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Monthly Factsheet - March 2025

Marketing Document for retail investors in: LU, CH, IT

Fund Data

Strategy	Long Equity
Fund size	€25mio
Portfolio Manager	Umberto Grimi
Domicile, Legal structure	Luxembourg UCITS
Delegated Investment Manager	Banca del Sempione SA
Sub-Investment Manager	Sempione Sim SpA
Custodian Bank	Edmond De Rothschild (Europe)
Administrator/ Management Company	Edmond De Rothschild Asset Management (Lux)
Auditor	Pricewaterhouse Coopers Sarl
Commissione di gestione	1.50%
Commissione di performance	20% of the difference between the performance of the NAV and the performance of its reference index

Class	Type	ISIN
EUR	Retail	LU2382905623

Objective

The investment objective of the sub-fund Sempione Smart Equity is to achieve capital appreciation in the medium to long term, mainly by investing in shares of companies of high standing and solidity.

Strategy

The strategy used for investments is based on fundamental analysis associated with signals and technical evaluations that allow the most effective time to market.
The sub-fund aims to generate positive alpha compared to the markets both through dynamic asset allocation and through a targeted stock picking process.

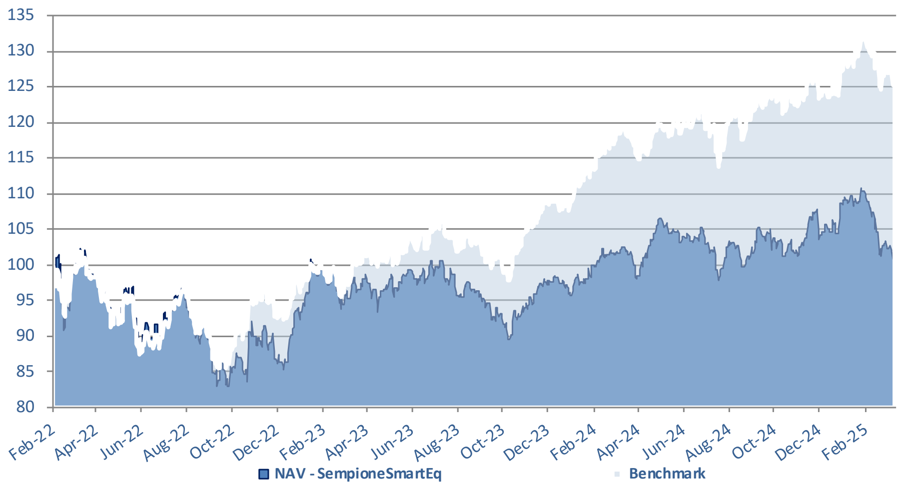
Performance generation through:

Benchmark	Asset allocation	Alpha
Component linked to market trends	Component given by the over / under exposure compared to the benchmark	Component resulting from the stock picking

Benchmark

40%	40%	20%
Eurostoxx50	S&P 500	ESTR (Euro short term rate)

Performance Summary



Source: Banca del Sempione SA

Class EUR	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2025	4,44	-2,04	-6,85										**-4,70**
2024	-1,06	4,30	1,12	-1,48	3,33	-0,92	-0,78	0,05	2,32	-2,09	0,82	1,33	**6,93**
2023	11,29	1,71	0,52	-1,73	-0,27	2,35	2,15	-3,51	-2,46	-4,76	5,37	3,40	**13,85**
2022		1,37	-0,93	-4,71	0,29	-6,95	4,74	-2,56	-8,04	3,69	4,12	-4,64	**-13,71**

Source: Banca del Sempione SA

Past performance is not indicative of future performance. The performance data does not take into account the commissions and expenses applied to the issue and redemption of shares. Past performance is shown in the share class currency. **Returns are gross of tax charges**. The fund's performance may be the result of currency fluctuations, either rising or falling. Investors may not recover their entire capital invested.

