Sub-Fund of an investment company with variable capital SICAV



Monthly report October 2024

Marketing document for private and institutional investors

### Facts Fund class I1

Net Asset Value per Fund share CHF	2'616.70
Assets CHF m (all Fund classes)	1'904
Investment level	100%
Liquidity	0%

## Industry breakdown

Ophthalmology	12%
Hospital Equipment	11%
Surgical Instruments	7%
Orthopaedics	7%
In-vitro Diagnostics	7%
Disposable Medical Supplies	6%
Diabetes	6%
Endoscopy	5%
Interventional Cardiology	4%
Other Medical Technology Sectors	35%

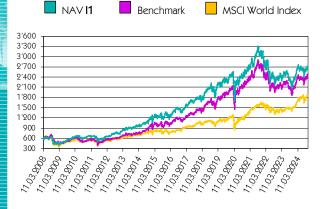
## **Holdings**

Abbott Laboratories	10%	ResMed	3%
Boston Scientific	10%	GE HealthCare	3%
Intuitive Surgical	10%	IDEXX Laboratories	3%
Stryker	10%	DexCom	3%
Medtronic	5%	CooperCompanies	2%
Alcon	4%	Steris	2%
EssilorLuxottica	4%	Hologic	2%
Becton Dickinson	4%	Sonova	2%
НОУА	4%	Align Technology	2%
Edwards Lifesciences	4%	13 small holdings	13%
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# Currency breakdown

USD	78%	JPY	5%
CHF	8%	DKK	2%
EUR	6%	GBP	2%

#### Performance Fund class I1 CHF



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Performance in CHF	October	2024	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Inception
MIV Global Medtech Fund <b>I1</b>	-0.7%	11.5%	23.1%	-16.4%	12.3%	128.7%	329.9%
Benchmark *	-0.5%	13.0%	23.9%	-13.3%	21.7%	155.6%	289.6%
MSCI World Index	0.5%	19.7%	27.0%	13.9%	54.6%	128.5%	199.5%

	11.19-10.20	11.20-10.21	11.21-10.22	11.22-10.23	11.23-10.24
MIV Global Medtech Fund I1	3.0%	30.3%	-23.7%	-11.0%	23.1%
Benchmark *	7.9%	30.1%	-21.8%	-10.6%	23.9%
MSCI World Index	-3.1%	40.0%	-10.7%	0.5%	27.0%

<sup>\*</sup> MSCI World Healthcare Equipment & Supplies



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### Glossary

NAV

Benchmark Inception Management fee An index, which is used as a reference for the measurement of the performance of the Fund.

Launch date of the Fund and/or the Fund class.

Portfolio manager's fee for the management and the distribution of the Fund.

Net Asset Value: total Fund assets divided by total number of Fund shares outstanding.

TER Total Expense Ratio: sum of all fees and costs, which are charged to the Fund on a continuous basis.



## Information

Website	www.mivglobalmedtech.ch
Legal structure	Sub-Fund of Variopartner SICAV, an investment fund under Luxembourg law
Fund class	11 (CHF) accumulation / ISIN: LU0329631377 / Swiss Valor Number: 3535028 / WKN: A0NETS
Subscription/redemption	On every bank working day in Luxembourg until 3.45 p.m. at net asset value (no calculation of net asset values on bank/stock exchange holidays in Luxembourg and/or the US)
Management fee	0.8% p.a.
Total Expense Ratio (TER) as of 30.6.2024	0.97%
Launch of fund	11 March 2008
Close of financial year	30 June
Benchmark	MSCI World Healthcare Equipment & Supplies
Reporting of the Portfolio manager	Monthly, semester and yearly report
Fund price monitoring	www.mivglobalmedtech.ch / www.swissfunddata.ch / www.fundinfo.com Bloomberg: VARMVI1 LX / Reuters: LU0329631377.LUF / Neue Zürcher Zeitung
Portfolio manager	MIV Asset Management AG, Feldeggstrasse 55, CH-8008 Zurich, info@mivglobalmedtech.ch Contact: Jürg Nagel, Christoph Gubler, Giuseppe Di Benedetto, Phone +41 44 253 64 11
Management company	Vontobel Asset Management S.A., 18, rue Erasme, L-1468 Luxembourg
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Net Asset Value per Fund share EUR	2'787.41
Assets EUR m (all Fund classes)	2'029
Investment level	100%
Liquidity	0%

