

Base Investments Sicav - Sempione Smart Equity EUR

Monthly Factsheet - February 2025

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

Fund Data

Strategy	Long Equity
Fund size	€28mio
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.

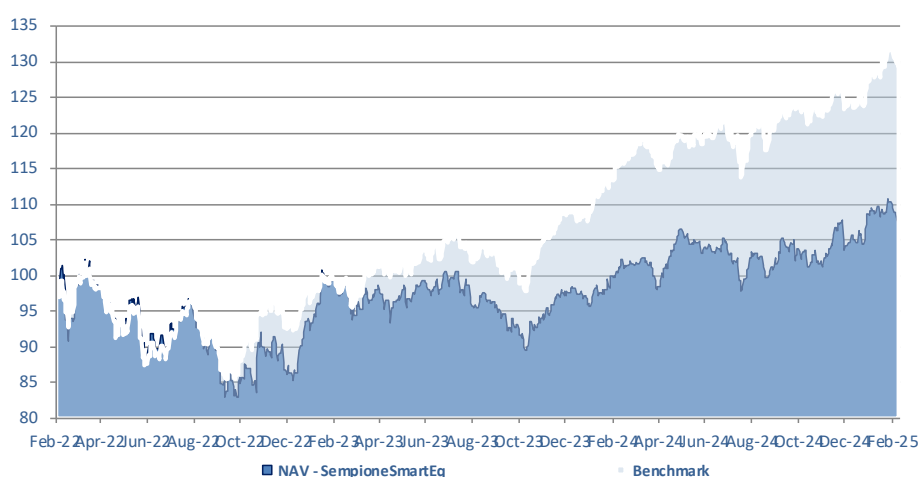
Performance generation through:

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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
EUR	4,44	-2,04											
2025													2,30
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	28'554'800		
Total net invested	28'752'852		
	Invested	% AUM	% on Invested
"Champions" securities	6'256'280	21.9%	21.8%
"Benchmark" securities	15'431'634	54.0%	53.7%
Long/short strategies	0	0.0%	0.0%
Small Caps	3'034'662	10.6%	10.6%
Trading securities	4'242'262	14.9%	14.8%
Short	-699'191	-2.4%	-2.4%
Options	487'205	1.7%	1.7%

Main position

Main positions	
"Champions" securities	Tesla, ASML, Amazon, Sea Ltd, Cameco, ETF luxury, Samsung, Daiichi, Covivio, Coinbase
"Benchmark" securities	Johnson & Johnson, Sanofi, Disney, Berkshire Hathaway, SAP, Air Liquide, Schneider
Long/short strategy	-
Small Caps	Farmacosmo, Valtecnica, Allcore, Italian Sea Group, Ferretti
Trading securities	Azimut, Banca Monte Paschi, P911
Short	Nvidia, RH, Nebius (put)
Options	call options su Stellantis, Remy Cointreau, STM

Source: Banca del Sempione SA

Monthly summary

February continued to witness significant volatility in the financial markets, driven on the one hand by contrasting macroeconomic data and on the other one by some geopolitical developments. More in detail, overseas macroeconomic data provided some negative surprises, particularly regarding consumption and economic growth. This slowdown led to a sharp decline in US government bond yields towards the end of the month, reversing earlier increase prompted by stronger-than-expected inflation data for January. As a result, the US 10-year yield closed the month around 4.20%, a notable drop from the previous level of 4.50%. In Europe, despite fluctuations in rates, levels remained fairly unchanged, with volatility mainly influenced by uncertainty surrounding the upcoming German elections and some disappointing macroeconomic data. On the credit side, no particular movements were noted with spreads remaining close to historic lows.

On the equity front, geopolitical developments have favored the rise of European stocks compared to their American peers, mainly due to the progress in resolving the conflict between Russia and Ukraine. The Euro Stoxx 50 and SMI ended the month up by +3.50% and +3.20%, respectively. On the other hand, US stocks struggled to gain momentum early in the year, due to investor sentiment still stung by the DeepSeek case at the end of January and the uncertainty surrounding the potential implications of Trump's policies. The S&P 500 and Nasdaq 100 fell by 1.30% and 2.70%, respectively. Finally, Chinese equities saw a remarkable outperformance, with the HSCIE rising by 14.0% in the month, driven by a shift in investor sentiment towards the country.

In the commodities market, oil saw a decline to \$67 per barrel over the month, driven by reduced geopolitical risks and Trump's increased support for expanding fossil fuel production. Gold continued to rise, reaching new historical highs, closing the month at \$2,850 per ounce.

Top Performance Contributors

- Champions: Intel
- Options: Nvidia put

Top Performance Detractors

- Champions: Tesla, Microstrategy, Coinbase
- Benchmark: overweight USA vs EU

Positioning and market view

Sempione Smart fund had a negative February, suffering both from higher exposure to the benchmark and greater exposure to the US and in particular to some stocks that had very negative performances. In particular, the unwinding of the so-called Trump trade was particularly difficult for crypto stocks (Microstrategy and Coinbase) and for Tesla, with the latter sunk by Chinese competition and low registrations with Musk "distracted" by government commitments.

The option position we took on a basket of European stocks in the auto and beverage sectors did not pay off because, unlike what initially seemed, Trump continued without hesitation his hard line attitude towards Europe and China in trade by imposing duties on imports. The decision to open put options on Nvidia, on the other hand, was better, as it is producing positive effects in recent days with a trend in the Mag7 that is suddenly becoming heavier.

The underperformance of the US compared to Europe since the beginning of the year is really high: almost 20% in just 2 months between S&P and Eurostoxx50, recovering all the gap generated from April 2024 to the end of the year. Even between Dow and Nasdaq a gap of 7 points has opened in 2 months. Based on this data we have switched the fund component exposed to the US from Dow to Nasdaq.

As for Europe, despite the great performance recorded so far, it could really experience a new paradigm considering the decision to abandon the debt limits to approve big defense spending plans and as for Germany, infrastructure plans of unprecedented size.

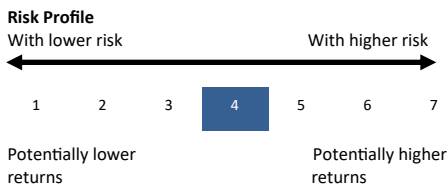
By virtue of this we opened a long-short position on German mid-cap stocks (Mdax index) against the main German index whose outperformance in recent years was half explained by the performance of SAP.

The fund reached 80% equity exposure, in line with the benchmark.

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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.

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Market Risk: the Product may experience losses from fluctuations in securities prices in portfolio.

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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.

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