

# CS (Lux) Small and Mid Cap Alpha Long/Short Fund IB EUR



## Fund information

Equity

**236'133'488**

Fund total net assets in EUR

Share class TNA, EUR  
**13'556'198**

Share class NAV, EUR  
**1'724.96**

Management fee p.a.<sup>1</sup>  
**1.00%**

MTD (net) return  
**2.40%**  
Bench. 1.74%

QTD (net) return  
**-0.92%**  
Bench. 5.84%

YTD (net) return  
**-0.92%**  
Bench. 5.84%

## Fund details

Investment Manager	Felix Meier
Fund launch date	26.07.2010
Share class launch date	26.07.2010
Share class	IB
Share class currency	EUR
Distribution policy	Accumulating
Fund domicile	Luxembourg
ISIN	LU0525285937
Benchmark	CS AllHedge Index Long/Short Equity (EUR-Hgd)

## Investment Policy

The CS (Lux) Small and Mid Cap Alpha Long/Short Fund aims to generate absolute positive returns by exploiting the inefficiencies of the small and mid-cap markets in Europe with a focus on German speaking countries. The portfolio managers buy the equities they think will perform best, while at the same time selling stocks in companies that, in their views, will underperform the market. The objective is to create a portfolio that has lower volatility, less correlation with the equity markets and a better risk-adjusted performance than a long-only fund.

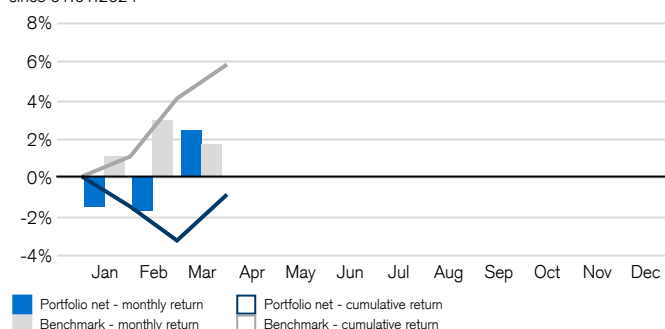
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## Performance overview - monthly & cumulative

since 01.01.2024



## Performance overview - cumulative

since 01.04.2014



As of 01.04.2014, the share class changed its benchmark from the CS Blue Chip Index Long/Short Equity (EUR-Hgd) to the CS AllHedge Index Long/Short Equity (EUR-Hgd).

## Performance overview - monthly & YTD

since 01.01.2024, in %

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Portfolio net	-1.55	-1.71	2.40										-0.92
Benchmark	1.04	2.97	1.74										5.84
Relative net	-2.58	-4.68	0.66										-6.76

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## Performance overview - yearly

since 01.01.2015, in %

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Portfolio net	1.37	-2.64	26.66	-9.98	8.34	15.34	-1.82	-8.95	5.46	-0.92
Benchmark	-1.11	-3.20	11.06	-9.26	7.80	17.33	2.19	-13.80	6.52	5.84
<b>Relative net</b>	<b>2.48</b>	<b>0.56</b>	<b>15.60</b>	<b>-0.72</b>	<b>0.54</b>	<b>-1.99</b>	<b>-4.01</b>	<b>4.85</b>	<b>-1.07</b>	<b>-6.76</b>

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## Performance overview

in %

	Rolling Returns		Annualized Returns		
	1 months	3 months	1 year	3 years	5 years
Portfolio net	2.40	-0.92	0.26	-2.04	2.35
Benchmark	1.74	5.84	8.80	-1.72	3.68
<b>Relative net</b>	<b>0.66</b>	<b>-6.76</b>	<b>-8.54</b>	<b>-0.31</b>	<b>-1.33</b>

## Risk overview - ex post

in %

	Annualized risk, in %		
	1 year	3 years	5 years
Portfolio volatility	6.07	7.91	7.53
Benchmark volatility	6.76	8.32	9.23
<b>Tracking error</b>	<b>5.94</b>	<b>5.74</b>	<b>8.24</b>

## Potential Risks

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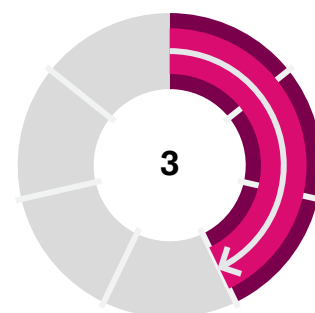
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## Risk profile<sup>2</sup>

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Larger values (up to 7) indicate higher risk while lower values (up to 1) indicate lower risk.

