



ausbil

CERTIFIED BY RIAA

# Candriam Sustainable Global Equity Fund

Fact sheet

September 2024

Ausbil Investment Management Limited ABN 26 076 316 473 AFSL 229722 Level 27 225 George Street Sydney NSW 2000 GPO Box 2525 Sydney NSW 2001 Phone 61 2 9259 0200

'The Fund provides exposure to an actively managed portfolio predominantly made up of best listed global sustainable equities as selected by Candriam in accordance with its investment process'

#### **Investment Objective**

To achieve returns (before fees and taxes) in excess of the benchmark over the medium to long term. There is no guarantee that this objective will be achieved.

#### Key features of the strategy

- The Fund provides exposure to an actively managed portfolio predominantly made up of best listed global sustainable equities as selected by Candriam in accordance with its investment process.
- Candriam's investment rationale combines company level research with top down sectoral analysis to select stocks showing the best Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) characteristics according to Candriam's ESG framework.

### **Controversial Activity Exclusions**

Candriam has been appointed by Ausbil Investment Management Limited (ABN 26 076 316 473 AFSL 229722) to manage the investments of the Candriam Sustainable Global Equity Fund (ARSN 111 733 898) (Fund). As part of the comprehensive in-house SRI analysis, Candriam's controversial activity screening process aims to assess a company's involvement in controversial activities in order to determine the eligibility for inclusion of a company in the Fund. This Policy covers Candriam's approach towards the armaments industry, adult content media, alcohol, gambling, genetic modifications, nuclear power, animal testing, activities exercised in oppressive regimes, tobacco, thermal coal, electricity generation and conventional & unconventional oil & gas extraction. Our Controversial Activity Exclusion Policy document sets out each controversial activity's exclusion threshold/approach, ie the level at which a company is excluded from the Fund's investible universe and therefore the Fund cannot invest in that company.

### Key benefits of the strategy

- Exposure to the best global sustainable companies: access to international listed companies that individual investors may not be able to invest in directly on their own.
- Diversification: the potential to diversify an investment portfolio.
- Experienced team: access to a highly experienced investment management team who specialise in global ESG portfolios.
- Disciplined risk management: access to Candriam's disciplined risk management process that manages risk relative to anticipated investment returns.
- Expertise: access to investment expertise and knowledge of Candriam's investment management and ESG professionals, who combine their indepth fundamental analysis and using the output of proprietary quantitative models, apply their strongest investment convictions with regard to portfolio construction.

### Performance

#### Returns<sup>1</sup> as at 30 September 2024

Period	Fund Return % Net	Bench- mark <sup>2</sup> %	Out/Under performance % Net
3 months	2.81	2.39	0.41
6 months	3.32	2.69	0.64
1 year	23.44	23.20	0.24
2 years pa	21.04	22.34	-1.30
3 years pa	9.17	10.56	-1.39
5 years pa	12.48	12.41	0.08
7 years pa	12.62	13.08	-0.47
10 years pa	11.62	12.66	-1.04
15 years pa	11.45	12.12	-0.68
20 years pa	7.96	8.82	-0.86
Since inception pa Date: December 2002	7.33	8.08	-0.74

# **Product features**

Characteristic	Comments
APIR	AAP0001AU
Benchmark	MSCI World Index (Net Dividends Reinvested) \$A – unhedged
Minimum Investment <sup>3</sup>	\$20,000
Pricing Frequency	Each business day
Distribution Timetable	Annual; end June
Number of Stock Holdings	179
Management Fee	0.55% pa

