the headings "Other financial income" and "Other financial expenses".

Collateral provided – information regarding custody	Absolute value of collateral provided	Additional information
Amount of reused securities collateral	0.00	
Revenue on reused cash collateral	0.00	

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ETHICS

Group financial instruments held in the UCI

This information appears in the appendix to the annual report – Additional information.

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Main changes in the composition of the securities portfolio over the period

ISIN	Product name	Direction	Gross amount
FR0007496047	BNP PARIBAS CASH INVEST	Sale	1,163,934.39
FR0007496047	BNP PARIBAS CASH INVEST	Sale	50,600.50

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When managing collective investment schemes, transaction fees are invoiced when deals are executed on financial instruments (purchases and sales of securities, repurchase agreements, futures and swaps).

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Transparency in promoting environmental or social characteristics and sustainable investments

I – BNP Paribas Asset Management approach

BNP Paribas Asset Management's current general approach to incorporating environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria is detailed on our website: [As an investor – BNPP AM Global EN site \(bnpparibas-am.com\)](https://www.bnpparibas-am.com)

II - Investment strategy of the Fund

As part of the investment strategy implemented, the Fund does not promote environmental and/or social and governance characteristics, nor does it have a sustainable investment objective within the meaning of Articles 8 and 9 of the SFDR. The Fund's investments do not take into account the European Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities as set out by the Taxonomy Regulation.

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INFORMATION ON THE MANAGEMENT COMPANY'S REMUNERATION POLICY

Qualitative aspects of remuneration

Information regarding the remuneration policy applicable to the 2023 financial year is available on request from the Management Company: BNP PARIBAS ASSET MANAGEMENT Europe – TSA 47000 – 75318 Paris Cedex 09, France. Detailed information regarding the Management Company's remuneration policy is also available online at: <https://www.bnpparibas-am.com/en/footer/remuneration-policy/remuneration/>.

Quantitative aspects of remuneration

Quantitative information regarding remuneration is outlined below, as required by Article 22 of the AIFM Directive (Directive 2011/61/EU of 8 June 2011) and by Article 69-3 of the UCITS V directive (Directive 2014/91/EU of 23 July 2014), in a format that complies with the recommendations of the AFG (Association Française de Gestion – French asset management association)¹.

Aggregated remuneration of employees of BNP PARIBAS ASSET MANAGEMENT Europe ("BNPP AM Europe") named BNPP AM France until 29/02/2024 (Article 22-2-e of the AIFM Directive and Article 69-3 (a) of the UCITS V Directive):

	Number of employees	Total remuneration (€k) (fixed + variable)	Of which total variable remuneration (€k)
All employees of BNPP AM Europe ²	1,332	164,459	51,763

Aggregated remuneration of employees of BNPP AM Europe whose activity has a significant impact on the risk profile and who are therefore "Identified Staff"³ (Article 22-2-f of the AIFM Directive and Article 69-3 (b) of the UCITS V Directive):

Business sector	Number of employees	Total remuneration (€k)
Identified Staff employed by BNPP AM Europe :	184	40,710
<i>of which Alternative Investment Fund managers/UCITS managers/managers of European discretionary funds</i>	164	35,724

Other information:

➤ Number of AIFs and UCITS managed by BNPP AM Europe:

¹ Note: The above remuneration amounts cannot be reconciled directly with the accounting data for the year because they reflect the sums awarded based on the number of employees at the end of the annual variable remuneration campaign, in May 2023. Therefore, for example, these amounts include all the variable remuneration awarded during this campaign, regardless of whether or not it was deferred, and regardless of whether or not the employees ultimately remained at the company.

² In addition to these employees and the corresponding amounts, the following should be noted:

- 6 employees of the Austrian branch, one of whom has the status of "Identified Staff" and whose total remuneration and total variable remuneration in 2022 amounted to €958k and €305k respectively.
- 288 employees of the Belgian branch, 7 of whom have the status of "Identified Staff" and whose total remuneration and total variable remuneration in 2022 amounted to €26,816k and €4,369k, respectively.
- 25 employees of the German branch, one of whom has the status of "Identified Staff" and whose total remuneration and total variable remuneration in 2022 amounted to €5,556k and €1,890k respectively.
- 54 employees of the Italian branch, 3 of whom have the status of "Identified Staff" and whose total remuneration and total variable remuneration in 2022 amounted to €6,421k and €1,802k, respectively.
- 73 employees of the Dutch branch, 9 of whom have the status of "Identified Staff" and whose total remuneration and total variable remuneration in 2022 amounted to €10,647k and €2,557k, respectively.

³ The list of Identified Staff is determined in light of the review conducted at year end.

