

The «Clartan Ethos ESG Europe Small & Mid Cap» fund, launched in September 2020, has been awarded the «Investissement Socialement Responsable» label ('Label ISR'). This label was created by the French Ministry of Economy and Finance and is awarded by an accredited audit body. This certification rewards three years of fruitful collaboration between Clartan Associés and Ethos.



The European equity fund «Clartan Ethos ESG Europe Small & Mid Cap» was recently awarded the 'Label ISR'. This label was created 7 years ago by the French government to distinguish funds that apply a robust socially responsible investment (SRI) methodology, leading to concrete and measurable results. The 'Label ISR' is awarded for a renewable period of three years. During the three-year period, interim checks are scheduled to ensure that the fund complies with the label's requirements.

The main aim of the label supported by the public authorities is to distinguish investment funds invested in issuers whose strategy and management practices meet the challenges of sustainable development. The fund must therefore be able to demonstrate its real impact on the effective transformation of the strategy, governance, practices and behaviour of issuers in the economic, environmental, social and human rights fields, known by the acronym ESG (Environment, Social, Governance). Management companies must be able to prove the rigour of their ESG analysis methods, assess the environmental benefits of their investments, adopt an engagement policy and virtuous dialogue with issuers, and submit to regular audits.

Vincent Kaufmann, Director of the Ethos Foundation: «Obtaining the 'Label ISR' is recognition of the successful collaboration between Ethos and Clartan. It attests to the implementation of strict ESG criteria in the selection and management of the fund's assets and demonstrates our determination to integrate ESG considerations into our investment decisions in order to generate a positive long-term impact while generating solid financial returns».

Guillaume Brisset, Managing Director and Partner of Clartan Associés: «The 'Label ISR' also highlights the transparency and traceability of Ethos' and Clartan's ESG approaches. The certifier has assessed our investment process, our engagement policy and our overall positive impact in the context of today's environmental and social challenges».

The Clartan Ethos ESG Europe Small & Mid Cap fund invests in European small and mid caps that firmly tackle their ESG challenges. The fund is aimed at institutional and private investors wishing to exploit the strong performance potential of these companies while investing in a sustainable and responsible manner.

In this interaction, Ethos assesses the sustainability of all securities in the portfolio. In addition to the traditional ESG analysis, Ethos also measures the percentage of activities of the companies analysed within the ten areas of activity that are considered to have a positive impact on the environment or civil society according to the methodology developed by Ethos. The carbon footprint and climate strategy are also taken into account. At the same time, Clartan applies a highly disciplined financial analysis ('Quality & Value'), which makes it possible to select securities that create value over the long term and to make the final composition of the portfolio.

The description of the investment policy and the RTS appendix have been clarified in the prospectus with a view to obtaining this label. The sub-fund's policy, strategy, risk profile and portfolio composition have not changed as a result of obtaining the label.

