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# Merger schedule for the Helvetica Swiss Opportunity Fund and Helvetica Swiss Commercial Fund is in place

Zurich, 28 February 2025 – The next milestones towards the merger of the Helvetica Swiss Opportunity Fund (HSO Fund) and Helvetica Swiss Commercial Fund (HSC Fund) have been announced. The Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA) has approved the merger schedule.

- 28 February 2025: Publication of the merger schedule on <u>Swiss Fund Data</u>
- 5 March 2025: Publication of the annual reports of the HSO Fund and HSC Fund as of
  31 December 2024
- 20 June 2025: Final trading day of the HSO Fund on the SIX Swiss Exchange
- 23 June 2025: First trading day of the merged HSC Fund on the SIX Swiss Exchange

The two commercial property funds managed by the fund management company Helvetica Property Investors, the HSO Fund and HSC Fund, are to be merged, as previously announced. The plan is to complete the merger on 20 June 2025, with retrospective effect from 30 April 2025. The audited conversion ratio, based on the valuations (NAV) as of 30 April 2025, will be announced following close of trading on 20 June 2025. The HSO Fund (SIX ticker symbol: HSO; ISIN CH0434725054) represents the transferred fund and the HSC Fund (SIX ticker symbol: HSC; ISIN CH0335507932) the acquiring fund. The merged fund will be called the HSC Fund. The first trading day of the merged property fund is scheduled for 23 June 2025.

The aim of the property fund merger is to create a more broadly diversified, purely commercial Swiss real estate fund with greater liquidity, improved tradability and a stronger market presence. In the interests of investors, the planned merger will also help to ensure more cost-efficient management.

The merged HSC Fund is expected to include 37 properties with a total value of around CHF 760 million. It will invest in purely commercial property in predominantly suburban, high-growth and well-connected locations in German- and French-speaking Switzerland. Types of use comprise business, production, light industrial, office and retail, with the largest tenant accounting for under 5 percent of the total fund. Compared to the individual funds, this represents a much higher degree of diversification with an unchanged earnings potential. The investment portfolio is geared towards long-term value preservation and the distribution of constant income. With a combined vacancy rate of less than 5 percent and an expected debt financing ratio of 28 percent, the fund is well positioned to continue to generate and distribute long-term stable dividends of over CHF 5 per share.

The fund management company will issue information on further steps on a regular basis.

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# **Helvetica Swiss Opportunity Fund**

The HSO Fund is a Swiss real estate fund for public investors, listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange. It invests in commercial properties throughout Switzerland, focusing on special uses, such as operator, commercial, warehouse and logistics buildings, primarily in suburban, high-growth and easily accessible locations. The focus is on real estate with few tenants and long-term leases that generate stable income. The investment portfolio is geared towards longterm value preservation and the distribution of constant income. The HSO Fund is authorized by the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority FINMA. Listing SIX Swiss Exchange; ticker Symbol HSO; valor 43 472 505; ISIN CH0434725054

### **Helvetica Swiss Commercial Fund**

The HSC Fund is a Swiss real estate fund for public investors, listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange. It invests in commercial properties throughout Switzerland, focusing on office, commercial and retail use, primarily in suburban, high-growth and easily accessible locations. The investment portfolio is geared towards long-term value preservation and the distribution of constant income. The HSC Fund is authorized by the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority FINMA. Listing SIX Swiss Exchange; ticker symbol HSC; valor 33 550 793; ISIN CH0335507932

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