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# Investment style

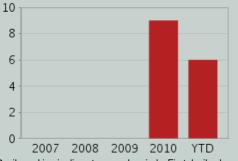
|           | Value | Blend | Growth |
|-----------|-------|-------|--------|
| Large-Cap |       |       |        |
| Mid-Cap   |       |       |        |
| Small-Cap |       |       |        |

## Performance statistics

|                               | Launch   |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Fund                          | 27.4%    |
| Standard & Poor's peer median | 17.4%    |
| Index**                       | 19.0%    |
| Fund rank                     | 194/2432 |

Note: returns are cumulative

## Calendar year decile ranks



Decile ranking in discrete annual periods. First decile shown as rank 10, second decile as rank nine, with tenth decile as rank one.

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# **BB EUROPEAN OPPORTUNITIES FUND**

Sub-fund of Luxembourg domiciled Sicav - Part 1

Fund owner: Bellevue Asset Management

Fund manager/adviser: Bellevue Asset Management

Named portfolio manager/adviser(s):

Achim Wagner (since launch)

Peer group: European Mainstream incl UK

**Equities** 

Location: Zurich

Launch date: September 2009 Fund size (February 2011): €41.2m Contact group: +41 44 267 67 00 or

www.bellevue.ch

Further information on S&P's fund coverage can be found at <a href="https://www.FundsInsights.com">www.FundsInsights.com</a>

# Standard & Poor's opinion (March 2011)

This fund has been managed by Achim Wagner since its launch in September 2009. Wagner is an experienced investor who has been a portfolio manager since 1993 and had four years as an analyst before that.

He came to Bellevue Asset Management to launch a hedge fund, but has since closed that offering. This product is his sole focus. Wagner has some support from two other European manager/ analysts, plus wider group resources, but he always conducts his own work on ideas generated by team members.

This fund is viewed by the manager as a long-only fund with added flexibility that he can use when conditions allow. The core of the portfolio is invested in a combination of structural growth stocks and shorter-term, more cyclical names. In addition, there is also the potential for alpha extension through a long/short portfolio. The inclusion of this in the fund is dependent on the manager finding short ideas, which are then matched by an appropriate exposure to high-conviction long positions. This alpha extension could lead to a 130:30 long:short split, but the manager has not yet approached this level. Finally the manager also has the option of reducing net exposure to 60%.

The portfolio is subject to risk constraints which aim to limit overall risk and to ensure that stock selection drives returns. This has clearly been the case over the relatively short period since launch, with particular strength seen in late 2010.

Overall, the combination of an experienced manager and a new, flexible approach results in an S&P A (New) rating.

## Fund manager & team

Achim Wagner is the lead portfolio manager for this strategy. He works closely with Miroslav Zuzak and to a lesser degree with Birgitte Olsen who manages a different European strategy but provides stock level input.

Wider group resources are also used with selected input taken from the monthly strategy meeting and the emerging Europe, healthcare, and hedge fund teams, as well as the bank's sell-side analysts.

Achim Wagner - business management & statistics (University of Trier), started his career in 1989 as an analyst at Deutsche Bank, before moving into a fund management role in 1993. He joined LODH in 1996 as a European manager before moving to LV Asset Management in 2002. In 2008 he joined Bellevue Asset Management.

### Management style

This fund aims to outperform its STOXX Europe 600 index by 3% a year, with a tracking error of less than 6%. A flexible approach is used and the manager will opportunistically move the net position of the fund within a general range of 60-100%, but it is likely that the portfolio will be close to 100% invested. There is also the opportunity for alpha extension up to the 130:30 (long versus short) levels. This is mainly determined by the availability of strong short ideas, which for individual stocks are actioned through CFDs. Conviction long positions will then be increased accordingly.

Stock selection on the long side starts with various filters to reduce the universe due to liquidity, balance-sheet risks and communication with investors. Long-term structural growth stocks are sought (with marginal ROIC greater than WACC), but valuations must be reasonable, while more cyclical names will also be bought with a shorter time frame. Normalised EBIT margins and ROIC are key measures in the latter case.

Risk controls are in place including a maximum +/-5% industry deviation (except banks) and a maximum +3% active stock weighting. A maximum of 80 names will be held (60 long, 20 short).

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## Portfolio & performance analysis (February 2011)

The portfolio currently has no exposure on the short side, as the manager reduced portfolio risk in January 2011. The net market exposure position is 100%. At the sector level deviations from index have also been decreased, with overweights now including IT (+4.0%), consumer discretionary (+5.5%) and materials (+3.1%). The largest underweights are to utilities (-4.0%), consumer staples (-3.3%) and energy (-3.2%).

Relative to index the fund shows a bias to mid- and small-cap names, while Style Research shows a bias towards earnings revisions.

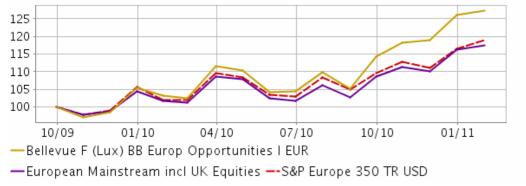
Over the course of the past year there has been a clear move towards consumer discretionary and industrials, both of which have moved from underweights to overweights. Names added include Autoliv, Fiat and Ipsos. Consumer staples and energy have been the main source of funds.

