

# Swisscanto IF Avant BVG Responsible Portfolio 25 GT CHF

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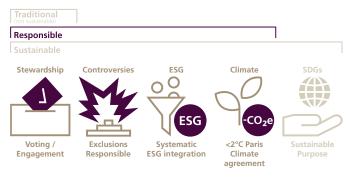
## **Investment Group Description**

Actively managed fund of funds (umbrella fund) consisting of Swisscanto equity, bond and real estate funds.

The investment group pursues a balanced investment strategy with which, in addition to regular earnings, the generation of capital gains on equity investments is also being aimed for. The equity share lies at 26% on average, the bond share at some 59% and the real estate share at 15%. The investment regulations in accordance with BVV2 apply.

#### Product line and sustainability approaches in use

When selecting investments, the product lines and sustainability approaches illustrated below and described in the "Explanations regarding product lines and sustainability approaches" are used.



Note:

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#### Swisscanto Sustainability Rating



# **Profile/Suitability**

This product is suitable for investors who – have at least a medium-term investment horizon.

Only monies from tax-exempt institutions for occupational pension provision (Pillar 2) are permitted for investment in Switzerland.

## **Risk Indicator**



## **Investment Group Facts**

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NAV per Share (28.03.2024)	CHF 141.97
52-Week High (27.03.2024)	CHF 142.63
52-Week Low (20.10.2023)	CHF 132.17
Investment Group Domicile	Switzerland
Share Class Currency	CHF
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Accounting Year End	30.06.
Security Number	19225265
ISIN-Number	CH0192252655
Bloomberg	PRABVUP SW
Share Class Launch Date	01.03.2013
Inception Date Investment Group	03.11.1997
Start Performance Calculation	01.04.2013
Share Class Volume (million)	CHF 140.98
Investment Group Size (million)	CHF 275.05
Shares Outstanding	992'993.948
Flat Fee p.a.	0.38%
Total Expense Ratio p.a.	0.42%
Issue Fees in Favour of the Fund	0.00%
Redempt. Fees in Fav. of the Fund	0.00%
Investment Foundation	Swisscanto Investment Foundation Avant, Zürich
Portfolio Management	Zürcher Kantonalbank
Custodian Bank	Zürcher Kantonalbank

# Performance

Indexed Performance and Performance in %<sup>1</sup>

122 22% 120 20% 118 18% 116 16% 114 14% 112 12% 10% 110 108 8% 6% 106 4% 104 102 2% 100 0% **-**2% 98 96 **-**4% 94 -6% 92 -8% 90 -10% 88 -12% 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 YTD Investment Group Net<sup>a</sup> Investment Group Neta

Indexed performance (left scale). Performance in percent (right scale).

# Performance in %<sup>2</sup>

Since	1m	3m	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	10yrs
				p.a.	p.a.	p.a.
Investment Group Net <sup>a</sup>	1.25	2.50	6.14	0.41	2.12	3.01
Investment Group Gross <sup>b</sup>	1.28	2.59	6.54	0.79	2.51	3.41

# Annual Performance in %<sup>1, 2</sup>

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD
Investment Group Net <sup>a</sup>	10.23	3.17	5.39	-10.28	5.64	2.50
Investment Group Gross <sup>b</sup>	10.65	3.57	5.79	-9.94	6.05	2.59

#### **Risk Figures**

annualised/realised	1yr	3yrs	5yrs
Volatility Investment Group	3.96%	5.67%	5.27%
Sharpe Ratio	1.11	0.03	0.43

#### **Portfolio Data**

	Investment Group
Number of Positions	2'443
Modified Duration	7.50
Yield (without currency hedging)	2.08%
Time to Maturity in Years	8.64
Average Coupon	1.54%

 $^{\rm 1}$  Year/period: Since start performance calculation or at the longest for the last five years/periods.

<sup>2</sup> Minor deviations can be caused by rounding errors.

<sup>a</sup> The represented net value development less all regular fund fees due. Any further costs due, which can be charged directly to the fund assets, are disclosed in the fund prospectus.

 $^{\rm b}$  The gross performance indicated before deduction of any regular fund fees incurred.

