

AMG Schweizer Perlen Fund

Small & Mid Caps with high quality

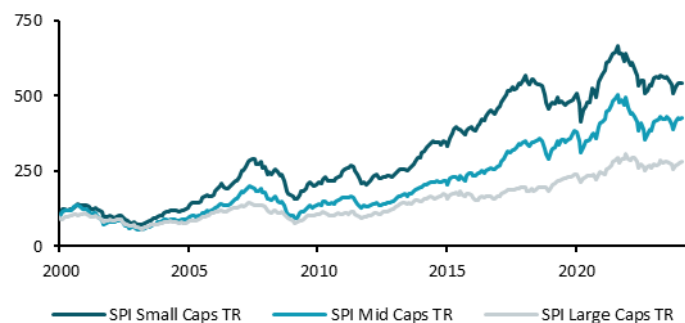
Key messages

- The valuation of Swiss equities is moderate.
- Small and mid-cap stocks show strong recovery potential.
- Growth stocks show strong recovery potential.
- We have further optimized the orientation of our portfolio to benefit as much as possible from the next upward movement in the market.
- In the bull market and over the cycles, the fund outperformed the benchmark index in a long-term comparison.

Small and mid-cap stocks show strong recovery potential

Small and medium-sized companies tend to perform better on the stock market in the long term compared to large companies; a phenomenon known as the "small-cap effect". This effect is because smaller companies are often more innovative and agile than large companies, especially if they are managed by their owners. These companies are also often characterized by their market leadership in niche markets. In addition, smaller companies offer greater growth and therefore performance potential due to their lower market capitalization. Medium-sized and small companies are also frequently taken over by larger companies, with a premium being paid for the takeover.

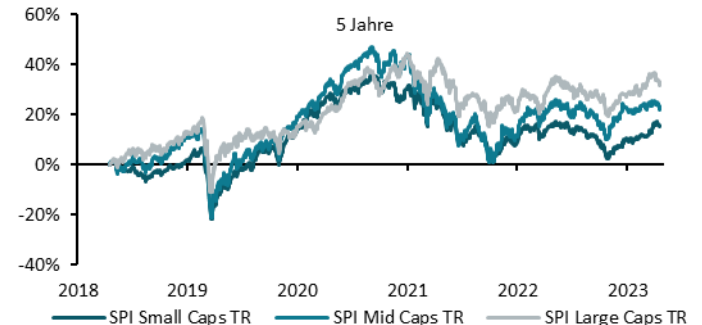
Small-capitalized Swiss companies historically with attractive returns



Source: Bloomberg (monthly data, total return), Chart: Serafin,
Note: Figures in Swiss francs (CHF)

Over the past 48 months, Swiss small and mid-cap shares have lost considerable ground compared to large caps. There is great potential to catch up.

Small and mid-capitalized Swiss companies with catch-up potential in the medium term

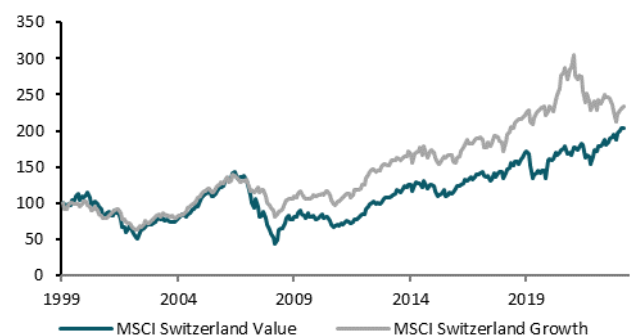


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Growth stocks show strong recovery potential

Since the start of the interest rate turnaround in Q4/2021, growth stocks have performed significantly worse than value stocks. Rising interest rates mean that future free cash flows will lose value, which is why growth stocks have been "punished" by the market. Many high-quality growth stocks in the Swiss small-cap segment were also adversely affected, which in our opinion created investment opportunities.

