

# Asia Pacific Healthcare (LUX)

# Factsheet

Bellevue Funds (Lux) | Share class | USD

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

#### Investment focus

The fund's aim is to achieve capital growth in the long term, is actively managed and invests in healthcare stocks of companies that have their registered office or carry out the majority of their economic activity in the healthcare markets of the Asia-Pacific region. Its investment universe consists of generics producers, pharma and biotechnology companies, medical technology and services firms. Experienced sector specialists focus on profitable companies that have a well-established product portfolio. Investments are made based on fundamental research analysis. Stock selection is exclusively bottom up, independent of benchmark weightings. The fund takes ESG factors into consideration while implementing the aforementioned investment objectives.

#### **Fund facts**

NAV	148.16
Volume	USD 114.0 mn
NAV-calculation	Daily "Forward Pricing"
Cut off time	09:00 CET
Distribution policy	Accumulating
Investment manager	Bellevue Asset Management AG

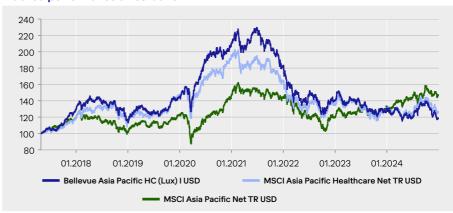
Custodian	CACEIS BANK, LUXEMBOURG BRANCH
Launch date	28.04.2017
Fiscal year end	30.06
Benchmark	MSCI Asia Pacific Healthcare Net TR
ISIN code	LU1587984680
Valor	36225512
Bloomberg	BEAAPIU LX
WKN	A2DPA1
Management fe	ee 0.90%
Performance fe	e 10% above Benchmark*
Subscription fe	e up to 5%
Min. investmen	t n.a.
Legal entity	Luxembourg UCITS V SICAV
Countries of	AT, CH, DE, ES, HK, IT, LU, PT, SG
EU SFDR 2019/2	2088 Article 8

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Article 8		
0.85		
0.84		
17.8%		
10.00		
38.33		
-0.94		

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# Indexed performance since launch



# Cumulative & annualised performance

#### Cumulative

	1M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	ITD
IUSD	-6.0%	-9.2%	-9.2%	-35.3%	-18.2%	n.a.	18.5%
ВМ	-4.8%	-4.2%	-4.2%	-23.6%	-14.5%	n.a.	26.0%
MSCI AP	-0.9%	9.6%	9.6%	1.1%	19.2%	n.a.	46.1%

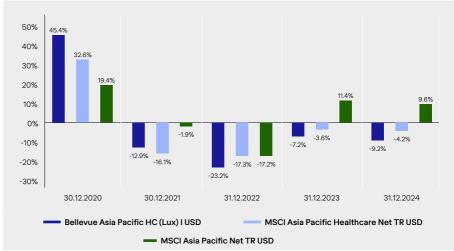
1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	ITD
-9.2%	-13.5%	-3.9%	n.a.	2.2%
-4.2%	-8.6%	-3.1%	n.a.	3.0%
9.6%	0.4%	3.6%	n.a.	5.1%

Annualised

## **Annual performance**

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD
IUSD	23.6%	45.0%	-12.9%	-23.2%	-7.2%	-9.2%
вм	30.1%	33.0%	-16.2%	-17.3%	-3.6%	-4.2%
MSCI AP	19.4%	19.7%	-1.9%	-17.2%	11.4%	9.6%

# Rolling 12-month-performance

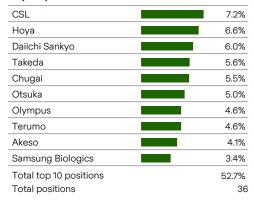


Source: Bellevue Asset Management, 31.12.2024; all figures in USD %, total return / BVI-methodology Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results and can be misleading. As the fund is denominated in a currency that may differ than an investor's base currency, changes in the rate of exchange 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 USD 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 USD 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.

Information Ratio

Jensen's Alpha

#### **Top 10 positions**



#### Sector breakdown

Biotechnology	27.7%
Pharma	26.6%
Medtech	19.9%
Services	12.0%
Generics/Spec.Pharma	9.5%
Cash	4.3%

#### Geographic breakdown

Japan		45.6%
China		24.4%
Australia		9.4%
South Korea		8.0%
Thailand		4.2%
India	ı	1.6%
United States	ı	1.5%
New Zealand	I	1.2%
Cash		4.3%

#### Market cap breakdown

1 - 2 bn	Į.	0.8%
2 - 5 bn		5.8%
5 - 15 bn		26.7%
15 - 20 bn		8.2%
>20 bn		54.2%
Others		4.3%

#### **Market review**

Market attention in December was once again focused on central bank action, some of which took investors by surprise. The SNB and the Bank of Canada both announced surprisingly large cuts of 50 basis points. Meanwhile the Brazilian central bank lifted its benchmark rate by a greater-than-expected full percentage point. Central banks in Australia, the United Kingdom and Japan left their rates unchanged in December and the Fed raised its overnight lending rate by a quarter-point as expected, but it surprised the market by projecting only two quarter-point rate cuts in 2025 instead of the previously expected four cuts. This latter news was also the main reason for the stock market's weak performance in December. The MSCI World Index closed the month clearly lower (-2.6% in USD). Healthcare stocks were even weaker, shedding more than 6% of their value over the month. Disappointing clinical data from Novo Nordisk, political initiatives in Washington to reduce the cost of healthcare in the US, a renewed rise in bond yields and end-of-the-year window dressing were additional negative factors for the healthcare sector. Both the MSCI Asia Pacific Index and regional healthcare stocks gave up less ground in comparison, closing the month -0.6% and -4.8% lower, respectively.