# **Breakdowns**

# Largest Positions in %

5	Investment Group
Nestlé SA	1.82
Roche Holding AG	1.19
Novartis AG	1.17
UBS Group AG	0.61
Zurich Insurance Group AG	0.60
Cie Financiere Richemont SA	0.55
Microsoft Corp	0.45
ABB Ltd	0.40
Lonza Group AG	0.37
NVIDIA Corp	0.36

# Breakdown by Asset Category in %

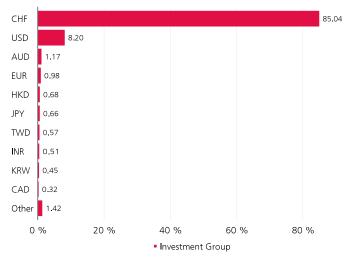
	Investment Group
Money Market	3.92
Bonds CHF	33.47
Bonds Foreign Currency	18.67
Swiss Equities	11.10
Foreign Equities	14.96
Real Estate Switzerland	17.87

Minor deviations can be caused by rounding errors.

# Largest Issuers in %

	Investment
	Group
Pfandbriefbank schweizerischer Hypothekarinstitute AG	8.55
Pfandbriefzentrale der schweizerischen Kantonalbanken AG	7.16
United States of America	2.82
Swiss Confederation	2.17
UBS Group AG	1.74
Zürcher Kantonalbank	1.33
Commonwealth of Australia	1.10
Basellandschaftliche Kantonalbank	1.00
Japan	0.75
Emissionszentrale EGW	0.68

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## Breakdown by Currency in %

# Explanations regarding product lines and sustainability approaches

#### **Product lines**

The sustainability product range comprises two product lines in which different sustainability approaches are applied. The «Responsible» product line includes as standard the application of further exclusions, systematic ESG analysis as an integral part of the investment process and a reduction in the CO<sub>2</sub>e intensity of the investments. In addition to the aforementioned approaches, the «Sustainable» product line includes the application of even more extensive exclusions and also invests in SDG leader or ESG leader (Sustainable Purpose). The exclusions based on SVVK-ASIR are applied in all product lines (including for assets that are not sustainably managed). These mainly include manufacturers of banned weapons and may also include states in addition to companies.

#### Stewardship - Voting / Engagement



As a shareholder, we actively engage in continuous dialogue with the companies management. This takes place in accordance with the engagement guidelines of Zürcher Kantonalbank's asset management. Among other things, companies are required to formulate ambitious greenhouse gas reduction targets, implement them consistently and report on them transparently. Our engagement activities and guidelines are published on https://www.zkb.ch/en/home/asset-management/sustainability/investment-stewardship.html. Our voting guidelines are based on Swiss and international corporate governance principles and on the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment (UN PRI). The threshold for exercising voting rights in foreign markets is CHF 5 million per share position. For Swiss shares, we vote across the board. More information on our voting behaviour can be viewed at: https://www.swisscanto.com/voting

#### **Controversies - Exclusions Responsible**



Application of further exclusion criteria - in addition to the exclusions based on SVVK-ASIR - in order to reduce sustainability risks and with the aim of not investing in securities with business models that are critical from a sustainability perspective. The exclusion criteria apply to companies associated with the extraction of coal (excluding metal production; >5% revenue)\*, coal reserves (excluding metal production)\*, production of weapons and ammunition, manufacture of military hardware (>5% revenue), production of pornography, exploitative child labour and/or UN Global Compact violations (excluding green and sustainability bonds, if applicable). Violations of the UN Global Compact principles revealed by our screening are examined in closer detail by our analysts. As part of the engagement, we seek dialogue and encourage companies to change their behaviour. If no change occurs within a reasonable period of time, existing systems must be sold. \*Excluding green and sustainability bonds

#### **ESG - Systematic ESG integration**



The systematic analysis of ESG criteria forms an integral component of the active investment process, with the aim of identifying risks and opportunities based on ESG trends at an early stage. ESG criteria supplement the pure financial analysis and lead to more informed investment decisions.

#### Climate - <2°C Paris Climate agreement

In accordance with the Paris Climate Agreement, the investment activity of the portfolio is aimed at reducing the  $CO_2e$  intensity of the investments by at least 4% per year. The investment strategy target is based on the  $CO_2e$  intensity of the investment universe at the end of 2019.

#### SDGs - Sustainable Purpose



The "Sustainable Purpose" approach focuses on returns through investments in companies and countries with societal benefits (SDG leaders). SDG leaders use their investment power to provide environmentally and socially responsible products and services. In this way, they contribute to the fulfilment of one or more UN Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs). For diversification purposes, a best-in-class approach can also be used to invest in securities that are rated above average in terms of ESG criteria (ESG leaders).

#### Note:

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- Exclusions based on SVVK-ASIR are applied in all three product lines (Traditional (non-sustainable), Responsible and Sustainable).

#### **Further information**

Further, supplementary product-specific explanations regarding the sustainability approaches applied can be found in the relevant legal documents at products.swisscanto.com.

#### Sustainability approaches

The sustainability approaches apply to all assets or to a substantial part of the assets. Detailed information on this can be found in the prospectus, fund agreement or investment guidelines.