## Fund exposure

Long exposure	96.70%	Number of long positions	73
Short exposure	-60.63%	Number of short positions	30
Net exposure	36.07%		
Total gross exposure	157.33%		

## Asset breakdown by Market capitalisation<sup>3</sup>

In % of total economic exposure

	Long	Short
Small Cap	11.81	-1.58
Mid Cap	77.45	-28.10
Large Cap	7.43	-30.95

## Asset breakdown by Sector

In %

	Long	Short	Net	Net
Energy	1.59	-0.43	1.16	
Information Technology	6.62	-7.72	-1.10	
Consumer Staples	11.39	-2.68	8.70	
Industrials	22.85	-13.64	9.22	
Communication	11.65	-4.74	6.90	
Consumer Discretionary	4.57	-8.84	-4.26	
Financials	1.74	-8.85	-7.10	
Health Care	15.15	-5.71	9.43	
Materials	7.85	-4.40	3.45	
Real Estate	7.10	-1.48	5.62	
Utilities	6.18	-2.13	4.05	

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<sup>3</sup> Classification: Small Cap up to EUR 1.5 bn market cap, Mid Cap between EUR 1.5bn and EUR 15bn and the above EUR 15bn Large Cap.

## Asset breakdown by country

In %	Long	Short	Net	Net
Germany	60.36	-39.88	20.48	
Switzerland	4.13	-5.10	-0.97	
Austria	0.00	-0.03	-0.03	
Belgium	1.12	-1.19	-0.07	
Cayman Islands	0.00	0.00	0.00	
China	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Colombia	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Cyprus	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Denmark	1.49	-0.90	0.59	
Faroe Islands	1.12	0.00	1.11	
Finland	1.03	-0.44	0.58	
France	1.72	-2.12	-0.40	
Ireland	0.00	-0.15	-0.15	
Italy	11.06	-1.57	9.49	
Liechtenstein	0.00	-0.01	-0.01	
Luxembourg	2.03	-0.16	1.87	
Netherlands	9.20	-4.24	4.96	
Norway	0.92	-0.07	0.85	
Poland	0.00	-0.04	-0.04	
Portugal	0.00	-0.02	-0.02	
South Africa	0.00	-0.03	-0.03	
Spain	1.50	-0.98	0.53	
Sweden	1.03	-0.85	0.18	
United Kingdom	0.00	-2.85	-2.85	

## Fund Statistics - ex post

	1 year		3 years		5 years	
	Portfolio	Benchmark	Portfolio	Benchmark	Portfolio	Benchmark
Sharpe ratio			-0.53		-0.40	0.27
Information ratio			-1.39		-0.06	-0.17
Maximum drawdown, in %	-4.41	-5.31	-17.41	-21.40	-17.41	-21.40

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## Market commentary

European small and mid-caps were up in March – the MSCI Europe Small Cap Index was up by 4.33% and the German MDAX was up by as much as 4.72%, though it remained negative year to date. Both indices outperformed their respective large-cap indices, MSCI Europe and Dax, in March. The rise in global stock indices had been driven by a limited number of stocks with high market capitalizations up to this point, but by March the rise was broadening out to smaller and mid-sized capitalized stocks. This was a welcome development for our strategy, since our core market Germany was lagging for cyclical reasons. The inflation rate in the eurozone has come down to 2.4%, and market participants expect the ECB to cut its deposit rate several times in the latter part of 2024. Improving growth expectations gave a further boost to equities. There was an upturn in certain leading indicators – Germany's ifo Business Climate Index, for instance, rose from 85.5 in February to 87.8 in March having previously been sluggish. It is still at a low level, but things are moving in the right direction and the level is better than expected.

The fund was up, due primarily to its higher-than-average net exposure and the significant single-stock contribution this month.

Our best long contributors were solar and wind park operator Encavis and residential real estate provider LEG. The Encavis share price had been feeling the effects of falling prices for the purchase of power agreements and the higher costs of capital. Private equity company KKR made use of this environment and made an offer to take over the independent renewable power producer, sending Encavis shares up 53% in March. LEG Immobilien was up 17% according to its post-financial-year earnings outlook. LEG expects the decline in property values to level out in 2024; it reported that portfolio devaluation eased to 4.9% in H2 2023 following a 7.4% drop in H1 2023. The worst long contributors were the biotech company Vivoryon and radioisotope provider Eckert&Ziegler. Vivoryon announced that varoglutamstat had failed the Vivid Phase 2b study evaluating its use for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease. With little hope for the company's second larger-scale US Alzheimer's study, we had no option but to sell the entire position. Eckert&Ziegler was down following the expression of interest by radiation therapy provider Telix in acquiring Eckert's peer, ARTMS, a specialist in cyclotron-produced radionuclides. We believe the share price response to be disproportionate given that the potential for substitution of Eckert&Ziegler's Gallium-68 Generator appears limited. There is limited spare capacity with existing cyclotrons, logistical hurdles to overcome given the short half-life, plus the convenience factor of a portable generator without the need for a cumbersome recovery/purification process, which is not readily available with most existing cyclotrons.

