

# KEY INFORMATION DOCUMENT

## Purpose

This document provides you with key information about this investment product. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature, risks, costs, potential gains and losses of this product and to help you compare it with other products.

## PRODUCT

### Credit Alpha, I - Capitalisation, a sub-fund of Candriam Bonds, SICAV

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| <b>Manufacturer:</b>        | Candriam, a New York Life Investments group entity.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>ISIN:</b>                | LU2098772523                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Website:</b>             | www.candriam.com                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Contact:</b>             | Call +352 27 97 24 25 for more information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Competent Authority:</b> | The Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (CSSF) is in charge of the control of Candriam with regard to this key information document. .<br>This product is authorised in Luxembourg.<br>Candriam is approved in Luxembourg and regulated by the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (CSSF). |

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## WHAT IS THIS PRODUCT?

**Type:** This product is a share class (I) of a sub-fund (Credit Alpha) of an investment company with variable capital (SICAV) under Luxembourg law (Candriam Bonds), Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities (UCITS).

**Term:** Open-ended.

### Objectives:

#### Principal assets traded:

- Bonds and other equivalent securities (including corporate subordinated debts for a maximum of 40% of net assets) having a rating of at least CCC/Caa2 from one of the leading rating agencies at the time of acquisition or that are of a quality considered to be comparable by the Management Company and that are issued by issuers based in the developed countries.
- Credit derivatives (Credit Default Swaps and Total Return Swaps) the underlying assets of which have a rating of at least CCC/Caa2 from one of the leading rating agencies at the time of acquisition or that are of a quality considered to be comparable by the Management Company. The underlyings of total return swaps may be either bonds or equivalent securities, or financial indices.

#### Investment strategy:

The fund seeks to achieve capital growth by investing in the principal assets traded and to outperform the benchmark.

The management team makes discretionary investment choices based on economic/financial analyses.

In order to achieve its management objective, the fund has two investment strategies: - a "Fundamental Long/Short" strategy which consists in buying financial instruments having growth potential (going "long") and selling those the management team feels are going to decline (going "short"), using derivative financial instruments.- a "Quantitative Long/Short" strategy consists in building arbitrage positions on a given issuer or sector to take advantage of any market inefficiencies. The total duration of the portfolio may vary between -5 years and +5 years.

The Fund promotes, among other characteristics, environmental and/or social characteristics but does not have sustainable investment as its objective. Environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria contribute to the asset manager's decision-making but are not a decisive factor in this decision-making. For more information, please see the Management Company's website and/or the Prospectus.

The fund may make use of derivative products for both investment and hedging purposes (to protect against future unfavourable financial events).

**Benchmark:** €STR (Euro Short Term Rate) Capitalized.

The fund is managed actively and the investment approach implies a reference to a benchmark (the index).

Benchmark definition:

The €STR is the short term rate in euros that reflects unsecured overnight borrowing costs in euros for banks in the euro zone.

Use of the benchmark:

- for performance comparison purposes,
- to calculate the performance fee for some share classes.

**Repayment of shares:** On demand, every day, at Luxembourg.

**Allocation of income:** Reinvestment.

### Intended retail investor:

This product is for investors who meet the conditions for accessing the product in question (see prospectus) with the level of investment knowledge required by the distributor who are looking for Capital Growth. This product can be used as a core holding or a component of a diversified portfolio for investments with an investment horizon of 5 years. Investors should understand the product risks and only invest if they can bear potentially substantial losses.

### General information:

**Depository bank:** CACEIS Bank, Luxembourg Branch.

### Other information:

This document provides a description of a share class of a sub-fund of Candriam Bonds. The prospectus and periodical reports are established for all the sub-funds. There are other share classes and these are listed in the prospectus.

Investors may apply for the conversion of their shares into shares of another class of the same sub-fund or into shares of a class of another sub-fund of the fund, based on the eligibility criteria and following the procedures available through their financial intermediary.

The sub-fund is only liable for the debts, liabilities and obligations that can be charged to it.