We only have limited past performance data for this fund, given its launch date of September 2009. Returns over this period have, however, been strong relative to mainstream Europe incl UK funds and the benchmark. Given the greater flexibility available to this fund manager compared to the peer group, we would expect the fund to show above-median returns and it has clearly achieved this during 2010.

Against the benchmark, attribution since inception shows a good level of outperformance, with almost all of this being derived from stock selection. Selection has been strong across IT, healthcare, consumer discretionary, consumer staples and telecoms. At the stock level, Infineon was the strongest contributor, followed by Novo Nordisk, BMW, Software and Autoliv.

By way of a longer-term track record, the manager was involved in the management of the LV Asset Management European ex UK Growth fund between 2003 and 2007. That fund had a strong track record over this period.

# **Cumulative performance**



| Discrete performance (calendar years) |     |      |       |      |      |      |      |          |        |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----|------|-------|------|------|------|------|----------|--------|-----------|
|                                       |     |      |       |      |      |      | 20   | 10       | YTD 31 | /01/2011  |
|                                       | %   | Rank | %     | Rank | %    | Rank | %    | Rank     | %      | Rank      |
| Fund                                  |     | /    |       | /    |      | /    | 19.6 | 293/2513 | 1.1    | 1341/2703 |
| Index**                               | 4.3 |      | -42.8 |      | 31.9 |      | 10.3 |          | 2.2    |           |
| Median                                | 1.3 |      | -43.9 |      | 29.5 |      | 11.1 |          | 1.1    |           |

\*\* S&P Europe 350 EUR

Fund benchmark: STOXX Europe 600 TR Share class screened: LU0449548428 (Ord)





# Portfolio characteristics (1 February 2011)

| No. of holdings    | 60  |
|--------------------|-----|
| Turnover ratio (%) | 100 |
| % in top 10        | 25  |

#### **Asset allocation**

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|                        | 70   |
|------------------------|------|
| Consumer discretionary | 12.7 |
| Consumer staples       | 12.1 |
| Energy                 | 5.7  |
| Financials             | 21.3 |
| Health care            | 6.4  |
| Industrials            | 12.9 |
| Information technology | 6.6  |
| Materials              | 14.1 |
| Telecoms               | 5.7  |
| Utilities              | 1.3  |
| Cash                   | 1.2  |

# Top 10 holdings

|                      | %   |
|----------------------|-----|
| Royal Dutch          | 3.4 |
| Rio Tinto            | 3.0 |
| /odafone             | 2.6 |
| NG Groep             | 2.4 |
| nfineon Technologies | 2.3 |
| Repsol               | 2.3 |
| Sberbank             | 2.2 |
| BNP Paribas          | 2.2 |
| Allianz              | 2.2 |
| DA 4147              | 0.4 |

\* In top 10 holdings a year ago

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#### Long-only fund ratings

AAA The fund demonstrates the highest standards of quality in its sector based on its investment process and management's consistency of performance as compared to funds with similar objectives.

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#### Fund-of-hedge-funds ratings

Absolute return fund ratings

Specialist fund ratings

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#### All fund ratings

Not Rated (NR) Funds designated as Not Rated currently do not meet the requisite performance standards and/or the minimum qualitative criteria to achieve a fund rating

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Under Review (UR) Ratings are placed Under Review when significant management changes occur at the fund manager or fund management team level and Standard & Poor's Fund Services has not had the opportunity yet to evaluate their impact on the qualitative appraisal.

(New) Signifies where a major event has occurred for which there is no fund-specific track record available. This includes: funds recently launched, the implementation of a new investment process or mandate and may include structural changes within a fund team.

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Long-term fund management rating LTFMR The fund has been rated in the A/AA/AAA fund rating band for five consecutive years

or more, and continues to hold a rating.

#### Bond fund volatility ratings

The bond fund volatility rating is our current opinion of a fund's sensitivity to changing market conditions. Volatility ratings evaluate the fund's sensitivity to interest rate movement, credit risk, investment diversification or concentration, liquidity, leverage and other factors. For V1-V4 categories, risk is considered relative to a portfolio composed of government securities and denominated in the base currency of the fund.

V1 Bond funds that possess low sensitivity to changing market conditions. These funds possess an aggregate level of risk that is less than or equal to that of a portfolio comprising government securities maturing within one to three years, and denominated in the base currency of the fund. These funds possess an aggregate level of risk that is less than or equal to that of a portfolio comprising the highest quality fixed income instruments with an average maturity of 12 months or less. Within this category, certain funds are designated with a plus sign (+), indicating extremely low sensitivity to changing market conditions.

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#### Absolute return fund N ratings

The N rating is Standard & Poor's indication of a fund's potential capital stability in normal markets. It is a qualitative rating but is based on annualised weekly downside deviation. N1 is the most stable and N9 the least.