## Bellevue Medtech & Services<sup>(LUX)</sup>

#### **MARCH 2024**

# Factsheet

### Bellevue Funds (Lux) | Share class U USD

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

#### Investment focus

The fund's aim is to achieve capital growth in the long term. The fund actively invests worldwide in companies active in the medical technology and healthcare services sector. Aim is to provide investors an attractive healthcare fund solution by investing in the entire healthcare universe with the exclusion of drug makers. Experienced sector specialists focus on profitable, liquid mid and large cap companies with an established product portfolio as well as fast growing small cap companies with leading-edge technology offering. Stock selection is based on fundamental company analysis, focusing in particular on the medical benefits and the potential savings for the healthcare system as well as the expected market potential of a company's products and services. The selection of the portfolio companies is entirely bottom up, independent of benchmark weightings. The fund takes ESG factors into consideration while implementing the aforementioned investment objectives.

#### Indexed performance since launch



#### Cumulative & annualised performance

#### 1M YTD 1Y 3Y 5Y 10Y ITD 1Y 3Y 5Y 10Y ITD UUSD 3.0% 9.7% 13.8% 10.8% n.a. 38.5% 13.8% 3.5% n.a. n.a. 9.1% n.a. Medtech 2.4% 11.6% 1.1% 25.7% 11.6% 0.4% 6.3% 7.9% n.a n.a. n.a n.a. H'care 2.4% 7.5% 13.3% 25.5% n.a n.a 41.4% 13.3% 7.8% n.a 9.7% n.a.

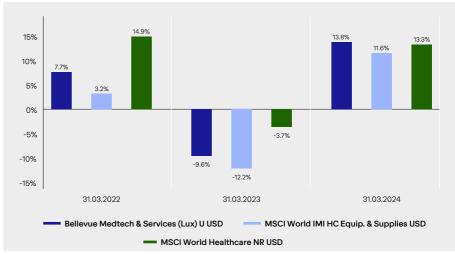
Annualised

#### Annual performance

Cumulative

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD
UUSD	n.a.	n.a.	17.1%	-16.6%	5.4%	9.7%
Medtech	n.a.	n.a.	14.9%	-24.8%	8.8%	7.9%
H'care	n.a.	n.a.	19.8%	-5.4%	3.8%	7.5%

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



Source: Bellevue Asset Management, 31.03.2024; all figures in USD %, 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 USD 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 USD 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.

#### Fund facts

NAV	173.18
Volume	USD 1'742.1 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	30.06.2020
Fiscal year end	30.06
Benchmark (M) MSC	CI World IMI HC Equip. & Supplies
Benchmark (HC)	MSCI World Healthcare NR
ISIN code	LU2194372855
Valor	55589719
Bloomberg	BFLBBUU LX
WKN	A2P68M
Management fee	0.80%
Performance fee	none
Subscription fee	up to 5%
Min. investment	USD 50.0 mn
Legal entity	Luxembourg UCITS V SICAV
Countries of distribut	ion AT, CH, DE, DK, ES, IT, LU, SG
EU SFDR 2019/2088	Article 8

#### Key figures

Beta	0.98
Correlation	0.93
Volatility	18.1%
Tracking Error	6.58
Active Share	29.23
Sharpe Ratio	0.33
Information Ratio	0.32
Jensen's Alpha	2.25

#### **Top 10 positions**

Boston Scientific	9.7%
Intuitive Surgical	9.2%
Abbott Laboratories	8.8%
Stryker	8.7%
Edwards Lifesciences	4.9%
Dexcom	4.7%
Medtronic	4.7%
Becton Dickinson	4.4%
Alcon	3.3%
IDEXX	2.8%
Total top 10 positions	61.2%
Total positions	44

#### Sector breakdown

29.1%
12.2%
11.4%
9.2%
7.1%
6.6%
5.5%
5.5%
3.5%
3.1%
2.4%
4.3%
0.2%

#### Geographic breakdown

United States		87.4%
Switzerland		6.2%
Denmark	I	2.4%
Germany	I	1.5%
France	I	1.3%
Japan	I	1.0%
Cash		0.2%

#### Market cap breakdown

2 - 5 bn	I	3.1%
5 - 15 bn		5.2%
15 - 20 bn		4.9%
>20 bn		86.6%
Others		0.3%

#### Source: Bellevue Asset Management, 31.03.2024;

For illustrative purposes only. Holdings and allocations are subject to change. Any reference to a specific company or security does not constitute a recommendation to buy, sell, hold or directly invest in the company or securities. Where the fund is denominated in a currency other than an investor's base currency, changes in the rate of exchange may have an adverse effect on price and income.

#### Market review

Global stocks (MSCI World Net Index +3.2%), European stocks (Euro Stoxx 50 +4.3%) and Germany's DAX (+4.6%) gained further ground in March. The broad healthcare sector (MSCI World Healthcare Net +2.4%) and the medtech sector (MSCI World Healthcare Equipment & Supplies +2.6%) also closed the month in positive territory. The Bellevue Medtech & Services Fund (+3.1%) advanced as well and outperformed its benchmark. The Bellevue Medtech & Services Fund ended the first quarter of 2024 with a positive return of 11.9%, which is better than the benchmark performance (+10.3%) as well as the performance of the total stock market (+11.6%) and the total healthcare sector (+10.2%).

