# Entrepreneur Europe Small (LUX)

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# Factsheet

Bellevue Funds (Lux) | Share class AB EUR

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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

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Volume	EUR 139.1 mn
NAV-calculation	Daily "Forward Pricing"
Cut off time	15:00 CET
Distribution policy	Distributing
Investment manager Be	llevue Asset Management AG
Custodian CACEIS BA	ANK, LUXEMBOURG BRANCH
Launch date	31.05.2024
Fiscal year end	30.06
Benchmark	MSCI Europe ex UK Small*
ISIN code	LU2811956460
Valor	135041721
Bloomberg	BFLESAB LX
WKN	A40D26
Management fee	1.60%
Performance fee	10% above Benchmark**
Subscription fee	up to 5%
Min. investment	n.a.
Legal entity	Luxembourg UCITS V SICAV
Countries of distribution	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	6.49
Active Share	89.18
Sharpe Ratio	-0.02
Information Ratio	-0.13
Jensen's Alpha	-0.79

As stipulated by Article 27 of the EU Directive 2006/73/EC implementing Directive 2004/39 / EC ("MiFID" - Markets in the Financial Instruments Directive) and by national laws incorporating the directive, information regarding past performance may be presented only if that performance information covers a complete 12-month period (or longer). The information regarding past performance will be presented here as soon as it covers a complete 12 month period (or longer).

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.

# **Top 10 positions**

Fuchs	3.8%
Burckhardt Compression	3.6%
Wartsila	3.4%
Bankinter	3.3%
Nordex	3.3%
Merlin Properties	3.3%
Subsea 7	3.2%
Flughafen Zürich	3.2%
Nexans	3.2%
Outotec Oyj	3.1%
Total top 10 positions	33.5%
Total positions	44

#### Sector breakdown

Industrials		29.8%
Financials		13.7%
IT		12.9%
Materials		9.6%
Consumer Staples		7.8%
Healthcare		6.9%
Energy		4.2%
Communication Services		3.6%
Real Estate		3.0%
Consumer Discretion.		2.9%
Utilities	ı	1.2%
Cash		4.4%

# Geographic breakdown

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Switzerland	14.9%
Spain	14.6%
France	14.1%
Germany	11.7%
Sweden	9.3%
Finland	8.4%
Italy	5.8%
Norway	5.8%
Austria	4.9%
Ireland	3.0%
Netherlands	1.3%
Portugal	1.2%
Other	0.6%
Cash	4.4%

# Market cap breakdown

0 - 1 bn	11.8%
1 - 2 bn	17.0%
2 - 5 bn	33.2%
5 - 15 bn	33.6%
Others	4.5%

#### Market review

European small and mid caps, as measured by the MSCI Europe Small Cap ex-UK, rose 0.2% in September slightly outperforming European large caps (SXXR -0.3%). Following a relative weak start into the month, equities generally rebounded sustained by a combination of 3 factors: 1) a 50 bps cut from the Fed 2) a pickup in US economic data, signalling the unlikelihood of a sharp downturn for now, and 3) significant Chinese stimulus announcements, leading to a surge in local markets and China exposed stocks (Shanghai Index SSE up more than 20%). Europe was less exciting, with the Eurozone flash PMI failing to remain above the key 50 level (48.9 in September from 51.0 in August), impacted by a deepening of the downturn in the manufacturing sector (44.8 vs 45.8) while services remained in expansion territory. In terms of sector performance, chemicals (+5.9%), insurance (+4.3%) and real estate (+3.8%) performed best while energy (-5.4%), healthcare (-2.4%) and technology (-1.8%) lagged the most.

Against this backdrop, the fund increased by 0.5% (EUR / B shares), outperforming its benchmark by 37 bps. This brings the performance to 10.7% for the first nine month of 2024, a 336 bps beat vs the benchmark.

Top detractors in the month were Subsea 7 (-10.1%), Rovi (-10%) and Do & Co (-10.3%). Speculations about Rovi's CDMO assets sale hit the press, with a Spanish Newspaper mentioning CVC likely to offer EUR 3 bn, at the lower end of the valuation range. Other than the value of the deal, other questions remain unanswered: Will Rovi keep a minority stake? how will the cash be allocated or re-invested, ie is a jumbo dividend possible? The actual market cap of EUR 3.7 bn now discounts a very low multiple to the non-CDMO business. We had reduced our position following a management meeting in early September. Subsea 7 experienced further profit taking related to the probability of a weaker Q3 order flow after a very strong Q2. Also, the oil price has been falling since April due to lower economic growth in China and Europe despite geopolitical uncertainty. A recent meeting with the management left us confident about the general activity levels for both conventional O+G and offshore wind for the subsea contractor. After a strong first half, Do & Co was subject to profit taking despite having published strong quarterly results marked notably by an excellent topline growth of 38%, including +40% in airline catering where the company continues to gain market shares. Operating margins were down 60 bps to 6.6% which remains a very decent profitability level for the sector, particularly as start up costs in the US temporarily weigh on margins.

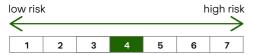
Top performers in the month were Fuchs (+14.5%), Nexans (+12.8%) and Sopra Steria (+8.0%). As an early cyclical exposed to global industrials and auto, Fuchs benefited from both the Fed cut and the China stimulus. We feel the company has been overly sanctioned by the recent auto sector weakness, considering Fuchs exposure to first-fill OEM lubricants is only 10%. Nexans maintained its upward trend underpinned by positive newsflow related to the Great Sea Interconnector, a EUR 1.9 bn project aiming at connecting Cyprus to the European electricity network through Greece. While a lot remains to be finalized in this highly complex project, these progresses are contributing to the gradual rerating of Nexans which remains highly undervalued in light of its strong growth prospects. Sopra Steria rebounded as some early cyclicals IT services players showed improving business trends. Sopra's next growth phase will be sustained by recurring large digitization projects and the ramp up of its high margin consulting activity. At 7.5x 2024 EBIT, the risk reward is attractive.

# **Positioning & outlook**

Just because small and mid caps in Europe have not yet outperformed their larger peers does not mean that ship has sailed. Valuation disparities small versus large are still abnormally high and we continue to argue for an attractive risk/reward and a pick-up in relative performance. Actually, since the first ECB rate cut in June small caps have outperformed the Stoxx 50 by 215 bps. In terms of focus, portfolio construction and stock selection we think this time is very different from the low inflation low interest rate period of 2009-2021 and would advise against using the same recipes.

# 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.



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



Laurent Picard, SFAF
Co-Lead Portfolio Manager of
the fund since 2018

# Sustainability Profile - ESG

EU SFDR 2019/2088 product category: Article 8

Exclusions:		ESG Risk Analysis:		Stewardship:	
Compliance UNGC, HR, ILO	$\bigcirc$	ESG-Integration	$\bigcirc$	Engagement	<u></u>
Norms-based exclusions	$\bigcirc$			Proxy Voting	$\overline{\mathscr{O}}$
Controversial weapons	$\bigcirc$				

# **Key Figures:**

CO <sub>2</sub> -intensity (t CO <sub>2</sub> /mn USD sales):	169.5 (Moderate)	Coverage:	92%
MSCI ESG Rating (AAA - CCC):	Α	Coverage:	92%

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 CO2-intensity expresses MSCI ESG Research's estimate of GHG emissions measured in tons of CO2 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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DATED NOVEMBER 2021

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