Growth stocks versus value stocks



Source: Bloomberg (monthly data), Chart: Serafin,
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Recovery potential will materialize

We believe that the (too) strong correction in growth stocks harbors considerable recovery potential in many high-quality Swiss small and mid-caps. The headwind from the relatively sharp rise in interest rates should ease as interest rates reach their peak in the current cycle with the potential for lower interest rates.

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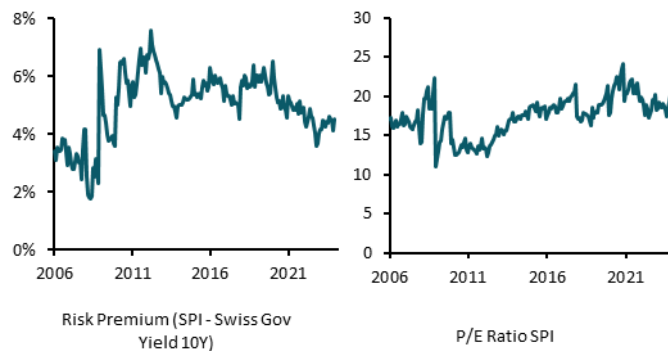
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It should also be noted that the current higher interest rate level in Switzerland is significantly lower in absolute terms than in the USA and Europe. This fact alone increases the attractiveness of Swiss small & mid caps compared to foreign companies in this segment. Easing geopolitical tensions and the avoidance of a further significant slowdown in economic activity worldwide are further factors that could positively support the recovery potential of the equity market in general and small and mid-cap companies in particular.

The valuation of Swiss equities remains moderate

The valuation of Swiss equities currently corresponds to the historical average, which means that they are neither overvalued nor undervalued. An entry at these levels is recommended.

Swiss equity market: risk premium and P/E ratio



Source: Bloomberg (monthly data), Chart: Serafin,
Index: Swiss Performance Index (SPI)

Alignment of the portfolio further optimized

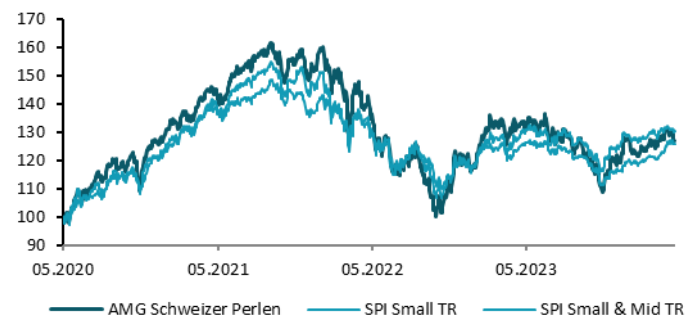
We further optimized the portfolio over the year and focused even more strongly on high-quality growth stocks. New companies such as Chocoladefabriken Lindt & Sprüngli AG, DKSH Holding AG, Medacta Group SA, Siegfried Holding AG and SKAN Group AG were added to the portfolio. We sold shares in Arbonia AG, Barry Callebaut AG, Daetwyler Holding AG, Mobilezone Holding AG and Zehnder Group AG. We have thus further sharpened our profile and increased our performance potential in line with our strategy.

Outperformance in the bull market and over the cycles

The fund aims to outperform the benchmark SPI Small & Mid Cap TR Index over the long term in bull markets and over cycles. This is based on the following factors:

- Schweizer Perlen: Focus on high-quality growth stocks in the small-cap segment that have a strong market position or are market leaders in a niche.
- High weighting in small-cap stocks below the SMIM segment.
- Greater flexibility and agility due to fund size.

Performance since the acquisition of the fund by Serafin Asset Management AG in 2020



Source: Bloomberg (monthly data), Chart: Serafin,
Index: SPI Small & Mid TR,

Note: Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Please note that the aforementioned performance is shown in the fund currency Swiss franc (CHF) and therefore currency effects in investment currencies (like Euro) other than the fund currency are not taken into account in the performance shown.

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