# Entrepreneur Europe Small (LUX)

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# **Factsheet**

# Bellevue Funds (Lux) | Share class B CHF

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

#### Investment focus

The fund's aim is to achieve capital growth in the long term and 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	252.41
Volume	CHF 67.4 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	30.06.2011
Fiscal year end	30.06
Benchmark	MSCI Europe ex UK Small*
ISIN code	LU0631859732
Valor	13084217
Bloomberg	BFLESBC LX
WKN	A1JG2K
Management fee	1.60%
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**

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Beta	0.88
Correlation	0.93
Volatility	16.7%
Tracking Error	6.45
Active Share	90.18
Sharpe Ratio	0.27
Information Ratio	-0.33
Jensen's Alpha	-1.46

#### Indexed performance since launch



#### **Cumulative & annualised performance**

#### Cumulative

	1M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	ITD
B CHF	-5.9%	-0.2%	4.1%	2.6%	1.4%	66.9%	101.9%
ВМ	-5.9%	-5.6%	-1.8%	5.2%	5.0%	59.2%	118.1%

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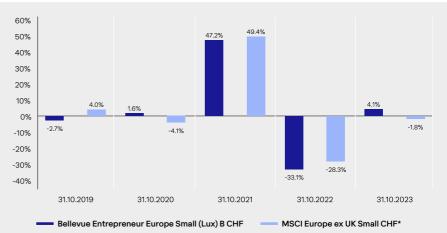
Annualised

1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	ITD
4.1%	0.9%	0.3%	5.3%	5.9%
-1.8%	1.7%	1.0%	4.8%	6.5%

#### **Annual performance**

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	YTD
B CHF	-31.6%	22.9%	15.3%	14.4%	-27.0%	-0.2%
ВМ	-19.0%	23.9%	11.4%	19.2%	-24.3%	-5.6%

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



Source: Bellevue Asset Management, 31.10.2023; 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**

Bankinter	4.2%
Laboratorios Rovi	3.9%
Wartsila	3.6%
Fuchs	3.5%
Swissquote	3.3%
Subsea 7	3.2%
Huhtamäki	3.1%
Ipsos	3.1%
Arjo	3.1%
CAF	3.0%
Total top 10 positions	33.9%
Total positions	38

#### Sector breakdown

26.1%
15.1%
13.6%
8.9%
7.0%
6.4%
5.9%
5.6%
4.8%
6.7%

#### Geographic breakdown

Switzerland	16.2%
Spain	13.6%
France	12.8%
Finland	11.7%
Sweden	10.4%
Austria	6.8%
Germany	6.5%
Norway	5.3%
Italy	5.1%
Netherlands	2.6%
Portugal	2.3%
Cash	6.7%

# Market cap breakdown

0 - 1 bn	23.2%
1 - 2 bn	18.2%
2 - 5 bn	37.1%
5 - 15 bn	14.9%
Others	6.7%

#### Market review

European small land mid caps, as measured by the MSCI Europe Small Cap ex-UK, fell 5.3% in the month (SXXR -3.6%), impacted by the strength of the US economy and further rising LT rates giving further credit to the "higher for longer" Fed narrative. The oil price rose – although moderately – on the back of the tensions in Israel. The Q3 reporting season started with too lofty expectations, resulting in negative top line surprises and high volatility. Inflation in the Euro Area cooled to 2.9% yoy in October 2023 (4.3% in Sept.), falling slightly below the market consensus of 3.1%. Meanwhile, the core rate also fell to 4.2% (4.5% in Sept., 5.5% in Aug.), marking its lowest point since July 2022. Eurozone provisional PMI survey data for October was weak, hitting 46.5 (47.2 in Sept.), with both services (47.8) and manufacturing (43) indexes slowing down sequentially. Sector wise, media (-0.2%), banks (-0.2%) and basic resources (-0.3%) performed best while technology (-9.8%), consumer products and services (-9.2%) and automobiles and parts (-8.4%) lagged the most.

