## Bellevue Medtech & Services (LUX)

#### **NOVEMBER 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, GB, 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

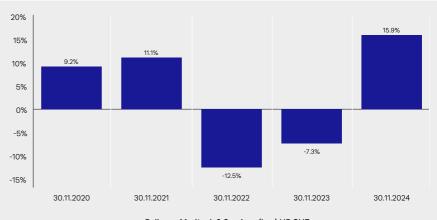
	1M	YTD	1Y	ЗY	5Y	10Y	ITD	1Y	ЗY	5Y	10Y	ITD
HB CHF	4.0%	10.3%	15.9%	-6.0%	14.0%	97.8%	208.3%	15.9%	-2.0%	2.7%	7.1%	8.5%
Medtech	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
H'care	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

Annualised

#### Annual performance

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD
HB CHF	22.2%	12.0%	15.0%	-20.3%	-0.9%	10.3%
Medtech	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
H'care	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

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



#### Bellevue Medtech & Services (Lux) HB CHF

Source: Bellevue Asset Management, 30.11.2024; 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.

Benchmark performance data is not available for hedged share classes

#### Fund facts

NAV	400.63
Volume	CHF 1'479.8 mn
NAV-calculation	Daily "Forward Pricing"
Cut off time	15:00 CET
Distribution policy	Accumulating
Investment manager	Bellevue Asset Management AG

Custodian C	ACEIS BANK, LUXEMBOURG BRANCH
Launch date	31.01.2011
Fiscal year end	30.06
Benchmark (M)	MSCI World IMI HC Equip. & Supplies
Benchmark	MSCI World Healthcare NR
ISIN code	LU0580237955
Valor	12347006
Bloomberg	BFLHBCH LX
WKN	A1H653
Management fee	<b>1.60%</b>
Performance fee	none
Subscription fee	up to 5%
Min. investment	n.a.
Legal entity	Luxembourg UCITS V SICAV
Countries of	AT, CH, DE, DK, ES, HK, IT, LU, PT, SG
EU SFDR 2019/20	088 Article 8

### **Key figures**

Beta	0.98
Correlation	0.93
Volatility	18.2%
Tracking Error	6.61
Active Share	24.19
Sharpe Ratio	0.16
Information Ratio	0.33
Jensen's Alpha	2.24

Source: Bellevue Asset Management, 30.11.2024; Calculation over 3 years

#### **Top 10 positions**

Abbott Laboratories	9.8%
Intuitive Surgical	9.8%
Boston Scientific	9.8%
Stryker	9.6%
Medtronic	4.6%
Becton Dickinson	4.4%
EssilorLuxottica	4.3%
Alcon	3.6%
Edwards Lifesciences	3.4%
Insulet	3.0%
Total top 10 positions	62.4%
Total positions	44

#### Sector breakdown

Cardiology	2	9.1%
Orthopedics	11	2.6%
Surgery	1:	2.3%
Ophthalmology	10	0.8%
Life Science Supply		7.9%
Diabetes		5.6%
Imaging/Radiotherapy		5.1%
Other		4.4%
Managed Care		3.5%
Hospital/Nursing H.		3.3%
Wound Closure/Lasers /OBGY		2.9%
Dental		2.4%
Cash	-	0.1%

#### Geographic breakdown

United States		83.6%
Switzerland		6.6%
France	l	4.3%
Denmark	I	2.3%
Japan	l	1.9%
Germany	I	1.4%
Cash		-0.1%

#### Market cap breakdown

2 - 5 bn	I	2.7%
5 - 15 bn	I	3.3%
15 - 20 bn		10.8%
>20 bn		83.1%
Others		0.0%

#### Market review

November was a very strong month for global stocks (MSCI World Net Index +7.5%), whereas European stocks (Euro Stoxx 50 -0.3%) and Germany's bellwether index (Dax +2.9%) showed a subpar performance. This significant divergence can be traced to Donald Trump's surprisingly clear-cut victory as the 47th president of the US. The Republican party not only captured the Senate but also kept its majority in the House. Donald Trump's "America First" policy weighed on the markets of the US's major trading partners, while the shares of US tech and financial companies closed sharply higher.