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	Number of funds (31/12/2023)	Assets under management (€ billion) as at 31/12/2023
UCITS	192	94
Alternative Investment Funds	299	50

- In 2023, carried interest of €4.2k was paid to BNPP AM Europe staff employed as at 31 December 2023.
- An independent central audit of the overall BNP Paribas Asset Management remuneration policy and its implementation in 2022 was conducted between July and September 2023, under the supervision of the remuneration committee of BNP Paribas Asset Management Holding Group and its Board of Directors. Following this audit, which covered BNP Paribas Asset Management entities holding an AIFM and/or UCITS licence, the policy was awarded an "Overall Satisfactory" grade in recognition of the robustness of the current system, particularly in its key stages: identification of Identified Staff, consistency of the performance–remuneration link, application of mandatory deferral rules and implementation of indexation and deferral mechanisms. A recommendation (not a warning) was made in 2023, noting that the framework for compensation policies for delegated external management companies did not ensure sufficient alignment with regulatory requirements and needed to be more documented.
- Additional information on the way in which variable remuneration is determined and on deferred remuneration instruments can be found in the remuneration policy, which has been published on the company's website.

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INFORMATION ON THE POLICY FOR SELECTING AND EVALUATING SERVICES TO AID INVESTMENT DECISIONS AND ORDER EXECUTION

Information on BNP Paribas Asset Management France's policy for selecting and evaluating entities providing order execution services and services to aid investment decisions is available online at www.bnpparibas-am.com.

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REPORT ON INTERMEDIARY FEES

The latest report on intermediary fees is available online at www.bnpparibas-am.com.

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BNP PARIBAS ASSET MANAGEMENT FRANCE (BNPP AM FRANCE) BEST SELECTION AND BEST EXECUTION POLICY

The selection and execution policy is available online at www.bnpparibas-am.com.

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Since 24 February 2022, we have been paying close attention to the effects of the Russia-Ukraine conflict, as well as its repercussions in terms of energy and food shortages in Europe. The Board of Directors closely monitors the geopolitical situation and its impact on the global outlook, markets and financial risks in order to take all the necessary measures in the interests of shareholders.

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On 1 March 2024, BNP Paribas Asset Management France will be re-named BNP Paribas Asset Management Europe.



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**STATUTORY AUDITOR'S REPORT ON
THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
Financial year ended 29 December 2023**

This is a free translation into English of the statutory auditors' report on the financial statements of the fund issued in French and it is provided solely for the convenience of English speaking users.

The statutory auditors' report includes information required by European regulation and French law, such as information about the appointment of the statutory auditors or verification of the management report.

This report should be read in conjunction with, and construed in accordance with, French law and professional auditing standards applicable in France.



**STATUTORY AUDITOR'S REPORT
ON THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
Financial year ended 29 December 2023**

PROTECTED TREND FUND
UCITS ESTABLISHED IN THE FORM OF A MUTUAL FUND
Governed by the French Monetary and Financial Code

Management Company
BNP PARIBAS ASSET MANAGEMENT France
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75009 Paris, France

Opinion

In performing the task entrusted to us by the Management Company, we have audited the annual financial statements of the UCITS established as the PROTECTED TREND FUND mutual fund for the financial year ended 29 December 2023, as attached to this report.

We certify that the annual financial statements are, in accordance with French accounting rules and principles, accurate and consistent and give a true and fair view of the performance of the past financial year, as well as the financial position and the assets and liabilities of the UCITS established as a mutual fund, at the end of this financial year.

Basis of opinion

Audit terms of reference

We have conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of professional practice applicable in France. We believe that the evidence gathered is sufficient and appropriate to justify our opinion. Our responsibilities pursuant to these standards are set out in the "*Statutory Auditor's responsibilities regarding the audit of the annual financial statements*" section of this report.

Independence

We carried out our audit in accordance with the rules of independence laid down in the French Commercial Code and the Code of Ethics for Statutory Auditors, for the period from 31 December 2022, to the date of issue of our report.

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Justification of assessments

In accordance with the provisions of Articles L. 823-9 and R.823-7 of the French Commercial Code relating to the justification of our assessments, we bring to your attention the following assessments, which, in our professional opinion, were the most significant for the audit of the financial year's annual financial statements.

The assessments thus made fall within the scope of the audit of the annual financial statements taken as a whole and the formulation of our opinion as expressed above. We have no comment to make on any individual aspect of these annual financial statements.

1. Over-the-counter financial agreements:

The over-the-counter financial agreements held in the portfolio are valued in accordance with the methods described in the note on accounting methods and rules. Prices are calculated by the counterparties to the agreements and validated by the Management Company using financial models. Applied mathematical models are based on external data and market assumptions. Based on the elements leading to the determination of the valuations made, we have conducted an assessment of the approach implemented by the Management Company.

2. Other financial instruments in the portfolio:

The assessments we performed related to the appropriateness of the accounting principles adopted and to the reasonableness of the significant estimates used.

Specific verifications

In accordance with the standards of professional practice applicable in France, we have also conducted the specific verifications required by the legal and regulatory provisions.

