# Bellevue Obesity Solutions (LUX)

## NOVEMBER 2024

# Factsheet

# Bellevue Funds (Lux) | Share class B USD

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

#### Investment focus

The fund's aim is to achieve capital growth in the long term, is actively managed and invests worldwide in listed companies focused on the prevention and treatment of severe overweight or obesity and its accompanying diseases. Experienced industry experts invest in companies in three areas: diagnostics and treatment, comorbidities as well as nutrition and physical activity – providing investors access to the entire obesity value chain. Stock selection is based on fundamental company analysis and is bottom-up, independent of benchmark weightings. The fund takes ESG factors into consideration while implementing its investment objectives.

#### Fund facts

NAV	513.51
Volume	USD 40.2 mn
NAV-calculation	Daily "Forward Pricing"
Cut off time	15:00 CET
Distribution policy	Accumulating
Investment manager	Bellevue Asset Management AG

Custodian	CACEIS BANK, LUXEMBOURG BRANCH
Launch date	30.11.2023
Fiscal year end	30.06
Benchmar	MSCI World Healthcare NR
ISIN code	LU0415392322
Valor	3882743
Bloomberg	BBBIOUB LX
WKN	AORPSP
Management fe	e 1.60%
Performance fe	e none
Subscription fe	e up to 5%
Min. investmen	t n.a.
Legal entity	Luxembourg UCITS V SICAV
Countries of	AT, CH, DE, ES, HK, LU, SG
EU SFDR 2019/2	2088 Article 8

#### **Key figures**

0.97
0.92
10.2%
3.88
n.a.
0.51
-0.84
-3.42
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### Indexed performance since launch



#### Cumulative & annualised performance

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	1M	YTD	1Y	ЗY	5Y	10Y	ITD	1Y	ЗY	5Y	10Y	ITD
B USD	-0.9%	6.7%	9.1%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	9.1%	9.1%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	9.0%
BM	-0.9%	7.7%	12.4%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	12.4%	12.4%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	12.4%

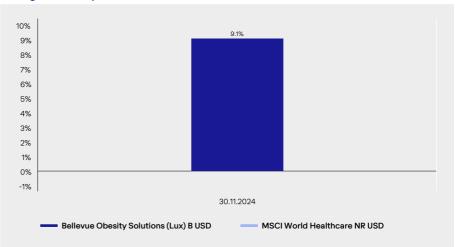
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#### Annual performance

Cumulative

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD
B USD	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	6.7%
BM	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	7.7%

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



Source: Bellevue Asset Management, 30.11.2024; all figures in USD %, 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 the period five years, the investment result in the first year would be reduced by the front-end load of up to USD 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.

#### **Top 10 positions**

Eli Lilly	8.4%
UnitedHealth Group	8.3%
Novo Nordisk	5.5%
Johnson & Johnson	4.9%
Intuitive Surgical	3.5%
Thermo Fisher	3.2%
Abbott Laboratories	3.1%
Astrazeneca	3.0%
Novartis	2.7%
Roche	2.7%
Total top 10 positions	45.3%
Total positions	54

#### Sector breakdown

Pharma		34.7%
Medtech		18.9%
Services		18.5%
Biotechnology		15.3%
Nutrition & Exercise		6.0%
Life Sciences Tools		3.2%
Other		1.7%
Cash	1	1.6%

#### Geographic breakdown

United States		70.1%
Switzerland		9.0%
Denmark		7.8%
France	I	3.1%
Japan	I	2.8%
Other	I	2.6%
Netherlands	I	1.5%
Sweden	I	1.4%
Cash	I	1.6%

#### Market cap breakdown

1 - 2 bn	I	2.9%
2 - 5 bn		3.4%
5 - 15 bn		6.4%
15 - 20 bn	I	1.6%
>20 bn		84.6%
Others	1	1.1%

#### Market review

Trading patterns in November showed signs of extreme divergence. The S&P gained 5.9%, the MSCI World Healthcare Index retreated 0.8% and so did the Bellevue Obesity Solutions (Lux) Fund (USD / I shares).

Markets took their cue primarily from the outcome of the elections in the US. Donald Trump's victory in the presidential election and the Republican sweep of both chambers of Congress gave rise to expectations that the new government could inject more strength into the US economy and Wall Street. The dollar strengthened, which also had a significant impact on the market, because of the potentially inflationary impact of Trump's budget proposals, which in turn could stand in the way of further rate cuts by the Federal Reserve. Within the healthcare sector, the nomination of Robert F. Kennedy Jr. as the next US health secretary created uncertainty among investors. Despite his repeated claims that he is not against vaccines, the man remains a source of controversy due to his past statements about vaccines. His nomination therefore led to some volatility, especially in biopharma stocks. Turning to clinical pipeline news, the month under review began with the Obesity Week conference in San Antonio, which we attended in person. We received valuable information about doctors' latest findings and experiences regarding weight-loss drugs and about recent data readouts for oral amylin and other oral treatments. Several panel discussions and presentations addressed the practical and long-term use of anti-obesity medications and were both insightful and thought-provoking.

