

## **Zurich investment foundation**

## **Equity US**

Long-term capital growth combined with risk diversification

Equities are an important factor for a successful investment. Due to their potential to generate capital gains, equities are a high contributor to attractive portfolio returns. The chance to achieve higher returns is associated with higher risks.

# Your advantages at a glance

- Module for flexibly implementing the investment strategy of a pension plan
- Broadly diversified and transparent investments
- Independent investment management process, which meets the highest compliance requirements
- Attractive terms

#### Investment universe

The US equities portfolio invests preferably in equities of first-class US companies with a local and international field of activity, which may benefit from current market developments to an above-average extent.

#### **Investment process**

The asset pool is managed by two investment companies, Cohen & Steers and Fisher Investments. This offers a unique combination of two complementary investment approaches which are particularly adapted to the current environment characterized by a high volatility and low yields.

Cohen & Steers follows a bottom-up approach focused on large capitalized companies with strong dividend growth and sustainable cash flow that should deliver superior capital appreciation and income with low volatility. A dividend discount model and proprietary fundamental research are the basis for constructing the portfolio.

Fisher Investments identifies and exploits opportunities in the US Equity markets thanks to a macroeconomic top-down approach. The strategy attempts to exploit the structure of US markets and capitalize on sector, industry, and style cycle momentum. The security selection is then based on a detailed analysis of each company.

### Manager

Cohen & Steers Capital Management

Cohen & Steers, founded in 1986 by Martin Cohen and Robert Steers, manages strategies that offer high-quality income-oriented equity portfolios. Building on its expertise in real estate securities investments, Cohen & Steers offers also utilities and preferred strategies portfolios. The company manages more than USD 41bn.

### Fisher Investments

Fisher Investments, founded in 1979 by Ken Fisher and headquartered in Woodside (California) is an independent asset management firm, 100% Fisher-family and employee-owned. The company manages more than USD 44 bn, mainly in equities and offers asset management solutions to both institutional and private clients.

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## **Key characteristics**

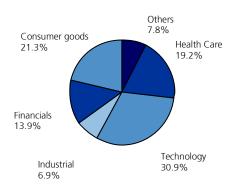
Manager	Cohen & Steers, Fisher
ISIN	CH0007226936
Bloomberg Ticker	ZAKTUSA SW
Benchmark	MSCI USA (NDDUUS)
First issue	05.1999
Financial year	1.1 31.12.
Currency	CHF
Risk currency	USD
AuM (in mio.)	1,051.00
Net asset value	1,470.99
Management Fee	0.80%
TER (KGAST)	0.81%
Spread	0.10%
Issue/Redemption	Daily
Number of issuers	93
Off-BM positions	1.05%

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## Currency exposure (in %)

	Zurich
USD	99.67
CHF	0.33

## Sectors (in %)



## Performance (gross of fees, indexed)



## Performance (net of fees in %, in CHF)

	Zurich	Benchmark
1 month	5.66	5.34
3 month	9.01	8.03
Current year	14.89	14.23
1 year p.a.	25.54	23.76
5 years p.a.	16.03	15.97
10 years p.a.	3.85	5.27
Since inception p.a.	2.32	2.61

## Volatility (in %)

	Zurich	Benchmark
1 year p.a.	10.62	9.54
5 years p.a.	12.65	11.96
10 years p.a.	15.88	16.06
Since inception p.a.	16.21	16.88

## **Risk figures since inception**

	Zurich	Benchmark
Sharpe Ratio	0.09	0.10
Beta	0.94	1.00
Tracking Error p.a.	3.61	-
Information Ratio	-0.08	-
Jensen's Alpha (in %)	-0.18	-
Max. Drawdown (in %)	164.90	178.67
Recovery Period*	96	93
*) in months		

## Largest positions (in %)

	Zurich
Alphabet Inc	4.55
Apple Inc	3.73
Microsoft Corp	3.43
Home Depot Inc/The	3.34
Johnson & Johnson	3.03



### Risk figures for other time periods

	1 year p.a.	5 years p.a.	10 years p.a.	Since inception p.a.
Sharpe Ratio	2.47	1.30	0.23	0.09
Beta	1.10	1.05	0.98	0.94
Tracking Error p.a.	1.72	1.60	2.31	3.61
Tracking Error Ex Ante	2.39	-	-	-
Information Ratio	1.04	0.04	-0.61	-0.08
Jensen's Alpha (in %)	-0.76	-0.76	-1.31	-0.18

### Overview performance (net of fees in %)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2017	-1.28	6.01	-0.36	0.20	-2.09	0.34	2.67	0.42	2.74	5.66			14.89
2016	-3.79	-3.69	2.72	0.65	5.17	-2.92	3.13	2.14	-1.26	0.15	7.58	1.57	11.34
2015	-10.53	9.03	1.01	-3.31	2.50	-2.69	4.55	-5.89	-2.00	9.53	4.98	-3.68	1.49
2014	-1.38	1.63	1.23	-0.07	4.42	1.28	1.32	5.49	2.90	2.88	3.06	3.33	29.20
2013	4.84	3.51	4.56	0.28	5.81	-3.20	2.68	-3.20	-0.23	4.20	3.56	1.30	26.33
2012	2.57	2.28	2.78	-0.83	-0.43	1.12	4.43	0.00	1.03	-3.49	0.03	-0.78	8.80
2011	2.96	2.61	-1.59	-1.94	-2.82	-2.73	-8.18	-2.81	4.61	5.89	4.10	3.88	3.02
2010	-1.81	4.21	3.05	2.76	-1.00	-11.96	3.43	-7.70	4.36	3.89	1.29	-0.60	-1.59
2009	1.35	-9.89	4.76	7.28	-0.09	1.62	4.31	1.13	0.91	-3.30	3.89	5.10	17.14
2008	-10.33	-6.14	-5.03	8.85	0.76	-11.00	2.46	6.10	-4.67	-13.98	-4.44	-11.11	-40.92
2007	4.18	-4.22	-0.33	2.90	4.36	-1.05	-6.70	1.64	-0.16	1.32	-7.63	-2.40	-8.60

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> TER according to KGAST: The figure corresponds to the Total Expense Ratio (TER) from the last year and is no guarantee for a similar TER in the future.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Spread: Settlement with an additional subscription or redemption charge (protection of the fund performance)