## Bellevue African Opportunities<sup>(LUX)</sup>

#### NOVEMBER 2023

# Factsheet

#### Bellevue Funds (Lux) | Share class I EUR

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

#### Investment focus

The fund's aim is to achieve capital growth in the long term. The fund invests primarily in listed companies operating out of the emerging markets of Africa. These are mainly countries in Northern Africa and the Sub-Sahara that are benefiting from progressive structural change, economic reforms, infrastructure investment and their bountiful natural resources. They also offer largely untapped investment potential. The fund additionally invests in attractive opportunities in South Africa. Experienced emerging market experts, some of whom are from the region itself, focus on profitable large and mid cap companies that stand to benefit from the region's strong growth momentum. Using a fundamental bottom-up and top-down approach the investment specialists screen out the most attractive companies and construct a portfolio containing 50 to 70 stocks, broadly diversified across the various countries and sectors. The fund takes ESG factors into consideration while implementing the aforementioned investment objectives

#### Fund facts

162.35
EUR 36.0 mn
Daily "Forward Pricing"
15:00 CET
Accumulating
Bellevue Asset Management AG
CACEIS Investor Services Bank, Luxembourg
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Article 8

#### **Key figures**

Beta	0.67
Correlation	0.85
Volatility	12.3%
Tracking Error	8.35
Active Share	42.52
Sharpe Ratio	-0.22
Information Ratio	-0.53
Jensen's Alpha	-3.93

Indexed performance since launch



#### Cumulative & annualised performance

#### Cumulative

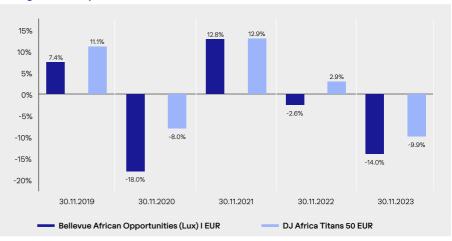
#### Annualised

	1M	YTD	1Y	ЗY	5Y	10Y	ITD	1Y	ЗY	5Y	10Y	ITD
I EUR	-0.5%	-7.8%	-14.0%	-5.5%	-16.8%	-12.6%	29.9%	-14.0%	-1.9%	-3.6%	-1.3%	1.8%
BM	5.6%	-3.3%	-9.9%	4.7%	6.9%	-2.7%	31.8%	-9.9%	1.5%	1.3%	-0.3%	1.9%

#### Annual performance

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	YTD
I EUR	-10.7%	9.2%	-14.3%	11.7%	-11.6%	-7.8%
BM	-13.8%	15.8%	-6.5%	11.8%	-6.7%	-3.3%

#### **Rolling 12-month-performance**



Source: Bellevue Asset Management, 30.11.2023; 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). No benchmark is directly identical to a fund, thus the performance of a benchmark is not a reliable achieved or that a substantial loss of capital will not be incurred.

#### **Top 10 positions**

USA 0.125% 21-15.01.24 /TBO	9.0	1%
USA 0.125% 20-15.12.23	7.6	%
Ivanohe Mining	5.6	%
B2Gold	5.2	%
Attijariwafa Bank	4.5	%
Naspers	4.5	%
Prosus Bearer	4.5	%
Kosmos Energy	4.4	%
Commercial International Bank	4.3	%
Label Vie	3.6	%
Total top 10 positions	53.3	%
Total positions		38

#### Sector breakdown

Materials	25.2%
Fixed Income	19.1%
Financials	17.6%
Consumer Discretion.	8.9%
Energy	5.9%
Communication Services	5.1%
Healthcare	4.2%
Consumer Staples	3.6%
Industrials	3.6%
Real Estate	2.2%
Utilities	1.1%
Cash	3.5%

#### Geographic breakdown

Morocco	19.0%
South Africa	17.5%
Egypt	11.4%
Ghana	7.7%
United States	7.6%
DR Congo	5.6%
Mali	5.2%
Netherlands	4.5%
Burkina Faso	2.6%
Zambia	2.4%
Kenya	2.2%
Nigeria	1.0%
Others	9.8%
Cash	3.5%

#### Market cap breakdown

0 - 1 bn	11.3%
1 - 2 bn	12.6%
2 - 5 bn	12.5%
5 - 15 bn	26.9%
15 - 20 bn	5.0%
>20 bn	9.0%
Others	22.7%

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.

#### Market review

Our regional markets benefited from the global risk-on mood after the US Federal Reserve suggested at the start of the month, that interest rates may have peaked. South Africa and the shares of globally listed mining companies with operations in Africa benefited the most. In particular gold mining names rallied strongly with the sharp rally in gold prices starting mid-month.

