

# MIV Global Medtech Fund

Sub-Fund of an investment company with variable capital SICAV



Monthly report April 2024

Marketing document for private and institutional investors

## Facts Fund class N2

Net Asset Value per Fund share EUR	2'587.48
Assets EUR m (all Fund classes)	2'133
Investment level	100%
Liquidity	0%

## Industry breakdown

Ophthalmology	11%
Hospital Equipment	10%
Diabetes	8%
In-vitro Diagnostics	8%
Surgical Instruments	8%
Orthopaedics	7%
Disposable Medical Supplies	6%
Endoscopy	5%
Transcatheter heart valve	4%
Other Medical Technology Sectors	33%

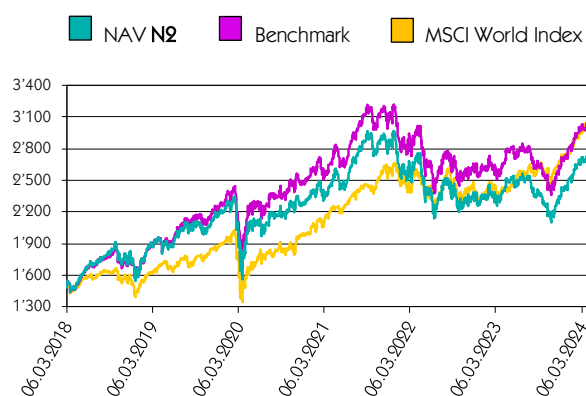
## Holdings

Intuitive Surgical	10%	IDEXX Laboratories	3%
Abbott Laboratories	10%	HOYA	3%
Stryker	10%	ResMed	3%
Boston Scientific	9%	Align Technology	2%
Medtronic	5%	Steris	2%
Edwards Lifesciences	5%	GE HealthCare	2%
DexCom	4%	Siemens Healthineers	2%
EssilorLuxottica	4%	Hologic	2%
Becton Dickinson	4%	CooperCompanies	2%
Alcon	4%	13 small holdings	14%

## Currency breakdown

USD	78%	JPY	5%
CHF	7%	DKK	3%
EUR	6%	GBP	2%

## Performance Fund class N2 EUR



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Performance in EUR	April	2024	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Inception
MIV Global Medtech Fund N2	-5.2%	5.8%	3.5%	1.1%	35.6%	n.a.	74.7%
Benchmark *	-4.7%	5.9%	3.9%	4.0%	50.4%	n.a.	95.5%
MSCI World Index	-2.7%	8.3%	22.2%	32.7%	72.3%	n.a.	100.8%
			5.19-4.20	5.20-4.21	5.21-4.22	5.22-4.23	5.23-4.24
MIV Global Medtech Fund N2			7.9%	24.3%	-2.8%	0.6%	3.5%
Benchmark *			15.0%	25.7%	-1.4%	1.5%	3.9%
MSCI World Index			-1.8%	32.2%	10.1%	-1.4%	22.2%

\* MSCI World Healthcare Equipment & Supplies

## Company Headlines

Broadly diversified US healthcare group **Abbott Laboratories** continued to impress in the first quarter of 2024 with organic revenue growth in its underlying base business (i.e. excluding COVID-19 tests) of 10.8% to USD 9.8 billion. This was the fifth consecutive quarter in which the company generated double-digit percentage organic revenue growth adjusted for sales of COVID-19 tests. Management is forecasting growth in the range of 8.5% to 10% for financial year 2024. Medical devices – the biggest business area with a revenue contribution of 45% – posted organic revenue growth of 14.3%, exceeding expectations again. The largest segment, diabetes, stood out once more with a growth rate of 20.7%. This is because Abbott was able to raise organically generated sales with its innovative and affordable FreeStyle Libre glucose monitoring system by 23.3% to USD 1.5 billion. The segments of electrophysiology (+18.4%), treatment of structural heart disease (+13%) and neuromodulation (+17.4%) also recorded sustained high growth rates. As expected, sales of USD 204 million generated with COVID-19 tests were significantly lower than those of the same period last year (USD 730 million). As a result, diagnostics – the second-largest business area – recorded an organic decline of 15.5% in revenue; adjusted for sales of COVID-19 tests, organic revenue growth of 5.4% was achieved. With organic revenue growth of 13.1% in the first quarter of 2024, **Boston Scientific** once again significantly exceeded its own forecast (+7% to +9%) and the expectations of analysts and investors. Long-standing, highly successful acting CEO Mike Mahoney highlighted that the strong growth continued to be diversified across all business units and regions, with six of the eight business units posting double-digit growth in all regions in the quarter under review. Management believes that most business units grew faster than their respective markets thanks to differentiated product portfolios and strong commercial execution, supported by healthy demand for medical procedures. The company upgraded its initial organic revenue growth estimate for full-year 2024, which was only published at the end of January, from approximately 8% to 9% to between 10% and 12%. The growth forecast for adjusted earnings per share in the current year was also revised upwards to a range of 11.7% to 14.1%. **Edwards Lifesciences** recorded first-quarter revenue growth adjusted for currency effects and billing days of 7.7% in its core business area of transcatheter aortic valves, which accounts for more than 60% of revenue. Management expects an acceleration over the further course of the year and remains confident in its anticipated constant currency growth rate of 8% to 10% for the full year for this area. At group level, revenue growth at the high end of the prior guidance of 8% to 10% is now forecast for 2024. **ResMed**, the leading provider in sleep therapy, clearly exceeded expectations in the last quarter with a 7.2% rise in revenue and an increase in the operating margin to 32.9%.