We have no observations to make concerning the fairness and the consistency with the annual financial statements of the data provided in the Management Company's management report.

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Responsibilities of the Management Company relating to the annual financial statements

It is the Management Company's responsibility to prepare annual financial statements that give a true and fair view, in accordance with French accounting rules and principles, and to implement the internal controls it deems necessary for the preparation of annual financial statements that do not include any material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

When preparing the annual financial statements, it is the Management Company's responsibility to assess the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, to present in said financial statements, where applicable, the necessary information relating to its viability as a going concern and to apply the going concern accounting policy, unless it intends to wind up the Fund or to cease trading.

The annual financial statements have been prepared by the Management Company.

Statutory Auditor's responsibilities regarding the audit of the annual financial statements

Audit objective and methodology

It is our responsibility to draw up a report on the annual financial statements. Our aim is to obtain reasonable assurance that the annual financial statements, taken as a whole, are free of material misstatement. Reasonable assurance corresponds to a high level of assurance, but does not guarantee that an audit performed in accordance with the standards of professional practice can systematically detect any material misstatement. Misstatements may arise from fraud or error and are considered material where it can reasonably be expected that, taken individually or together, they may influence the economic decisions made by users of the annual financial statements that are based upon such misstatements.

As specified in Article L. 823-10-1 of the French Commercial Code, our task is to certify the financial statements and not to guarantee the viability or quality of management of the funds.

As part of an audit performed in accordance with the standards of professional practice applicable in France, the Statutory Auditor exercises its professional judgement throughout this audit. In addition:

- it identifies and assesses the risks that the annual financial statements may contain material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, sets out and implements the audit procedures intended to counter these risks, and collates the items that it deems sufficient and appropriate to justify its opinion. The risk of non-detection of a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than that of non-detection of a material misstatement due to an error, since fraud may involve collusion, forgery, deliberate omissions, misrepresentation or the circumvention of internal control processes;

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- it takes note of the internal control processes relevant to the audit so as to set out audit procedures that are appropriate to the circumstances, and not to express an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control processes;
- it assesses the appropriateness of the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of the accounting estimates made by the Management Company, as well as the information provided in their regard in the annual financial statements;
- it assesses the appropriateness of the application by the Management Company of the going concern accounting policy and, based on the evidence gathered, whether or not there is significant uncertainty relating to events or circumstances that may affect the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. This assessment is based on the evidence gathered up to the date of its report, on the understanding that subsequent events or circumstances may affect its viability as a going concern. If it concludes that there is significant uncertainty, it draws the attention of the reader of its report to the information provided in the annual financial statements about this uncertainty or, if this information is not provided or is not relevant, it issues a certification with a reservation or a refusal to certify;
- it appraises the overall presentation of the annual financial statements and assesses whether said statements reflect the underlying transactions and events such that they provide a true and fair view thereof.

In accordance with the law, we would like to inform you that we were unable to issue this report within the regulatory deadlines due to the delayed receipt of certain documents necessary for the completion of our work.

Neuilly-sur-Seine, France, date of electronic signature

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Assets

	Financial year 29/12/23	Financial year 30/12/22
Net fixed assets	-	-
Deposits	-	-
Financial instruments	26,049,114.71	25,015,194.83
Equities and equivalent securities	-	-
Traded on a regulated or equivalent market	-	-
Not traded on a regulated or equivalent market	-	-
Bonds and equivalent securities	14,131,231.28	10,423,222.38
Traded on a regulated or equivalent market	14,131,231.28	10,423,222.38
Not traded on a regulated or equivalent market	-	-
Debt securities	-	-
Traded on a regulated or equivalent market – Negotiable debt securities	-	-
Traded on a regulated or equivalent market – Other debt securities	-	-
Not traded on a regulated or equivalent market	-	-
Securities in undertakings for collective investment	2,523.91	1,188,547.52
Retail UCITS and AIFs and equivalents from other Member States of the European Union intended for non-professional investors	2,523.91	1,188,547.52
Other funds and their equivalents from other European Union member states intended for non-professional investors	-	-
General-purpose professional investment funds and their equivalents from other European Union member states and listed securitisation undertakings	-	-
Other professional investment funds and their equivalents from other European Union member states and unlisted securitisation undertakings	-	-
Other non-European undertakings	-	-
Temporary securities transactions	-	-
Receivables representing securities received under repurchase agreements	-	-
Receivables representing loaned securities	-	-
Borrowed securities	-	-
Securities assigned under repurchase agreements	-	-
Other temporary transactions	-	-
Forward financial instruments	11,915,359.52	13,403,424.93
Transactions on a regulated or equivalent market	-	-
Other transactions	11,915,359.52	13,403,424.93
Other assets: Loans	-	-
Other financial instruments	-	-
Receivables	-	-
Forward foreign exchange transactions	-	-
Other	-	-
Financial accounts	317,615.07	2,183,308.03
Cash	317,615.07	2,183,308.03
TOTAL ASSETS	26,366,729.78	27,198,502.86

