

## Investment focus

The fund's aim is to achieve capital growth in the long term. The Fund invests primarily in listed companies operating out of the emerging markets of Africa. These are mainly countries in Northern Africa and the Sub-Sahara that are benefiting from progressive structural change, economic reforms, infrastructure investment and their bountiful natural resources. They also offer largely untapped investment potential. The Fund additionally invests in attractive opportunities in South Africa. Experienced emerging market experts, some of whom are from the region itself, focus on profitable large and mid cap companies that stand to benefit from the region's strong growth momentum. Using a fundamental bottom-up and top-down approach the investment specialists screen out the most attractive companies and construct a portfolio containing 50 to 70 stocks, broadly diversified across the various countries and sectors.

## Fund facts

|                     |                                   |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| NAV                 | 155.94                            |
| Volume              | EUR 53.9 Mio.                     |
| NAV-calculation     | Daily "Forward Pricing"           |
| Cut off time        | 15:00 CET                         |
| Distribution policy | Accumulating                      |
| Investment manager  | Bellevue Asset Management AG      |
| Custodian           | RBC Investor Services, Luxembourg |
| Launch date         | 30.06.2009                        |
| Fiscal year end     | 30.06.                            |
| Benchmark           | DJ Africa Titans 50               |

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| ISIN code | LU0433847240 |
| Valor     | 10264484     |
| Bloomberg | BBAFOBE LX   |
| WKN       | AORP3D       |

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|------------------|----------|
| Management fee   | 1.60%    |
| Performance fee  | None     |
| Subscription fee | up to 5% |
| Min. investment  | n.a.     |

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Legal entity              | Luxembourg UCITS V SICAV |
| Countries of distribution | AT, CH, DE, ES, LU       |
| EU tax status             | Out of scope             |

## Key figures

|             |       |
|-------------|-------|
| Beta        | 0.62  |
| Correlation | n.a.  |
| Volatility  | 14.1% |

|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| Tracking Error | 11.12 |
| Active Share   | 41.64 |

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| Sharpe Ratio      | -0.28 |
| Information Ratio | -0.42 |
| Jensen's Alpha    | -4.44 |

Source: Bellevue Asset Management, 30.09.2020;  
Calculation over 3 years.

## Indexed performance since launch



## Cumulated & annualized performance

|       | Cumulated |        |        |         |         | Annualized   |        |         |         |              |
|-------|-----------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------------|--------|---------|---------|--------------|
|       | 1 month   | YTD    | 1 year | 3 years | 5 years | since launch | 1 year | 3 years | 5 years | since launch |
| B EUR | -2.1%     | -18.5% | -21.8% | -15.0%  | -13.1%  | 24.8%        | -21.8% | -5.3%   | -2.8%   | 2.0%         |
| BM    | -0.9%     | -13.2% | -12.6% | -6.6%   | 9.1%    | 21.3%        | -12.6% | -2.2%   | 1.8%    | 1.7%         |

## Annual performance

|       | 2015   | 2016  | 2017  | 2018   | 2019  | YTD    |
|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| B EUR | -13.7% | 0.9%  | 12.9% | -11.3% | 8.5%  | -18.5% |
| BM    | -21.4% | 20.6% | 8.3%  | -13.8% | 15.8% | -13.2% |

## Rolling 12-month-performance



Source: Bellevue Asset Management, 30.09.2020; all figures in EUR %, total return / BVI-methodology  
Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results and can be misleading. As the Sub-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 EUR 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 EUR 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 sub-fund, thus the performance of a benchmark is not a reliable indicator of future performance of the sub-fund it is compared to. 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

|                       |  |      |
|-----------------------|--|------|
| Naspers               |  | 6.7% |
| B2Gold                |  | 6.0% |
| Commercial Intl. Bank |  | 4.9% |
| Label Vie             |  | 4.7% |
| Centamin              |  | 4.7% |
| Attijariwafa Bank     |  | 3.7% |
| Maroc Telecom         |  | 3.1% |
| Safaricom             |  | 3.0% |
| Marsa Maroc           |  | 2.8% |
| Equity Group          |  | 2.8% |

|                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| Total top 10 positions | 42.4% |
| Total positions        | 59    |

## Sector breakdown

|                        |  |       |
|------------------------|--|-------|
| Financials             |  | 23.3% |
| Materials              |  | 21.1% |
| Consumer Staples       |  | 14.1% |
| Consumer Disc.         |  | 8.9%  |
| Industrials            |  | 7.1%  |
| Communication Services |  | 6.1%  |
| Health Care            |  | 5.6%  |
| Real Estate            |  | 3.8%  |
| Energy                 |  | 2.7%  |
| Utilities              |  | 2.6%  |
| Cash                   |  | 4.7%  |

## Geographic breakdown

|              |  |       |
|--------------|--|-------|
| Egypt        |  | 28.9% |
| South Africa |  | 19.9% |
| Morocco      |  | 19.9% |
| Kenya        |  | 7.9%  |
| Mali         |  | 6.0%  |
| Burkina Faso |  | 4.1%  |
| Rwanda       |  | 2.1%  |
| UAE          |  | 1.9%  |
| Ghana        |  | 1.8%  |
| Tunisia      |  | 0.3%  |
| Others       |  | 2.7%  |
| Cash         |  | 4.7%  |

## Market cap breakdown

|           |  |       |
|-----------|--|-------|
| 0 - 1 bn  |  | 34.4% |
| 1 - 2 bn  |  | 12.0% |
| 2 - 5 bn  |  | 15.4% |
| 5 - 15 bn |  | 27.9% |
| > 20 bn   |  | 6.7%  |
| Others    |  | 3.7%  |

Source: Bellevue Asset Management, 30.09.2020;

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## Market review

According to the Johns Hopkins University database, active COVID-19 cases in Africa fell again in September to 220000 from 240000 in late August, but, the resurgence of new cases in a growing number of countries dampened this positive trend. Except for a few nations, restrictions relaxation across the region continued despite the risk of a second wave. Angola secured an additional USD 765 mn under the IMF's Extended Fund Facility (now at USD 4.5 bn) after it restructured several loans from large creditors, whereas Zambia's FX woes left it no choice but to request a six-month moratorium on its debt servicing to international bondholders.