Medtech shares headed north on positive management commentary at investor conferences and new product approvals. Large-cap stocks such as Dexcom (+20.6%), Edwards Lifesciences (+12.6%), Intuitive Surgical (+3.5%), Boston Scientific (+3.5%) and Stryker (+2.8%) made positive contributions to the fund's absolute and relative performance. The US FDA approved Dexcom's Stelo, an innovative wearable glucose biosensor designed for people living with type 2 diabetes not on insulin, a market that numbers 25 million people in the US alone. It is the first over-the-counter glucose sensor to reach the market and can be worn for up to 15 days before requiring a replacement. Edwards Lifesciences benefited from growing investor confidence that the market for transcatheter tricuspid valve replacement systems is bigger than initially estimated.

Shockwave (+24.9%), Inspire Medical (+20.0%), Cooper (+8.4%) and Insulet (+4.6%) also made positive contributions to performance. Shockwave's shares jumped after the Wall Street Journal wrote that Johnson & Johnson was interested in buying the company. Cooper surprised investors by reporting higher-than-expected sales growth for the first quarter and raising its full-year sales guidance.

TransMedics (-9.4%), Idexx Laboratories (-6.1%), Penumbra (-5.0%) and Abbott (-4.2%) were performance detractors. Abbott corrected after a court ordered Reckitt Benckiser to pay USD 60 mn to the mother of a premature baby who died after being fed the company's baby formula.

Most of the healthcare services stocks in the portfolio traded higher. US hospital giant HCA Healthcare (+7.3%) and cloud-based software company Veeva Systems (+2.8%) made positive contributions to relative and absolute performance. At an investor conference, HCA management made very positive comments about the course of business while Veeva's quarterly results were better than expected.

Most US health insurance stocks ended March in the green. Cigna (+8.5%), Molina (+4.3%), Elevance (+3.8%), UnitedHealth (+0.7%) and Centene (+0.1%) showed positive returns while Humana (-0.7%) ended the month slightly in the red. At a conference for investors, Elevance made positive remarks about its business in the first quarter and confirmed its earnings guidance for 2024. Elevance also announced the acquisition of Kroger Specialty Pharmacy, which is expected to be margin accretive over a medium- and long-term horizon. UnitedHealth's stock performance was tarnished a bit by a cyberattack on Change Healthcare, a unit of UnitedHealth, provides a billing platform that healthcare providers use to submit claims to health insurers. All performance data is in EUR / B shares.

#### **Positioning & outlook**

In their talks with investors in March, the executives of many medical technology companies expressed positive views about the course of business during the first quarter and said that they expected fast growth in surgical procedure volumes in 2024. The approval and subsequent launch of relevant new products will continue to bolster sales growth, too. Examples here are Abbott's TriClip, AVEIR and Libre products, Boston Scientific's Farapulse PFA system and the new da Vinci 5 surgical robot from Intuitive Surgical. We believe company pricing power in the low single-digit percentage range is still intact. Margins are expected to widen due to the faster-than-average sales growth and further improvements in supply chains.

Hospitals stand to benefit from high patient volumes, higher prices, and only moderately higher labor costs. We expect health insurers to report rising premium income in the wake of solid membership growth and premium rate increases. Persisting high US government bond yields could have an accretive effect on earnings, too. Political risks are still low. We assume that the elections in November will not give either party a solid majority of seats in either chamber.

Unlike in 2023, we are anticipating tailwinds for our investment solution in 2024: Rate cuts by the Fed, attractive valuation levels (valued at a discount despite above-average earnings growth), a general repositioning as investors drop last year's outperformers and move into high-quality stocks, and a meager outlook for global economic growth (which in the past has been good for non-cyclical sectors). All of these factors argue for an investment in the Bellevue Medtech & Services (Lux) Fund.

#### 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 selectively diversify their portfolio with investments in the medical technology sector and who are willing to accept the equity risks typical of this sector.

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We have classified this product as risk class 5 on a scale of 1 to 7, where 5 corresponds to a medium-high risk class. The risk of potential losses from future performance is classified as medium-high. In the event of very adverse market conditions, it is likely that the ability to execute your redemption request will be im-paired. 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.

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#### **Benefits**

- Digitalization of the healthcare sector is boosting medtech companies' growth and earnings.
- Focusing on profitable, liquid mid and large cap companies with an established product portfolio as well as on rapidly growing small cap businesses delivering cutting-edge technology.
- Managed care profits from the privatization of the health insurance sector and lower treatment costs.
- Minimally invasive techniques gaining ground – shorter treatment times reduce healthcare costs.
- Bellevue Healthcare pioneer since 1993 and today one of the biggest independent investors in the sector in Europe.

#### 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.
- 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.
  Investing in emerging markets entails the additional risk of political and social instability.
- 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.

Lead Portfolio Manager since

Marcel Fritsch

inception of the fund

#### Management Team



Lead Portfolio Manager since inception of the fund

#### Sustainability Profile - ESG

#### EU SFDR 2019/2088 product category: Article 8

Exclusions:		ESG Risk Anal	ysis:		Stewardship:	
Compliance UNGC, HR, ILO	$\overline{\mathcal{O}}$	ESG-Integratio	n	$\bigcirc$	Engagement	$\bigotimes$
Norms-based exclusions	$\overline{\mathcal{O}}$				Proxy Voting	$\bigotimes$
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Key Figures:						
CO <sub>2</sub> -intensity (t CO <sub>2</sub> /mn USD sal	14	.1 (Very	low)	Coverage:	100%	
MSCI ESG Rating (AAA - CCC):				А	Coverage:	100%

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  $CO_2$ -intensity expresses MSCI ESG Research's estimate of GHG emissions measured in tons of  $CO_2$  per USD 1 million sales; for further information c.f. www.bellevue.ch/sustainability-at-portfolio-level.

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