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Marketing Communication — IFS Swiss Small & Mid Cap Equity Fund -T-

Investment policy

The IFS Swiss Small & Mid Cap Equity Fund combines our best investment ideas in the area of Swiss Small & Midcaps. We take an active approach with the aim of achieving a sustainable outperformance to the benchmark (SPI Extra). The sub-fund is actively managed with a reference to a benchmark mentioned in this document. The sub-fund seeks to outperform it over the recommended holding period. The sub-fund does not exactly replicate its reference index (benchmark) and may therefore deviate significantly from it. Therefore, the performance of the sub-fund may differ from that of the benchmark index.

Performance (in %)



Past performance is no indication for future results. The performance figures do not include commissions and costs which arise at subscription and redemption of units. The investment may rise or fall in value and in certain cases all of the capital may be lost. Investment risks vary among the various investment instruments. Investments in foreign currencies inherit foreign exchange volatility.

General information

Date of issue	30.11.04
Managed by IFS since	01.04.16
Reference currency	CHF
Registration	CH, DE, LI
Custodian	Bank J. Safra Sarasin AG, Basel
Management company	LLB Swiss Investment AG, Zürich
Investment manager	IFS Independent Financial Services AG, Luzern
Total expense ratio from 31.12.23	1.43%
Management fee p.a.	1.15%
Dealing frequency	Daily, 12:00 o'clock
Distribution	Reinvesting
ISIN	CH0467745151
Valor (Switzerland)	46774515

Return and risk metrics

Past performance does not predict future returns.

	Portfolio	SPI EXTRA Total Return
Volatility since inception p.a.	15.89%	14.15%
Sharpe ratio since inception	0.50	0.42
Worst drawdown since inception	-37.19%	-32.54%
Performance YTD	4.95%	4.96%
Performance 2023	15.90%	6.53%
Performance 2022	-29.21%	-24.02%
Performance 2021	25.39%	22.19%
Performance 2020	14.69%	8.07%
Performance 2019	33.35%	30.42%
Performance since 01.04.2016	101.26%	71.57%
Performance since 01.04.2016 p.a.	8.48%	6.49%

Current figures as of 31.10.2024

NAV per unit	CHF	440.38
Total assets	CHF	90.23 Mio.

Performance (in %)

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Year		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2024	Fonds	0.62%	0.91%	4.06%	-1.82%	4.29%	-1.37%	3.74%	-0.54%	1.12%	-5.73%	-	-	4.95%
2024	Index	0.09%	0.74%	3.74%	-1.54%	3.32%	-1.78%	3.33%	0.57%	0.58%	-3.94%	-	-	4.96%
2023	Fonds	9.24%	2.14%	1.70%	2.24%	0.04%	0.49%	-0.02%	-1.93%	-3.71%	-5.29%	7.47%	3.42%	15.90%
2023	Index	7.59%	1.47%	0.76%	1.17%	-1.58%	0.42%	1.44%	-2.63%	-4.57%	-5.26%	5.82%	2.49%	6.53%
2022	Fonds	-9.02%	-4.42%	0.44%	-4.27%	-4.47%	-9.25%	7.36%	-6.13%	-10.12%	3.75%	6.18%	-2.14%	-29.21%
2022	Index	-7.50%	-4.01%	1.19%	-3.51%	-3.80%	-7.81%	7.21%	-5.43%	-9.17%	4.07%	4.69%	-1.50%	-24.02%
2021	Fonds	-1.04%	3.05%	6.81%	1.03%	5.19%	2.34%	2.53%	3.59%	-6.08%	1.90%	-2.27%	6.54%	25.39%
2021	Index	0.25%	2.12%	6.36%	0.82%	4.42%	2.92%	2.30%	2.49%	-5.00%	2.12%	-3.30%	5.30%	22.19%
2020	Fonds	0.39%	-7.40%	-9.28%	7.07%	6.87%	1.30%	0.80%	6.20%	0.69%	-6.61%	12.20%	3.88%	14.69%
2020	Index	0.01%	-7.91%	-11.53%	6.17%	6.47%	1.30%	0.59%	5.59%	0.18%	-4.73%	10.82%	3.10%	8.07%
2019	Fonds	10.48%	3.33%	1.03%	5.78%	-5.01%	5.04%	-0.37%	-1.99%	2.56%	1.40%	6.25%	1.51%	33.35%
2019	Index	9.16%	2.46%	0.97%	6.16%	-3.94%	4.21%	0.44%	-1.62%	2.20%	1.05%	4.51%	1.90%	30.42%

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Largest positions	
Sandoz	6.1%
Straumann	5.5%
Schindler N	5.3%
SIG Combibloc	5.0%
SGS	4.7%

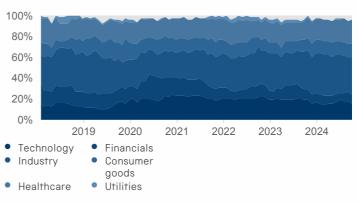
Asset class breakdown







Historical sector breakdown



Manager Update

Quarterly reporting has been quite turbulent so far, with negative surprises predominating. In the USA, 103 companies increased their forecasts, while 127 issued a profit warning. Reporting in Europe was also rather negative; over 60% of companies in the industrial sector disappointed the market. Switzerland was no exception, and various companies such as Tecan, Bossard and SoftwareOne issued profit warnings. The fund was not spared either, losing 5.7% in value, while the SPI Extra fell by 4%.

The positions in Tecan, Also Holding and Mikron had a particularly negative impact. After Tecan had already reduced its outlook in the summer, a second profit warning followed. The share price lost 22% in value. The laboratory equipment supplier cited weak business in China and hesitant orders from large pharmaceutical customers as reasons. Structurally, Tecan continues to operate in the right markets and applications, and we believe that growth will return over the course of next year. Mikron also published an update and announced that annual profits will be in the single-digit millions below the previous year, which is due to the US business and also hesitant customers. The share price lost 14.5% in value. Also Holding lost 15% in value. The share price suffered from profit warnings from competitors Bechtle and SoftwareOne. However, a significant driver is the impending completion of the West Coast transaction. The cross-selling potential is great and could give the company a growth spurt from 2025. Sandoz and the R&S Group in particular made positive contributions. Sandoz published convincing quarterly results and raised its annual forecast. The momentum remains good and Sandoz should continue to grow solidly next year. The position in the R&S Group, which we acquired by exercising warrants, also developed very positively with a gain of +8.3%. On the capital market day, the company showed how it wants to continue to benefit from structurally growing electricity markets.

The key event in the coming weeks will be the US elections. The removal of the uncertainty factor should generally be positive for the markets. However, if the election result is close, the uncertainty could persist. Geopolitical tensions are also unlikely to decrease after the elections; depending on the outcome, they will probably increase. Despite many dire predictions, US consumers remain strong. Thanks to the stimulus measures, the environment in China also seems to be improving somewhat. In Europe, the situation remains difficult for the time being. Against this backdrop, we remain cautious and selective.

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