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# Sarasin Sustainable Equity – USA

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Simplified prospectus of the subfund  
Sarasin Investmentfonds  
SICAV

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This simplified prospectus contains key information about Sarasin Investmentfonds – Sarasin Sustainable Equity – USA (hereinafter referred to as “the fund” “the subfund” or “Sarasin Sustainable Equity – USA”), a subfund of Sarasin Investmentfonds (“the Company”). Should you require further information before investing, please consult the full prospectus of Sarasin Investmentfonds SICAV. Therein you will find information about the rights and obligations of the investor. The full prospectus and the annual and semi-annual reports can be obtained free of charge from the Company or the principal distributor (see “Additional important information”). Detailed information on the investments of the subfund can be found in the latest annual or semi-annual report.

### Investment objective

The investment objective of Sarasin Sustainable Equity – USA is long-term capital appreciation through a diversified investment in US equities.

### Investment policy

The subfund invests in companies which contribute to sustainable development. These companies distinguish themselves through their strategic focus on environmentally friendly, eco-efficient management and proactive shaping of relations with key stakeholder groups (e.g. employees, customers, financial backers, shareholders, public sector bodies, etc.). The subfund therefore invests in the industry leaders who take advantage of the concept of sustainable development as a strategic opportunity. Individual industries may be excluded. At least 75% of the net assets are invested in the shares of the companies described above which are either domiciled in the United States of America or whose business activities are concentrated in the United States of America or, in the case of holding companies, own stakes mainly in companies domiciled in the United States of America. The investment policy is based on a systematic process which is underpinned by a quantitative investment concept. The subfund may also invest up to 15% of its net assets in convertible bonds or bonds with warrants, fixed and floating rate bonds (including zero bonds) and other fixed income instruments, as defined in the Directive of the Council of the European Union on the Taxation of Savings Income. Cash and cash equivalents are permitted within the 15% limit. In addition, shares of other UCITS/UCIs and derivatives may be used in accordance with the information contained in section 3.3 of the full prospectus entitled “Investment Restrictions”. An interdisciplinary advisory board assists the (sub) investment advisor with regard to the concept, selection criteria and definition of excluded activities. It discusses new scientific and social findings with the (sub) investment advisor. The advisory board has no decision-making powers. It is composed of experts in the fields of natural sciences, social sciences and economics.

### Risk profile

Investments in a fund can fluctuate in value, and there is no guarantee that the shares can be sold for the original capital amount invested.

If the investor's currency is not the same as the Fund's reference currency or currencies, there is also an exchange rate risk. As the Sarasin Sustainable Equity – USA subfund invests in equities, its performance is primarily influenced by company-specific changes and changes in the economic environment. It aims to reduce risk by appropriately diversifying its investments.

This fund has a risk classification of 4 (risk classes: 1: low, 2: moderate, 3: medium, 4: above average, 5: high). A detailed description of the risks and the risk classes can be found in the full prospectus.

### Investor profile

This subfund is suited to investors with a medium to long-term investment horizon seeking capital appreciation. Sarasin Sustainable Equity – USA is intended as a core investment in US equities for private and institutional investors seeking a vehicle that prioritises environmentally friendly economic growth combined with sustainable growth potential.

### Performance

n/a

### Dividend policy

The Company intends to pay out at least 85% of the investment income, less general expenses (“ordinary net income”), to class A shareholders every year, as well as a portion of the realised capital gains, less capital losses (“net capital gains”), such portion being decided by the general meeting of the relevant subfund. The Company does not distribute dividends to shareholders of classes B, F or M (see also “Additional important information” under “Share classes” and “Share classes issued”). A corresponding amount will be attributed to these shareholders at the time of a dividend distribution. Dividends are normally distributed in October.

### Fees and expenses payable by the subfund

Annual fees and expenses payable by the subfund:

Fee payable to the investment manager and distributor of up to 1.75% for class A and B shares, if issued, up to 1.20% for class F shares, if issued, and up to 0.20% for class M shares, if issued.

In addition to the management fee, the investment manager is entitled to a performance-based fee (“performance fee”) which is calculated on the basis of the net asset value of each share class. The performance fee is due if the fund outperforms the benchmark index over a quarter (“outperformance”). The S&P 500 NR index is the benchmark index.