## Investments in medical devices

### Investment Strategy

The MIV Global Medtech Fund invests globally in listed medical device companies. The investment process is based on a combined top-down / bottom-up approach. Against the background of the particular macroeconomic environment, the most interesting markets and companies are determined based on an intensive primary analysis. Alongside an attractive valuation, a strong market position, good growth potential, excellent products, sustainable profitability and high-quality management are the decisive parameters for investment. The consideration of sustainability criteria (ESG) is integrated in the research, analysis and investment process. Risks are managed by means of portfolio diversification. The portfolio of the MIV Global Medtech Fund is structured more defensively or cyclically in the best possible anticipation of economic trends, with a view to achieving a higher return than the benchmark and the general market indices.

### Benefits

Owing to demographic trends and the desire for quality of life and mobility, the medical device industry is a long-term growth market. Emerging markets will have a positive impact on the medical device industry's future growth thanks to the state-backed expansion of their healthcare systems. Medical device suppliers' priority is the development of innovative, minimally invasive products. These are beneficial for patients and cost efficient for the healthcare system due to shorter convalescence periods. Most interesting from an investor's perspective are the industry's high growth rates, above-average profitability and oligopolistic market structures with their high entry barriers for new competitors. Even in a demanding environment, significant product innovations continue to offer attractive growth prospects.

### Risks

The MIV Global Medtech Fund invests in equity securities and may therefore be subject to high fluctuations in value. For this reason, a medium-term to long-term investment horizon and corresponding risk tolerance and capacity are required for an investment into this Sub-Fund. As the MIV Global Medtech Fund pursues an active management style, the Sub-Fund's performance can deviate substantially from that of its reference index. The focus on equity securities of global medical device companies potentially exposes the Sub-Fund to additional sector-specific risks and currency risks. The Sub-Fund may, for the purpose of hedging and the efficient management of the portfolio, make use of derivatives, which can lead to additional risks (particularly counter party risk). All investments are subject to market fluctuations. Every Fund has specific risks, which can significantly increase under unusual market conditions.

### Sustainability profile - ESG

MIV Asset Management identifies, monitors and mitigates ESG risks that are, or could become, material to the performance of medical technology companies. The approach is based on the following factors:

- **Integration:** The consideration of sustainability criteria (ESG) is integrated into the research, analysis and investment process. The Fund invests in companies with a good ESG profile. The Fund does not invest in companies with a Sustainalytics ESG Risk Rating above 40 (severe) as well as a Sustainalytics Controversy Score above 4 (high).
- **Exclusion:** The Fund excludes investments in companies, that are not compliant with global norms (OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, UN Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights, International Labour Organization's Fundamental Principles) as well as investments in controversial industries (particularly conventional and controversial weapons).
- **Sustainable Investments:** A minimum portion of 33% of assets is invested in Sustainable Investments with a social objective (contribution to UN Sustainable Development Goals).
- **Dialogue:** Close and regular contact with the management of actual and potential investments, amongst other, with the goal of improving ESG practices and disclosure at these companies.
- **Ownership rights:** Exercise of MIV Global Medtech Fund's voting rights delegated to the ISS proxy with Sustainability Policy. In case of controversial decisions, MIV Asset Management gets directly involved.

- ☑ The MIV Global Medtech Fund is classified as a financial product under **EU SFDR Article 8**
- ☑ MIV Asset Management is a signatory to the **UN Principles for Responsible Investment**
- ☑ The MIV Global Medtech Fund's investments support **UN Sustainable Development Goals, in particular no. 1, 3, 5, 8 and 10**
- ☑ MIV Asset Management works together with the **proxy ISS with Sustainability Policy**
- ☑ The MIV Global Medtech Fund has an **above-average MSCI ESG Score (6.8)** and **MSCI ESG Rating (A)**
- ☑ The MIV Global Medtech Fund has an **above-average Sustainalytics ESG profile**

### Glossary

Benchmark	An index, which is used as a reference for the measurement of the performance of the Fund.
Inception	Launch date of the Fund and/or the Fund class.
Management fee	Portfolio manager's fee for the management and the distribution of the Fund.
NAV	Net Asset Value: total Fund assets divided by total number of Fund shares outstanding.
TER	Total Expense Ratio: sum of all fees and costs, which are charged to the Fund on a continuous basis.



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### Information

Website	<a href="http://www.mivglobalmedtech.ch">www.mivglobalmedtech.ch</a>
Legal structure	Sub-Fund of Variopartner SICAV, an investment fund under Luxembourg law
Fund class	<b>N2</b> (EUR) accumulation / ISIN: LU1769944874 / Swiss Valor Number: 40341212 / WKN: A2JGME
Subscription/redemption	On every bank working day in Luxembourg until 3.45 p.m. at net asset value (no calculation of net asset values on bank/stock exchange holidays in Luxembourg and/or the US)
Management fee	1.0% p.a.
Total Expense Ratio (TER) as of 31.12.2023	1.17%
Launch of fund	11 March 2008
Launch of fund class N2	6 March 2018
Close of financial year	30 June
Benchmark	MSCI World Healthcare Equipment & Supplies
Reporting of the Portfolio manager	Monthly, semester and yearly report
Fund price monitoring	<a href="http://www.mivglobalmedtech.ch">www.mivglobalmedtech.ch</a> / <a href="http://www.swissfunddata.ch">www.swissfunddata.ch</a> / <a href="http://www.fundinfo.com">www.fundinfo.com</a> Bloomberg: VARMVN2 LX / Reuters: LU1769944874.LUF / Neue Zürcher Zeitung
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