Additional information about the fund can be found in the prospectus and the periodical reports, which may be obtained free of charge on request from Candriam or viewed at any time on the website [www.candriam.com](http://www.candriam.com). These documents are available in one of the languages approved by the local authority of each country where the fund is authorised to market its shares or in a common language in the international finance sphere. All other practical information, in particular the latest share price, is available from the places shown above.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS AND WHAT COULD I GET IN RETURN?



The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 5 years. The actual risk can vary significantly if you cash in at an early stage and you may get back less.

### Risk Indicator

The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you.

We have classified this product as class 4 out of 7, which is a medium risk class.

This rates the potential losses from future performance at a medium level, and poor market conditions could impact the capacity to pay you.

**Other risk(s) materially relevant not included in the summary risk indicator:** Arbitrage. Credit. Counterparty. Derivatives. Liquidity. Sustainability.

This product does not include any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment.

### Performance scenarios

The figures shown include all the costs of the product itself, but may not include all the costs that you pay to your adviser or distributor. The figures do not take into account your personal tax situation, which may also affect how much you get back.

What you will get from this product depends on future market performance. Market developments in the future are uncertain and cannot be accurately predicted.

The unfavourable, moderate, and favourable scenarios shown are illustrations using the worst, average, and best performance of the product and/or a suitable benchmark over the last 10 years. Markets could develop very differently in the future.

The stress scenario shows what you might get back in extreme market circumstances.

Unfavourable: This type of scenario occurred for an investment between 04/2015 and 03/2020.

Moderate: This type of scenario occurred for an investment between 08/2017 and 07/2022.

Favourable: This type of scenario occurred for an investment between 12/2019 and 11/2024.

| Recommended holding period:<br>Example Investment: |                                                                                              | 5 years<br>10 000 EUR    |                           |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
|                                                    |                                                                                              | If you exit after 1 year | If you exit after 5 years |
| <b>Scenarios</b>                                   |                                                                                              |                          |                           |
| <b>Minimum</b>                                     | <b>There is no minimum guaranteed return. You could lose some or all of your investment.</b> |                          |                           |
| <b>Stress</b>                                      | <b>What you might get back after costs</b>                                                   | <b>8 320 EUR</b>         | <b>8 770 EUR</b>          |
|                                                    | Average return each year                                                                     | - 16.85%                 | - 2.58%                   |
| <b>Unfavourable</b>                                | <b>What you might get back after costs</b>                                                   | <b>9 740 EUR</b>         | <b>9 750 EUR</b>          |
|                                                    | Average return each year                                                                     | - 2.65%                  | - 0.50%                   |
| <b>Moderate</b>                                    | <b>What you might get back after costs</b>                                                   | <b>10 150 EUR</b>        | <b>10 720 EUR</b>         |
|                                                    | Average return each year                                                                     | 1.53%                    | 1.39%                     |
| <b>Favourable</b>                                  | <b>What you might get back after costs</b>                                                   | <b>10 810 EUR</b>        | <b>12 360 EUR</b>         |
|                                                    | Average return each year                                                                     | 8.07%                    | 4.34%                     |

## WHAT HAPPENS IF CANDRIAM IS UNABLE TO PAY OUT?

As the Funds' assets are held with the depositary, they are not part of the assets of Candriam in case of bankruptcy and cannot be seized by the creditors of Candriam. Nevertheless, investors run the risk to suffer a financial loss in case of the default of Candriam.

In case of default of the depositary, the risk of a financial loss is mitigated to some extent as the Fund's assets are legally segregated from the assets of the depositary.

The potential financial loss associated with the default of Candriam is not covered by an investor compensation or guarantee scheme.

## WHAT ARE THE COSTS?

The person advising on or selling you this product may charge you other costs. If so, this person will provide you with information about these costs and how they affect your investment.

### Costs over Time

The tables show the amounts that are taken from your investment to cover different types of costs. These amounts depend on how much you invest, how long you hold the product and how well the product does. The amounts shown here are illustrations based on an example investment amount and different possible investment periods.

