# **Bellevue** Entrepreneur Europe Small<sup>(LUX)</sup>

### NOVEMBER 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, ES, LU, PT, HK

#### Investment focus

The fund's aim is to achieve capital growth in the long term, is actively managed and invests in small capitalized, listed owner-managed companies in Europe 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 entrepreneurs throughout the sector. It pursues a fundamental, bottom-up approach in identifying the most attractive foundercontrolled companies with a small market capitalization while maintaining an investment portfolio of 35 to 45 stocks diversified by country, sub-sector and style (Value, GARP, Growth). The fund takes ESG factors into consideration while implementing the aforementioned investment objectives.

#### **Fund facts**

NAV	316.99
Volume	CHF 120.2 mn
NAV-calculation	Daily "Forward Pricing"
Cut off time	15:00 CET
Distribution policy	Accumulating
Investment manager	Bellevue Asset Management AG
Custodian CACE	IS BANK, LUXEMBOURG BRANCH
Launch date	30.06.2011
Fiscal year end	30.06
Benchmar	MSCI Europe ex UK Small*
ISIN code	LU0631859575
Valor	13084214
Bloomberg	BFLESIC LX
WKN	A1JG2J
Management fee	0.90%
Performance fee	10% above Benchmark**
Subscription fee	up to 5%
Min. investment	n.a.
Legal entity	Luxembourg UCITS V SICAV
Countries of	AT, CH, DE, ES, HK, LU, PT
EU SFDR 2019/2088	Article 8

#### Key figures

Beta	0.87
Correlation	0.93
Volatility	16.4%
Tracking Error	6.44
Active Share	89.70
Sharpe Ratio	-0.17
Information Ratio	-0.15
Jensen's Alpha	-1.24

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

\*\* With high watermark

#### Indexed performance since launch



#### Cumulative & annualised performance

#### Cumulative

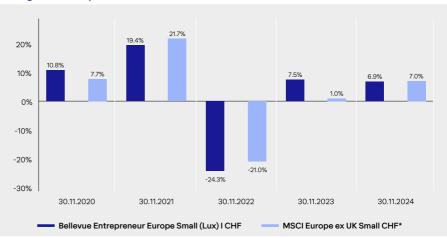
#### Annualised

	1M	YTD	1Y	ЗY	5Y	10Y	ITD	1Y	ЗY	5Y	10Y	ITD
I CHF	-1.6%	4.6%	6.9%	-13.0%	15.1%	84.1%	153.6%	6.9%	-4.6%	2.9%	6.3%	7.2%
BM	-0.8%	3.0%	7.0%	-14.6%	11.9%	73.9%	152.5%	7.0%	-5.1%	2.3%	5.7%	7.1%

#### Annual performance

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD
I CHF	23.7%	16.1%	15.2%	-26.5%	10.1%	4.6%
BM	23.9%	11.4%	19.2%	-24.4%	6.1%	3.0%

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



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.** 

\*MSCI Europe ex UK Small since 18.05.15, MSCI Europe Small until 15.05.15

#### **Top 10 positions**

Burckhardt Compression	4.3%
Fuchs	4.1%
Subsea 7	4.0%
Flughafen Zürich	3.6%
Bakkafrost	3.5%
Bankinter	3.5%
Swissquote	3.5%
Cloetta	3.3%
Buzzi Unicem	3.2%
Sopra Steria	3.2%
Total top 10 positions	36.1%
Total positions	43

#### Sector breakdown

27.4%
13.3%
11.3%
11.0%
9.0%
6.0%
5.0%
4.2%
3.3%
2.5%
1.8%
5.4%

#### Geographic breakdown

Switzerland	15.7%
Spain	13.5%
France	12.6%
Germany	11.8%
Sweden	9.8%
Finland	7.5%
Norway	7.5%
Austria	5.6%
Italy	5.4%
Ireland	2.9%
Portugal	1.2%
Other	1.0%
Cash	5.4%

