## Bellevue Entrepreneur Swiss Small & Mid<sup>(LUX)</sup>

#### **MARCH 2024**

# Factsheet

#### Bellevue Funds (Lux) | Share class B EUR

Investment Company with Variable Capital (SICAV) according to Luxembourg Laws – UCITS Marketing document - For retail/non-qualfied investors: AT, CH, DE, ES, LU, and professional investors: HK

#### Investment focus

The fund's aim is to achieve capital growth in the long term and actively invests in listed ownermanaged companies in Switzerland where an entrepreneur or a founder family holds at least a 20% of a company's voting rights. The qualities of these companies - a focused business model, fast decision-making processes and a strong corporate culture - go hand in hand with efficient innovation, high product quality and strong customer loyalty. The corresponding impact on the share price is demonstrably positive. The fund's Management Team offers a wealth of experience in this investment segment and has built up an extensive network with executives throughout the sector. It pursues a fundamental, bottom-up approach in identifying the most attractive founder-controlled companies with a small and mid market capitalization while maintaining an investment portfolio of 35 to 45 stocks diversified by sub-sector and style (Value, GARP, Growth). The fund takes ESG factors into consideration while implementing the aforementioned investment objectives.

#### **Fund facts**

NAV	193.64
Volume	EUR 66.4 mn
NAV-calculation	Daily "Forward Pricing"
Cut off time	15:00 CET
Distribution policy	Accumulating
Investment manager	Bellevue Asset Management AG
Custodian	CACEIS Investor Services Bank, Luxembourg
Launch date	30.11.2016
Fiscal year end	30.06
Benchmark	SPI Extra TR*
ISIN code	LU1477743899
Valor	33638251
Bloomberg	BVBESBE LX
WKN	A2ASDH
Management fee	1.60%
Performance fee	none
Subscription fee	up to 5%
Min. investment	n.a.
Legal entity	Luxembourg UCITS V SICAV
Countries of distribut	ion AT, CH, DE, ES, HK, LU
EU SFDR 2019/2088	Article 8

#### **Key figures**

Beta	1.00
Correlation	0.95
Volatility	16.4%
Tracking Error	5.14
Active Share	45.25
Sharpe Ratio	-0.21
Information Ratio	-0.55
Jensen's Alpha	-2.81

#### Indexed performance since launch



#### Cumulative & annualised performance

#### Cumulative

#### Annualised

	1M	YTD	1Y	ЗY	5Y	10Y	ITD	1Y	ЗY	5Y	10Y	ITD
B EUR	2.1%	-0.7%	-0.6%	-0.8%	54.3%	n.a.	54.9%	-0.6%	-0.3%	9.0%	n.a.	6.1%
BM	1.8%	-0.2%	3.4%	8.1%	48.3%	n.a.	68.2%	3.4%	2.6%	8.2%	n.a.	7.3%

#### **Annual performance**

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD
B EUR	30.5%	19.5%	30.4%	-25.7%	11.7%	-0.7%
BM	35.4%	8.1%	28.2%	-20.4%	13.3%	-0.2%

#### **Rolling 12-month-performance**



Source: Bellevue Asset Management, 31.03.2024; all figures in EUR %, total return / BVI-methodology

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results and can be misleading. As the fund is denominated in a currency that may differ than an investor's base currency, changes in the rate of exchange may have an adverse effect on prices and incomes. Performance is shown net of fees and expenses for the relevant share class over the reference period. All performance figures reflect the reinvestment of dividends and do not take into account the commissions and costs incurred on the issue and redemption of shares, if any. Individual costs are not taken into account and would have a negative impact on the performance. With an investment amount of EUR 1,000 over an investment period of five years, the investment result in the first year would be reduced by the front-end load of up to EUR 50 (5%) as well as by additional individual custody charges. In subsequent years, the investment result would also be reduced by the individual custody account costs incurred. The reference benchmark of this class is used for performance of a benchmark is not a reliable indicator of future performance of the fund to which it is compared. There can be no assurance that a return will be achieved or that a substantial loss of capital will not be incurred.

