## Sustainable Entrepreneur Europe (LUX)

**NOVEMBER 2023** 

# **Factsheet**

Bellevue Funds (Lux) | Share class I GBP

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

#### Investment focus

The fund's aim is to achieve capital growth in the long term. The fund invests in listed owner-controlled companies in Europe where an entrepreneur or a founding family holds at least a stake of 20% of the company's voting rights. Long-term perspectives, a strong sense of responsibility, ethical behavior, keen environmental awareness and low debt are among the key success factors of sustainable owner-managed companies. The experienced management team, which is well connected in entrepreneurial circles, uses a fundamental bottom-up approach to identify the most attractive owner-managed companies with medium and large market capitalizations and constructs a portfolio of 35 to 45 stocks diversified across countries, sectors and style (Value, GARP, Growth). Awarded the FNG label, the fund takes ESG factors into account while implementing its investment objectives.

## **Fund facts**

Fund facts	
NAV	259.58
Volume	GBP 28.7 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,
Launch date	Luxembourg 30.03.2012
Fiscal year end	30.03.2012
Benchmark	STOXX Europe 600
ISIN code	LU0767970303
Valor	18316269
Bloomberg	BELBBIG LX
WKN	A1JWEB
Management fee	0.90%
Performance fee	none
Subscription fee	up to 5%
Min. investment	n.a.
Legal entity	Luxembourg UCITS V SICAV
Countries of distribut	ion AT, CH, DE, ES, HK, LU, PT
EU SFDR 2019/2088	Article 8
Key figures	
Beta	0.92
Correlation	0.93
Volatility	15.1%
Tracking Error	5.85
Active Share	91.40
Sharpe Ratio	0.30
Information Ratio	-0.72
Jensen's Alpha	-3.92

#### Indexed performance since launch



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

#### Cumulative

	1M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	ITD
I GBP	5.5%	4.5%	5.5%	11.2%	25.0%	70.5%	107.7%
ВМ	5.7%	8.7%	7.7%	23.1%	42.3%	91.6%	148.7%

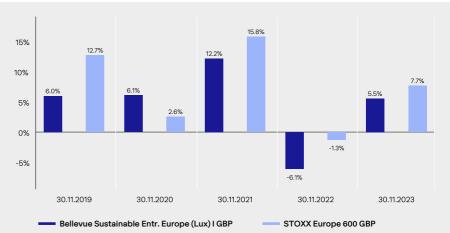
1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	ITD
5.5%	3.6%	4.6%	5.5%	6.5%
7.7%	7.2%	7.3%	6.7%	8.1%

Annualised

#### **Annual performance**

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	YTD
I GBP	-14.2%	14.5%	7.6%	12.8%	-8.2%	4.5%
ВМ	-9.8%	19.5%	3.7%	17.2%	-5.9%	8.7%

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



Source: Bellevue Asset Management, 30.11.2023; all figures in GBP %, 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 GBP 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 GBP 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.

#### **Top 10 positions**

Besi Semiconductor Industries	4.0%
Subsea 7	3.7%
Hannover Rück	3.4%
Vestas Wind	3.3%
Publicis Groupe	3.2%
Merck	3.2%
Sopra Steria	3.2%
Bankinter	3.2%
Outotec Oyj	3.1%
Alten	3.0%
Total top 10 positions	33.3%
Total positions	39

#### Sector breakdown

Industrials	15.5%
Financials	14.1%
IT	13.4%
Consumer Staples	13.1%
Healthcare	11.8%
Consumer Discretion.	11.7%
Energy	6.2%
Materials	4.6%
Communication Services	4.3%
Others	3.0%
Cash	2.4%

#### Geographic breakdown

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France	20.2%
Spain	11.4%
Germany	10.0%
Norway	8.2%
Netherlands	8.2%
Finland	7.8%
Switzerland	7.2%
Denmark	4.9%
Italy	4.7%
Sweden	4.1%
Luxembourg	3.0%
Austria	2.2%
Belgium	2.2%
Great Britain	1.9%
Portugal	1.7%
Cash	2.4%

#### Market cap breakdown

1 - 2 bn	1.8%
2 - 5 bn	21.0%
5 - 15 bn	34.9%
15 - 20 bn	7.8%
>20 bn	29.2%
Others	5.3%