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Liabilities

	Financial year 29/12/23	Financial year 30/12/22
Shareholders' equity	-	-
Capital	9,732,861.56	1,787,087.41
Undistributed previous net capital gains and losses (a)	-	-
Balance carried forward (a)	-	-
Net capital gains and losses for the financial year (a, b)	2,234,874.22	11,923,368.14
Profit/loss for the financial year (a, b)	-57,110.70	-192,418.06
Total shareholders' equity (= Amount representing net assets)	11,910,625.08	13,518,037.49
Financial instruments	14,131,231.28	10,423,222.38
Disposals of financial instruments	-	-
Temporary securities transactions	14,131,231.28	10,423,222.38
Debts representing securities assigned under repurchase agreements	-	-
Debts representing borrowed securities	-	-
Other temporary transactions	14,131,231.28	10,423,222.38
Forward financial instruments	-	-
Transactions on a regulated or equivalent market	-	-
Other transactions	-	-
Debts	324,873.42	3,257,242.99
Forward foreign exchange transactions	-	-
Other	324,873.42	3,257,242.99
Financial accounts	-	-
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	-
Borrowings	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	26,366,729.78	27,198,502.86

(a) Including accruals and deferrals.

(b) Less interim dividends paid during the financial year.

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Off-balance sheet

	Financial year 29/12/23	Financial year 30/12/22
Hedging transactions		
Commitments on regulated or equivalent markets		
Over-the-counter commitments		
Other commitments		
Other transactions		
Commitments on regulated or equivalent markets		
Over-the-counter commitments		
Equity swaps		
purchase of EQS14	-	12,660,626.00
purchase of EQS15	10,612,656.00	-
Other commitments		

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Income statement

	Financial year 29/12/23	Financial year 30/12/22
Income from financial transactions	-	-
Income from equities and equivalent securities	-	-
Income from bonds and equivalent securities	-	-88,303.00
Income from debt securities	-	-
Income from temporary purchases and sales of securities	-	-
Income from forward financial instruments	167,962.81	50,755.52
Income from deposits and financial accounts	52,768.24	-
Income from loans	-	-
Other financial income	6,593.05	34,323.46
TOTAL I	227,324.10	-3,224.02
Expenses on financial transactions	-	-
Expenses on temporary purchases and sales of securities	-	-
Expenses on forward financial instruments	-	-
Expenses on financial debts	-85,921.90	-27,833.22
Other financial expenses	-	-
TOTAL II	-85,921.90	-27,833.22
Profit/loss on financial transactions (I + II)	141,402.20	-31,057.24
Other income (III)	-	-
Management fees and provisions for depreciation (IV)	-196,501.20	-314,651.39
Net income for the financial year (I + II + III + IV)	-55,099.00	-345,708.63
Accrued income for the financial year (V)	-2,011.70	153,290.57
Interim dividends paid during the financial year (VI)	-	-
Profit/loss (I + II + III + IV + V + VI)	-57,110.70	-192,418.06

Accounting principles and policies

The annual financial statements are presented in the form provided for by ANC Regulation No. 2014-01 of 14 January 2014, as amended.

The accounting currency is the euro.

All transferable securities held in the portfolio are recognised at historical cost, excluding charges.

Securities, forward financial instruments and options held in the portfolio denominated in a foreign currency are converted into the accounting currency based on the exchange rates in Paris on the valuation day.

The portfolio's value is appraised whenever the net asset value is calculated and at the end of the accounting period using the following methods:

Transferable securities

Listed securities: at stock market value, including accrued coupons (at the day's closing price).

However, transferable securities for which the price is not established on the valuation day or which are quoted by contributors and for which the price has been adjusted, and securities that are not traded on a regulated market, are valued under the responsibility of the Management Company (or the Board of Directors for an open-ended investment company (société d'investissement à capital variable – SICAV)), at their likely trading value. Prices are adjusted by the Management Company based on its knowledge of the issuers and/or markets.

UCIs: at their last known net asset value or, if unavailable, at their last estimated value. The net asset values of the securities of foreign undertakings for collective investment valued on a monthly basis are confirmed by the fund administrators. Valuations are updated weekly based on the estimates issued by the administrators of these UCIs and validated by the fund manager.

Negotiable debt and similar securities that are not traded in high volumes are valued using an actuarial method. This involves using the rate applicable to issues of equivalent securities and, if necessary, applying a differential that is representative of the intrinsic features of the issuer. In the absence of sensitivity, securities with a residual term of three months are valued at the most recent rate until maturity; for those acquired for periods of less than three months, the interest is calculated on a straight-line basis.