## Industry breakdown

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Hospital Equipment 11	1 /0
Surgical Instruments	7%
Orthopaedics 7	7%
In-vitro Diagnostics	7%
Disposable Medical Supplies 6	5%
Diabetes	5%
Endoscopy 5	5%
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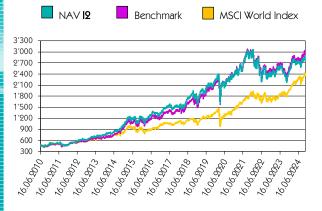
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Benchmark *	-0.2%	11.9%	27.0%	-2.4%	42.7%	228.3%	501.2%
MSCI World Index	0.8%	18.5%	30.2%	28.3%	81.3%	193.5%	385.9%

	11.19-10.20	11.20-10.21	11.21-10.22	11.22-10.23	11.23-10.24
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Management fee	0.8% p.a.						
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Launch of fund	11 March 2008						
Launch of fund class 12	16 June 2010						
Close of financial year	30 June						
Benchmark	MSCI World Healthcare Equipment & Supplies						
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Fund price monitoring	www.mivglobalmedtech.ch / www.swissfunddata.ch / www.fundinfo.com Bloomberg: VARMVI2 LX / Reuters: LU0329631708.LUF / Neue Zürcher Zeitung						
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### Facts Fund class 13

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## Industry breakdown

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Hospital Equipment 11	1 /0
Surgical Instruments	7%
Orthopaedics 7	7%
In-vitro Diagnostics	7%
Disposable Medical Supplies 6	5%
Diabetes	5%
Endoscopy 5	5%
Interventional Cardiology	1%
Other Medical Technology Sectors 35	5%

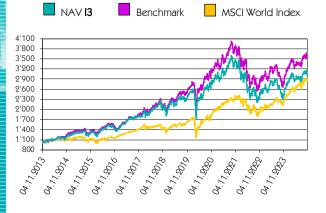
## **Holdings**

J%	ResMed	3%
)%	GE HealthCare	3%
)%	IDEXX Laboratories	3%
0%	DexCom	3%
5%	CooperCompanies	2%
1%	Steris	2%
1%	Hologic	2%
1%	Sonova	2%
1%	Align Technology	2%
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# Currency breakdown

USD	78%	JPY	5%
CHF	8%	DKK	2%
EUR	6%	GBP	2%

#### Performance Fund class I3 USD



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Performance in USD	October	2024	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Inception
MIV Global Medtech Fund 13	-3.1%	8.5%	29.6%	-11.7%	28.1%	154.6%	194.0%
Benchmark *	-2.9%	10.0%	30.4%	-8.4%	38.9%	184.5%	241.7%
MSCI World Index	-2.0%	16.5%	33.7%	20.4%	76.4%	154.3%	176.2%
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	11.19-10.20	11.20-10.21	11.21-10.22	11.22-10.23	11.23-10.24
MIV Global Medtech Fund 13	10.9%	30.7%	-30.4%	-2.1%	29.6%
Benchmark *	16.2%	30.5%	-28.6%	-1.7%	30.4%
MSCI World Index	4.4%	40.4%	-18.5%	10.5%	33.7%