#### Market cap breakdown

0 - 1 bn	11.6%
1 - 2 bn	18.2%
2 - 5 bn	36.5%
5 - 15 bn	28.3%
Others	5.4%

#### Market review

European small and mid caps, as measured by the MSCI Europe Small Cap ex-UK, were flat (+0.1%) in November underperforming the broader markets (SXXR +1.1%). The US election was the main event with the victory of D. Trump and the Republican in control of the two chambers. US equities bounced back, with US small caps (+10.2%) outperforming large caps (S&P +5.3%). The EUR/USD fell temporarily to its lowest level since 2022. The French market was weak, with political instability leading to the resignation of the prime minister. The global economic narrative remained generally positive, with the US confirming its strength, underpinned by good consumer confidence. In Europe, the Flash PMI for the Euro Area sequentially deteriorated to 48.1 vs 50 in October with both services and manufacturing now in contraction territory. In terms of sector performance, financials (+4.2%), energy (+2.6%) and real estate (+1.6%) performed best while communication services (-3.0%), information technology (-1.8%) and consumer discretionary (-1.4%) lagged the most.

Against this backdrop, the fund declined 0.8% (EUR / B shares), underperforming its benchmark by 86 bps. This brings the ytd performance to 3.9%, a 116 bps beat vs the benchmark.

Top performers in the month were Swissquote (+18.5%), Buzzi (+11.5%) and Do & Co (+12.2%). Swissquote has built a successful one-stop-shop for retail investors to trade almost any asset. It was the first Swiss bank to introduce crypto in 2017 and the asset class grew to account for 22% of trading income in the boom year of 2021 versus 11% in H1 2024. The Trump election win has propelled crypto to new highs and Swissquote will benefit. With more than 50% of its EBITDA in the US, the cement producer Buzzi was also a beneficiary of the Trump election. Q3 sales release showed a slight sequential improvement in volumes and continuous robust pricing. The 2024 guidance was reaffirmed, supported by favourable geographical mix. Buzzi is trading on a very attractive cash adjusted P/E of 6.5x. Do & Co reported another strong quarter, delivering 21% sales growth, driven by airline catering (+24%) and international events (+16%). Profitability improved up 150 bps qoq. This trend should continue in H2, suggesting upside potential to consensus.

Top detractors in the month were Rovi (-17.5%), Nexans (-8.8%) and CAF (-15.7%). As a main contract manufacturer for Moderna (-21% in the Nov), Rovi suffered from the insecurities following Kennedy Jr.'s nomination at the head of the US department of Health. For Rovi, the future is all about CDMO and we expect a flurry of new contracts in the area of obesity to be announced in 2025. Nexans suffered from its albeit small exposure to US offshore wind. With only 8% of its total backlog in the US and most of it being attached to projects currently executed, we deem the "Trump" risk to be very limited. Nexans held a CMD with new 2028 objectives implying an annual 10% EBITDA growth rate, underpinned by the execution of its multi-billion dollar backlog in high voltage and its up-market strategy in medium voltage. The Spanish rolling stock and e-bus manufacturer CAF was severely impacted by the floods in Europe. Customers could not take delivery of their orders and finished busses stayed in the depot. The situation was reversed in October but with poor communication the stock plunged despite unchanged FY guidance.

#### **Positioning & outlook**

The Trump effect on single markets and stocks has been very strong during November, both on the positive and the negative side. Not all of the hopes and fears will materialize. We took the road to meet with companies and have held numerous management meetings in the recent two weeks to understand the issues at stake. As one CEO put it: "it like holding a kite in a hurricane" as there are still a lot of uncertainties around the magnitude and the timing of tariffs, the effects of re-shoring, taxes, labour, inflation etc. Nevertheless some companies are better prepared than others. We met with several existing companies in our portfolio like Nexans, Nordex, CAF, CTT, Metso, Ipsos but also took the opportunity to revisit other investment cases as dislocations always potentially offer interesting new entry points.

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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 enhance their portfolio diversification with investments in European small capitalized founder-controlled companies. The Fund displays the typical risks associated with equity investments in European small caps.

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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 losses.
- Shares in smaller businesses are generally traded in lower volumes and are subject to bigger price fluctuations than larger enterprises.
- 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.
- 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.

#### Management Team



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



Co-Lead Portfolio Manager of the fund since 2018

#### Sustainability Profile - ESG

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

#### Key Figures:

$CO_2$ -intensity (t $CO_2$ /mn USD sales):	172.3 (Moderate)	Coverage:	91%
MSCI ESG Rating (AAA - CCC):	А	Coverage:	91%

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  $CO_2$ -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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