South Africa lowered its COVID-19 alert status from level 2 to level 1, which paves the way for the resumption of international flights and removes the last restrictions on economic activity. The measures introduced during the full lockdown last April led to the Q2 2020 GDP falling 17.1% vs. Q2 2019, one of the steepest contraction in the EM space. A total of 2.2 million people lost their job the same quarter, pushing the labor force participation to 47.3% vs. 60.3% in Q1 2020. The Reserve Bank kept its main policy rate at 3.5% and called for structural reforms to enhance the transmission mechanism of its monetary decisions. Equities fell 2.2% mom whilst the ZAR gained 1.1% vs. the USD. All eyes are now on the next budget update expected in October.

Nigeria's social environment heated up after a double-digit increase in fuel and electricity prices led the main labor unions to call for a general strike. In a public event held with investors, the Vice President Yemi Osinbajo admitted that the fall in oil revenue subsequent to the COVID-19 crisis means the Federal Government can no longer afford energy subsidies. However, local authorities bowed to the growing pressures and called off the electricity price hike. On the monetary front, the Central Bank cut its policy rate by 100 bps to 11.5% to stimulate lending growth even though headline inflation above 13% yoy remains on an upward trajectory. Equities were up 5.6% mom, most of which occurring in late September as local investors channeled their cash from maturing fixed income instruments to the stock market because of the low yields imposed by the CBN. The availability of USD for foreign investors' FX repatriation did not improve much.

In Kenya, the government extended some of its tax relief measures for corporates and employees beyond 2020. Local lenders, in coordination with the Central Bank, kept on supporting borrowers with 38% of total banking sector loans restructured at the end of August, up from 9.5% in April. The stock index was flat and the KES ended the month steady vs. the USD. Yields on international bonds jumped by 80 bps on average in the second half of September.

Fiscal and lending support measures were at the forefront in Egypt, starting with the Finance Minister that ruled out any tax increase to make up for the EGP 230 bn revenue shortfall post COVID-19 outbreak. Further, the Central Bank unveiled a plan to double the size of its industrial initiative to EGP 200 bn of loans offered to targeted sectors at a subsidised rate of 8%. Feeling more comfortable with headline inflation sticking to the lower band of its year-end target, the institution cut its main operation rate by 50 bps to 9.25%. The latter move followed the termination by the state-owned National Bank of Egypt of the one-year Certificate of Deposit (CD) yielding 15% and the change in rates on other CDs to 10.2%-10.5% vs. the prior 12-14%. These developments suggest that the Central Bank is less concerned by the dollarisation risk coming from total cash in circulation. Lastly, Egypt successfully raised a 5-year green bond of USD 750 mn at a 5.25% rate. The EGX30 remains dominated by retail investors and fell 3.3% mom on the latter shifting their focus to smaller-cap names.

Morocco returned to the international debt market with an EUR 1.0 bn bond deal in two tranches of 5.5 and 10 years, at respective rates of 1.5% and 2.2%. Equities fell 1.3% mom as the H1 2020 earnings season failed to bring more confidence in corporates' near term outlook.

## Positioning & outlook

The last changes affecting CDs in Egypt along with the Central Bank's rate cut are the first signs that liquidity and financial conditions could ease further in the coming months, which bodes well for equities' near to medium term outlook. We kept our core holdings unchanged last month.

## Risk and return profile

The Fund's investment objective is to generate attractive and competitive long-term capital growth. It is particularly suited to investors with an investment horizon of at least 5 to 7 years who want to diversify their portfolio with investments in emerging market equities. The Fund is exposed to the risks typical of emerging market equity investments



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### 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 user 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.

## Target market

The fund is suitable for retail and professional investors in Austria, Germany, Luxembourg, Spain and Switzerland.

## Chances

- Africa – a still largely untouched continent with attractive growth potential.
- Structural change, reforms, raw material reserves and infrastructure investments as primary growth drivers.
- Local experts – emerging market specialists, including from the region, with a competitive track record.
- Active fund management that is not based on a benchmark index, but on an in-depth analysis of individual companies.
- Low correlation, in particular to the equity markets of other emerging countries.

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



### Dr. Malek Bou-Diab

**Lead Portfolio Manager since inception of the fund**

Joined Bellevue in June 2009 as senior portfolio manager new markets. Prior to that, he worked as investment specialist at Julius Baer, where he was responsible for managing two African equity funds.



### Andy Gboka

**Portfolio Manager of the fund since 2015**

Joined Bellevue in 2015 as analyst and portfolio manager. Prior to that he was from 2011 to 2014 senior analyst at Exotix LLP covering the brewers and cement companies listed in Africa.



### Jean-Pierre Gerber

**Portfolio Manager since inception of the fund**

Joined Bellevue in 2009 as a product specialist. Prior to this he spent 10 years at Julius Baer, where he assumed various responsibilities including head of fund research. He is a Board Member of the Swiss African Business Circle.



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