## Bellevue Medtech & Services (LUX)

#### SEPTEMBER 2024

# Factsheet

Investment Company with Variable Capital (SICAV) according to Luxembourg Laws – UCITS Marketing document - For retail/non-qualfied investors: AT, CH, DE, DK, ES, IT, LU, PT and professional investors: 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 companies active in the medical technology and healthcare services sector. Aim is to provide investors an attractive healthcare fund solution by investing in the entire healthcare universe with the exclusion of drug makers. Experienced sector specialists focus on profitable, liquid mid and large cap companies with an established product portfolio as well as fast growing small cap companies with leading-edge technology offering. Stock selection is based on fundamental company analysis, focusing in particular on the medical benefits and the potential savings for the healthcare system as well as the expected market potential of a company's products and services. The selection of the portfolio companies is entirely bottom up, independent of benchmark weightings. The fund takes ESG factors into consideration while implementing the aforementioned investment objectives.

#### Indexed performance since launch



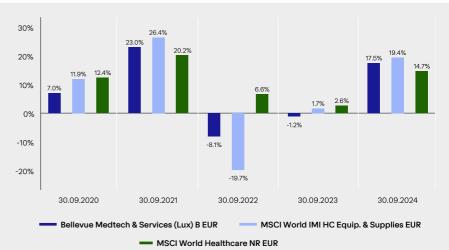
#### Cumulative & annualised performance

Cumulative					Annualised							
	1M	YTD	1Y	ЗY	5Y	10Y	ITD	1Y	ЗY	5Y	10Y	ITD
B EUR	0.1%	11.5%	17.5%	6.6%	40.4%	213.2%	471.2%	17.5%	2.2%	7.0%	12.1%	12.3%
Medtech	0.5%	11.7%	19.4%	-2.6%	37.8%	259.2%	652.9%	19.4%	-0.9%	6.6%	13.6%	14.4%
H'care	-3.8%	13.3%	14.7%	25.5%	69.4%	167.3%	585.1%	14.7%	7.9%	11.1%	10.3%	13.7%

#### Annual performance

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	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD
B EUR	28.4%	6.2%	24.8%	-12.0%	0.9%	11.5%
Medtech	34.1%	13.6%	23.7%	-19.8%	5.1%	11.7%
H'care	25.7%	4.3%	28.6%	0.5%	0.4%	13.3%

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



Source: Bellevue Asset Management, 30.09.2024; 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 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.

#### **Fund facts**

NAV	712.10
Volume	EUR 1'551.9 mn
NAV-calculation	Daily "Forward Pricing"
Cut off time	15:00 CET
Distribution policy	Accumulating
Investment manager Be	llevue Asset Management AG
Custodian CACEIS B	ANK, LUXEMBOURG BRANCH
Launch date	30.09.2009
Fiscal year end	30.06
Benchmark (M) MSCI W	/orld IMI HC Equip. & Supplies
Benchmark (HC)	MSCI World Healthcare NR
ISIN code	LU0415391431
Valor	3882623
Bloomberg	BFLBBBE LX
WKN	A0RP23
Management fee	1.60%
Performance fee	none
Subscription fee	up to 5%
Min. investment	n.a.
Legal entity	Luxembourg UCITS V SICAV
Countries of distribution	AT, CH, DE, DK, ES, HK, IT, LU, PT, SG
EU SFDR 2019/2088	Article 8

#### **Key figures**

Beta	0.98
Correlation	0.93
Volatility	18.3%
Tracking Error	6.65
Active Share	25.11
Sharpe Ratio	0.09
Information Ratio	0.42
Jensen's Alpha	2.79

#### **Top 10 positions**

Boston Scientific	9.7%
Intuitive Surgical	9.6%
Abbott Laboratories	9.6%
Stryker	8.6%
Medtronic	4.9%
Becton Dickinson	4.6%
Alcon	4.0%
EssilorLuxottica	3.9%
Edwards Lifesciences	3.0%
GE HealthCare Technologies	2.8%
Total top 10 positions	60.8%
Total positions	44

#### Sector breakdown

	28.5%
	11.8%
	11.3%
	10.8%
	9.2%
	5.4%
	4.7%
	4.7%
	4.0%
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#### Geographic breakdown

United States		82.4%
Switzerland		7.2%
France	I	3.9%
Denmark	I	2.4%
Germany	I	1.5%
Japan	I	1.3%
Other		0.2%
Cash	I	1.0%

#### Market cap breakdown

1 - 2 bn		0.4%
2 - 5 bn	- I	3.0%
5 - 15 bn		5.3%
15 - 20 bn		8.4%
>20 bn		82.0%
Others		0.9%

Source: Bellevue Asset Management, 30.09.2024;

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#### Market review

Global stocks closed slightly higher in September (MSCI World Net Index +0.9%), as did European stocks (Euro Stoxx 50 +0.9%) and Germany's bellwether index (Dax +2.2%). The global medtech sector (MSCI World Healthcare Equipment & Supplies +0.5%) and the Bellevue Medtech & Services (Lux) Fund (+0.1%) also closed in the green and clearly outperformed the broader healthcare sector tracked by the MSCI World Healthcare Index (-3.8%).