The maximum performance fee is 20% of the outperformance. The performance fee and the required provisions are calculated daily on the basis of the shares of each class currently outstanding and payable quarterly in arrears for the performance period in question. The amount due in respect of the performance fee is the sum of the provisions made daily over a quarter. The fund is regularly debited with the provisions. If outperformance falls, the fund is credited with the appropriate amount. Upon redemption of fund units any performance fee reserve that relates to the redeemed units will be paid out to the investment manager.

#### Definitions:

Fund performance: arithmetic difference between the net asset value per unit at the start and at the end of the period under review, expressed as a percentage.

Benchmark performance: arithmetic difference between the status of the relevant benchmark index at the start and at the end of the period under review, expressed as a percentage.

Outperformance: if the fund's performance over the period in question is greater than that of the benchmark, the arithmetic difference between the fund performance and the benchmark performance, expressed as a percentage.

The amount due per fund share for the performance-fee provision is calculated as follows:

Net asset value per share (before performance-fee provision) × outperformance in % × max. 20%. The applicable net asset value for the performance fee is adjusted by any dividend distributions effected in the past (assumption that distributions are reinvested).

Luxembourg “taxe d’abonnement” of 0.05% on class A and B shares and 0.01% on class F and M shares.

All other fees and expenses of the Company such as custodian and paying agent fees (max. 0.1% p.a. plus reimbursement of the fees and expenses of the collective custodians and foreign correspondent banks it uses), central administration, domiciliary agent, registrar and transfer agent fees (max. 0.12% p.a.), fees payable to the principal distributor (max. 0.075%) and all paying agents and local representatives in the distribution countries are charged to the subfund pro rata to its assets. This also applies to expenses resulting from the general business operations of the Company.

#### **Total expenses (TER)**

N/A

In accordance with the official definition of the total expense ratio (TER), costs for securities transactions are not taken into account.

#### **Portfolio turnover rate (PTR)**

N/A

#### **Tax status**

The Company is subject to Luxembourg law. In accordance with current law in Luxembourg, the Company is not subject to any Luxembourg income, capital gains or wealth tax.

Pursuant to current tax legislation, shareholders are not subject in Luxembourg to any capital gains, income, withholding, gift, inheritance or other tax (except for (i) shareholders domiciled, resident or having a permanent establishment in Luxembourg, (ii) investors not resident in Luxembourg who hold 10% or more of the equity capital of the Company and who dispose of all or part of their shares within 6 months of the acquisition date (iii) and certain former residents of Luxembourg, if owning more than 10% of the shares of the Company)

In accordance with the provisions of European Union Council Directive on the taxation of savings income in the form of interest payments (the “Directive”), which entered into force on 1 July 2005, the payment of interest and the redemption of units of various subfunds by an EU or Swiss paying agent to a beneficial owner whose tax residence is in an EU member state will for a transitional period incur a withholding tax of 20% until 30 June 2011, and 35% thereafter. Rather than paying the withholding tax, the beneficial owner in question may also ask that the automatic exchange of information as provided for under the Directive be applied.

#### **Taxation in the investor’s country of residence**

Investors are advised to inform themselves of the legislation and all regulations governing the purchase, ownership and possible sale of shares of the subfund applicable in relation to their country of residence, residence for tax purposes or nationality.

#### **Daily publication of prices**

The net asset value per share is published daily on the internet platform of the Swiss Fund Data AG ([www.swissfunddata.ch](http://www.swissfunddata.ch)) and in the following newspapers:

Switzerland: NZZ (Neue Zürcher Zeitung), Le Temps and the Basler Zeitung (each with the note “excluding fees”)

Austria: Die Presse

Great Britain: Financial Times

Liechtenstein: Liechtensteiner Volksblatt (every two weeks)

Prices are also published in the main business media of the distribution countries, on Reuters and the Internet ([www.sarasin.ch](http://www.sarasin.ch)).

Compulsory publications in Switzerland shall be made in the Swiss official Gazette of Commerce (Schweizerische Handelsamtsblatt – SHAB) and on the internet platform of the Swiss Fund Data AG ([www.swissfunddata.ch](http://www.swissfunddata.ch)).