\*SPI Extra since 30.11.17, SPI until 30.11.17

#### **Top 10 positions**

Straumann	5.6%
Lindt & Sprüngli	5.5%
VAT Group	4.4%
SGS	3.7%
SIG Combibloc Group	3.0%
Bachem	3.0%
Schindler	3.0%
Sulzer	2.8%
Swissquote	2.7%
SFS Group	2.7%
Total top 10 positions	36.4%
Total positions	44

#### Sector breakdown

35.8	%
14.5	%
13.2	%
11.8	%
10.2	%
6.7	%
4.9	%
3.1	1%
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#### Market cap breakdown

0 - 1 bn	5.9%
1 - 2 bn	18.1%
2 - 5 bn	23.6%
5 - 15 bn	27.3%
15 - 20 bn	3.7%
>20 bn	18.4%
Others	3.1%

#### Market review

Swiss small and mid caps, as measured by the SPIEX Index, rose 3.7% in the month (SPI +3.9%, SXXR +4.0%, SPX +3.2%, MXWO +3.2%). The Swiss National Bank, in a surprise move, reduced its key policy rate by 25 bps to 1.5%, marking the first cut in nine years. This came as inflation has fallen to 1.2% (Feb), well within the 0-2% target range. The ECB left key rates unchanged but a June cut is very much in the cards. In Europe and the US, inflation data was mixed, with core components showing modest declines. The Eurozone Composite PMI index continued to improve in Europe to 49.9 from 49.2 in February, driven by services. Switzerland rose to 45.2 from 44 in February. Sector wise, materials (+11.9%), utilities (+9.9%) and communication services (+8.9%) performed best, while information technology (-1.6%), consumer staples (+2.1%) and financials (+2.6%) lagged the most.

Against this backdrop, the fund rose 4.2% (CHF / B shares) in the month, outperforming its benchmark by 44 bps.

Main detractors in the month were Inficon (-3.8%), Galenica (-1%) and Temenos (-2.75%). After having pre-released record 2023 results, Inficon revealed its 2024 guidance including revenues of USD 650-700 mn, which may be conservative as the company upgraded twice in 2023 and finally beat its guidance. Also, the semi capex cycle is likely to restart in H2 2024. Galenica reported FY23 results and a 2024 outlook, both fully in line with expectations. The stock was a small detractor during the month, mainly due to its defensive profile in a risk-on market. Temenos retreated in absence of any news regarding the progression of its internal audit launched following the publication of a short seller report questioning accounting practices.

Top 3 contributors in the month were Bachem (+23.5%), SIG Group (+14.3%) and Huber+Suhner (+18.7%). Bachem had already rebounded strongly in February as investors started to take a more constructive view on the CHF 1 bn sales guidance for 2026. The company reconfirmed these ambitions at the occasion of its annual results beginning of March. SIG reported a solid set of figures, pretty much in line with consensus. The tone suggested that H2 should witness a return to volume-driven growth after a period of volume softness, mainly due to food price inflation. After having already released sales and orders, Huber+Suhner published solid 2023 results including an EBIT margin of 9.2% within its longterm range of 9% to 12% despite weak topline. The outlook remains cautiously optimistic, with positive indications in particular in industry and communications.

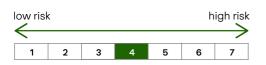
#### **Positioning & outlook**

After the SNB move, the ECB is expected to be next, maybe even before the US. Compared to the Fed, the European Central Bank finds itself in a less complicated situation. The business cycles of the US and Europe have decorrelated a lot in the last 6-12 months and while growth expectations rise in the US, it is the opposite in Germany and a large part of Europe. Another positive factor for Europe and Switzerland is China. The economic momentum seems less fragile and we have witnessed some positive macro data. The Caixin China General Manufacturing PMI increased to 51.1 in March, the fifth straight month of growth in factory activity. Copper also reached an 11-month high. This should also bode well for Swiss companies and industrials in particular.

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#### Risk and return profile acc. to SRI

The Fund's investment objective is to generate attractive and competitive capital growth in the long term. It is therefore particularly suited to investors with an investment horizon of at least 5 years who want to enhance their portfolio diversification with investments in Swiss foundercontrolled companies. The Fund displays the typical risks associated with equity investments.