The following stocks were the best portfolio performers during the month under review: Rhythm Therapeutics performed well after releasing additional real-world data from a French trial of setmelanotide in patients with hypothalamic obesity (HO). This data, from trials in both pediatric and adult HO patients, bodes well for the Phase III data scheduled for release during the first half of 2025. Scholar Rock advanced on news that its competitor Biohaven failed to reach the primary endpoint of a Phase III trial of an anti-myostatin protein – a statistically significant change from baseline in muscle function. This reduced the likelihood that Scholar Rock will be exposed to competition in its anti-myostatin portfolio, at least in the short term on this front.

The following stocks detracted from fund performance: Viking Therapeutics was weak despite having presented positive data from a Phase I study of its oral GLP-1 drug at Obesity Week in San Antonio. The highest dose level of 100 mg demonstrated class-leading weight loss and was well tolerated with only mild cases of nausea. No patients withdrew from the trial. The company plans to initiate a Phase II trial soon and will also continue to focus on the production scalability of the oral formulation. Portfolio companies Zealand Pharma and Regeneron were also performance detractors.

#### Positioning & outlook

The companies in the fund's portfolio are working on technologies or products for novel treatment solutions and holistic treatment approaches. Selected healthcare companies with relevant exposure to the obesity care market can be found in the portfolio, and up to 20% of the fund's assets can be invested in fitness and nutrition companies that have a strong growth profile and a modest valuation. The Bellevue Obesity Solutions (Lux) Fund is well-positioned to profit from the milestones likely to be reached in 2024 and 2025. On the regulatory front, innovation that helps to address the obesity crisis is being encouraged and promoted. Besides clinical trial data readouts and today's attractive valuations, share prices will also be driven ongoing M&A activity.

Before the year is out, we expect positive news flow on obesity therapies and major trial readouts. Novo Nordisk will present Phase III data on CagriSema in December. Looking ahead to the first half of 2025, we expect key Phase III data from Eli Lilly for its oral treatment orforglipron. Pipeline updates on therapeutics that preserve muscle mass are also expected, for instance from Eli Lilly, Scholar Rock and Regeneron. Demand is currently much greater than supply, so increasing production levels is crucial for the GLP-1 market. We are also closely monitoring developments as to whether this class of therapeutics could be approved for the treatment of other diseases, such as cardiovascular disorders, obstructive sleep apnea and chronic kidney disease.

Source: Bellevue Asset Management, 30.11.2024; For illustrative purposes only. Holdings and allocations are subject to change. Any reference to a specific company or security does not constitute a recommendation to buy, sell, hold or directly invest in the company or securities. Where the fund is denominated in a currency other than an investor's base currency, changes in the rate of exchange may have an adverse effect on price and income.

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

The Fund's investment objective is to generate attractive and competitive long-term capital growth. It is particularly suited to investors with an investment horizon of at least 5 years. The Fund is exposed to the risks typical of equity investments.



We have classified this product as risk class 5 on a scale of 1 to 7, where 5 corresponds to a medium-high risk class. The risk of potential losses from future performance is classified as medium-high. In the event of very adverse market conditions, it is likely that the ability to execute your redemption request will be im-paired. 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**

- The increasing prevalence of obesity, the numerous associated comorbidities and subsequent medical conditions, and its huge direct and indirect economic burden make obesity very attractive from an investment perspective.
- This mega trend has gained a very visible profile thanks to medical progress (e.g. GLP-1 agonists), high social interest and public campaigns.
- Companies active in this field have above-average growth potential for the above reasons.
- Access to innovative companies across the entire value chain, in nutrition and physical activity-related markets, obesity diagnostics and treatment, and in the treatment of the comorbidities and subsequent medical conditions.
- Bellevue a pioneer in healthcare investing since 1993 and now one of the largest independent investors in the healthcare space in Europe.

Dr. Christian Lach

Portfolio Manager

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#### **Inherent risks**

- The fund actively invests in equities. Stocks are subject to price fluctuations, so there is a risk of falling prices.
- The investments the fund makes may be denominated in foreign currency, which can entail a foreign-exchange risk relative to the fund's base currency.
- The fund may invest some of its assets in financial instruments that may have relatively low levels of liquidity under certain circumstances, which may then affect the liquidity of the fund's own shares.
- There are additional risks in the form of political and social unrest when investing in emerging markets.
- The fund may use derivatives. Derivatives offer greater upside potential yet also carry areater downside risk.

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



Lead Portfolio Manager since inception of the fund

#### Sustainability Profile - ESG

EU SFDR 2019/2088 product category: Article 8 **Exclusions: ESG Risk Analysis:** Stewardship:  $(\checkmark)$  $(\checkmark)$ Compliance UNGC, HR, ILO **ESG-Integration** Engagement  $\bigcirc$ Norms-based exclusions **Proxy Voting**  $\bigcirc$ Controversial weapons

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#### **Key Figures:**

CO <sub>2</sub> -intensity (t CO <sub>2</sub> /mn USD sales):	14.7 (Very low)	Coverage:	98%
MSCI ESG Rating (AAA - CCC):	А	Coverage:	98%

Based on portfolio data as per 30.11.2024; - 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  $\tilde{CO}_2$  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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