Temporary purchases and sales of securities:

- Securities lending: the receivable representing the securities lent is valued at the securities' market value.
- Securities borrowing: the borrowed securities and the corresponding debt are valued at the securities' market value.
- Collateral: With regard to securities received as collateral when lending securities, the UCI has chosen to include these securities in the balance sheet using the value of the debt corresponding to the obligation to return these securities.
- Repurchase agreements with a residual term of three months or less: individualisation of the receivable based on the contract price. In this case, the remuneration is calculated on a straight-line basis.
- Long-term repurchase agreements: These are recorded and valued at their nominal amount, even if their maturity date extends beyond three months. Any associated accrued interest is added to this amount. However, some contracts provide special terms in the event of requests for early repayment in order to take into account the impact of the increase in the counterparty's financing curve. Accrued interest may then be reduced by this impact, with no applicable floor. The impact is in proportion to the residual maturity of the agreement and the difference between the contractual margin and the market margin for the same maturity date.
- Repurchase agreements with a residual maturity of three months or less: stock market value. The debt valued on the basis of the contractual value is recorded as a balance sheet liability. In this case, the remuneration is calculated on a straight-line basis.

Forward financial instruments and options

Options: the day's closing price or, failing this, the last known price.

Over-the-counter options: These options are valued at their market value, based on prices reported by the counterparties. These valuations are subject to controls by the Management Company.

The off-balance sheet valuation is calculated as an underlying equivalent based on the delta and the price of the underlying asset and, where appropriate, the exchange rate.

Term deposits: These are recorded and valued at their nominal amount, even if their maturity date extends beyond three months. Any associated accrued interest is added to this amount. However, some contracts provide special terms in the event of requests for early repayment in order to take into account the impact of the increase in the counterparty's financing curve. Accrued interest may then be reduced by this impact, but cannot be negative. Term deposits are valued at least at their nominal value.

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Interest rate swaps:

- for swaps with a maturity of less than three months, interest is calculated on a straight-line basis.
- swaps with a maturity of more than three months are revalued at market value.

Synthetic products (a security linked to a swap) are recognised as a whole. Interest accrued on swaps forming part of these products is valued on a straight-line basis.

Asset swaps and synthetic products are valued on the basis of their market value. The valuation of asset swaps is based on the valuation of hedged securities, less the impact of changes in credit spreads. This impact is valued using the average of the spreads reported monthly by four counterparties, adjusted by a margin that depends on the rating of the issuer.

The off-balance sheet commitment for swaps corresponds to their nominal value.

Structured swaps (swaps with optional components): These swaps are valued at their market value, based on prices reported by the counterparties. These valuations are subject to controls by the Management Company. The off-balance sheet commitment of these swaps corresponds to their nominal value.

The index swaps valuation, calculated by the OTC Pricing & Services team, is used to calculate the net asset value after checking its consistency with the counterparty's valuation if this is received within the deadlines. If this is unavailable or inconsistent, OTC Pricing & Services approaches the counterparty to identify and resolve the problems.

The off-balance sheet commitment of these swaps corresponds to their nominal value.

Financial management fees

- Maximum 1.25% incl. tax

Administrative fees external to the Management Company

- Maximum 0.35% incl. tax

Fees are calculated on the basis of the net assets. These fees, not including transaction fees, will be charged directly to the Fund's profit and loss account.

These fees cover all of the costs invoiced directly to the UCI, except for transaction fees. Transaction costs include intermediary fees (brokerage, stock market taxes etc.) as well as transaction fees, if any, which may be charged, in particular by the depositary and the Management Company.

Research expenses

None

Performance fee

None

Retrocession of management fees

None

Method used to recognise interest

Interest received

Allocation of income

Accumulation

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Allocation of net realised capital gains

Accumulation

Changes affecting the Fund

None

Guarantee

BNP Paribas grants to the Fund, for a renewable period of one year, protection under which BNP Paribas guarantees to the Fund that for each Fund valuation day, the net asset value shall be at least equal to the highest value between (i) 90% of the net asset value observed on the last working day of the previous month and (ii) 99% of the level of protection offered in the previous month (the "Protection"). The initial Protection level enjoyed by the Fund corresponds to 90% of the net asset value at the launch of the Fund, i.e. €900.

Any modification of the Protection, other than the annual renewal carried out under identical conditions, shall be subject to the prior approval of the Autorité des marchés financiers (French financial markets authority - AMF), and the Management Company shall inform the unitholders thereof under the conditions laid down in the regulations in force.

Facility providing the Protection: BNP Paribas

Governance methods: The Management Company will provide the Protection on behalf of the Fund. In the event that, on each date of determination of the net asset value, the net assets of the Fund would not be sufficient to ensure that the net asset value is greater than or equal to the protected level as described above, BNP Paribas will pay to the Fund, at the first request of the Management Company, the necessary complement.

Protection shall be given in consideration of the tax and regulatory provisions in force at the date of signature. The Protection may be subject to change in the event of a change in the aforementioned provisions leading the Fund to bear a direct or indirect financial burden of a fiscal or other nature.