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Portfolio

Portfolio composition

AUM	25'700'600		
Total net invested	19'303'076		
	Invested	**% AUM**	**% on invested**
"Champions" securities	5'653'820	22.0%	29.3%
"Benchmark" securities	8'651'513	33.7%	44.8%
Long/short strategy	0	0.0%	0.0%
Small Caps	2'635'839	10.3%	13.7%
Trading securities	2'573'890	10.0%	13.3%
Short	-699'191	-2.7%	-3.6%
Options	487'205	1.9%	2.5%

Main position

Main positions	
"Champions" securities	ASML, Amazon, Alibaba, Baidu, Cameco, ETF luxury, Samsung, Daiichi, Covivio, China Domestic
"Benchmark" securities	Johnson & Johnson, Sanofi, Disney, Berkshire Hathaway, SAP, Air Liquide, Schneider
Long/short strategy	-
Small Caps	Farmacosmo, Valtecne, Allcore, Italian Sea Group, Ferretti
Trading securities	
Short	Indice Nasdaq
Options	call options su Stellantis, Remy Cointreau, STM

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Monthly summary

The month of March intensified the volatility expressed by the markets, mainly influenced by macroeconomic changes and developments in the geopolitical context. First, the effect of tariffs pressures global growth projections: the optimism expressed by PMIs before Trump's inauguration has turned against him, with a growing fear of trade wars could impact the whole global economy, as much as to increase the probability of recession based on economists' sentiment. The choice to abandon the notorious "nuclear umbrella" by the newly elected president, on the other hand, has forced Europe to review spending plans in the defense sector, an aspect that pushed Germany, with the new coalition led by Merz in government, to abandon solid fiscal discipline to launch a spending package of over 500 billion euros.
The reaction of government yield curves was therefore distinct: in Europe, the easing of German budget discipline led to a historic increase in yields, of over 30 basis points in a single session, which exceeds the records reached after the fall of the Berlin Wall, and the movement also influenced the rest of Europe. Greater stability was achieved from US Treasuries, returning to 4.2% after having risen to 4.4% on inflation fears. Credit spread widened slightly following the projections shift, especially among US issues.
The stock market, on the other hand, recorded substantial declines, with the S&P500 down to -5.5%, the Nasdaq at -7.5%, and Europe at -4%. The German spending plan had supported the tactical positioning on Europe by market operators at the beginning of the month, partially attenuated by the fear of more substantial duties by Trump, and without a positive outcome from the negotiations to end the war between Russia and Ukraine. On the other hand, the Hang Seng index (+1.1%) was positive, benefiting from the renewed appeal of Chinese technology after Deepseek, as well as from government support for consumption and 5% GDP growth.
Despite the continued weakening of the dollar, with the EUR/USD ratio going from 1.06 to 1.08, commodities did not benefit particularly from this tailwind, with oil remaining stable and gold rising thanks to strong inflows from investors and trading venues.

Top Performance Contributors

- Benchmark: sottopeso rispetto al benchmark
- Opzioni: put su RH US

Top Performance Detractors

- Champions: Tesla, Microstrategy, Coinbase

Positioning and market view

Sempione Smart Equity sub-fund had a negative month in March, in a worsening of the trend began in February on the few US stocks held (Tesla and the crypto world) in light of an increasingly critical attitude towards the American administration and Musk.

In the middle of the month we decided to abandon these positions since articles emerged on Tesla about some doubts on accounting in addition to those on the now reduced technological gap towards Chinese companies while on crypto the expected proclamations of Trump are not translating into concrete support.

We expect a slowdown in the growth of technology securities due to a general slowdown in consumption and with indications coming from Microsoft that it is slowing down its datacenter construction plans due to the lower capacity required for AI.

We have returned to rewarding Chinese stocks, both tech (Alibaba and Baidu still at very low valuations and capable of technological innovation no less than US comparables) and domestic China awaiting stimuli to internal consumption that the Government seems intent on announcing even more so after the tightening of American duties.

We have taken a position on basic resources, a sector that has performed very badly so far, mainly due to the very weak economic performance of Asian economies, which should benefit from the weakening of the dollar.

Finally, the sub-fund keeps its component of small caps, cleaned of those that have already produced good results while maintaining those that are showing significant growth or are preparing for M&A.

The sub-fund begins the month of April with an exposure between 60 and 70%

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Risk Indicator

Risk Profile
With lower risk — With higher risk

1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Potentially lower returns — Potentially higher returns