On our short book, luxury player Kering and IT consulting solutions provider Kainos Group were our best contributors. With revenue down by 10% for the group and the main brand, Gucci, fueling the situation with sales down by 20%, Kering issued a profit warning. Gucci is on a redemption journey, with a new designer trying to elevate the brand in a mixed external environment for the sector; this could result in it taking longer than originally anticipated to see a revenue recovery. Despite the willingness of the UK government to budget for a higher IT spend on its national health service (NHS), Kainos shares came under pressure given that competition for UK government digital transformation contracts has potential to increase during a period in which a general election may even disrupt demand for Kainos digital services in the short term. Our worst contributors on the short book were GN Store Nord and Stroeer SE. Danish hearing aid and consumer electronics producer GN Store Nord reported a stronger Q1. For hearing aids, the company claims to still be taking market share, but it remains to be seen whether it can maintain or increase its share with Costco as a major reseller in the US; there will at the very least be a question mark here if Sonova re-enters this distribution arm. Consumer activity was buoyed by a large retail order in Q1, but the underlying market is still challenged, as the Logitech results show. Out-of-home advertising services provider Stroeer forecast a strong first quarter. Thanks to programmatic booking options, digital out-of-home advertising services are increasingly booked via online media.

Net exposure was 35.69% at the end of March, which is slightly higher than our long-term average of 30%. Our smaller-cap equity performance has become more constructive as we give credit to the narrative of peak rates as inflation figures continue to trend downward. The PMIs in Europe are bottoming out, and we believe that smaller equities might become a focus for investors again once they pick up. Large-cap indices like the MSCI Europe Index or the DAX have already reached all-time highs. To surpass the highs reached in 2022, smaller-cap indices would need to make sizeable gains – the MSCI Small Cap Europe Index would need to rise by 12%, for instance, and the MDAX Index by a huge 34%.

Source: For all price, GDP growth, and performance data – Bloomberg data as per end of March 2024

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Key identifiers

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ISIN	LU0525285937
Bloomberg ticker	CSSMLSI LX
Valor no.	11514128
Benchmark	CS AllHedge Index Long/Short Equity (EUR-Hgd)
Benchmark Bloomberg ticker	SECTLSEU

Key facts

Fund management company	Credit Suisse Fund Management S.A.
UCITS	Yes
SFDR Classification	Article 8
Accounting year end	31. May
Securities lending	Yes
Ongoing charges <sup>4</sup>	1.27%
Performance fee	20.00%
Subscription notice period	combined <sup>5</sup>
Subscription settlement period	T + 2
Redemption notice period	combined <sup>5</sup>
Redemption settlement period	T + 2
Cut-off time	15:00 CET
Swinging single pricing (SSP <sup>6</sup> )	partial swing NAV

ESG Approach

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ESG Characteristics

ESG Benchmark	Exclusion Criteria	ESG Integration	Active Ownership <sup>6</sup>	Sustainable Investment Objective
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## Glossary

Accumulating	Indicates a regular reinvestment of the dividends received in the portfolio itself
Annualized Risk	Annualized risk is a statistic, which is used to measure the risk of a fund by describing the range of returns, which were achieved in the observation period are most likely to be achieved. Greater volatility implies greater risk.
ESG aware	This product undertakes investments that explicitly assess and integrate the sustainability characteristics of companies in the investment process.
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GICS	Global Industry Classification Standard
Information ratio	This statistic measures how much a fund's out-performance may be attributed to manager skill as oppose to market movement. A high Information Ratio infers more manager skill than a low value would suggest.
NAV	Net Asset Value
Maximum drawdown	Represents the worst possible result (in percentage terms) that occurred during the period being analyzed.
MTD	Month-to-date
Ongoing Charges	The calculation of the ongoing charge is based on the Committee of European Securities Regulators/10-674 Directive. For a maximum of 12 months from fund fiscal year end and since inception, the ongoing charges figure is based on estimated expenses. After that, the ongoing charges correspond to the TER of the last annual report. It excludes performance fees and portfolio transaction costs, except in the case of an entry/exit charge paid by the fund when buying or selling shares/units in another collective investment undertaking.
QTD	Quarter-to-date
Sharpe ratio	The Sharpe ratio gives the excess return per unit of risk (in terms of standard deviation). The higher the ratio, the better the risk-return profile of the fund.
Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR)	Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector
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TNA	Total Net Assets
Tracking error	Measure of the deviation of the return of a fund compared to the return of a benchmark over a fixed period of time.
YTD	Year-to-date

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