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Change in net assets

	Financial year 29/12/23	Financial year 30/12/22
Net assets at the beginning of the financial year	13,518,037.49	32,413,587.33
Subscriptions (including subscription fees paid to the UCI)	3,324,053.70	7,396,754.87
Redemptions (after deduction of redemption fees paid to the UCI)	-5,620,792.72	-25,378,837.05
Capital gains realised on deposits and financial instruments	26,667.13	97.28
Capital losses realised on deposits and financial instruments	-29.06	-5,862.00
Capital gains realised on forward financial instruments	5,521,236.25	24,241,130.53
Capital losses realised on forward financial instruments	-3,317,225.22	-7,317,738.00
Transaction fees	-	-
Exchange differences	-2.23	0.82
Change in the valuation difference for deposits and financial instruments:	1,844.15	1,522.31
Valuation difference, financial year N	82.00	-1,762.15
Valuation difference, financial year N-1	1,762.15	3,284.46
Change in the valuation difference for forward financial instruments:	-1,488,065.41	-17,486,909.97
Valuation difference, financial year N	11,915,359.52	13,403,424.93
Valuation difference, financial year N-1	-13,403,424.93	-30,890,334.90
Distribution from the previous financial year on net capital gains and losses	-	-
Distribution from the previous financial year on income	-	-
Net income for the financial year before accruals and deferrals	-55,099.00	-345,708.63
Interim dividend(s) paid during the financial year on net capital gains and losses	-	-
Interim dividend(s) paid during the financial year on income	-	-
Other items	-	-
Net assets at the end of the financial year	11,910,625.08	13,518,037.49

Additional information 1

	Financial year 29/12/23
Commitments received or given	
Commitments received or given (capital surety or other commitments) (*)	-
Current value of financial instruments registered in the portfolio constituting collateral deposits	
Financial instruments received as collateral and not recorded on the balance sheet	-
Financial instruments given as collateral and kept under the original item	-
Financial instruments in the portfolio issued by the provider or entities in its group	
Deposits	-
Equities	-
Interest rate securities	-
UCIs	2,523.91
Temporary purchases and sales of securities	-
Swaps (nominal)	10,612,656.00
Current value of financial instruments subject to a temporary purchase	
Securities acquired under repurchase agreements	-
Securities received under resale agreements	-
Borrowed securities	-

(*) For guaranteed UCIs, the information appears in the accounting principles and policies.

Additional information 2

	Financial year 29/12/23	
Issues and redemptions during the financial year	Number of securities	
A class (Currency: EUR)		
Number of securities issued	3,026	
Number of securities redeemed	5,192	
Subscription and/or redemption fees	Amount (EUR)	
Subscription fees paid to the UCI	-	
Redemption fees paid to the UCI	-	
Subscription fees received and shared	-	
Redemption fees received and shared	-	
Management fees	Amount (EUR)	% of average net assets
A class (Currency: EUR)		
Operating and management fees (*)	196,501.20	1.57
Performance fees	-	-
Other charges	-	-
Retrocessions of management fees (all units)	-	

(*) For UCIs with a financial year that is not 12 months, the percentage of average net assets corresponds to the average annualised rate.

PROTECTED TREND FUND

Breakdown of receivables and debts by type

	Financial year 29/12/23
Breakdown of receivables by type	
Tax credit to recover	
Deposit – EUR	
Deposit – other currencies	
Cash collateral	
Valuation of purchases of currency futures	
Exchange value of forward sales	
Other miscellaneous debtors	
Coupons receivable	
TOTAL RECEIVABLES	
Breakdown of debts by type	
Deposit – EUR	
Deposit – other currencies	
Cash collateral	310,000.00
Provisions for loan charges	
Valuation of sales of currency futures	
Exchange value of forward purchases	
Costs and expenses not yet paid	14,873.42
Other miscellaneous payables	
Provisions for market liquidity risk	
TOTAL DEBTS	324,873.42

PROTECTED TREND FUND

Breakdown of instruments by legal or economic type

	Financial year 29/12/23
Assets	
Bonds and equivalent securities	14,131,231.28
Index-linked bonds	-
Convertible bonds	-
Equity securities	-
Other bonds and equivalent securities	14,131,231.28
Debt securities	-
Traded on a regulated or equivalent market	-
Treasury bills	-
Other negotiable debt securities	-
Other debt securities	-
Not traded on a regulated or equivalent market	-
Other assets: Loans	-
Liabilities	
Disposals of financial instruments	-
Equities	-
Bonds	-
Other	-
Off-balance sheet	
Hedging transactions	
Rate	-
Equities	-
Other	-
Other transactions	
Rate	-
Equities	10,612,656.00
Other	-

PROTECTED TREND FUND

Breakdown of assets, liabilities and off-balance sheet items by interest rate type