As could be expected, the stocks of innovative, fast-growing companies (which the Medtech & Services Fund is focused on) benefited the most from the US Federal Reserve's rate cut. By the same token, these circumstances led to last month's weakness in pharmaceuticals and the broader healthcare sector. Shifts in the general investment landscape like this also encourage the investment community to hunt for new, attractive investment ideas. Looking at the big picture, the Medtech & Services Fund stands to reap an outsized benefit from the current market phase.

Medtech stocks in the portfolio that are generating high sales growth, such as Insulet (+13.8%), Straumann (+10.0%), Align Technology (+6.3%), Idexx Laboratories (+4.0%), Cooper (+3.4%) and Boston Scientific (+1.6%) for example, traded higher on the US central bank's rate cut announcement and other news. Insulet's management made some positive remarks about the expected number of new patient additions for the second half of 2024.

Shares of portfolio company GE Healthcare (+9.7%) gained on the Chinese government's the announcement of a fiscal stimulus package.

Zimmer Biomet (-7.1%), Edwards Lifesciences (-6.5%), Dexcom (-4.2%) and Intuitive Surgical (-1.2%) detracted from portfolio performance. Zimmer Biomet disappointed investors when it trimmed its sales forecast for 2024 by about 1% because of problems stemming from a new ERP system. Edwards Lifesciences confirmed its earnings guidance for 2024 but said that earnings per share would likely be markedly lower in 2025 compared to 2024 due to the divestment of its Critical Care business. We assume the company will be able to offset some of the forecast drop in EPS by cutting costs and buying back shares.

The performance of life sciences tools companies Danaher (+2.4%) and Thermo Fisher (-0.3%) was mixed. Thermo Fisher confirmed its long-term sales guidance range of 7% to 9% but added that achieving this growth would be contingent on a full recovery of its end markets, and management made no reference as to the exact time frame here.

HCA Healthcare (+2.0%), the largest US hospital chain, made another positive contribution to the portfolio's relative and absolute performance. Its management team mentioned at various investor conferences that business was going well.

US health insurers traded lower and Elevance (-7.2%), Centene (-5.3%), Cigna (-4.7%), Molina (-2.4%) and UnitedHealth (-1.5%) detracted from portfolio performance. It appears that there was another big increase in surgical procedure volumes at hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers in the third quarter, while the Fed's rate cut portends somewhat returns from health insurers' fixed-income investments in the medium term. All performance data is in EUR / B shares.

#### **Positioning & outlook**

At two major investor conferences, executives from several medtech companies made positive remarks about third-quarter surgical procedure volumes. We therefore expect a considerable increase in procedure volumes for the second half of 2024 and the first half of 2025, although volume growth is unlikely to accelerate any further from the H2 2024 level. The approval and subsequent launch of relevant new products will continue to bolster sales growth, too. Examples here are Abbott's Lingo, Libre Rio, Libre 3, TriClip and AVEIR products, Boston Scientific's Farapulse PFA system and the new da Vinci 5 surgical robot from Intuitive Surgical. We believe company pricing power in the low single-digit percentage range is still intact. Wider margins are expected thanks to the faster-than-average sales growth and the weak US dollar.

Hospitals stand to benefit from high patient volumes, higher prices, and only moderately higher labor costs. We expect health insurers to report rising premium income in the wake of solid membership growth and premium rate increases. Political risk is still relatively low and is likely to lead to only temporary volatility in the healthcare sector. We assume that the elections in November will not give either party a solid majority of seats in either chamber.

We expect our investment solution to benefit from several factors in the remaining months of this year: Rate cuts from the Fed in response to a slowdown in the US economy, attractive valuation levels, a general repositioning of investment portfolios as investors sell stocks that made strong gains in recent months, and top-quality stocks speak in favor of investing in the Bellevue Medtech & Services (Lux) Fund.

#### 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 selectively diversify their portfolio with investments in the medical technology sector and who are willing to accept the equity risks typical of this sector.

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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.

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#### **Benefits**

- Digitalization of the healthcare sector is boosting medtech companies' growth and earnings.
- Focusing on profitable, liquid mid and large cap companies with an established product portfolio as well as on rapidly growing small cap businesses delivering cutting-edge technology.
- Managed care profits from the privatization of the health insurance sector and lower treatment costs.
- Minimally invasive techniques gaining ground shorter treatment times reduce healthcare costs.
- Bellevue Healthcare pioneer since 1993 and today one of the biggest independent investors in the sector in Europe.

#### 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.
- The fund invests in foreign currencies, which means a corresponding degree of currency risk against the reference currency.
- 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.
  Investing in emerging markets entails the additional risk of political and social instability.
- 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

since inception of the fund

Marcel Fritsch

#### Management Team



Co-Lead Portfolio Manager since inception of the fund

#### Sustainability Profile - ESG

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

Exclusions:		ESG Risk Analys	sis:	Stewardship:	
Compliance UNGC, HR, ILO	$\overline{\mathfrak{O}}$	ESG-Integration	$\bigcirc$	Engagement	$\bigotimes$
Norms-based exclusions				Proxy Voting	$\bigotimes$
Controversial weapons					
Key Figures:					
CO <sub>2</sub> -intensity (t CO <sub>2</sub> /mn USD sal	les):		15.2 (Low)	Coverage:	99%
MSCI ESG Rating (AAA - CCC):			А	Coverage:	99%

Based on portfolio data as per 30.09.2024; – 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  $CO_2$  per USD 1 million sales. The decision to invest in the promoted fund as described in the prospectus. For further information c.f. www.bellevue.ch/sustainability-at-portfolio-level.

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