The rally in Egypt that started in August and continued in November with the EGX30 up 9.7%. The market was mainly driven upward by index heavyweight Commercial International Bank gaining 27.9% in local currency terms. The bank reported its 2023 Q3 results showing net income for 9M23 up 84% versus the same period last year on strong interest and fee revenues while non-performing loans remained stable. The return on equity (ROE) reached 39% versus 23% in 2022 and the cost to income ratio fell to an all-time low of 15.7% as operational cost growth remained under control despite the inflationary economic environment. Nevertheless, these strong results were not the only reason behind the rally of that stock. As USD liquidity in the local economy is drying up, more economic actors are using the shares to gain access to USD by buying local shares listed in EGP and converting those into the USD quoted GDRs listed in London, selling those for USD. Other signs of the USD liquidity crunch is the black market rate which increased aggressively breaching the 50 EGP/USD mark compared to 30.9 EGP/USD for the official rate. At the levels implied by the black market, the risks on Egypt's external debt sustainability increase substantially.

The Johannesburg Stock Exchange booked a monthly gain of 8.9% in ZAR terms. Interestingly, the ZAR recovery seems to have stalled with the currency losing 1% versus the USD and showing unusually high levels of volatility despite the risk-on environment. The Medium Term Budget Policy Statement by finance minister Godongwana, once again highlighted the macro-economic risks the country is facing with debt projected to peak at much higher levels than previously envisaged and estimates of the 2023/2024 budget deficit revised up substantially to 4.7% of GDP from 3.9%. Austerity promises were doubled down on but they sounded hollow given that elections are due next year. The South African Reserve Bank also appears unconvinced as it warned that the deteriorating fiscal position might lead it to keep policy tighter for longer.

The Moroccan market once again proved it dances on its own tunes, booking a loss of 2% in November despite the global risk-on mood. Attijariwafa Bank booked a solid set of Q3 results with 9M23 earnings up 27% year on year on higher interest income and cost control. Banking stock rallied strongly but it was insufficient to pull the broad market higher.

Both Kenya and Nigeria have currencies that struggle to find an equilibrium level versus the USD after continued devaluations. Nevertheless, their equity markets rallied 3.8% and 3% respectively in local currency, thereby managing to book a comparatively small USD gain.

#### **Positioning & outlook**

The impact on the fund of this month's regional markets rally was mitigated by the measures we put in place to exit the Egyptian local equity market given the inability of foreign investors like us to repatriate their funds through official FX channels. We resorted to the transaction mentioned above: we converted a large chunk of our local Commercial International Bank shares into GDRs to sell those for USD. The effective FX rate obtained through this transaction is substantially worse than the official FX rate still used to value the fund's remaining holdings in the country, resulting in a substantial loss. The deteriorating investment environment for foreign investors, that we consistently reacted to by lowering our allocation to the country, and the failure of the government to clearly address those issues, justify in our view such a painful exit. We also took advantage of the global bond rally to reduce our exposure to Egyptian Eurobonds. The fund holds a substantial allocation in cash and US treasuries as we continue to assess our investment opportunities targeting attractive upside and sufficient diversification given the difficult macro-economic environment in the region.

#### 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 to 7 years who want to diversify their portfolio with investments in emerging market equities. The Fund is exposed to the risks typical of emerging market equity investments.

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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

- Africa a still largely untouched continent with attractive growth potential.
- Structural change, reforms, raw material reserves and infrastructure investments as primary growth drivers.
- Local experts emerging market specialists, including from the region, with a competitive track record.
- Active fund management that is not based on a benchmark index, but on an in-depth analysis of individual companies.
- Low correlation, in particular to the equity markets of other emerging countries.

#### **Inherent risks**

- The fund invests in equities. Equities are subject to price fluctuations and so are also exposed to the risk of price losses.
- 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 invests in foreign currencies, which means a corresponding degree of currency risk against the reference currency.
- Investing in emerging markets entails the additional risk of political and social instability.
- 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.

Portfolio Manager of the fund

Andy Gboka

since 2015

#### Management Team



Lead Portfolio Manager since inception of the fund

#### 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	$\bigcirc$
Norms-based exclusions (	$\bigcirc$			Proxy Voting	$\odot$
Controversial weapons (	$\bigcirc$				
Key Figures:					
CO <sub>2</sub> -intensity (t CO <sub>2</sub> /mn USD sa	les):	281.4	(High)	Coverage:	67%
MSCI ESG Rating (AAA - CCC):			BBB	Coverage:	77%

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.





Jean-Pierre Gerber Product Specialist since inception of the fund

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