

MIV Global Medtech Fund

Sub-Fund of an investment company with variable capital SICAV



Monthly report February 2024

Marketing document for private and institutional investors

Facts Fund class I2

Net Asset Value per Fund share EUR	2'737.56
Assets EUR m (all Fund classes)	2'216
Investment level	100%
Liquidity	0%

Industry breakdown

Ophthalmology	11%
Hospital Equipment	10%
In-vitro Diagnostics	9%
Surgical Instruments	8%
Diabetes	7%
Orthopaedics	7%
Disposable Medical Supplies	6%
Endoscopy	5%
Dentistry	4%
Other Medical Technology Sectors	33%

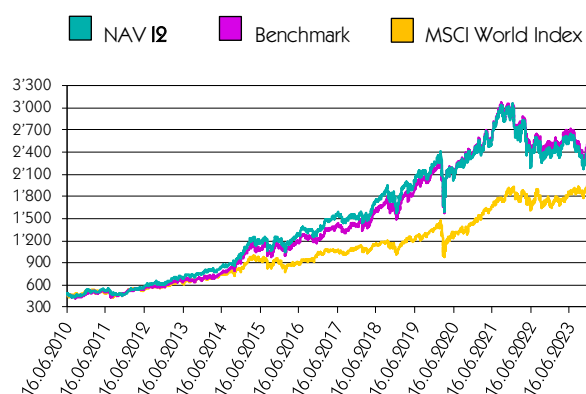
Holdings

Abbott Laboratories	10%	DexCom	4%
Intuitive Surgical	10%	HOYA	3%
Stryker	10%	ResMed	3%
Boston Scientific	8%	GE HealthCare	2%
Medtronic	5%	Align Technology	2%
Edwards Lifesciences	4%	Steris	2%
Alcon	4%	Siemens Healthineers	2%
Becton Dickinson	4%	Straumann	2%
EssilorLuxottica	4%	CooperCompanies	2%
IDEXX Laboratories	4%	15 small holdings	15%

Currency breakdown

USD	77%	JPY	5%
CHF	8%	DKK	3%
EUR	6%	GBP	1%

Performance Fund class I2 EUR



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Performance in EUR	February	2024	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Inception
MIV Global Medtech Fund I2	3.5%	8.5%	14.3%	13.4%	42.3%	241.0%	464.8%
Benchmark *	3.5%	8.4%	14.6%	15.9%	58.4%	292.8%	482.7%
MSCI World Index	4.6%	7.7%	22.5%	43.8%	82.6%	203.9%	341.4%
			3.19-2.20	3.20-2.21	3.21-2.22	3.22-2.23	3.23-2.24
MIV Global Medtech Fund I2			8.2%	16.0%	11.9%	-11.4%	14.3%
Benchmark *			13.9%	20.0%	12.8%	-10.3%	14.6%
MSCI World Index			8.5%	17.1%	19.7%	-1.9%	22.5%

* MSCI World Healthcare Equipment & Supplies

Company Headlines

The medical device sector has long been characterised by high and at the same time stable and very profitable growth. These investor-friendly features were subject to unusual volatility during the COVID-19 pandemic. A temporary decline in demand during the various waves of the pandemic was followed in each case by a strong recovery in sales markets. While this initially had a positive impact on margins, it was slowed by the sharp increase in inflation rates worldwide. The strong appreciation of the US dollar also had a negative impact on American companies. In addition, margins were temporarily affected by supply chain difficulties. As a result of these circumstances, many medical device groups were for a time confronted with atypical margin pressures, which were reflected in lower earnings growth. After a period in which firms had to face and adapt to these adversities, they emerged overwhelmingly strengthened. Not only has pricing improved for many suppliers, but the simultaneous weakening of inflation, the easing of currency-related margin pressure and efficiency-enhancing measures, together with the extremely healthy sales markets, form the basis for significantly accelerated earnings growth compared to previous years. This was underpinned by the very strong financial results of our portfolio companies last year and the forecasts for 2024, which were mostly above expectations.

Ophthalmology

Due to targeted establishment and expansion, ophthalmology became the largest sector of the MIV Global Medtech Fund in 2023. The exposure reflects the fund's global investment strategy and includes investments from Japan (**HOYA**), Europe (**EssilorLuxottica**), the USA (**CooperCompanies**) and **Alcon**. Spun off from the Swiss pharmaceutical firm Novartis in 2019, Alcon operates from the USA and is benefiting from the good state of the contact lens market, among other things. This grew by 9% in the full year 2023 and was supported by an improved price environment by historical standards. This product group, which accounts for a quarter of Alcon's total revenue, grew faster than the market in the closing quarter of 2023 at 10% and made an important contribution to the positively surprising organic sales growth of 9% at group level. CooperCompanies generates 67% of revenue from contact lenses. In the calendar year, the firm once again recorded above-market growth of 11% in this area. HOYA generates 56% of consolidated sales in the core business of ophthalmology (eyeglass lenses, contact lenses and intraocular lenses for the treatment of cataracts). These segments generated organic growth of more than 7% in the quarter ending in December, while the growth rate at group level was over 8%. EssilorLuxottica was created from the 2018 merger of France's Essilor (number one for ophthalmic lenses) and Italy's Luxottica (number one for spectacle frames). Now the biggest player in the eyewear industry by far, it was also able to benefit from strong market momentum and grew by 7% in the final quarter of 2023 after adjusting for currency effects.

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	www.mivglobalmedtech.ch
Legal structure	Sub-Fund of Variopartner SICAV, an investment fund under Luxembourg law
Fund class	I2 (EUR) accumulation / ISIN: LU0329631708 / Swiss Valor Number: 3535030 / WKN: A0NETT
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	0.8% p.a.
Total Expense Ratio (TER) as of 30.6.2023	0.97%
Launch of fund	11 March 2008
Launch of fund class I2	16 June 2010
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	www.mivglobalmedtech.ch / www.swissfunddata.ch / www.fundinfo.com Bloomberg: VARMV12 LX / Reuters: LU0329631708.LUF / Neue Zürcher Zeitung
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Finland	https://gfdplatform.pwc.lu/facilities-agent/view/vs-fi
France	https://gfdplatform.pwc.lu/facilities-agent/view/vs-fr
Italy	https://gfdplatform.pwc.lu/facilities-agent/view/vs-it
Netherlands	https://gfdplatform.pwc.lu/facilities-agent/view/vs-nl
Norway	https://gfdplatform.pwc.lu/facilities-agent/view/vs-no
Sweden	https://gfdplatform.pwc.lu/facilities-agent/view/vs-sv
Spain	https://gfdplatform.pwc.lu/facilities-agent/view/vs-es

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