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## Information

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Legal structure	Sub-Fund of Variopartner SICAV, an investment fund under Luxembourg law					
Fund class	13 (USD) accumulation / ISIN: LU0969575645 / Swiss Valor Number: 22479883 / WKN: A1W7RK					
Subscription/redemption	On every bank working day in Luxembourg until 3.45 p.m. at net asset value (no calculation of net asset values on bank/stock exchange holidays in Luxembourg and/or the US)					
Management fee	0.8% p.a.					
Total Expense Ratio (TER) as of 30.6.2024	0.97%					
Launch of fund	11 March 2008					
Launch of fund class 13	4 November 2013					
Close of financial year	30 June					
Benchmark	MSCI World Healthcare Equipment & Supplies					
Reporting of the Portfolio manager	Monthly, semester and yearly report					
Fund price monitoring	www.mivglobalmedtech.ch / www.swissfunddata.ch / www.fundinfo.com Bloomberg: VARI3US LX / Reuters: LU0969575645.LUF / Neue Zürcher Zeitung					
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### Facts Fund class N1

Net Asset Value per Fund share CHF	2'532.12
Assets CHF m (all Fund classes)	1'904
Investment level	100%
Liquidity	0%

## Industry breakdown

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11%
7%
7%
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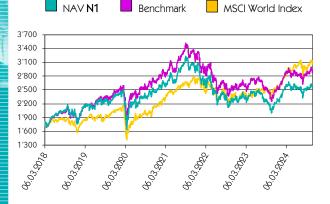
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Boston Scientific	10%	GE HealthCare	3%
Intuitive Surgical	10%	IDEXX Laboratories	3%
Stryker	10%	DexCom	3%
Medtronic	5%	CooperCompanies	2%
Alcon	4%	Steris	2%
EssilorLuxottica	4%	Hologic	2%
Becton Dickinson	4%	Sonova	2%
НОУА	4%	Align Technology	2%
Edwards Lifesciences	4%	13 small holdings	13%
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# Currency breakdown

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Benchmark *	-0.5%	13.0%	23.9%	-13.3%	21.7%	n.a.	66.5%
MSCI World Index	0.5%	19.7%	27.0%	13.9%	54.6%	n.a.	77.2%

	11.19-10.20	11.20-10.21	11.21-10.22	11.22-10.23	11.23-10.24
MIV Global Medtech Fund <b>N1</b>	2.8%	30.1%	-23.9%	-11.1%	22.9%
Benchmark *	7.9%	30.1%	-21.8%	-10.6%	23.9%
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Management fee	1.0% p.a.
Total Expense Ratio (TER) as of 30.6.2024	1.17%
Launch of fund	11 March 2008
Launch of fund class N1	6 March 2018
Close of financial year	30 June
Benchmark	MSCI World Healthcare Equipment & Supplies
Reporting of the Portfolio manager	Monthly, semester and yearly report
Fund price monitoring	www.mivglobalmedtech.ch / www.swissfunddata.ch / www.fundinfo.com Bloomberg: VARMVN1 LX / Reuters: LU1769944791.LUF / Neue Zürcher Zeitung
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Custodian/Administrator	State Street Bank International GmbH, 49, Avenue J.F. Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg
Auditor	Ernst & Young S.A., 35E, Avenue J.F. Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg
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### Facts Fund class N2

Net Asset Value per Fund share EUR	2'697.35
Assets EUR m (all Fund classes)	2'029
Investment level	100%
Liquidity	0%

## Industry breakdown

Ophthalmology	12%
Hospital Equipment	11%
Surgical Instruments	7%
Orthopaedics	7%
In-vitro Diagnostics	7%
Disposable Medical Supplies	6%
Diabetes	6%
Endoscopy	5%
Interventional Cardiology	4%
Other Medical Technology Sectors	35%

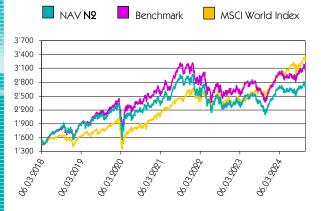
## **Holdings**

10%	ResMed	3%
10%	GE HealthCare	3%
10%	IDEXX Laboratories	3%
10%	DexCom	3%
5%	CooperCompanies	2%
4%	Steris	2%
4%	Hologic	2%
4%	Sonova	2%
4%	Align Technology	2%
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EUR	6%	GBP	2%