The summary risk indicator assumes you keep the Product until maturity end of the recommended holding period (5 years). The actual risk can vary significantly if you cash in at an early stage and you may get back less. The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this Product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the Product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you. This Product is rated in the category above mentioned, in line with the type of securities and geographic regions detailed under the heading "Objectives and investment policy". The capital is not guaranteed.
The following risks may be materially relevant but may not always be adequately captured by the synthetic risk indicator and may cause additional loss:
Counterparty Risk: the Product may suffer losses if a counterparty to a financial instrument defaults and fails to meet its payment obligations to the Product.
Liquidity Risk: which may occur: when investments are made in financial instruments that could have a lower level of liquidity in some circumstances for example in the case of a market crash or default of issuers and/or due to massive redemptions of shareholders resulting in a potential decrease of the value of certain of the Product's investments.
Interest Rate Risk: interest rate risk is the possibility that the value of the assets of the Product will decline as the result of an unexpected change in interest rates, especially but not limited, for investments in bonds.
Operational Risk: this is the risk that failures, problems and/or inadequacies of systems, processes and/or people (in particular by the investment manager) may cause losses to the Product.
Market Risk: the Product may experience losses from fluctuations in securities prices in portfolio.
Risk linked to the use of derivative instruments: a careful use of derivatives can be beneficial to the Product but implies additional risks different from traditional assets such as the risk of divergent valuation depending on the application of different pricing methodologies. The use of derivatives can result in greater fluctuations of the Product assets and may cause the Product to lose as much as or more than the amount invested. Due to the use of derivatives, the Product may have an increased exposure to particular investment known as leverage. A fall in value of such investments can result in a proportionately greater loss to the Product.
Emerging and Frontiers Markets Risk: increased political or social instability, economies based on only a few industries, unstable currencies, runaway inflation, highly volatile securities markets, unpredictable shifts in policies relating to foreign investments, lack of protection for investors may affect the investments of the Product.
Credit Risk: the Product may invest in debt securities which are exposed to the risk that the borrower will be unable to meet its repayment obligations.
SPACs investment specific risks: i) Market Risk: SPACs usually present two different market risk profiles depending whether they are in pre-acquisition/-announcement phase (generally associated with a lower volatility) or post-acquisition/-announcement phase (generally associated with higher volatility, similar to equity instruments). ii) Liquidity Risk: Investment in small and medium-sized companies, such as it is usually the case with SPACs, may carry greater liquidity risks than those generally associated with investment in companies associated with a larger market capitalization.
The list of possible risks is not exhaustive; full risk information is available in the Sale Prospectus, chapter 5 "Special consideration on risks".

Glossary

Share class sub-fund of a fund differentiated in terms of client type, fee structure, currency, minimum investment or other characteristics. The characteristics of each share class are described in the offering prospectus. **Management fee** is a fee that covers all costs charged to a fund in relation to portfolio management services and, if applicable, distribution services. **Incentive fee (performance)** is a fee withheld by the management company based exclusively on the results achieved by the fund and is calculated if the fund performs better than a reference index, the benchmark, or if it records a gain in absolute terms. **Duration** indicates the number of years an investor should keep a position in the bond until the present value of the bond's cash flows to equal the amount paid for that bond. Longer is the duration, more the price of a bond will be influenced by changes in interest rates. Duration can also be used to compare the risk of debt securities with maturities and yields. **High Water Mark (HWM)** is the highest value achieved by a fund and it is used as a threshold to measure a manager's performance. In the case of this fund, according to the HWM principle, no performance fee will be charged if the NAV, before considering the fee, is lower than the latest reference NAV. Any losses accumulated in the past can be written off after a period of five years. The performance fee is assessed at the end of each calendar year, following a calculation method described in the prospectus. **Index** is a portfolio that holds a broad range of securities according to predefined rules. Some indices are used to represent the performance of particular markets and therefore serve as a point of reference for measuring the performance of other portfolios. An index used as a reference for performance comparison is called a "benchmark index". **ISIN** (International Securities Identification Number) unique code that identifies a specific financial security. It is assigned by the respective national coding agency of a country. **Bonds** are debt (for the entity that issues them) and credit securities (for the entity that purchases them) that represent a portion of debt taken out by a company or public body for financing. They guarantee the buyer the reimbursement of the capital (at the end of the pre-established period) plus interest (the remuneration that is due to those who purchase bonds in exchange for the sum invested). **High Yield Bonds** are a type of corporate bond that offers a higher interest rate due to its greater risk of default. Credit rating evaluates the ability of a bond issuer to repay all its debt obligations (interest and principal) on time. High ratings, such as AAA or Aaa, indicate low risk (i.e. a low probability of default), while ratings such as BBB– or Baa3 indicate greater risk. **Yield to maturity (YTM)** indicates the fund's return if all the bonds in the portfolio were to be held until the maturity date. The ratio is expressed as a percentage annual return. **Volatility**, the fluctuation of a fund's performance over a given period, provides an analysis of the amount of risk and uncertainty in a security or portfolio. Tipically, higher is the volatility, riskier is the securities or portfolio.

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