

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

To achieve capital appreciation on an absolute and relative basis over the medium to long-term horizon through investment in Swiss equities with a focus on innovative companies that are leaders in their markets profile.

PORTFOLIO REVIEW

At the time of writing, Switzerland is bearing the full brunt of the US administration's new trade policy, with a 31% tariff having just been imposed on its goods shipments to the US – a rate much steeper than that applied to European neighbours. This sanction is based on a simplistic and questionable computation: dividing the bilateral trade deficit by the total value of imports from the target country. An approach that also neglects an essential fact: Switzerland has always adopted a liberalist attitude towards its main trading partner.

Since 2024, it has for instance eliminated all tariffs on US industrial goods, maintaining barriers only on food and agricultural products, which represent but a fraction of the trade between the two countries. Moreover, although Switzerland runs a goods surplus with the US, the overall trade balance (goods and services) is in fact balanced, as confirmed by the former administration last November.

Beyond trade, the Confederation is a major economic player in the US. It ranks sixth among foreign investors and even tops the list in terms of direct investments in research and development. According to SECO, Swiss companies employ ca. 400,000 people on US soil, mainly in high value-added positions, with an average salary of USD 131,000. Furthermore, Switzerland is one of the main holders of US Treasury bonds, with assets amounting to USD 301 billion (or 4% of the total held by foreign investors), compared with USD 760 billion for China and USD 105 billion for Germany.

These objective elements may come in useful during the negotiations that will follow, although, in any tariff war, facts do not always prevail.

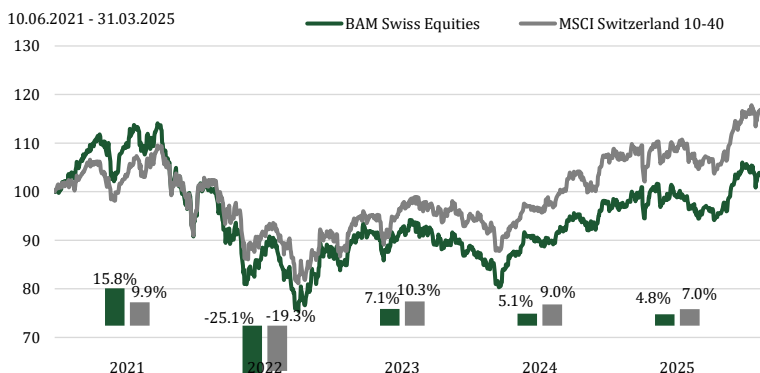
The Swiss market is set for a turbulent few weeks, so long as uncertainty regarding the overall impact of these measures persists. That said, as in any period of high volatility and downward market pressure, investment opportunities will emerge, enabling investors to initiate or strengthen positions in quality companies at reduced prices. Note, however, that the direct impact on Swiss companies should prove limited, since 90% of their production for the US market is already manufactured there.

In this particularly difficult environment, the Protea BAM Swiss Equities fund dropped 3.7% over the month.

Some holdings managed, despite the circumstances, to post positive performances, such as Geberit (+4%), Novartis (+4%), Zurich (+4%), Swissquote (+3%) and Nestlé (+2%).

Conversely, the main declines were suffered by Richemont (-17%), Comet (-16%), Galderma (-15%), Straumann (-13%) and Belimo (-9%).

NET PERFORMANCE AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE IN CHF



	Fund	MSCI Switzerland 10-40	+/-
1 Month	-3.7%	-3.0%	-0.7%
3 Months	4.8%	7.0%	-2.2%
YTD	4.8%	7.0%	-2.2%
Since inception	0.1%	13.0%	-12.9%

Source: All data and graphs throughout the document from Bruellan.
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The benchmark index is the MSCI Switzerland 10-40.
Please refer to the end of the document mentioned for performance comparison purposes.