Against this backdrop, the fund declined 5.3% (EUR / B shares), at par with its benchmark. This brings the ytd performance to 2.4%, 552 bps above benchmark.

Top detractors in the month were Arjo (-14.3%), Schoeller-Bleckmann (-14.5%) and Metso (-15%). The medical equipment specialist Arjo reported good organic sales growth of 4.6% yoy driven by a strong acceleration in the US, reaching 8%. Good cost management led to an adjusted EBIT 5% above consensus but mostly offset by higher financial costs. With 60% of its revenues generated in North America, the Austrian oil servicing company Schoeller-Bleckmann continued to suffer from US active rig counts dropping, despite high oil prices. Finnish mining equipment provider Metso reported 6% yoy organic order decline, -21% for aggregates and -1% for minerals. Medium-term outlook is positive as the order pipeline has increased substantially during 2023, however investment decision-making among its mining customers is slow due to higher rates and cost inflation.

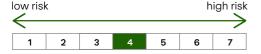
Top performers in the month were U-blox (+10.8%), Wärtsilä (+4.5%) and Ipsos (+5.3%). U-blox confirmed its 2023 FY sales guidance which implies a strong sequential activity rebound in Q4, close to historical peak levels. While the 2024 momentum is still unclear, the longtermlooks bright as the IoT mega trend is taking off. U-blox will end 2023 with close to CHF 100 mn cash and is trading on 4x EBIT 2022, certainly the cheapest stock in the semi-conductor space. Wärtsilä delivered Q3 organic order growth of 18% yoy, strong orders and margins 50 bps above expectations. A strategic review of the energy storage division was also announced, given the marginal synergies with the core marine business. Energy peers are trading at ca. 1.5x revenues, which would suggest a potential storage EV of EUR 1.5 bn and trough multiples of ca. 10x earnings for the rest of Wärtsilä's operations. Ipsos delivered an encouraging Q3 organic growth of 4.3% and should further accelerate at Q4 bringing H2 growth at the upper end of its longterm 5/7% target. We see 2024 underpinned by easy comps and the gradual return of tech clients. Ipsos is trading at a very attractive FCF yield of 12%.

#### **Positioning & outlook**

The softening of macro data and the well engaged disinflationary trends together with the recent more dovish central bank messages cement expectations that the Fed and the ECB are now done hiking. Any signs of stabilization of interest rates should send European small and mid caps outperforming, as this asset class has suffered a huge amount and relative valuations are close to their 2008 trough. On the other hand, the market is only starting to appreciate the higher costs of aggressive debt financed corporate expansion of the past decade and some overstretched companies may even struggle to stay afloat. We deem balance sheet strength more important than ever in an environment of higher-for-longer interest rates. With the Bellevue Entrepreneur Europe Small Fund we select high quality companies characterized by their resilience, great positioning and bullet-proof balance sheets

#### 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.

#### **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 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**



**Exclusions:** 

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



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



Stewardship:

Portfolio Manager of the fund since 2013

# Sustainability Profile - ESG

EU SFDR 2019/2088 product category: Article 8

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Compliance UNGC, HR, ILO	$\bigcirc$	ESG-Integration	$\bigcirc$	Engagement	$\bigcirc$
Norms-based exclusions	$\bigcirc$			Proxy Voting	$\bigcirc$
Controversial weapons	$\bigcirc$				
Key Figures:					
CO <sub>2</sub> -intensity (t CO <sub>2</sub> /mn USD	sales):	30.2	2 (Low)	Coverage:	91%
MSCI ESG Rating (AAA - CCC	:):		Α	Coverage:	91%

**ESG Risk Analysis:** 

Based on portfolio data as per 31.10.2023; – 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<sub>2</sub>-intensity expresses MSCI ESG Research's estimate of GHG emissions measured in tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per USD 1 million sales; for further information c.f. www.bellevue.ch/sustainability-at-portfolio-level.

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