The Japanese pharmaceutical company Takeda informed investors about its pipeline developments as the year came to a close. Four years ago, when the company last held an R&D day, the company was not as broadly positioned as it is today. Six pipeline projects in the third and final stage of development stand out. Pivotal data from three of these Phase III studies will be published in 2025. Particularly interesting is TAK-861, an investigational treatment for narcolepsy type 1 (NT1) that demonstrated excellent results in Phase II testing. Takeda could launch the very first drug that treats the underlying cause of NT1. Phase III data is scheduled for publication in the third quarter of 2025. If this data confirms the results from the Phase II study, there will be nothing standing in the way of a blockbuster product generating up to USD 5 bn in annual sales for Takeda.

The disappointing Phase III results from Novo Nordisk's study of Cagrisema made its main competitor Eli Lilly the undisputed number one player in the race to launch a next-gen obesity drug. The US pharmaceutical giant already has the most effective weight-loss drug in the market (tirzepatide). Since Novo Nordisk does not have an oral drug in its late-stage pipeline, the focus now is on orforglipron, an oral GLP-1 receptor agonist developed by Chugai and licensed to Eli Lilly. Orforglipron is currently in the third phase of development and results should be published in April 2025. Besides milestone payments, Chugai will also receive royalties of 10%–15% of future worldwide sales.

Legend Biotech shares retreated in the face of unrelenting selling pressure. Its CAR T-cell therapy (Carvykti) is clearly viewed as the best available treatment for multiple myeloma, having demonstrated remarkable and lasting efficacy. It is now being widely used in the market – so far some 5000 patients have already received treatment with Carvykti. In 2024, Legend Biotech and its partner Johnson & Johnson generated more than USD 1 bn in sales with this drug. However, there has also been some concern about side effects. There is the risk of serious neurologic side effects in approx. 2% of patients and of so-called parkinsonism in 1-2% of patients. Phase II data on a competing product being developed by Arcellx/Gilead was recently reported that showed a similar efficacy profile but without severe side effects. We are nevertheless confident that Carvykti will continue to claim at least part of the total market in multiple myeloma thanks to its big head start and its very high efficacy. In addition, the rival product must also demonstrate no notable side effects in Phase III testing in order to have a real chance of elbowing Carvykti out of the market.

New positions were opened in Cochlear and Wuxi Apptec during the past month and existing positions in Takeda, Chugai and Astellas were increased. Metropolis and Torrent Pharma are no longer in the portfolio and the portfolio weightings of Hansoh, Beigene and Samsung Biologics were reduced.

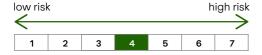
# Positioning & outlook

Asia is the most dynamic growth region in the world and it accounts for more than half of the world's population. Asian emerging markets are forecast to account for more than 50% of global GDP by 2050. As household incomes rise, the economic growth model of Asian countries will shift from manufacturing to the services sector. A growing middle class fuels demand for modern medicine. Healthcare ranks increasingly high on their wish list. Billions are being invested in infrastructure, technology and research to modernize the healthcare systems in emerging market countries. This is giving a greater swath of the population access to better healthcare. Meanwhile, rapid population aging is also stoking demand for healthcare. In 30 years there will be 400 to 500 mn people over 60 in China alone, and they will have a growing need for modern health services and medicines.

Japan, which has been referred to as "the world's demographic laboratory", has championed cutting-edge innovation for decades. The Land of the Rising Sun boasts technology leadership in numerous fields, ranging from therapeutic antibody technology, immunotherapy and robotics to digitalization, diagnostics and medical imaging systems. The fund offers defensive access to Asian emerging markets as well as exciting investment opportunities in technology leaders throughout the entire region. It invests in the entire healthcare system value chain, from generic drug producers and biotechnology companies to medical device manufacturers and digital health specialists.

#### Risk and return profile acc. to SRI

The Fund's objective is to generate an attractive return over a long-term horizon. It is therefore particularly suited to investors with an investment horizon of at least 5 years who want to diversify their portfolio with selective exposure to the healthcare sector in Asia and who are willing to accept the risks typically associated with stocks in this sector.



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.

#### **Benefits**

- Access to defensive growth Asia's emerging countries are facing aging populations and changing lifestyles.
- An interesting combination of investments in Asian emerging markets and Japanese cutting-edge technology.
- Broad spread across different sectors and company sizes in the Asia-Pacific healthcare industry.
- Attractive valuations compared with the projected medium to long-term growth.
- Bellevue Healthcare Team topperforming pioneer in the management of healthcare portfolios in emerging markets.

#### 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.
- Investing in emerging markets entails the additional risk of political and social instability.
- The fund invests in foreign currencies, which means a corresponding degree of currency risk against the reference currency.
- The fund may invest in China A equities.
   This entails the risk of supervisory changes, volume caps and operating restrictions which may lead to a higher counterparty risk.
- 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.

Stewardship:

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**



**Exclusions:** 

Oliver Kubli, CFA Lead Portfolio Manager since inception of the fund



Remo Krauer, CIIA Portfolio Manager

## Sustainability Profile - ESG

EU SFDR 2019/2088 product category: Article 8

Compliance UNGC, HR, ILO	$\bigcirc$	ESG-Integration	$\bigcirc$	Engagement	lacksquare
Norms-based exclusions	$\bigcirc$			Proxy Voting	$\bigcirc$
Controversial weapons	$\bigcirc$				
Key Figures:					
CO <sub>2</sub> -intensity (t CO <sub>2</sub> /mn USD	sales)	: 39.3 (I	_ow)	Coverage:	94%
MSCI ESG Rating (AAA - CCC)	):		Α	Coverage:	94%

**ESG Risk Analysis:** 

Based on portfolio data as per 31.12.2024; — 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<sub>2</sub> 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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