RISK & REWARD



FUND FACTS

Domicile	Luxembourg (UCITS)
Inception date	10 June 2021
Currency	CHF
Lead Manager	Anick Baud
Co-Manager	Florian Marini CFA, CMT
Fund size*	CHF 30 Millions
Liquidity (sub./red.)	Daily
Min. Investment	Instit.: 1 million CHF

Entry/exit fees	0.0% / 0.0%
Management fees	0.8%
Performance fees	20%
High Water Mark	Yes
Benchmark	MSCI Switzerland 10-40
ISIN	Instit.: LU2264701074

Bloomberg	Instit.: PRPSEIC LX
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NAV	Instit.: 100.1
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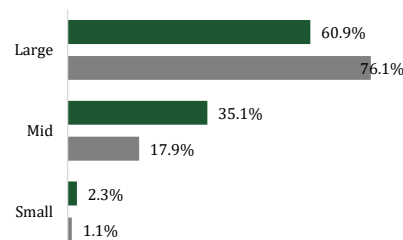
* the total strategy size is CHF 66 millions

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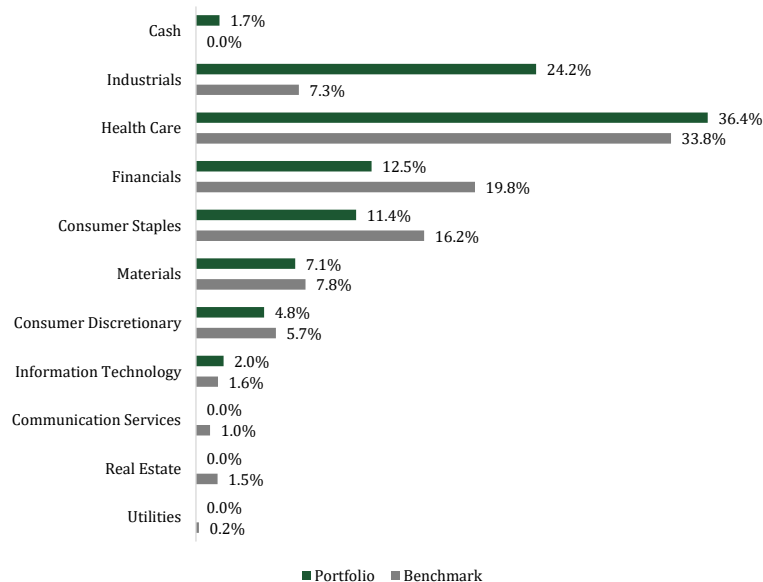
STATISTICS

	Fund	MSCI Switzerland 10-40
Leading PE	18.7	15.2
EV/EBITDA	17.5	12.8
P/Book	4.7	1.5
Dividend Yield	2.3%	3.2%
ROE	25.9%	9.0%
Debt/Equity	57.0%	59.4%
Interest Coverage	14.8	7.5
Beta	1.0	1.0
Volatility	17.3%	13.5%

ALLOCATION BY MARKET CAP



ALLOCATION BY SECTOR



FUND COMPLEMENTARY DETAILS

Administrator	Fund Partner Solutions SA
Representative in Switzerland	FundPartner Solutions (Suisse) SA
Investment Manager	Bruellan SA
Paying agent in Switzerland	Banque Pictet & Cie SA
Auditor	Deloitte Audit SARL
Custodian	Bank Pictet & Cie (Europe) AG, Succursale de Luxembourg

TOP 10 HOLDINGS

	Sector	Weight
NESTLE SA-REG	Consumer Staples	11.4%
ROCHE HOLDING AG-GENUSSCHEIN	Health Care	9.5%
NOVARTIS AG-REG	Health Care	8.6%
ZURICH INSURANCE GROUP AG	Financials	4.9%
CIE FINANCIERE RICHEMO-A REG	Consumer Discretionary	4.8%
LONZA GROUP AG-REG	Health Care	4.3%
GEBERIT AG-REG	Industrials	3.9%
GIVAUDAN-REG	Materials	3.5%
SIKA AG-REG	Materials	3.5%
BELIMO HOLDING AG-REG	Industrials	3.4%
Total		57.8%
Total number of Holdings		25

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