#### Performance Fund class N2 EUR



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Benchmark *	-0.2%	11.9%	27.0%	-2.4%	42.7%	n.a.	106.5%
MSCI World Index	0.8%	18.5%	30.2%	28.3%	81.3%	n.a.	119.8%

	11.19-10.20	11.20-10.21	11.21-10.22	11.22-10.23	11.23-10.24
MIV Global Medtech Fund <b>N2</b>	6.0%	31.3%	-18.6%	-8.6%	25.9%
Benchmark *	11.3%	31.4%	-16.4%	-8.0%	27.0%
MSCI World Index	0.0%	41.3%	-4.5%	3.3%	30.2%

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Subscription/redemption	On every bank working day in Luxembourg until 3.45 p.m. at net asset value (no calculation of net asset values on bank/stock exchange holidays in Luxembourg and/or the US)
Management fee	1.0% p.a.
Total Expense Ratio (TER) as of 30.6.2024	1.17%
Launch of fund	11 March 2008
Launch of fund class N2	6 March 2018
Close of financial year	30 June
Benchmark	MSCI World Healthcare Equipment & Supplies
Reporting of the Portfolio manager	Monthly, semester and yearly report
Fund price monitoring	www.mivglobalmedtech.ch / www.swissfunddata.ch / www.fundinfo.com Bloomberg: VARMVN2 LX / Reuters: LU1769944874.LUF / Neue Zürcher Zeitung
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100%
0%

## Industry breakdown

12%
11%
7%
7%
7%
6%
6%
5%
4%
35%

## **Holdings**

Abbott Laboratories	10%	ResMed	3%
Boston Scientific	10%	GE HealthCare	3%
Intuitive Surgical	10%	IDEXX Laboratories	3%
Stryker	10%	DexCom	3%
Medtronic	5%	CooperCompanies	2%
Alcon	4%	Steris	2%
EssilorLuxottica	4%	Hologic	2%
Becton Dickinson	4%	Sonova	2%
НОУА	4%	Align Technology	2%
Edwards Lifesciences	4%	13 small holdings	13%
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MSCI World Index	-2.0%	16.5%	33.7%	20.4%	76.4%	154.3%	160.8%

	11.19-10.20	11.20-10.21	11.21-10.22	11.22-10.23	11.23-10.24
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Management fee	1.0% p.a.
Total Expense Ratio (TER) as of 30.6.2024	1.17%
Launch of fund	11 March 2008
Launch of fund class N3	3 April 2014
Close of financial year	30 June
Benchmark	MSCI World Healthcare Equipment & Supplies
Reporting of the Portfolio manager	Monthly, semester and yearly report
Fund price monitoring	www.mivglobalmedtech.ch / www.swissfunddata.ch / www.fundinfo.com Bloomberg: VARMVN3 LX / Reuters: LU1050446076.LUF / Neue Zürcher Zeitung
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### Facts Fund class P1

Net Asset Value per Fund share CHF	2'366.49
Assets CHF m (all Fund classes)	1'904
Investment level	100%
Liquidity	0%

#### Industry breakdown

Ophthalmology	12%
Hospital Equipment	11%
Surgical Instruments	7%
Orthopaedics	7%
In-vitro Diagnostics	7%
Disposable Medical Supplies	6%
Diabetes	6%
Endoscopy	5%
Interventional Cardiology	4%
Other Medical Technology Sectors	35%

