#### **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**

The Swiss market continued to recover in May, posting a 2.3% gain, albeit not making it back up to the March year-to-date high. Small- and mid-caps performed particularly well, rebounding by 6.2% and surpassing their February peak. Still, they remain almost 10% below their all-time high of September 2021.

Since the April 9 low, the industrial and technology sectors have stood out, with gains of 21% and 22% respectively. These two sectors, which are mainly made up of secondary stocks - a rare occurrence in Switzerland, outside of the public utilities segment - have benefited from expectations of massive investments in Europe, particularly in Germany. This momentum is all the more significant given that these companies generate a large proportion of their revenue in the European single market, which should provide them with a direct knock-on effect.

The Protea BAM Swiss Equities fund posted a monthly gain of 4.3%, bringing its year-to-date performance to 9.1%.

Among the strongest May performers figure Swissquote (+18%), Sandoz (+17%), Belimo (+14%), Galderma (+12%), Interroll (+11%) and Georg Fischer (+11%).

For some of these names, the rebound comes after a significant correction. Galderma, for instance, dropped nearly 40% in the space of a few weeks (placement of one of the majority shareholders at a discount, followed by lower-than-expected results) and has since gained more than 50%.

Although it was a quiet month in terms of earnings reports, we can nonetheless mention the excellent results released for the final quarter of the fiscal year by Geneva-based luxury goods group Richemont (+7%). Despite tough comparisons and fears of a slowdown in the US market, sales exceeded expectations, up 7% in local currency terms. Once again, the jewellery division performed particularly well, with growth of 11%. Although margins remain under pressure and the consensus will need to cut 2025 EBIT estimates (weak dollar, gold price increase not fully passed through to end prices, new store openings), these excellent results once again demonstrate the resilience and strength of Richemont, which ranks among the top players in the luxury sector.

Conversely, the sharpest declines were posted by Alcon (-11%), Schindler (-3%) and Lonza (-

Ophthalmology group Alcon had to revise down its current year growth estimates because of the weakness of the US market. While the second quarter stands to be weak, a recovery is expected during the second half of the year, thanks to a significant number of product

## **NET PERFORMANCE AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE IN CHF**



		Switzerland		
	Fund	10-40	+/-	
1 Month	4.3%	2.2%	2.1%	
3 Months	0.1%	-3.1%	3.2%	
YTD	8.9%	6.8%	2.1%	
Since inception	4.0%	12.8%	-8.8%	

MSCI

Source: All data and graphs throughout the document from Bruellan.

Past performance may not be a reliable guide to future performance. All forms of investment involve risk

The benchmark index is the MSCI Switzerland 10-40.

Please refer to the end of the document mentioned for performance comparison purposes.

#### **RISK & REWARD**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Low						High

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 31 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

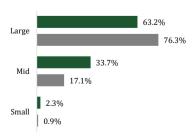
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Not all the costs are presented, further information can be found in the prospectus or equivalent.

#### **STATISTICS**

	Fund	MSCI Switzerland 10-40
Leading PE	21.5	17.1
EV/EBITDA	17.9	11.5
P/Book	6.2	1.7
Dividend Yield	2.0%	2.8%
ROE	26.0%	8.6%
Debt/Equity	56.8%	59.3%
Interest Coverage	14.8	6.9
Beta	1.0	1.0
Volatility	17.3%	13.5%

### ALLOCATION BY MARKET CAP



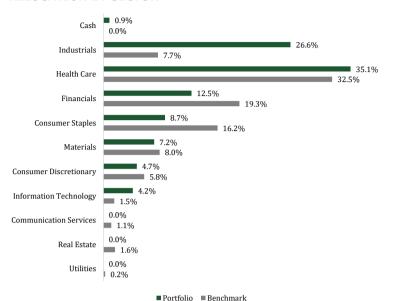
<sup>\*</sup> the total strategy size is CHF 66 millions

# PROTEA BAM SWISS EQUITIES

**MAY 2025** 



#### **ALLOCATION BY SECTOR**



#### **FUND COMPLEMENTARY DETAILS**

Administrator Representative in Switzerland Investment Manager Paying agent in Switzerland Auditor Custodian Fund Partner Solutions SA FundPartner Solutions (Suisse) SA Bruellan SA Banque Pictet & Cie SA

Deloitte Audit SARL Bank Pictet & Cie (Europe) AG, Succursale de

AG, Succursale Luxembourg

#### **TOP 10 HOLDINGS**

	Sector	Weight
NESTLE SA-REG	Consumer Staples	8.7%
ROCHE HOLDING AG-GENUSSCHEIN	Health Care	8.4%
NOVARTIS AG-REG	Health Care	8.0%
BELIMO HOLDING AG-REG	Industrials	5.3%
CIE FINANCIERE RICHEMO-A REG	Consumer Discretionary	4.7%
ZURICH INSURANCE GROUP AG	Financials	4.4%
LONZA GROUP AG-REG	Health Care	4.4%
GEBERIT AG-REG	Industrials	4.2%
SWISSQUOTE GROUP HOLDING-REG	Financials	4.1%
GIVAUDAN-REG	Materials	3.7%
Total		55.9%
Total number of Holdings		26

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