Equities

Candriam selects companies that have clear and sustainable competitive advantages.

Strong convictions, strong results

The high rankings of our equity strategies are not a coincidence; our processes are predicated on in-house research and a high-conviction approach. This applies to our fundamental stock selection, as well as to the factors underpinning our quantitative and alternative models. We have built unique and disciplined investment processes, from stock selection to portfolio construction, detecting companies that outclass peers thanks to their clear and sustainable competitive advantages.

Disciplined stock-picking

In order to detect those winners of tomorrow, we employ a bottom-up stock-picking process designed to unearth companies that have strong fundamentals. This process screens for five main investment criteria: quality of management, business growth, competitive advantage, value creation and financial leverage adequacy.

€1.1bn Net New Cash for Candriam's biotech fund in 2018 **€22bn** AUM in Equity

Today, ESG factors are fully integrated into our fundamental equity analysis as we are convinced about their market value. Approximately one third of Candriam's assets under management are 'pure ESG' funds.

Stable and experienced teams

Our team of 46 specialists approaches the market company by company, searching for stocks that offer clear, tangible added value. Our analysts have covered the relevant sector for at least 10 years on average. Each understands a company's financial profile and the relevant market drivers. They have the skills and the tools to create proprietary financial models in order to estimate a company's intrinsic value.

Innovative strategies

In a fast-evolving world, structural trends offer attractive new investment opportunities. At Candriam, we identify trends with a lasting impact, such as the ageing of the global population, the expanding middle class in emerging markets, disruptive technologies, innovations, medical discoveries or environmental protection. For more than two decades, we have developed innovative strategies that capitalise on these trends, using in-depth scientific and industry knowledge.