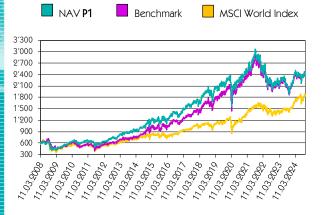
## **Holdings**

10%	ResMed	3%
10%	GE HealthCare	3%
10%	IDEXX Laboratories	3%
10%	DexCom	3%
5%	CooperCompanies	2%
4%	Steris	2%
4%	Hologic	2%
4%	Sonova	2%
4%	Align Technology	2%
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13.0%	23.9%	-13.3%	21.7%	155.6%	289.6%
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MIV Global Medtech Fund <b>P1</b>	2.4%	29.5%	-24.2%	-11.5%	22.4%
Benchmark *	7.9%	30.1%	-21.8%	-10.6%	23.9%
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Subscription/redemption	On every bank working day in Luxembourg until 3.45 p.m. at net asset value (no calculation of net asset values on bank/stock exchange holidays in Luxembourg and/or the US)				
Management fee	1.4% p.a.				
Total Expense Ratio (TER) as of 30.6.2024	1.57%				
Launch of fund	11 March 2008				
Close of financial year	30 June				
Benchmark	MSCI World Healthcare Equipment & Supplies				
Reporting of the Portfolio manager	Monthly, semester and yearly report				
Fund price monitoring	www.mivglobalmedtech.com / www.swissfunddata.ch / www.fundinfo.com Bloomberg: VARMVP1 LX / Reuters: LU0329630999.LUF / Neue Zürcher Zeitung				
Portfolio manager	MIV Asset Management AG, Feldeggstrasse 55, CH-8008 Zurich, info@mivglobalmedtech.ch Contact: Jürg Nagel, Christoph Gubler, Giuseppe Di Benedetto, Phone +41 44 253 64 11				
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### Facts Fund class P2

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## Industry breakdown

12%
11%
7%
7%
7%
6%
6%
5%
4%
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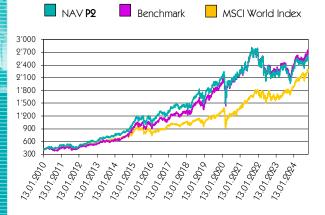
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Abbott Laboratories	10%	ResMed	3%
Boston Scientific	10%	GE HealthCare	3%
Intuitive Surgical	10%	IDEXX Laboratories	3%
Stryker	10%	DexCom	3%
Medtronic	5%	CooperCompanies	2%
Alcon	4%	Steris	2%
EssilorLuxottica	4%	Hologic	2%
Becton Dickinson	4%	Sonova	2%
НОУА	4%	Align Technology	2%
Edwards Lifesciences	4%	13 small holdings	13%

# Currency breakdown

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Performance in EUR	October	2024	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Inception
MIV Global Medtech Fund <b>P2</b>	-0.4%	9.9%	25.4%	-7.5%	27.7%	176.7%	503.5%
Benchmark *	-0.2%	11.9%	27.0%	-2.4%	42.7%	228.3%	532.8%
MSCI World Index	0.8%	18.5%	30.2%	28.3%	81.3%	193.5%	435.1%

	11.19-10.20	11.20-10.21	11.21-10.22	11.22-10.23	11.23-10.24
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### Facts Fund class P3

Net Asset Value per Fund share USD	2'736.18
Assets USD m (all Fund classes)	2'202
Investment level	100%
Liquidity	0%

## Industry breakdown

Ophthalmology	12%
Hospital Equipment	11%
Surgical Instruments	7%
Orthopaedics	7%
In-vitro Diagnostics	7%
Disposable Medical Supplies	6%
Diabetes	6%
Endoscopy	5%
Interventional Cardiology	4%
Other Medical Technology Sectors	35%

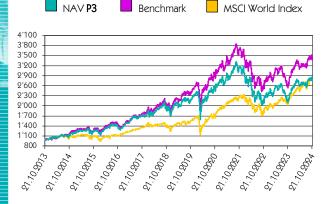
# **Holdings**

Abbott Laboratories	10%	ResMed		
Boston Scientific	10%	GE HealthCare	3%	
Intuitive Surgical	10%	IDEXX Laboratories	3%	
Stryker	10%	DexCom	3%	
Medtronic	5%	CooperCompanies	2%	
Alcon	4%	Steris	2%	
EssilorLuxottica	4%	Hologic	2%	
Becton Dickinson	4%	Sonova	2%	
НОУА	4%	Align Technology	2%	
Edwards Lifesciences	4%	13 small holdings	13%	