#### **Issue and redemption of shares**

Subscriptions and redemptions of shares of the subfund are accepted at the net asset value by the principal distributor and other representatives. Subscription and redemption orders received by the principal distributor (see the section entitled “Additional important information”) no later than 15.00 (CET) on a business day (the “order day”) are executed on the next business day (the “valuation day”) on the basis of the net asset value calculated for the order day. For all orders received by the principal distributor after 15.00 the next business day shall constitute the order day.

#### **Conversion of shares**

The same applies for requests to convert shares of the subfund into shares of another subfund of the Company.

#### **Fees payable by the investor**

The fees payable by the investor for the purchase and sale of shares or the issue and redemption of shares are as follows:

Sales fee: maximum 5% of the purchase or subscription amount  
Redemption fee: maximum 1% of the sale or redemption amount in favour of the distributor and maximum 0.4% of the sale or redemption amount in favour of the subfund to cover the cost of selling portfolio securities (see also “Fees and expenses payable by the subfund”).

**Redemption fees in favour of the distributor are not charged at present.**

**Additional important information**

<b>Legal form</b>	SICAV (open-ended investment company) in accordance with Part I of the Luxembourg law of 20 December 2002
<b>Company,</b>	Sarasin Investmentfonds
<b>Formation date</b>	19 June 1992, Luxembourg
<b>Registered office of the Company</b>	69, route d'Esch, L-1470 Luxembourg, Luxembourg
<b>Financial year</b>	1 July to 30 June
<b>Promoter</b>	Bank Sarasin & Co. Ltd, Basel
<b>Investment manager/ sub-investment manager</b>	Sarasin Investmentfonds Ltd, Basel/ Bank Sarasin & Co. Ltd, Basel
<b>Supervisory authorities</b>	Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier, Luxembourg (Luxembourg Financial Supervisory Authority)
<b>Custodian and Paying Agent</b>	RBC Dexia Investor Services Bank S.A.
<b>Central Administration, Domiciliary Agent, Registrar and Transfer Agent</b>	RBC Dexia Investor Services Bank S.A.
<b>Auditor</b>	PricewaterhouseCoopers S.à r.l. (PWC), Luxembourg
<b>Name of the subfund</b>	Sarasin Sustainable Equity – USA
<b>Currency</b>	USD
<b>Share classes</b>	A distribution shares (reinvestment possible) B accumulation shares F shares for institutional investors M shares for institutional investors with a special contractual relationship with Bank Sarasin & Co. Ltd (more details in the full prospectus)
<b>Share classes issued*</b>	B
<b>Security number (Switzerland)</b>	011527444
<b>ISIN code</b>	LU0526864581
<b>Launch date</b>	Shares of Sarasin Sustainable Equity – USA shall be issued at a later date determined by means of a Board of Directors resolution. Confirmation of the subfund's launch date will be established following a decision of the Board of Directors at the registered office of the Company. All provisions in the prospectus relating specifically to this subfund take effect as of the subfund's launch date.
<b>Term</b>	Indefinite
<b>Distribution countries</b>	Switzerland, Austria, Liechtenstein, Italy, Ireland, Netherlands, France, Luxembourg, UK, Spain, Sweden, Denmark and Belgium
<b>Sales restrictions</b>	Persons domiciled in the USA or with USA nationality are not permitted to hold shares of the subfund and it is forbidden to publicly offer, issue or sell shares to such persons.
<b>Principal Distributor, Representative and Paying Agent in Switzerland</b>	Bank Sarasin & Co. Ltd Elisabethenstrasse 62 CH-4002 Basel Telephone: +41 (0)61 277 77 37 Fax: +41 (0)61 272 00 38 E-mail: client.service@sarasin.ch
<b>Representatives/ information agents</b>	<b>Switzerland</b> Bank Sarasin & Co. Ltd, Elisabethenstrasse 62, CH-4002 Basel <b>Representative and Paying Agent in Austria</b> Erste Bank der oesterreichischen Sparkassen AG, Graben 21, A-1010 Vienna <b>Representative and Paying Agent in Liechtenstein</b> Volksbank AG, Feldkircher Strasse 2, FL-9494 Schaan

For further information please contact the principal distributor. The prospectus and articles of incorporation as well as the latest annual and semi-annual reports are available free of charge from the principal distributor and the representative in Switzerland, as well as at the registered office of the Company and the other representatives/information agents.

\* At the time of issue of this document. A list of available share classes can be requested from the Company. They are also provided in the annual and semi-annual reports.