### **About Candriam**

Candriam stands for "Conviction AND Responsibility In Asset Management" and is a global multi-specialist asset manager. A pioneer and leader in sustainable investments since 1996, Candriam manages around EUR 145 billion of assets under management<sup>4</sup> with a team of more than 600 professionals. It operates management offices in Luxembourg, Brussels, Paris, and London, and has client representatives in more than 20 countries throughout continental Europe, the United Kingdom, the United States, and the Middle East. Candriam offers investment solutions<sup>5</sup> in several key areas: bonds, equities, absolute performance strategies, and asset allocation, with a broad and innovative range of ESG strategies covering all its asset classes. Candriam is a New York Life Investments Company<sup>6</sup>. New York Life Investments ranks among the world's largest asset managers<sup>7</sup>. For more information see: www.candriam.com



# **Research Ratings**

Research House	Rating
Lonsec	Recommended
SQM Research	Superior
Zenith	Approved
1 Fund returns are not of for	as but before taxes

Fund returns are net of fees but before taxes

Ausbil has the discretion to waive these minimums.

4. As of 31/12/2023, Candriam changed the Assets Under Management (AUM) calculation methodology, and AUM now includes certain assets, such as nondiscretionary AUM, external fund selection, overlay services, including ESG screening services, advisory consulting services, white labelling services, and model portfolio delivery services that do not qualify as Regulatory Assets Under Management, as defined in the SEC's Form ADV. AUM is reported in EUR.

- 5. Not all products and services are available to all investors or in all regions.
- 6. New York Life Investments is a service mark used by New York Life Investment Management Holdings LLC and its subsidiary New York Life Investment Management LLC. Both are wholly-owned indirect subsidiaries of New York Life Insurance Company.
- Source: New York Life Investments ranked 25th among the world's largest money managers within Pensions & Investments, June 2023. Rankings are based on total worldwide institutional assets under management for the year-end 2022. New York Life Investments assets include assets of affiliated investment advisors.

**Platform Availability** 

- Asgard
- BT Panorama
- Dash
- Hub24
- Insignia Expand
- Macquarie Wrap
- North
- Netwealth
- Praemium
- Wholesale Direct

- 2. MSCI World (net dividends reinvested).

Toll Free 1800 287 245 This material is issued by Ausbil Investment Management Limited (Ausbil) ABN 26 076 316 473, AFSL 229722 as at September 2024 and is subject to change.

Ausbil Investment Management Limited

225 George Street Sydney NSW 2000

Level 27

Australia

The material is not intended to provide you with financial product advice. It does not take into consideration the investment objectives, financial situation or needs of any person. For this reason, you should, before acting on this material, obtain professional advice from a licensed financial adviser and read the relevant Product Disclosure Statement which is available at www.ausbil.com.au and the target market determination which is available at www.ausbil.com.au/invest-withus/designand-distribution-obligations. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Any reference to past performance is for illustrative purposes only and should not be relied upon on. Ausbil, its officers, directors and affiliates do not guarantee the performance of, a particular rate of return for, the repayment of capital of, the payment of distribution or income of, or any particular taxation consequences for investing with or in any Ausbil product or strategy. The performance of any strategy or product depends on the performance of the underlying investment which may rise or fall and can result in both capital gains and loss. Any references to particular securities or sectors are for illustrative purposes only. It is not a recommendation in relation to any named securities or sectors are sectors are for illustrative purposes only. It is not a recommendation in relation to any named securities or sectors are to recommendate on the performance of the underlying investment which may rise or fall and can result in both capital gains and loss. Any references to particular securities or sectors are for illustrative purposes only. It is not a recommendation in relation to any named securities or sectors. The material may contain forward looking statements which are not based solely on historical facts but are based on our view or expectations about future events and results. Where we use words such as but are not limited to 'anticipate', 'expect', 'project', 'estimate', 'likely', 'intend', 'could', 'target', 'plan', 'believe', 'think', 'might' we are making a forecast or denote a forward-looking statement. These statements are held at the date of the material and are subject to change. Forecast results may differ materially from results or returns ultimately achieved. The views expressed are the personal opinion of the author, subject to change (without notice) and do not necessarily reflect the views of Ausbil. This information should not be relied upon as a recommendation or investment advice and is not intended to predict the performance of any investment or market. The actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied in the material. Ausbil gives no representation or warranty (express or implied) as to the completeness or reliability of any forward looking statements. Such forward looking statements should not be considered as advice or a recommendation and has such should not be relied upon. To the extent permitted by law, no liability is accepted by Ausbil, its officers be considered as advice or a recommendation and has such should not be relied upon. To the extent permitted by law, no liability is accepted by Ausbil, its officers or directors or any affiliates of Ausbil for any loss or damage as a result of any reliance on this information. While efforts have been made to ensure the information is correct, no warranty of accuracy or reliability is given, and no responsibility is accepted for errors or omissions. Any opinions expressed are those of Ausbil as of the date noted on the material and are subject to change without notice. The Certification Symbol signifies that a product or service offers an investment style that takes into account environmental, social, governance or ethical considerations. The Symbol also signifies that Ausbil Investment Management Limited adheres to the strict operational and disclosure practices and its staff undertake continuing professional development on responsible investment required under the Responsible Investment Certification Program for the category of Investment Association Australasia (RIAA). Detailed information about RIAA, the Symbol and Candriam's methodology can be found at **www.responsiblereturns. com.au**, together with details about other responsible investment products certified by RIAA. The Responsible Investment Certification Program does not constitute financial product advice. Neither the Certification Symbol nor RIAA recommends to any person that any financial product is a suitable investment or that returns are guaranteed. Appropriate professional advice should be sought prior to making an investment decision. RIAA does mot hold an Australian Financial Services Licence.