# Currency breakdown

USD	78%	JPY	5%
CHF	8%	DKK	2%
EUR	6%	GBP	2%

#### Performance Fund class P3 USD



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## Company Headlines

US group Intuitive Surgical once again clearly exceeded expectations in the third quarter. Revenue grew 17% to USD 2.04 billion, adjusted operating margin rose to 37% and adjusted earnings per share increased by 26%. The company supplied 379 da Vinci robotic-assisted surgical systems. This figure included 110 da Vinci 5 fifth-generation surgical robots, which were only approved in the firm's key home market in mid-March. Thanks to the substantially higher selling price of the innovative da Vinci 5, the average sales generated per placed da Vinci surgical robot climbed to just over USD 1.5 million. The number of minimally invasive surgical procedures in soft tissue performed worldwide using da Vinci surgical robots increased by 18%. In mid-October, management revised its guidance for financial year 2024 upwards for the third time and is now forecasting growth of 16% to 17% in the number of procedures. With accelerated organic revenue growth of 18.2% to USD 4.2 billion, Boston Scientific significantly exceeded its own forecast and analysts' expectations again in the third quarter of 2024. The electrophysiology segment produced an outstanding performance again with growth of 177% to USD 527 million. This was due to the FARAPULSE PFA system, a non-thermal ablation system for the treatment of atrial fibrillation, which was approved by the US health authority FDA at the end of January. In October, the company improved its forecast for organic revenue growth in full-year 2024 for the third time to 15% (originally 8% to 9%). The growth forecast for adjusted earnings per share was also upgraded to a range of 19.5% to 20.5%. Broadly diversified US healthcare group Abbott Laboratories posted a positive business performance in the third quarter, with organic revenue growth of 8.2% in its underlying base business (i.e. excluding COVID-19 tests). Management confirmed its growth forecast for financial year 2024, which it raised three months ago to between 9.5% and 10%. Medical devices the biggest business area with a revenue contribution of 45% - exceeded expectations again in the third quarter with organic revenue growth of 13.3%. The largest segment, diabetes, stood out once more with a growth rate of 19.1%. This is because Abbott was able to raise organically generated sales with its innovative and affordable FreeStyle Libre glucose monitoring system by 20.7% to more than USD 1.6 billion. The segments of electrophysiology (+14.3%), treatment of structural heart disease (+16.5%) and implantable cardiac support systems (+14.4%) also recorded sustained high growth rates. In August, Abbott announced a new global partnership with Medtronic to collaborate on connecting Abbott's world-leading continuous glucose monitoring system with Medtronic's insulin delivery devices. In September, Abbott announced the market launch of Lingo its first continuous glucose monitoring system available without a prescription and designed for people who want to improve their overall health and wellness - in the USA.

Performance in USD	October	2024	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Inception
MIV Global Medtech Fund P3	-3.1%	8.0%	28.8%	-13.2%	24.3%	139.7%	177.3%
Benchmark *	-2.9%	10.0%	30.4%	-8.4%	38.9%	184.5%	241.0%
MSCI World Index	-2.0%	16.5%	33.7%	20.4%	76.4%	154.3%	177.0%

	11.19-10.20	11.20-10.21	11.21-10.22	11.22-10.23	11.23-10.24
MIV Global Medtech Fund <b>P3</b>	10.3%	29.9%	-30.8%	-2.7%	28.8%
Benchmark *	16.2%	30.5%	-28.6%	-1.7%	30.4%
MSCI World Index	4.4%	40.4%	-18.5%	10.5%	33.7%

<sup>\*</sup> MSCI World Healthcare Equipment & Supplies



#### **Investment Strategy**

The MIV Global Medtech Fund invests globally in listed medical device companies. The investment process is based on a combined top-down / bottom-up approach. Against the background of the particular macroeconomic environment, the most interesting markets and companies are determined based on an intensive primary analysis. Alongside an attractive valuation, a strong market position, good growth potential, excellent products, sustainable profitability and high-quality management are the decisive parameters for investment. The consideration of sustainability criteria (ESG) is integrated in the research, analysis and investment process. Risks are managed by means of portfolio diversification. The portfolio of the MIV Global Medtech Fund is structured more defensively or cyclically in the best possible anticipation of economic trends, with a view to achieving a higher return than the benchmark and the general market indices.