#### CO<sub>2</sub>e

 $CO_2e$  equivalents ( $CO_2e$ ) are a measure to standardise the climate impact of the greenhouse gases carbon dioxide ( $CO_2$ ), methane ( $CH_4$ ), nitrous oxide ( $N_2O$ ) and fluorinated greenhouse gases (CFCs). All of these gases remain in the atmosphere for different lengths of time and do not contribute equally to the greenhouse effect.

#### ESG

ESG stands for the aspects of environment (E), social (S) and governance (G).

#### SVVK-ASIR

The Swiss Association for Responsible Investments (SVVK) is an association of institutional investors and was founded in 2015. The association provides services to its members so that they can focus their investment decisions on the environment, society and the economy.

#### Swisscanto Sustainability Rating

The proprietary Swisscanto Sustainability Rating provides information on the current sustainability level of the portfolio. It is calculated from the values of the collective assets and individual securities contained in the portfolio and is divided into seven sustainability classes from A (highest level) to G (low-est level). To calculate the rating, companies and countries are assessed on the 4 pillars of our sustainability research: controversial areas of business (controversy), sustainable corporate governance (ESG), greenhouse gas emissions (climate) and impact of products on the environment and society (Sustainable Purpose). The Swisscanto Sustainability Rating is recalculated once per quarter end.

# **Comments to the Investment Group**

#### Target Investor Group - Term

Wealth management clients or investors with a cooperation partner agreement

#### **Target Investor Group - Description**

G class is only offered to institutional investors and wealth management clients. It is a prerequisite for institutional investors that they conclude a standard investment agreement with their financial intermediary. In addition, the financial intermediary must have concluded a cooperation agreement with Swisscanto Fund Management Company Ltd. The second letter «T» indicates that the class reinvests profits (accumulating). A flat rate administrative fee is charged.

#### Flat Fee (FF)

The AIF is used to compensate the fund management company and fund administration, asset management and - if compensated - the distribution of the fund as well as the custodian bank for the services it provides.

## Total Expense Ratio (TER)

The TER refers to the commissions regularly charged to the fund assets (operating expenses) and is expressed as a percentage of the fund's assets. The figure quoted relates to the level of the TER in the past financial year and does not guarantee that the level will be similar in the future.

#### Fees

In order to protect existing Investors, Subscription and Redemption Fees are credited to the respective Subfund by the Fund Management.

#### Swinging single pricing (SSP) indirectly

According to fund master data, this fund does not exhibit any swinging single pricing (SSP). However, it cannot be ruled out that an investment is made in a target fund with SSP indirectly.

#### **Explanation of general risks**

Investment involves risks, especially with regard to fluctuations in value and return. Investments in foreign currencies are subject to exchange rate fluctuations. Custody and counterparty risks represent further significant risks. We hereby refer to the detailed description of various risks which are included in the prospectus.

#### **Risk Indicator**

The historical data used to calculate the risk and return category cannot be used as a reliable indication of the future risk profile. The reported risk and return category may well be subject to change. The lowest risk category cannot be compared with a risk-free investment. There is no capital guarantee or capital protection. The risk of capital loss is borne by the investor.

#### **Breakdown Allocations**

Allocation refers to invested fund capital adjusted to 100%. Minor deviations can be caused by rounding errors. The weighting of the money market may include the synthetic exposure from the equity hedging strategy.

#### Volatility

Volatility is a statistical measure of risk which indicates the extent to which the absolute return on an investment or a portfolio fluctuates on average around its mean value in the course of a year.

#### Sharpe Ratio

The Sharpe ratio is a performance measure which indicates the risk-adjusted excess return (difference between the portfolio return and the risk-free return) compared to the investment risk incurred (volatility).

#### **Modified Duration**

The modified duration indicates by how many percent the price of a bond changes if the market interest rate changes by one percentage point.

#### Time to Maturity in Years

The maturity of a money market instrument or bond is determined based on the earliest possible redemption date. The average maturity of an investment fund is determined by the weighted mean of the maturities of the individual securities from the time of valuation to redemption.

#### Yield (without currency hedging)

The yield refers to the duration-weighted yield on the portfolio in local currency. No currency hedging is taken into account.

#### Average Coupon

To calculate the average coupon, the coupons are weighted according to the current outstanding volume of invested bonds.

#### **ISO** Certification

Asset Management at Zürcher Kantonalbank is ISO 9001 certified. The ISO 9001 certification guarantees that the authorised user has a management system that meets the requirements of a suitable and recognised standard and has been successfully certified/assessed by the Swiss Association for Quality and Management Systems (SQS).

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