	Fixed rate	Variable rate	Adjustable rate	Other
Assets				
Deposits	-	-	-	-
Bonds and equivalent securities	14,131,231.28	-	-	-
Debt securities	-	-	-	-
Temporary securities transactions	-	-	-	-
Other assets: Loans	-	-	-	-
Financial accounts	-	-	-	317,615.07
Liabilities				
Temporary securities transactions	14,131,231.28	-	-	-
Financial accounts	-	-	-	-
Off-balance sheet				
Hedging transactions	-	-	-	-
Other transactions	-	-	-	-

PROTECTED TREND FUND

Breakdown of assets, liabilities and off-balance sheet items by residual maturity

	[0–3 months]]3 months– 1 year]]1–3 years]]3–5 years]	> 5 years
Assets					
Deposits	-	-	-	-	-
Bonds and equivalent securities	2,847,164.28	927,625.92	1,697,783.87	1,138,081.89	7,520,575.32
Debt securities	-	-	-	-	-
Temporary securities transactions	-	-	-	-	-
Other assets: Loans	-	-	-	-	-
Financial accounts	317,615.07	-	-	-	-
Liabilities					
Temporary securities transactions	2,847,164.28	927,625.92	1,697,783.87	1,138,081.89	7,520,575.32
Financial accounts	-	-	-	-	-
Off-balance sheet					
Hedging transactions	-	-	-	-	-
Other transactions	-	-	-	-	-

PROTECTED TREND FUND

Breakdown of assets, liabilities and off-balance sheet items by listing currency

	CAD	USD	GBP
Assets			
Deposits	-	-	-
Equities and equivalent securities	-	-	-
Bonds and equivalent securities	-	-	-
Debt securities	-	-	-
UCI securities	-	-	-
Temporary securities transactions	-	-	-
Other assets: Loans	-	-	-
Other financial instruments	-	-	-
Receivables	-	-	-
Financial accounts	161.57	29.77	0.02
Liabilities			
Disposals of financial instruments	-	-	-
Temporary securities transactions	-	-	-
Debts	-	-	-
Financial accounts	-	-	-
Off-balance sheet			
Hedging transactions	-	-	-
Other transactions	-	-	-

Only the five currencies that are most representative of the net asset component are included in this table.

Allocation of income

A class (Currency: EUR)

Allocation table of distributable amounts relating to income

	Financial year 29/12/23	Financial year 30/12/22
Amounts still to be allocated		
Balance carried forward	-	-
Profit/loss	-57,110.70	-192,418.06
Total	-57,110.70	-192,418.06
Allocation		
Distribution	-	-
Balance carried forward for the financial year	-	-
Accumulation	-57,110.70	-192,418.06
Total	-57,110.70	-192,418.06
Information relating to securities with distribution rights		
Number of securities	-	-
Distribution per unit	-	-
Tax credits and tax benefits attached to the distribution of income		
Overall amount of tax credits and tax benefits:		
originating in the year	-	-
originating in year N-1	-	-
originating in year N-2	-	-
originating in year N-3	-	-
originating in year N-4	-	-

PROTECTED TREND FUND

Allocation table of distributable amounts relating to net capital gains and losses

	Financial year 29/12/23	Financial year 30/12/22
Amounts still to be allocated		
Undistributed previous net capital gains and losses	-	-
Net capital gains and losses for the financial year	2,234,874.22	11,923,368.14
Interim payments on net capital gains and losses for the financial year	-	-
Total	2,234,874.22	11,923,368.14
Allocation		
Distribution	-	-
Undistributed net capital gains and losses	-	-
Accumulation	2,234,874.22	11,923,368.14
Total	2,234,874.22	11,923,368.14
Information relating to securities with distribution rights		
Number of securities	-	-
Distribution per unit	-	-

PROTECTED TREND FUND

Table of results and other characteristic items over the previous five years

A class (Currency: EUR)

	31/12/19	31/12/20	31/12/21	30/12/22	29/12/23
Net asset value (in EUR)					
C units	1,118.28	1,071.91	1,104.60	1,045.39	1,106.42
Net assets (in EUR K)	44,317.61	24,274.53	32,413.59	13,518.04	11,910.63
Number of securities					
C units	39,630	22,646	29,344	12,931	10,765

Payment date	31/12/19	31/12/20	31/12/21	30/12/22	29/12/23
Distribution per unit on net capital gains and losses (including interim dividends) (in EUR)	-	-	-	-	-
Distribution per unit on income (including interim dividends) (in EUR)	-	-	-	-	-
Tax credits per unit (*) individuals (in EUR)	-	-	-	-	-
Accumulation per unit on net capital gains and losses (in EUR)					
C units	-910.66	690.80	-165.01	922.07	207.60
Accumulation per unit on income (in EUR)					
C units	-11.16	-14.59	-11.47	-14.88	-5.30

(*) "The tax credit per unit is calculated on the payment date, in accordance with the French tax instruction dated 04/03/93 (Inst. 4 K-1-93). The theoretical amounts, calculated in accordance with the rules applicable to individuals, are shown here for information purposes. "Instruction 4 J-2-99 of 08/11/99 also specifies that beneficiaries of tax credits other than individuals are solely responsible for calculating the amount of the tax credits to which they are entitled".

