### Bellevue Medtech & Services<sup>(LUX)</sup>

#### OCTOBER 2024

## Factsheet

Bellevue Funds (Lux) | Share class I CHF

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

#### 1M YTD 1Y 3Y 5Y 10Y ITD 1Y 3Y 5Y 10Y ITD I CHF -0.6% 12.9% 21.3% -8.5% 23.7% 140.3% 293.5% 21.3% -2.9% 4.3% 9.2% 9.5% Medtech -0.7% 12.3% 23.5% -15.9% 18.7% 158.4% 364.3% 23.5% -5.6% 3.5% 10.0% 10.7% H'care -2.5% 12.0% 14.1% 4.2% 37.7% 97.1% 314.4% 14.1% 1.4% 6.6% 7.0% 9.9%

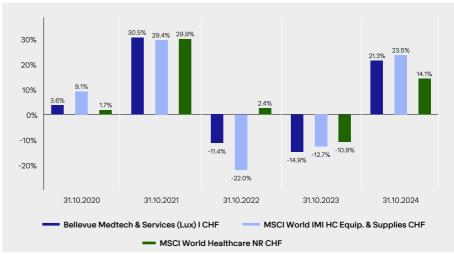
Annualised

#### **Annual performance**

Cumulative

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD
I CHF	24.8%	6.5%	20.4%	-15.5%	-4.3%	12.9%
Medtech	29.3%	13.1%	18.5%	-23.6%	-1.1%	12.3%
H'care	21.2%	4.0%	23.3%	-4.3%	-5.6%	12.0%

#### **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.** 

#### Fund facts

NAV	492.16
Volume	CHF 1'405.5 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	LU0415391787
Valor	3882714
Bloomberg	BFLBBIC LX
WKN	A0RP26
Management fee	0.90%
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	18.2%
Tracking Error	6.62
Active Share	24.70
Sharpe Ratio	0.01
Information Ratio	0.37
Jensen's Alpha	2.39

#### **Top 10 positions**

Abbott Laboratories	9.9%
Intuitive Surgical	9.8%
Boston Scientific	9.8%
Stryker	9.1%
Medtronic	5.0%
Becton Dickinson	4.7%
EssilorLuxottica	4.3%
Alcon	3.9%
Edwards Lifesciences	3.3%
GE HealthCare Technologies	2.8%
Total top 10 positions	62.4%
Total positions	44

#### Sector breakdown

Cardiology	29.3%
Surgery	12.2%
Orthopedics	11.9%
Ophthalmology	11.1%
Life Science Supply	8.5%
Imaging/Radiotherapy	5.4%
Diabetes	5.2%
Managed Care	3.4%
Hospital/Nursing H.	3.4%
Wound Closure/Lasers /OBGY	3.0%
Dental	2.4%
Other	2.2%
Hearing	2.1%
Cash	0.0%

#### Geographic breakdown

United States		83.4%
Switzerland		7.1%
France		4.3%
Denmark	I	2.4%
Germany	I	1.4%
Japan	I	1.4%
Other		0.0%
Cash		0.0%

#### Market cap breakdown

2 - 5 bn	I	2.8%
5 - 15 bn		6.8%
15 - 20 bn		8.9%
>20 bn		81.4%
Others		0.1%

Source: Bellevue Asset Management, 31.10.2024;

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#### Market review

Global equities closed slightly higher in October (MSCI World Net Index +0.6%), while European stocks (Euro Stoxx 50 -3.3%) and Germany's bellwether index (DAX -1.3%) lost ground. A solid jobs report and slightly higher-than-expected inflation in the US pushed up US bond yields; 10-year US Treasury yields, for instance, rose by 0.5% to 4.2%, and the US dollar strengthened against other major currencies.

Global medtech stocks (MSCI World Healthcare Equipment & Supplies -0.4%) and the Bellevue Medtech & Services Fund (-0.4%) closed the month little changed despite the adverse market environment. Both benefited from the dollar's strength (US investments have a high weighting) but even more so from the excellent third-quarter results that were reported by US medical technology companies during the month under review. This also explains their hefty outperformance of the healthcare market as a whole, as measured by MSCI World Healthcare (-2.3%).

Large-cap medtech names in the portfolio made positive contributions to performance – Intuitive Surgical (+5.3%), Edwards (+4.2%), Boston Scientific (2.9%), Abbott (+2.5%), Medtronic (+1.7%) and Stryker (+1.2%). Third-quarter earnings announcements showed that almost all players are benefiting from the ongoing fast growth in surgical procedure volumes. Intuitive Surgical, Boston Scientific, Abbott and Stryker also raised their sales and earnings guidance for 2024. At the annual Transcatheter Cardiovascular Therapeutics Conference (TCT), Edwards Lifesciences presented clinical data that confirmed its innovation leadership in transcatheter aortic and tricuspid valve replacement systems. Shares of smaller-cap medtech players Penumbra (+20.9%), Procept BioRobotics (+15.3%) and Dexcom (+7.9%) also performed well.

Penumbra beat consensus sales estimates, as did Procept BioRobotics. Dexcom impressed investors with its announcement of record-high new customer additions in Q3 and the filing of a 15-day G7 CGM sensor to the FDA for approval. After the slump in growth in the second quarter, it appears that Dexcom's management is on track to resolve its biggest problems by the end of the year and return to a growth trajectory in 2025.

Performance detractors in October were companies affected by the weak or slower-thanexpected recovery of the Chinese market (GE Healthcare -4.4%, Siemens Healthineers -11.1%) or by natural disasters in the US (Hurricanes Helene and Milton), which impacted major production plants for basic surgical supplies (e.g. IV fluids like saline) and which also had a negative effect on patient contacts and consumer spending (TransMedics -46.4%, Straumann -17.4%, IDEXX -17.3%, Align -17.3%).

Healthcare services providers (5% portfolio weighting) weighed on portfolio performance in October. US health insurers delivered negative returns: Elevance (-19.9%), Humana (-16.5%), Centene (-15.1%), Cigna (-6.7%), Molina (-4.3%) and UnitedHealth (-0.9%). In their earnings announcements for the third quarter, these companies reported higher medical cost ratios in their Medicare Advantage (for people age 65 and older) and Medicaid (for low-income households) lines of business. The impact of the higher cost ratios varied depending on the relative size of each insurer's Medicare Advantage and Medicaid business and the skills and strategies of their management. 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 high procedure volume growth for the fourth quarter of 2024 and for 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. Political risks after the US elections in November 2024 will likely be marginal.

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 stocks that made strong gains in recent months, and top-quality stocks are strong arguments for 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.

low risk					high risk		
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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 A	nalysis:		Stewardship:	
Compliance UNGC, HR, ILO	ESG-Integr	ation	$\bigcirc$	Engagement	$\bigcirc$
Norms-based exclusions	$\odot$			Proxy Voting	$\bigotimes$
Controversial weapons	$\overline{\mathfrak{O}}$				
Key Figures:					
CO <sub>2</sub> -intensity (t CO <sub>2</sub> /mn USD sal	es):	15.7 (L	.ow)	Coverage:	100%
MSCI ESG Rating (AAA - CCC):			Α	Coverage:	100%

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  $CO_2$  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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