We have assumed:

- In the first year you would get back the amount that you invested (0% annual return). For the other holding periods we have assumed the product performs as shown in the moderate scenario.

- EUR 10 000 is invested.

|                        | If you exit after 1 year | If you exit after 5 years |
|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Total costs</b>     | <b>272 EUR</b>           | <b>1 538 EUR</b>          |
| Annual cost impact (*) | 2.7%                     | 2.8% each year            |

\* This illustrates how costs reduce your return each year over the holding period. For example it shows that if you exit at the recommended holding period your average return per year is projected to be 4.2% before costs and 1.4% after costs.

We may share part of the costs with the person selling you the product to cover the services they provide to you. They will inform you of the amount.

If the fund is part of another product, such as an insurance product, the costs shown here do not include any additional costs you may incur.

## Composition of Costs

| One-off costs upon entry or exit                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | If you exit after 1 year |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Entry costs                                                 | We do not charge any entry fee.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 0 EUR                    |
| Exit costs                                                  | We do not charge an exit fee for this product, but the person selling you the product may do so.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 0 EUR                    |
| Ongoing costs taken each year                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                          |
| Management fees and other administrative or operating costs | 0.69% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate based on actual costs over the last year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 69 EUR                   |
| Transaction costs                                           | 1.16% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate of the costs incurred when we buy and sell the underlying investments for the product. The actual amount will vary depending on how much we buy and sell.                                                                                                                                                                                              | 119 EUR                  |
| Incidental costs taken under specific conditions            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                          |
| Performance fees                                            | 0.82% - 20% per annum calculated using the Permanent High Water Mark Methodology based on the outperformance of the NAV relative to the benchmark, namely €STR (Euro Short Term Rate) Capitalized (Floor 0), and the conditions of which are set out in prospectus. The actual amount varies according to the performance of your investment. The above estimation of total costs is the average over the past five years. | 83 EUR                   |

## HOW LONG SHOULD I HOLD IT AND CAN I TAKE MONEY OUT EARLY?

**Recommended holding period:** 5 years

The choice of recommended holding period depends on the types of the underlying investments and on the associated degree of risk, which may be higher or lower. For example “equity” type products (higher risk) generally have a recommended holding period of six years (long term), and “bonds or money market” type products (lower risk) have a shorter recommended holding period (generally between two and four years for bond products or less than one year for money market products - medium term/short term). “Mixed” type products generally have a recommended holding period of between three and five years depending on the weighting of the types of underlyings. “Alternative” type products generally have a recommended holding period of three years.

Investors may request redemption of their units at any time under the conditions set out in “What will this investment cost me? “. The shorter the holding period in relation to the recommended period, the greater the potential impact of any charges on the performance profile.

## HOW CAN I COMPLAIN?

Complaints about this product or about the conduct of the product manufacturer or the person advising on, or selling, the product:

Postal address: Candriam, SERENITY – Bloc B, 19-21, route d'Arlon – L-8009 Strassen  
 Website: <https://contact.candriam.com>  
 E-mail: [complaints@candriam.com](mailto:complaints@candriam.com)

## OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

Alongside with this document, please read the prospectus on the website [www.candriam.com](http://www.candriam.com).

The past performance of this product for 3 years can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.candriam.com/documents/redirect/Candriam/KPP/fr/LU2098772523>. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Markets could develop very differently in the future. However, it can help you to assess how the fund has been managed in the past.

Past performance scenario calculations are available via the following link: <https://www.candriam.com/documents/redirect/Candriam/KMS/fr/LU2098772523>.

Details of the up-to-date remuneration policy, including the composition of the remuneration committee and an overview of how remuneration and benefits are determined, are available on the website [https://www.candriam.com/siteassets/legal-and-disclaimer/external\\_disclosure\\_remuneration\\_policy.pdf](https://www.candriam.com/siteassets/legal-and-disclaimer/external_disclosure_remuneration_policy.pdf).

Upon request, a paper copy of the remuneration policy can be obtained from the Management Company free of charge.