The Lonsec Ratings (assigned as follows: AAP0001AU - May 2024) presented in this document are published by Lonsec Research Pty Ltd ABN 11 151 658 561 AFSL 421445. The Ratings are limited to "General Advice" (as defined in the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)) and based solely on consideration of the investment merits of the financial products. Past performance information is for illustrative purposes only and is not indicative of future performance. They are not a recommendation to purchase, sell or hold Ausbil Investment Management Limited products, and you should seek independent financial advice before investing in these products. The Ratings are subject to change without notice and Lonsec assumes no obligation to update the relevant documents following publication. Lonsec receives a fee from the Fund Manager for researching the products using comprehensive and objective criteria. For further information regarding Lonsec's Ratings methodology, please refer to our website at www

The rating contained in this document is issued by SQM Research Pty Ltd ABN 93 122 592 036. SQM Research is an investment research firm that undertakes research on investment products exclusively for its wholesale clients, utilising a proprietary review and star rating system. The SQM Research star rating system is of a general nature and does not take into account the particular circumstances or needs of any specific person. The rating may be subject to change at any time. Only licensed financial advisers may use the SQM Research star rating system in determining whether an investment is appropriate to a person's particular circumstances or needs. You should read the product disclosure statement and consult a licensed financial adviser before making an investment decision in relation to this investment product. SQM Research receives a fee from the Fund Manager for the research and rating of the managed investment scheme.

The Zenith Investment Partners ("Zenith") Australian Financial Services License No. 226872 rating (assigned November 2023) referred to in this document is limited to "General Advice" (s766B Corporations Act 2001) for Wholesale clients only. This advice has been prepared without taking into account the objectives, financial situation or needs of any individual and is subject to change at any time without prior notice. It is not a specific recommendation to purchase, sell or hold the relevant product(s). Investors should seek independent financial advice before making an investment decision and should consider the appropriateness of this advice in light of their own objectives, financial situation and needs. Investors should obtain a copy of, and consider the PDS or offer document before making any decision and refer to the full Zenith Product Assessment available on the Zenith website. Past performance is not an indication of future performance. Zenith usually charges the product issuer, fund manager or related party to conduct Product Assessments. Full details regarding Zenith's methodology, ratings definitions and regulatory compliance are available on our Product Assessments at <u>www.zenithpartners.com.au/</u>



Contactus@ ausbil.com.au