

# MIV Global Medtech Fund

Sub-Fund of an investment company with variable capital SICAV



## Monthly report February 2022

Marketing document for private and institutional investors

### Facts Fund class I2

Net Asset Value per Fund share EUR	2'702.20
Assets EUR m (all Fund classes)	3'420
Investment level	100%
Liquidity	0%

### Industry breakdown

In-vitro Diagnostics	11%
Disposable Medical Supplies	8%
Hospital Equipment	7%
Ophthalmology	6%
Surgical Instruments	6%
Dentistry	6%
Diabetes	5%
Endoscopy	5%
Transcatheter Heart Valve	5%
Other Medical Technology Sectors	41%

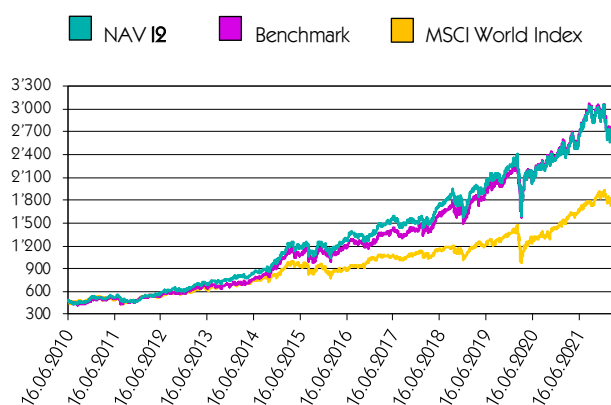
### Holdings

Abbott Laboratories	9%	HOYA	3%
Intuitive Surgical	8%	Baxter	3%
Medtronic	8%	ResMed	3%
Stryker	6%	Sonova	3%
Edwards Lifesciences	6%	DexCom	3%
Becton Dickinson	5%	Steris	2%
Boston Scientific	5%	Straumann	2%
IDEXX Laboratories	4%	Thermo Fisher Scientific	2%
Align Technology	4%	Coloplast	2%
Alcon	3%	20 small holdings	20%

### Currency breakdown

USD	77%	DKK	4%
CHF	8%	EUR	4%
JPY	7%		

### Performance Fund class I2 EUR



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Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current or future performance. Performance data take no account of the commissions and costs charged when units are issued and redeemed. The return of the Fund may go down as well as up due to changes in rates of exchange between currencies.

Performance in EUR	February	2022	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Inception
MIV Global Medtech Fund I2	0.6%	-10.6%	11.9%	40.5%	83.8%	400.7%	457.5%
Benchmark *	0.6%	-9.4%	12.8%	54.2%	105.1%	420.0%	467.0%
MSCI World Index	-2.7%	-6.5%	19.7%	52.0%	67.1%	229.9%	267.3%
			3.17-2.18	3.18-2.19	3.19-2.20	3.20-2.21	3.21-2.22
MIV Global Medtech Fund I2			4.1%	25.7%	8.2%	16.0%	11.9%
Benchmark *			6.8%	24.6%	13.9%	20.0%	12.8%
MSCI World Index			2.2%	7.6%	8.5%	17.1%	19.7%

\* MSCI World Healthcare Equipment & Supplies

### Company Headlines

Final quarter 2021 reporting by numerous companies and their outlooks for 2022 clearly showed that after pleasing business development in October and November, the highly infectious Omicron coronavirus strain detected for the first time towards the end of November had a negative impact on the number of elective surgeries and other medical treatments in December and January. Statements by the management of broadly diversified group **Medtronic** made in connection with the January close of the third quarter of fiscal year 2022, which ends in April, were very well received by investors. Following a further negative effect of Omicron on the number of operations in the first weeks of February, Medtronic has seen an improvement. Management expects procedure volumes to recover continuously in March and April, and to reach pre-pandemic levels by the end of April in most of the firm's markets. This catch-up effect due to the backlog in medical treatments should be comparable to that after the ebbing of previous waves of COVID-19.

After being favoured by investors in recent years and posting the strongest increases, shares in medical device suppliers with above-average growth suffered due to profit-taking in the first two months of this year. These include **Intuitive Surgical**, **Edwards Lifesciences**, **DexCom**, **Align Technology**, **Straumann** and **Sysmex**. By contrast, shares in companies with a more moderate growth profile such as **Stryker**, **Baxter**, **Sonova**, **Steris**, **CooperCompanies** and **Globus Medical** are trading only slightly lower, while those in **Medtronic**, **Becton Dickinson**, **Boston Scientific** and **Teleflex** even advanced in this volatile market environment. These firms tend to be classed by investors as "value" within the growth sector of medical devices and accordingly have a lower valuation than growth stocks. All of the above groups will benefit as the Omicron wave recedes in the coming weeks and months. By comparison, share prices of suppliers of tests, test kits and laboratory systems to detect coronavirus such as **Abbott Laboratories**, **Danaher** and **Thermo Fisher Scientific** and others active in the area of diagnostics and life sciences supply, including **IDEXX Laboratories** and **Sartorius**, suffered above-average losses after benefitting from the past two years of the pandemic.

The start of Russia's war against Ukraine on 24 February resulted in further sector rotations on the equity markets, some of which were counter to those in January. Many major medical device suppliers stated when asked that their business in these two countries was negligible or accounted for (far) less than 1% of group revenue. In the case of **Danaher**, it totals around 1% revenue, and at **Abbott Laboratories** and **Sysmex**, approximately 2%. In February, the MIV Global Medtech Fund was able to reduce the underperformance versus the global equity index MSCI World due to the sector rotation in January by roughly 3 percentage points.

## Investments in medical devices

### 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 medical device companies exposes the Sub-Fund potentially to additional specific risks of this area of the healthcare industry. 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.

### Information

Website	www.mivglobalmedtech.ch
Legal structure	Sub-Fund of Variopartner SICAV, an investment fund under Luxembourg law
Fund class	I2 (EUR) accumulation / ISIN: LU0329631708 / Swiss Valor Number: 3535030 / WKN: A0NETT
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 31.12.2021	0.94%
Launch of fund	11 March 2008
Launch of fund class I2	16 June 2010
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: VARMV12 LX / Reuters: LU0329631708.LUF / Neue Zürcher Zeitung
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Distribution restrictions	USA / US persons

### 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.
- **Exclusion:** The MIV Global Medtech Fund invests globally in listed medical technology companies. Investments in controversial industries are excluded (in particular pornography, alcohol, cluster munitions, gambling, landmines, mining, nuclear power, tobacco and armament dealing).
- **Best-in-class approach:** Diversified equity portfolio with below-average ESG risk. Investments with a Sustainability Controversy Rating of 5 (high) as well as a Sustainability ESG Risk Rating above 40 (severe) are excluded.
- **Dialogue:** MIV Asset Management maintains 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:** The active ownership approach includes exercising the MIV Global Medtech Fund's voting rights. These are 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 3, 8, 9 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 (6.2)** and **MSCI ESG rating (A)**
- ☒ The MIV Global Medtech Fund has an **above-average Sustainability ESG profile**



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### Glossary

Benchmark	An index, which is used as a reference for the measurement of the performance of the Fund.
Inception	Launch date of the Fund and/or the Fund class.
Management fee	Portfolio manager's fee for the management and the distribution of the Fund.
NAV	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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