## Bellevue Obesity Solutions (LUX)

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# Factsheet

Bellevue Funds (Lux) | Share class B USD

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

#### Investment focus

The fund's aim is to achieve capital growth in the long term and invests worldwide in listed companies focused on the prevention and treatment of severe overweight or obesity and its accompanying diseases. Experienced industry experts invest in companies in three areas: diagnostics and treatment, comorbidities as well as nutrition and physical activity – providing investors access to the entire obesity value chain. Stock selection is based on fundamental company analysis and is bottom-up, independent of benchmark weightings. The fund takes ESG factors into consideration while implementing its investment objectives.

#### Fund facts

NAV	470.85
Volume	USD 38.4 mn
NAV-calculation	Daily "Forward Pricing"
Cut off time	15:00 CET
Distribution policy	Accumulating
Investment manager	Bellevue Asset Management AG
Custodian	CACEIS Investor Services Bank, Luxembourg
Launch date	30.11.2023
Fiscal year end	30.06
Benchmark	MSCI World Healthcare NR
ISIN code	LU0415392322
Valor	3882743
Bloomberg	BBBIOUB LX
WKN	AORPSP
Management fee	1.60%
Performance fee	none
Subscription fee	up to 5%
Min. investment	n.a.
Legal entity	Luxembourg UCITS V SICAV
Countries of distribut	ion AT, CH, DE, ES, HK, LU, SG
EU SFDR 2019/2088	Article 8

#### **Key figures**

Beta	n.a.
Correlation	n.a.
Volatility	n.a.
Tracking Error	n.a.
Active Share	n.a.
Sharpe Ratio	n.a.
Information Ratio	n.a.
Jensen's Alpha	n.a.

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, 30.11.2023; 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 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**

UnitedHealth Group	6.9%
Novo Nordisk	6.9%
Eli Lilly	6.8%
Amgen	4.0%
Pfizer	3.0%
Boston Scientific	3.0%
Astrazeneca	3.0%
Abbott Laboratories	3.0%
Johnson & Johnson	3.0%
Thermo Fisher	3.0%
Total top 10 positions	42.6%
Total positions	47

#### Geographic breakdown

United States		65.8%
Denmark		8.9%
Switzerland		6.0%
Japan		3.0%
Canada		2.1%
Germany	I	2.0%
Great Britain	I	2.0%
France	I	1.9%
China	I	1.9%
Spain	I	1.3%
Others	1	1.0%
Cash		4.0%

#### Market review

Stock markets performed very well in November, buoyed by expectations of lower centralbank interest rates in 2024. The S&P closed 9.1%, the Nasdaq Biotech Index 5.0%, and the Bellevue Obesity Solutions (Lux) Fund 3.6% higher (in USD / B shares).

The fund was relaunched at the end of November as the Bellevue Obesity Solutions Fund. The obesity care market is expected to display above-average growth over the next decade and it could become the largest single class of drugs in terms of sales. Obesity has overtaken smoking as the leading cause of preventable death. It increases the risk of more than 200 comorbidities. Solutions for this health problem can have a potentially outsized impact on healthcare systems and they therefore enjoy widespread political support. The latest trials of GLP-1 agonists showed, in addition to meaningful weight loss from baseline, a consistently positive effect on patient health in connection with a significant reduction in the risk of major adverse cardiovascular events and of diabetes development and progression. This represents a major turning point in the treatment of obesity as well as a milestone in the world of medicine. The fund invests in the entire obesity value chain, which includes drug makers as well as device manufacturers and distributors and other services providers active in the obesity diagnosis and care market. Its second primary focus is on companies engaged in the treatment of comorbidities and complications. In addition, the fund can allocate up to 20% of its assets to fitness and nutrition companies. This improves portfolio diversification because these stocks are expected to be less volatile during the coming years and their growth outlook is attractive.

The following stocks made the best contribution to the portfolio's performance in November: Rhythm Therapeutics reported strong Imcivree (setmelanotide) sales, a drug for the treatment of chronic obesity due to Bardet-Biedl syndrome (BBS), which has now been successfully launched in Europe, too. Additional trial data in other indications is expected to be published before the current year ends. Evotec was strong after management confirmed its mid-term targets for 2025 and its forecast of double-digit earnings growth in 2024. Zealand Pharma benefited from the general spotlight on the "obesity theme" as investors, attracted by its extensive pipeline of investigational GLP-1 agonists, bid up the company's shares.