But not every sector benefited. Trump's nomination of vaccine skeptic Robert F. Kennedy Jr. as the next US health secretary irritated Wall Street and had a negative impact on biotech and pharmaceutical stocks. The Bellevue Medtech & Services Fund (+6.8%) was expectedly resilient. It beat its benchmark – the global medical technology market (MSCI World Health-care Equipment & Supplies Net +6.3%) – and clearly outperformed the wider healthcare universe tracked by the MSCI World Healthcare Net Index (+1.9%).

Innovative large-cap medical technology players with outstanding management such as Stryker (+13.1%), Boston Scientific (+10.9%), Intuitive Surgical (+10.6%), Edwards Lifesciences (+9.4%) and Abbott (+7.7%) were performance drivers. Trump's nomination of Robert F. Kennedy Jr. as the next US health secretary reinforced medtech's reputation as a safe haven. Medtech companies are also benefiting from the ongoing fast growth of surgical procedure volumes. Small-cap medtech names such as Globus Medical (+19.7%), Insulet (+18.4%), Align (+16.7%), Dexcom (+13.7%), Glaukos (+11.6%) and Penumbra (+8.6%) also made positive contributions to performance. Insulet beat the consensus sales forecast for the third quarter and increased its sales guidance for 2024 as a whole. Globus Medical beat expectations too and reported record-high robot unit placements. Dexcom seems to be making good progress toward resolving its self-inflicted sales problems. The monthly returns of Becton Dickinson (-2.4%), GE Healthcare (-2.1%), Alcon (-0.6%) and Medtronic (-0.3%) were less pleasing.

The performance of US health insurers was mixed. Humana (+17.1%), UnitedHealth (+11.1%), Cigna (+10.3%) and Elevance (+3.1%) were performance drivers, while Molina (-4.7%) and Centene (-0.9%) were underperformers. Humana and UnitedHealth both specialize in Medicare Advantage plans (MA) for people 65 and older and their share prices rose after Trump won because he had promoted the MA program during his first term. Molina and Centene, which specialize in Medicaid health insurance plans for low-income people, came under pressure after the Republican sweep of the elections because the party has said federal funding of Medicaid must be reduced. In the longer term, this could also pose a problem for hospital chain HCA Healthcare (-6.2%) in the form of unpaid bills for healthcare services provided. Cigna was marked up on the news that it was not pursuing the acquisition of Humana. All performance data is in EUR / B shares.

#### Positioning & outlook

Third-quarter earnings announcements from medical technology companies revealed continued strong growth in surgical procedure volumes. We therefore expect procedure volume growth to remain at high levels in the 4th quarter of 2024 and in 2025. Even if growth does not accelerate any further, it is likely to remain at a high 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 expect sector pricing power to remain above historical levels in 2025, too. Margins should improve thanks to the above-average sales growth and a wave of new product launches with high margins.

In the healthcare services space, we see considerable upside potential for hospital operators, health tech players, and health insurers in the US. Hospitals should benefit from high patient volumes, higher prices, and only moderately higher personnel costs. We expect health insurers to report solid member growth and significantly higher profit margins in Medicare Advantage and Medicaid business lines. Continued high US Treasury yields could also have an accretive effect on earnings.

We think the US economy could weaken over the next 12 months. Medical technology and healthcare services companies tend to outperform during times of economic slack. Attractive valuation levels, a general repositioning of investment portfolios as investors sell mega cap stocks that made strong gains in recent months, and top-quality stocks are strong arguments for investing in the Bellevue Medtech & Services (Lux) Fund.

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#### 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.

#### Awards



#### **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

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#### Management Team



Co-Lead Portfolio Manager since inception of the fund

#### Sustainability Profile – ESG

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

Exclusions:		ESG Risk Analysis:		Stewardship:	
Compliance UNGC, HR, ILO	$\bigcirc$	ESG-Integration	$\bigotimes$	Engagement	
Norms-based exclusions	$\oslash$			Proxy Voting	
Controversial weapons	$\bigcirc$				

#### **Key Figures:**

CO <sub>2</sub> -intensity (t CO <sub>2</sub> /mn USD sales):	15.7 (Low)	Coverage:	100%
MSCI ESG Rating (AAA - CCC):	А	Coverage:	100%

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" (AA-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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