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## **LBPAM SRI Obli February 2029 : a new bond maturity fund, supported by a more opportune market cycle**

**La Banque Postale Asset Management (LBP AM) and Louvre Banque Privée announce the launch of LBPAM SRI Obli February 2029.**

**This new bond fund with a maturity mainly invested in High Yield securities (high yield or speculative\*), is designed and managed by LBP AM and distributed by Louvre Banque Privée.**

*LBPAM ISR Obli Février 2029* will be offered to Louvre Banque Privée customers within the life insurance policies and capitalisation policies of partner insurers. The marketing period runs until 15 July 2023. LBPAM ISR Obli Février 2029 is one of the few bond maturity investment solutions to have been awarded the SRI Label. The fund meets the reporting requirements of article 8 of the SFDR regulation and stands out for its measured risk profile (SRI 2), as well as an unprecedented level of sustainability for this asset class (minimum 25%).

### **Positive momentum**

The launch of this offer comes at a time considered favourable for investors, given the context of the bond markets. In particular, the steady rise in interest rates over the last few quarters has allowed spreads\*\* to widen, paving the way for attractive entry points.

*"The interest rate normalisation cycle has enabled the asset class to regain its appeal, after almost fifteen years of remarkably low rates. In the interests of investors, we wanted to roll out this solution at the right time, i.e. not too early, to allow the volatility seen at the start of the interest rate recovery to fade."* says Vincent Cornet, Head of Asset Management at LBP AM.

*"This new offering enables our customers to diversify their investments towards an asset that combines a search for security with a strong demand for sustainability, within a tax-advantaged framework. This collaboration with LBP AM is part of a meaningful approach and a sharing of positive and socially responsible values,"* adds Aurélie Tristant, Member of the Executive Board at Louvre Banque Privée.

### **LBP AM's distinctive SRI approach**

In detail, the fund is invested in bonds and other international debt securities (private and public), mainly European and of mixed Investment Grade and High Yield\* category. Its strategy is based on fundamental, discretionary management, conviction and selectivity of securities. The result is a relatively



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concentrated portfolio of around sixty positions. The fund's bond-picking\*\* gives pride of place to European leaders whose credit quality is generally in the highest-rated High Yield segment.

The fund also features a longer maturity, close to 5.5 years, than most dated bond funds in the market, helping to optimise sources of long-term yield. The aim is to seek return opportunities in line with recommended investment conditions\*\*\*, while implementing LBP AM's characteristic SRI approach.

This approach is based on extra-financial analysis criteria, making it possible to identify issuers whose sustainable development practices are judged to be among the best (according to LBP AM's assessment). To do this, LBP AM uses its proprietary evaluation method developed by its teams ("GREaT"), focusing on responsible governance, sustainable resource management, energy transition and regional development.

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\*High Yield: high-yield or speculative-grade bonds. The High Yield category includes securities with a credit rating of "C" to "BB+", according to the main rating agencies. Investment-Grade: bonds perceived as being of higher quality, with a credit rating of 'BBB-' to 'AAA' according to the main rating agencies.

\*\*Spread: measure of the difference between an interest rate and a benchmark rate, generally expressed in basis points. Bond-picking: selectivity of bond securities.

\*\*\*Recommended investment horizon: from subscription during the "Marketing Period" to maturity on 28 February 2029 (the "Maturity Date"). No capital guarantee.

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Disclaimer:

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. They are not constant over time. The Fund's performance is subject to market fluctuations. UCIs may present a risk of capital loss.

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Please refer to the LBPAM ISR Obli February 2029 prospectus and key information document before making any final investment decision.

Investing in this FCP may entail risks, including :

Interest rate risk: This is the risk that interest rate instruments will fall as a result of changes in interest rates. It is measured by sensitivity. In periods of rising interest rates, the net asset value of the mutual fund may fall significantly.

Credit risk: in the event of default or deterioration in the quality of issuers, for example a downgrading by financial rating agencies, the value of the bonds in which the FCP is invested will fall; this could lead to a fall in the net asset value.

Risk associated with holding securities with a low or non-existent rating: the FCP reserves the right to hold securities with a low or non-existent rating.

In this way, the use of "high yield securities" (securities with a higher risk of default and higher volatility) may lead to a significant fall in net asset value.

Liquidity risk: as the FCP invests mainly in high yield securities, trading volumes may be reduced from time to time under certain market conditions. This may widen trading bands.

Risk associated with commitments on forward financial instruments: the strategies implemented via forward financial instruments are based on the expectations of the management team. If market trends do not turn out to be in line with the strategies implemented, the net asset value of the fund could fall.

Discretionary management risk: the discretionary management style applied to the fund is based on the selection of debt securities and bonds. There is a risk that the fund may not be invested in the best performing securities at all times. The performance of the fund may therefore fall short of the management objective. The net asset value of the fund may also have a negative performance.

Risk of capital loss: the FCP does not benefit from any guarantees or protection, so the capital initially invested may not be returned in full.



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Risk of downgrading of ESG rating: a portfolio security may have to be sold because the issuer does not meet the management company's requirements in terms of Socially Responsible Investment. In the event of less favourable market conditions, the security or securities selected as a substitute could generate a lower return and therefore have a negative impact on the overall return of the portfolio.

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About La Banque Postale Asset Management ([www.labanquepostale-am.fr](http://www.labanquepostale-am.fr))

La Banque Postale Asset Management is 75% owned by La Banque Postale and 25% by Aegon Asset Management. LBP AM is a leader in multi-specialist conviction-based SRI management and offers four investment areas: equities through its subsidiary Tocqueville Finance, real & private assets, multi-asset & absolute performance and quantitative solutions. For its institutional investor customers, insurers, mutual insurers, large corporates and external distributors, it offers a range of open-ended funds, dedicated funds and mandates. At 31 December 2022, LBP AM and its subsidiary Tocqueville Finance had consolidated assets under management and distribution of €56 billion.

About Louvre Banque Privée ([www.louvrebanqueprivée.fr](http://www.louvrebanqueprivée.fr))

Louvre Banque Privée, a subsidiary of La Banque Postale, offers a comprehensive range of products and services for families, company directors and senior executives. Louvre Banque Privée is unique in its model of private banking rooted in the regions, with a presence in 90 towns and cities in mainland France and French overseas departments and territories. Louvre Banque Privée offers its clients a range of areas of expertise: wealth engineering, asset management, 100% ESG discretionary management, asset financing solutions, and direct property investment through its subsidiary Louvre Banque Privée Immobilier Conseil.

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