The following stocks detracted from portfolio performance: Structure Therapeutics was marked down after AstraZeneca licensed rights to a competitor's GLP-1 receptor agonist under development for the treatment of cardiometabolic diseases and obesity. Argenx reported that efgartigimod had surprisingly failed to meet the key goals of a second late-stage trial in chronic immune thrombocytopenia (ITP). Results from the first Phase III trial were very positive, so market expectations were high and the stock corrected sharply on the latest news.

Our stance towards the biotech sector remains positive in view of its strong fundamentals and enticing valuations (average 2024 P/E of 14x and PEG of 1.0 for large caps). These are still very attractive multiples compared to historical valuations, and especially when compared to today's valuation ratios for the pharma sector (P/E 19x, PEG 2.1) and the S&P Index (P/E 19x, PEG 2.4).

#### **Positioning & outlook**

The companies in our portfolio are working on technologies or products for novel treatment solutions and holistic treatment approaches. Selected healthcare companies with relevant exposure to the obesity care market can also be found in the portfolio, and up to 20% of the fund's assets can be invested in fitness and nutrition companies that have a strong growth profile and a modest valuation. The Bellevue Obesity Solutions (Lux) Fund is well-positioned to profit from the milestones likely to be reached in 2024. Policy frameworks are supportive of solutions that will help to alleviate the obesity crisis. Besides trial readouts and attractive valuation metrics, M&A activity, especially in the drug discovery and development space, will be a relevant factor going forward.

Source: Bellevue Asset Management, 30.11.2023; For illustrative purposes only. Holdings and allocations are subject to change. Any reference to a specific company or security does not constitute a recommendation to buy, sell, hold or directly invest in the company or securities. Where the fund is denominated in a currency other than an investor's base currency, changes in the rate of exchange may have an adverse effect on price and income.

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

The Fund's investment objective is to generate attractive and competitive long-term capital growth. It is particularly suited to investors with an investment horizon of at least 5 years. The Fund is exposed to the risks typical of equity investments.



We have classified this product as risk class 5 on a scale of 1 to 7, where 5 corresponds to a medium-high risk class. The risk of potential losses from future performance is classified as medium-high. In the event of very adverse market conditions, it is likely that the ability to execute your redemption request will be im-paired. 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**

- The increasing prevalence of obesity, the numerous associated comorbidities and subsequent medical conditions, and its huge direct and indirect economic burden make obesity very attractive from an investment perspective.
- This mega trend has gained a very visible profile thanks to medical progress (e.g. GLP-1 agonists), high social interest and public campaigns.
- Companies active in this field have above-average growth potential for the above reasons.
- Access to innovative companies across the entire value chain, in nutrition and physical activity-related markets, obesity diagnostics and treatment, and in the treatment of the comorbidities and subsequent medical conditions.
- Bellevue a pioneer in healthcare investing since 1993 and now one of the largest independent investors in the healthcare space in Europe.

#### **Inherent risks**

- The fund invests in equities. Stocks are subject to price fluctuations, so there is a risk of falling prices.
- The investments the fund makes may be denominated in foreign currency, which can entail a foreign-exchange risk relative to the fund's base currency.
- The fund may invest some of its assets in financial instruments that may have relatively low levels of liquidity under certain circumstances, which may then affect the liquidity of the fund's own shares.
- There are additional risks in the form of political and social unrest when investing in emerging markets.
- The fund may use derivatives. Derivatives offer greater upside potential yet also carry greater downside risk.

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**



Sustainability Profile - ESG

MSCI ESG Rating (AAA - CCC):





Coverage:

А

94%

EU SFDR 2019/2088 product category: Article 8

Exclusions:		ESG Risk Analysis:		Stewardship:	
Compliance UNGC, HR, ILO (	$   \overline{ \mathbf{S}} $	ESG-Integration	$\oslash$	Engagement	$\bigcirc$
Norms-based exclusions (				Proxy Voting	$\bigcirc$
Controversial weapons (					
Key Figures:					
CO <sub>2</sub> -intensity (t CO <sub>2</sub> /mn USD sa	les):	13.4 (Very	low)	Coverage:	94%

Based on portfolio data as per 30.11.2023; – 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; for further information c.f. www.bellevue.ch/sustainability-at-portfolio-level.

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