## Entrepreneur Switzerland (CH)

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# **Factsheet**

## Bellevue Funds (CH) | Share class B CHF

Contractual investment fund under Swiss law of the category "Securities fund" Marketing document – for retail and professional investors in Switzerland

#### Investment focus

The fund actively invests in listed owner-managed 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, mid as well as large 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**

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NAV	135.74
Volume	CHF 64.9 mn
NAV-calculation	Daily "Forward Pricing"
Cut off time	15:00 CET
Distribution policy	Accumulating
Investment manager Bellevu	e Asset Management AG
Custodian CACEIS Bank, M	lontrouge, Zurich Branch
Launch date	31.08.2017
Fiscal year end	31.12
Benchmark	SPI Extra TR*
ISIN code	CH0379353722
Valor	37935372
Bloomberg	PMBESWB SW
WKN	n.a.
Management fee	1.25%
Performance fee	none
Subscription fee	up to 5%
Min. investment	n.a.
Legal entity Investment	nt funds under Swiss law
Countries of distribution	CH
Key figures	
Beta	1.01
Correlation	0.97
Volatility	16.1%
Tracking Error	3.83
Active Share	45.16
Sharpe Ratio	-0.22
Information Ratio	0.21
Jensen's Alpha	0.81

## Indexed performance since launch



## **Cumulative & annualised performance**

#### Cumulative

	1M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	ITD
B CHF	-5.7%	2.7%	11.0%	-13.2%	34.9%	n.a.	36.9%
вм	-4.0%	4.9%	13.8%	-3.2%	22.4%	n.a.	48.4%

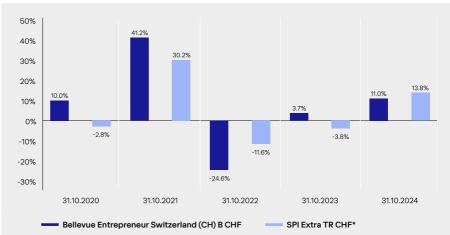
#### Annualised

1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	ITD
11.0%	-4.6%	6.2%	n.a.	4.5%
13.8%	-1.1%	4.1%	n.a.	5.7%

## **Annual performance**

		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD
-	B CHF	29.7%	17.9%	26.2%	-24.9%	8.2%	2.7%
	ВМ	30.6%	3.8%	23.4%	-17.8%	6.5%	4.9%

## Rolling 12-month-performance



Source: Bellevue Asset Management, 31.10.2024; all figures in CHF %, 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 CHF 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 CHF 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 comparison purposes only (dividend reinvested). The funds is actively managed. No benchmark is directly identical to a fund, thus the 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 30.06.23, SPI until 30.06.23

## **Top 10 positions**

Sandoz	4.8%
Roche	4.0%
Sulzer	3.6%
Lindt & Spruengli AG	3.6%
Burckhardt Compression	3.5%
VZ Holding	3.3%
Straumann	3.3%
SIG Combibloc Group	3.2%
Kardex	3.2%
SFS Group	3.1%
Total top 10 positions	35.6%
Total positions	42

#### Sector breakdown

Industrials	39.3%
Healthcare	15.1%
Financials	13.6%
Consumer Staples	10.6%
IT	7.9%
Materials	6.2%
Consumer Discretion.	2.1%
Cash	5.2%

#### Market cap breakdown

0 - 1 bn	4.5%
1 - 2 bn	10.4%
2 - 5 bn	29.0%
5 - 15 bn	25.8%
15 - 20 bn	11.7%
>20 bn	13.5%
Others	5.2%

#### Market review

Swiss small and mid caps, as measured by the SPIEX Index, declined 4.0% in October (SPI -3.3%). The global economic narrative remained generally positive, as epitomized by the US ISM services index at a two year high, and the stronger than expected US jobs report. In Europe, the ECB cut rates by a further 25 bps at their October meeting. The Flash PMI for the euro area remained at contraction level but improved slightly with Services still in expansion and Manufacturing contracting, but at softer pace. At the time we write, ca. 50% of European companies have reported Q3 numbers. 60% of Stoxx 600 companies have beaten estimates, a counterintuitive number in light of the numerous recent profit warning, hitting companies in various sectors and market capitalizations, also in Switzerland. The Swiss PMI remained unchanged at 49.9 in October, its highest level since January, with both manufacturing (49.9) and services (49.9) steady. In terms of sector performances, communication services (+2.0%), financials (+0.1%) and real estate (-1.2%) performed best, while Information technology (-15.2%), consumer staples (-6.1%) and industrials (-4.8%) lagged the most.