#### **Benefits**

Owing to demographic trends and the desire for quality of life and mobility, the medical device industry is a long-term growth market. Emerging markets will have a positive impact on the medical device industry's future growth thanks to the state-backed expansion of their healthcare systems. Medical device suppliers' priority is the development of innovative, minimally invasive products. These are beneficial for patients and cost efficient for the healthcare system due to shorter convalescence periods. Most interesting from an investor's perspective are the industry's high growth rates, above-average profitability and oligopolistic market structures with their high entry barriers for new competitors. Even in a demanding environment, significant product innovations continue to offer attractive growth prospects.

#### Risks

The MIV Global Medtech Fund invests in equity securities and may therefore be subject to high fluctuations in value. For this reason, a medium-term to long-term investment horizon and corresponding risk tolerance and capacity are required for an investment into this Sub-Fund. As the MIV Global Medtech Fund pursues an active management style, the Sub-Fund's performance can deviate substantially from that of its reference index. The focus on equity securities of global medical device companies potentially exposes the Sub-Fund to additional sector-specific risks and currency risks. The Sub-Fund may, for the purpose of hedging and the efficient management of the portfolio, make use of derivatives, which can lead to additional risks (particularly counter party risk). All investments are subject to market fluctuations. Every Fund has specific risks, which can significantly increase under unusual market conditions.

# Sustainability profile - ESG

MIV Asset Management identifies, monitors and mitigates ESG risks that are, or could become, material to the performance of medical technology companies. The approach is based on the following factors:

- Integration: The consideration of sustainability criteria (ESG) is integrated into the research, analysis and investment process. The Fund invests in companies with a good ESG profile. The Fund does not invest in companies with a Sustainalytics ESG Risk Rating above 40 (severe) as well as a Sustainalytics Controversy Score above 4 (high).
- Exclusion: The Fund excludes investments in companies, that are not compliant with global norms (OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, UN Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights, International Labour Organization's Fundamental Principles) as well as investments in controverse industries (particularly conventional and controversial weapons).
- Sustainable Investments: A minimum portion of 33% of assets is invested in Sustainable Investments with a social objective (contribution to UN Sustainable Development Goals).
- Dialogue: Close and regular contact with the management of actual and potential investments, amongst other, with the goal of improving ESG practices and disclosure at these companies.
- Ownership rights: Exercise of MIV Global Medtech Fund's voting rights delegated to the ISS proxy with Sustainability Policy. In case of controversial decisions, MIV Asset Management gets directly involved.
- ☐ The MIV Global Medtech Fund is classified as a financial product under EU SFDR Article 8
- MIV Asset Management is a signatory to the UN Principles for Responsible Investment
- The MIV Global Medtech Fund's investments support UN Sustainable Development Goals, in particular no. 1, 3, 5, 8 and 10
- MIV Asset Management works together with the proxy ISS with Sustainability Policy
- ☑ The MIV Global Medtech Fund has an above-average MSCI ESG Score (6.5) and MSCI ESG Rating (A)
- ☐ The MIV Global Medtech Fund has an above-average Sustainalytics ESG profile

### Glossary

NAV

Benchmark Inception Management fee An index, which is used as a reference for the measurement of the performance of the Fund.

Launch date of the Fund and/or the Fund class.

Portfolio manager's fee for the management and the distribution of the Fund.

Net Asset Value: total Fund assets divided by total number of Fund shares outstanding.

TER Total Expense Ratio: sum of all fees and costs, which are charged to the Fund on a continuous basis.



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Subscription/redemption	On every bank working day in Luxembourg until 3.45 p.m. at net asset value (no calculation of net asset values on bank/stock exchange holidays in Luxembourg and/or the US)			
Management fee	1.4% p.a.			
Total Expense Ratio (TER) as of 30.6.2024	1.57%			
Launch of fund	11 March 2008			
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