

## Entrepreneur Europe Small (LUX)

# **Factsheet**

Bellevue Funds (Lux) | Share class I CHF

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

The fund's aim is to achieve capital growth in the long term and actively invests in small capitalized, listed owner-managed companies in Europe where an entrepreneur or a founder family holds at least a 20% of a company's voting rights. The qualities of these companies - a focused business model, fast decision-making processes and a strong corporate culture - go hand in hand with efficient innovation, high product quality and strong customer loyalty. The corresponding impact on the share price is demonstrably positive. The fund's Management Team offers a wealth of experience in this investment segment and has built up an extensive network with entrepreneurs throughout the sector. It pursues a fundamental, bottom-up approach in identifying the most attractive foundercontrolled companies with a small market capitalization while maintaining an investment portfolio of 35 to 45 stocks diversified by country, sub-sector and style (Value, GARP, Growth). The fund takes ESG factors into consideration while implementing the aforementioned investment objectives.

#### **Fund facts**

NAV	348.25
Volume	CHF 91.3 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	30.06.2011
Fiscal year end	30.06
Benchmark	MSCI Europe ex UK Small*
ISIN code	LU0631859575
Valor	13084214
Bloomberg	BFLESIC LX
WKN	A1JG2J
Management fee	0.90%
Performance fee	10% above Benchmark**
Subscription fee	up to 5%
Min. investment	n.a.
Legal entity	Luxembourg UCITS V SICAV
Countries of distributi	on AT, CH, DE, ES, HK, LU, PT
EU SFDR 2019/2088	Article 8

#### **Key figures**

0.87
0.93
16.4%
6.47
90.12
0.16
-0.07
-0.09

#### Indexed performance since launch



#### Cumulative & annualised performance

#### Cumulative

	1M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	ITD
ICHF	7.2%	14.9%	14.0%	-3.6%	36.4%	95.0%	178.6%
ВМ	5.9%	8.4%	6.7%	-6.7%	27.9%	77.3%	165.8%

#### Annualised

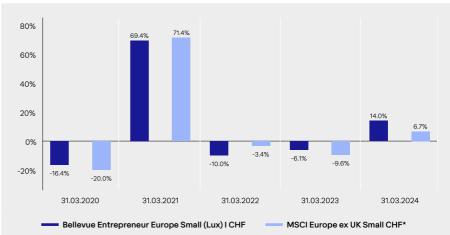
1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	ITD
14.0%	-1.2%	6.4%	6.9%	8.4%
6.7%	-2.3%	5.0%	5.9%	8.0%

MARCH 2024

#### **Annual performance**

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD
ICHF	23.7%	16.1%	15.2%	-26.5%	10.1%	14.9%
ВМ	23.9%	11.4%	19.2%	-24.3%	6.1%	8.4%

#### Rolling 12-month-performance



ource: Bellevue Asset Management, 31.03.2024; all figures in CHF %, 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 CHF 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 CHF 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 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.

\*MSCI Europe ex UK Small since 18.05.15, MSCI Europe Small until 15.05.15

#### **Top 10 positions**

Cargotec	3.5%
Alten	3.3%
Fuchs	3.3%
Nexans	3.3%
Laboratorios Rovi	3.2%
Sopra Steria	3.1%
Swissquote	3.1%
Television Française	3.0%
Arjo	2.9%
Subsea 7	2.9%
Total top 10 positions	31.7%
Total positions	42

#### Sector breakdown

Industrials	28.0%
Financials	13.6%
IT	12.7%
Materials	8.0%
Consumer Staples	6.4%
Healthcare	6.2%
Consumer Discretion.	5.6%
Communication Services	4.8%
Energy	4.6%
Utilities	2.9%
Real Estate	2.8%
Cash	4.6%

#### Geographic breakdown

France		18.2%
Switzerland		13.4%
Finland		12.6%
Spain		12.5%
Sweden		11.4%
Germany		6.8%
Norway		5.5%
Austria		5.3%
Italy		4.8%
Ireland		2.8%
Portugal		1.9%
Others	1	0.2%
Cash		4.6%

### Market cap breakdown

0 - 1 bn	16.6%
1 - 2 bn	19.6%
2 - 5 bn	45.6%
5 - 15 bn	13.5%
Others	4.6%

#### Market review

European small and mid caps, as measured by the MSCI Europe Small Cap ex-UK, rose by 3.8% in the month (SXXR +4.0%, SPX +3.2%, MXWO +3.2%). While Europe indices managed to outperform, small and mid caps benefited from the market broadening both in the US and in Europe. Inflation data was mixed, with core components showing modest declines both in Europe and the US, maintaining longterm rates relatively elevated. The ECB left key rates unchanged but a June cut is very much in the cards, while the SNB initiated the cutting cycle in Switzerland. Encouragingly, PMIs in Europe confirmed their upward momentum. The Eurozone flash PMI was up for the 5th consecutive month, registering 49.9 in March from 49.2 in February. In term of sectors, energy (+9.4%), real estate (+8.3%) and retail (+7.7%) performed best while personal care, drug and grocery stores (-3.9%), technology (-3.3%) and travel and leisure (-0.9%) lagged the most.