We have classified this product as risk class 4 on a scale of 1 to 7, where 4 corresponds to a medium risk class. The risk of potential losses from future performance is classified as medium. In the event of very adverse market conditions, it is possible that the ability to execute your redemption request may be impaired. The calculation of the risk and earnings profile is based on simulated/historical data, which cannot be used as a reliable indication of the future risk profile. The classification of the fund may change in future and does not constitute a guarantee. Even a fund classed in category 1 does not constitute a completely risk-free investment. There can be no guarantee that a return will be achieved or that a substantial loss of capital will not be incurred. The overall risk exposure may have a strong impact on any return achieved by the fund or subfund. For further information please refer to the fund prospectus or PRIIP-KID.

#### Liquidity risk

The fund may invest some of its assets in financial instruments that may in certain circumstances reach a relatively low level of liquidity, which can have an impact on the fund's liquidity.

#### Risk arising from the use of derivatives

The fund may conclude derivatives transactions. This increases opportunities, but also involves an increased risk of loss.

#### **Currency risks**

The fund may invest in assets denominated in a foreign currency. Changes in the rate of exchange may have an adverse effect on prices and incomes.

#### Operational risks and custody risks

The fund is subject to risks due to operational or human errors, which can arise at the investment company, the custodian bank, a custodian or other third parties.

#### Benefits

- Above-average top line growth driven by high innovation and strong pricing power.
- Higher operating margins on the back of high market share ("Champion in the niche") combined with good cost discipline.
- More conservatively financed, lower debt exposure and a higher risk capacity compared to non-family businesses.
- Multi-award-winning management team with a long and successful track record investing in owner-run firms.
- Entrepreneurs for entrepreneurs the Bellevue Group is itself an owner-run company with the majority of shares held by employees.

#### **Inherent risks**

- The fund actively invests in equities. Equities are subject to price fluctuations and so are also exposed to the risk of price losses.
- Shares in smaller businesses are generally traded in lower volumes and are subject to bigger price fluctuations than larger enterprises.
- The fund may invest a proportion of its assets in financial instruments that might under certain circumstances have a relatively low level of liquidity, which can in turn affect the fund's liquidity.
- Succession planning poses an additional risk for owner-run companies.
- The fund may engage in derivatives transactions. The increased opportunities gained come with an increased risk of losses.

You can find a detailed presentation of the risks faced by this fund in the "Special Investment Risks" section of the sales prospectus.

Co-Lead Portfolio Manager of

#### Management Team



**Birgitte Olsen, CFA** Co-Lead Portfolio Manager since inception of the fund

#### Sustainability Profile – ESG

#### EU SFDR 2019/2088 product category: Article 8

Exclusions:	ESG Risk Anal	ysis:	Stewardship:	
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Norms-based exclusions (	$\odot$		Proxy Voting	$\bigcirc$
Controversial weapons (	$\overline{\mathfrak{O}}$			
Key Figures:				
CO <sub>2</sub> -intensity (t CO <sub>2</sub> /mn USD sal	les):	22.5 (Low)	Coverage:	91%
MSCI ESG Rating (AAA - CCC):		A	Coverage:	91%

Based on portfolio data as per 31.03.2024; – ESG data base on MSCI ESG Research and are for information purposes only; compliance with global norms according to the principles of UN Global Compact (UNGC), UN Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights (HR) and standards of International Labor Organisation (ILO); no involvement in controversial weapons; norms-based exclusions based on annual revenue thresholds; ESG Integration: Sustainability risks are considered while performing stock research and portfolio construction; Stewardship: Engagement in an active and constructive dialogue with company representatives on ESG aspects as well as exercising voting rights at general meetings of shareholders.MSCI ESG Rating ranges from "leaders" (AAA-AA), "average" (A, BBB, BB) to "laggards" (B, CCC). The  $CO_2$ -intensity expresses MSCI ESG Research's estimate of GHG emissions measured in tons of  $CO_2$  per USD 1 million sales; for further information c.f. www.bellevue.ch/sustainability-at-portfolio-level.



the fund since 2013



Portfolio Manager the fund since 2018

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