PROTECTED TREND FUND

Inventory of financial instruments as at 29 December 2023

Asset items and description of securities	Quantity	Price	Listing currency	Current value	Rounded % of net assets
Bonds and equivalent securities				14,131,231.28	118.64
Traded on a regulated or equivalent market				14,131,231.28	118.64
On guarantee - DEUTSCHLAND REP 0% 19-15/08/2050	7,046,000.00	55.84	EUR	3,934,838.70	33.04
On guarantee - DEUTSCHLAND REP 0% 20-15/05/2035	2,149,000.00	78.89	EUR	1,695,303.12	14.23
On guarantee - DEUTSCHLAND REP 6.25% 94-04/01/2024	1,778,000.00	100.06	EUR	1,778,995.68	14.94
On guarantee - FRANCE O.A.T. 0% 18-25/03/2024	1,077,000.00	99.18	EUR	1,068,168.60	8.97
On guarantee - FRANCE O.A.T. 0% 21-25/02/2027	1,221,000.00	93.21	EUR	1,138,081.89	9.56
On guarantee - FRANCE O.A.T. 1.25% 18-25/05/2034	2,147,000.00	88.05	EUR	1,890,433.50	15.87
On guarantee - FRANCE O.A.T. 2.25% 13-25/05/2024	933,000.00	99.42	EUR	927,625.92	7.79
On guarantee - REP OF AUSTRIA 1.2% 15-20/10/2025	1,739,000.00	97.63	EUR	1,697,783.87	14.25
UCI securities				2,523.91	0.02
General-purpose UCITS and AIFs and their equivalents from other European Union member states intended for non-professional investors				2,523.91	0.02
BNP PARIBAS CASH INVEST	1	2,319.77	EUR	2,319.77	0.02
BNP PARIBAS CASH INVEST	0,088	2,319.77	EUR	204.14	-
Temporary securities transactions				-14,131,231.28	-118.64
Other temporary transactions				-14,131,231.28	-118.64
On guarantee - DEUTSCHLAND REP 0% 19-15/08/2050	-7,046,000.00	55.84	EUR	-3,934,838.70	-33.04
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Forward financial instruments				11,915,359.52	100.04
Equity swaps				11,915,359.52	100.04
EQS15	10,612,656.00	-	EUR	11,915,359.52	100.04
Receivables				-	-
Debts				-324,873.42	-2.73
Deposits				-	-
Other financial accounts				317,615.07	2.67
TOTAL NET ASSETS			EUR	11,910,625.08	100.00

I. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR INVESTORS IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

Facilities in the Federal Republic of Germany according to section 306a (1) of the Investment Code

The prospectus, the key investor information documents, the management regulations and the annual and semi-annual reports may be obtained, free of charge, in hardcopy form at BNP Paribas S.A., Zweigniederlassung Frankfurt am Main, Senckenberganlage 19, 60325 Frankfurt, during normal opening hours.

Applications for the redemptions and conversion of shares may be sent to BNP Paribas S.A Paris, 9, rue du Débarcadère, 93500 Pantin. All payments to investors, including redemption proceeds and potential distributions may, upon request, be paid through BNP Paribas S.A Paris, 9, rue du Débarcadère, 93500 Pantin. The issue, redemption and conversion prices, the net asset value as well as any notices to investors are also available from BNP Paribas S.A Paris, 9, rue du Débarcadère, 93500 Pantin.

Information and access to procedures and arrangements referred to in Article 15 of Directive 2009/65/EC relating to investors' exercise of their rights can be obtained from BNP Paribas Asset Management Europe, 1, boulevard Haussmann, 75009 Paris, France (AMFR.CLIENTSERVICE@bnpparibas.com phone number: +33 1 58 97 00 00).

In addition, the issue and redemption prices are published on www.bnpparibas-am.de.

No units of EU UCITS will be issued as printed individual certificates.

Any notices to the investors in the Federal Republic of Germany are published in the Federal Gazette (www.bundesanzeiger.de).

In addition, communications to investors in the Federal Republic of Germany will be made available by means of a durable medium (section 167 of the Investment Code) in the following cases:

- suspension of the redemption of the units,
- termination of the management of the fund or its liquidation,
- any amendments to the company rules which are inconstant with the previous investment principles, which affect material investor rights or which relate to remuneration and reimbursement of expenses that may be paid or made out of the asset pool,
- merger of the fund with one or more other funds and
- the change of the fund into a feeder fund or the modification of a master fund.