Market review

European equities, as measured by the SXXR, rebounded by 6.6% in November, underpinned by the fast decline of LT rates. The steady inflation slowdown reinforces the probability that the monetary tightening cycle has come to an end. Inflation in the Eurozone declined to 2.4% yoy in November, benefiting notably from lower energy prices. Importantly, the core rate now at 3.6% (expected 3.9%) also continued to cool down, reaching its lowest point since April 2022. In the US, unemployment rate increased to 3.9%, slightly exceeding market expectations, a welcome evolution pushing back the risk of wage price loops. The Eurozone provisional PMI survey data for November remained in negative territory but increased sequentially to 47.1 (46.5 in Oct.), with both services (48.2) and manufacturing (43.8) improving. In terms of sector performances, real estate (+14.8%), technology (+14.5%) and retail (+13.9%) performed best while energy (-0.0%), personal care, drug and grocery stores (+1.0%) and food, beverage and tobacco (+1.6%) lagged the most.

Against this backdrop, the fund returned 6.6% (EUR / B shares), in line with its benchmark.

Top 3 contributors in the month were BESI (+32.0%), Vestas (+24.6%) and ASM International (+21.2%). The WFE manufacturers BESI and ASM International benefited from initial signs of semi cycle normalization in the key segments of memory, PC and mobile, suggesting that the trough of the capex cycle is getting closer. Vestas delivered a Q3 EBIT of EUR 70 mn, implying a margin of 1.6% that confirmed the gradual improvement of its profitability. This led the company to upgrade its 2023 margin guidance from -2/+3% to 0/+2%. This further strengthens the case of 10% EBIT margin in 2025 on the back of reduced contribution from legacy projects and improved pricing power.

Main detractors in the month were Ipsen (-7.2%), Swisscom (-5.0%) and Pernod Ricard (-3.8%), all victim of the rotation into more interest sensitive stocks and sectors. Following Q3 results globally in line with expectations end of October, Ipsen suffered from a broker downgrade. The stock is under review as we await the CMD on December 7. Ipsen's MSCI ESG rating was increased from BBB to A. Swisscom reported Q3 results broadly in line with expectations but slightly reduced its 2023 revenue guidance on the back of FX and softer (low margin) hardware sales. Thus there was no negative impact on EBITDA guidance. Swiss service revenues were weaker sequentially for both B2B and B2C, but were mostly offset by strong costs and capex management. Pernod Ricard reported weak Q1 figures but in line with market expectations and provided reassuring comments regarding improving trends in China and in the US. We would expect the performance to improve going forward as China and the US destocking headwinds recede.

## Positioning & outlook

So inflation and interest rates confirmed the peak has been overcome and the Stoxx 600 slightly outperformed the S&P500 (in EUR) in the relief rally. While we do not expect interest rates to fall further in the same tempo, there are more triggers to the performance and valuation normalization of European equities than just interest rates. First, the economic situation in China is slowly improving, which should benefit Europe as a more cyclical and open economy. Second, the global destocking trend is coming to an end. The post-COVID disruption of supply chains led to a considerable global build-up of inventories, which has been painfully reduced through the recent quarters. As this comes to an end, a pick-up in 2024 industrial production can be expected. Finally, contrary to the US where economic momentum is decelerating, Europe should score better into 2024 in terms of positive economic surprises, which should lead to higher average EPS growth for the region.

Source: Bellevue Asset Management, 30.11.2023;

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#### 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 foundercontrolled companies. The Fund displays the typical risks associated with equity investments in Europe.



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.
- Social responsibility, ethical behavior and keen environmental awareness are characteristic entrepreneurial values.
- 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.
- 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.
- Succession planning poses an additional risk for owner-run companies.
- 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 Lead Portfolio Manager since inception of the fund



Michel Keusch
Portfolio Manager of the fund since 2013



Stewardship:

Laurent Picard, SFAF
Portfolio Manager the fund
since 2018

## Sustainability Profile - ESG

EU SFDR 2019/2088 product category: Article 8

Compliance UNGC, HR, ILO	$\bigcirc$	ESG-Integration	$\bigcirc$	Engagement	♦
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)	33.9	(Low)	Coverage:	95%
MSCI ESG Rating (AAA - CCC)	):		AA	Coverage:	95%

**ESG Risk Analysis:** 

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<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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