Against this backdrop, the fund lost 5.7% (CHF / A shares) in the month, underperforming its benchmark by 176 bps.

Main contributors in the month were Sandoz (+11.6%), Burckhardt Compression (+4.8%) and Accelleron (+5.6%). Sandoz reported solid Q3 revenues beating consensus by 2%. The company raised FY sales guidance while margin guidance was left unchanged. Burckhardt was strong ahead of H1 numbers and benefited from a positive broker initiation with a PT of CHF 734. Our recent meeting with management confirmed very positive activity trends in the segments of petchem, solar, LNG and LPG. Also, as confirmed by companies we follow in the EPC space, the Middle East is gearing up investments and Burckhardt is well positioned to benefit. With 85% perfomance ytd, Accelleron is on a remarkable trajectory. The key markets for the turbo charger specialist marine and power generation are performing well and energy transition is a driver of further growth potential. With 75% services in its mix, the company enjoys attractive margins and ROCE levels.

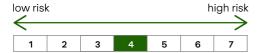
Main detractors in the month were SoftwareOne (-47.8%), Straumann (-17.5%) and VAT (-16.6%). SoftwareOne shocked the market with a PW leading to a 15% cut to 2024 earnings and to more severe downwards revisions of 2025 and 2026. Q3 results came in below expectations impacted by vendor (mainly Microsoft) incentive changes and a more cautious spending environment. The CEO, is departing and replaced by Raphael Erb, previously Chief Revenue Officer. Discussions with interested parties regarding a potential going-private transaction are still ongoing. Straumann delivered overall Q3 organic growth of 11.3% but the slowdown US organic growth to 2% spooked the market. Visibility or 2025 on the US remains low as interest rates seem to need to fall further for demand to pick up. We remain underweight. VAT released Q3 revenues below expectations. Q4 guidance and order intake suggest that the recovery will be gradual, which was not a real surprise given recent industry news flow. Consensus 2025 top line growth is at 27%. We think expectations for next year need to come further down and stay underweight waiting for a better entry point.

## **Positioning & outlook**

We work with the conviction that the recipes for success into 2025 are different than in the "Easy Money" period of 2008-2021. We expect a top down scenario defined this time by global fiscal activism, especially in the US and in China, where regulation, taxes, tariffs and reshoring incentives will play an increasing role. All in all, this means interest rates and inflation stay "higher for longer". At company level there will be winners and losers. We continue to focus our stock-picking on quality companies with low debt and superior margins and believe a balanced an opportunistic approach between growth and value will provide superior returns. In the short term, we would keep an eye on potential excessive consensus expectations for 2025.

## 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.

## **Awards**



#### **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
- 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.

Stewardship:

Engagement

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

## **Management Team**



**Exclusions:** 

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



Laurent Picard, SFAF Portfolio Manager of the fund

## Sustainability Profile - ESG

Compliance UNGC, HR, ILO

Norms-based exclusions	P	roxy Voting	<u> </u>
Controversial weapons			
Key Figures:			
CO <sub>2</sub> -intensity (t CO <sub>2</sub> /mn USD sales):	21.3 (Low) C	Coverage:	95%
MSCI ESG Rating (AAA - CCC):	A C	overage:	89%

**ESG Risk Analysis:** 

**ESG-Integration** 

Based on portfolio data as per 31.10.2024; - 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<sub>2</sub>-intensity expresses MSCI ESG Research's estimate of GHG emissions measured in tons of  $\hat{CO}_2$  per USD 1 million sales. The decision to invest in the promoted fund should take into account all the characteristics or objectives of the promoted fund as described in the prospectus. For further information c.f. www.bellevue.ch/sustainability-at-portfolio-level.

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