Against this backdrop, the Fund increased 5.0% (EUR / B shares), outperforming its benchmark by 118 bps. This bring the performance to 9.7% over the first quarter of 2024, a 624 bps beat vs. the benchmark.

Top detractors in the month were BESI (-15.1%), Sopra Steria (-5.2%), and Do & Co (-3.8%). BESI was subject to profit taking as the adoption of hybrid bonding in memory may be somewhat postponed. The chip making industry seems to favour TCB in the short term, a cheaper technology but with lower performance notably in term of bandwidth and power. Sopra Steria suffered from negative read across following a poor guidance from Accenture. The slow start of 2024 was already well flagged, but growth should accelerate from Q2 on. Sopra is fully refocussing on European IT services after the disposal of its banking software business and the group will become a real alternative to global providers in Europe. After a strong YTD performance, the international catering specialist Do & Co suffered some profit taking. We continue to like the investment case. The company boasts strong competitive advantages in a consolidating market, which leads to market share gains and profitability improvement.

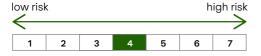
Top performers in the month were Fuchs (+16.6%), CTT Systems (+15.8%) and Bankinter (+17.4%). Fuchs reported better than expected Q4 results including 3% organic growth, a 240 bps margin improvement and a very strong cash flow generation of EUR 465 mn, well ahead of its guidance. While the 2024 objective was a bit underwhelming, the company confirmed its 2025 EBIT target of EUR 500 mn, leaving ca 5% upside to consensus estimates. The aviation climate control specialist CTT released strong FY23 results with organic revenue growth of 21% and 52% EBIT growth. Thanks to its monopolistic position, the company is in a good position to capitalize on both the recovering aerospace demand as well as the increasing penetration of climate control products for aircrafts. The Spanish Bankinter, in line with banking peers, benefited from a combination of higher longterm rates and positive macroeconomic data. Bankinter is trading on a PE of 7x with a dividend yield of 7% secured by a payout of 50%.

#### **Positioning & outlook**

The European equity opportunity is slowly sinking in. At the same time, European small and mid caps benefit too as the asset class is offering an interesting entry point with valuations below their large caps peers for the first time since 2008. The massive valuation gap with European equities trading at 14x forward earnings, compared to 21x for the S&P 500 speaks for the region. What could be the triggers to a rerating? China seems less bad and we have witnessed some positive macro data. The Caixin China General Manufacturing PMI increased to 51.1 in March, the fifth straight month of growth in factory activity. Copper reached an 11-month high. Also, compared to the Fed, the European Central Bank finds itself in a less complicated situation. The business cycles of the US and Europe have decorrelated a lot in the last 6-12 months and while growth expectations rise in the US, it is the opposite in Germany and a large part of Europe. Finally the March BofA's global fund survey showed the largest increase in allocations to European equities since June 2020. After 3 consecutive years of outflows, it's time to reconsider European small and mid caps.

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

The Fund's investment objective is to generate attractive and competitive capital growth in the long term. It is therefore particularly suited to investors with an investment horizon of at least 5 years who want to enhance their portfolio diversification with investments in European small capitalized founder-controlled companies. The Fund displays the typical risks associated with equity investments in European small caps.



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.

#### **Awards**



#### **Benefits**

- Above-average top line growth driven by high innovation and strong pricing power.
- Higher operating margins on the back of high market share ("Champion in the niche") combined with good cost discipline.
- More conservatively financed, lower debt exposure and a higher risk capacity compared to non-family businesses.
- Multi-award-winning management team with a long and successful track record investing in owner-run firms.
- Entrepreneurs for entrepreneurs the Bellevue Group is itself an owner-run company with the majority of shares held by employees.

#### Inherent risks

- The fund actively invests in equities.
   Equities are subject to price fluctuations and so are also exposed to the risk of price losses.
- Shares in smaller businesses are generally traded in lower volumes and are subject to bigger price fluctuations than larger enterprises.
- The fund invests in foreign currencies, which means a corresponding degree of currency risk against the reference currency.
- 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 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.

#### **Management Team**



**Birgitte Olsen, CFA**Co-Lead Portfolio Manager since inception of the fund



Laurent Picard, SFAF
Co-Lead Portfolio Manager of
the fund since 2018



Michel Keusch
Portfolio Manager of the fund
since 2013

#### 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	$\overline{\mathscr{O}}$
Norms-based exclusions	$\bigcirc$			Proxy Voting	$\overline{\mathscr{O}}$
Controversial weapons	(V)				

#### **Key Figures:**

CO <sub>2</sub> -intensity (t CO <sub>2</sub> /mn USD sales):	27.7 (Low) Coverage:	91%
MSCI ESG Rating (AAA - CCC):	A Coverage:	91%

Based on portfolio data as per 31.03.2024; – 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 CO2-intensity expresses MSCI ESG Research's estimate of GHG emissions measured in tons of CO2 per USD 1 million sales; for further information c.f. www.bellevue.ch/sustainability-at-portfolio-level.

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DATED NOVEMBER 2021

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