

# Mosaique Balanced USD

Rothschild & Co WM Fund (SICAV SIF)

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Wealth Management

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Values: All data as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Sources of charts and tables: Rothschild & Co and Bloomberg, unless otherwise stated. Past performance is not indicative of future performance and investments and the income from them can fall as well as rise. Fund performance is shown in US dollars, after all fees, in total return, combining income and capital growth. Returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.

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# Fund manager's review

With inflation fading around the world, central banks paused their interest rate hikes although suggested they would probably remain higher for longer. Financial markets continued to adjust to this new environment, and were optimistic that most major economies are likely to avoid recession or suffer only a mild contraction.

## PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE

Following the strong first half of 2023, where equities were rallying, chiefly due to the 'magnificent seven' largest US technology-related stocks, this quarter was volatile in comparison as markets digested central banks' 'higher for longer' interest rate rhetoric, surging oil prices and renewed stress in the Chinese property market. Furthermore, while the positive market sentiment demonstrated in the first half of the year continued in July, it reversed sharply through August and September.

Also, over the quarter the market responded more favourably to the pure cyclical sectors, Energy and Financials, whereas companies demonstrating high-quality characteristics underperformed. Nevertheless, our investment preference for companies with these high-quality characteristics has been the strongest performer over the year despite this recent setback.

Furthermore, having observed the stock market rally away from the October 2022 lows and with company valuations remaining inexpensive during the second quarter earnings output, we restored the Equity allocation from neutral to overweight by reducing liquidity.

Amidst the volatility, stock selection was the main performance driver for the portfolio. Among single stocks, Alphabet (+9.3%) announced that their strategic partnership with Salesforce will grow. The generative AI assistants from both companies – Google's Duet AI and Salesforce's Einstein Copilot – will allow users to collaborate across platforms in the future. This should help the Google Workspace software tools and the application opportunities, processes and productivity of Salesforce's CRM products.

Additionally, in Telecommunications, Comcast (+7.3%) grew by virtue of better-than-expected quarterly earnings and headlines surrounding their media and entertainment business. The company's theme park and studio divisions have been operating profitably and talks to sell their 33% share in Hulu to Disney, which controls 67% of the streaming service, are now in progress.

The detractors, all declining by double digits, contained the consumer discretionary names Nike and LVMH as well as ASML. Overall, the consumer discretionary sector was negative with worries over the impact rising interest rates will have on consumers' disposable income. In ASML's case, as it benefited from the semiconductor wave during the first half of the year, the industry seems to be in a corrective phase now with suspected profit taking by short-term investors.

In Fixed Income, we maintained a neutral positioning in the asset class and the portfolio benefited from this positioning. The Federal Reserve held rates steady in September and signaled that policy rates seem well priced for a 'higher-for-longer' approach with valuations appearing cheaper. Yet the large supply to US Treasuries and political risks given a possible government shutdown may cause some discomfort further down the track.

We continue to remain defensive in our investing strategy by searching for high quality, while we are slowly increasing our duration, to benefit from this higher rate environment.

Data sources: Rothschild & Co and Bloomberg

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# Fund manager's review (continued)

## PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

Starting in July, we continued our transition to balance risk with opportunity by exiting the position in Alibaba in favour of the capital protected structured product on the CSI300 and CSI500 that was added last quarter. As this product allows us a risk-optimized and diversified exposure to China, we believe it no longer necessary to take single-line risk to gain exposure to the region. We also took profit by reducing London Stock Exchange following a good run up in the stock price. Additionally, we added the MSCI Global Semiconductors ETF to build out the wider exposure to the industry.

In August, as the Equity allocation was increased to overweight, we started by using liquidity to purchase the MSCI ACWI ETF. Next, we added to our Amazon position, as they reported better-than-expected quarterly profits, with earnings nearly doubling analysts' projections. In fixed income, the heightened level of macro risks confronting global bond markets prompted us to diversify our exposure to Emerging Market sovereign debt. We switched half of our investment in the Vontobel Emerging Markets Debt Fund into the Vanguard Emerging Markets Bond Fund. The Vanguard fund has a lower tracking error in its investment approach due to fewer off-benchmark positions, as well as a good risk management procedure, which is consistent with our evaluation of EM bond markets.

Finally in September, we added to the existing suite of healthcare names by introducing Intuitive Surgical to the portfolio. The company sells surgical robots, instruments and service plans, with a 98% market share for the former. Danaher and the US High Yield ETF were reduced to finance the trade. After observing Danaher move up following its lows in May, we trimmed the position to add Intuitive Surgical, which offers both a complement and diversification to the healthcare sector in the portfolio. The addition also capitalises on the growing demand for advanced medical technology and positions the portfolio well for potential future growth opportunities in the sector.

# Fund performance

At the end of the third quarter 2023, the performance stood at -2.3% QTD and 4.8% YTD.

## PERFORMANCE SINCE INCEPTION (%)\*

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\* Data represents total returns of the investment strategy over the period from 7 April 2017 to 31 March 2023. The launch date of the Fund which implements this strategy was 7 April 2017.

## PERFORMANCE TABLE (%)

|                         | QTD  | YTD | 1 YEAR | 3 YEARS | 5 YEARS | SINCE INCEPTION |
|-------------------------|------|-----|--------|---------|---------|-----------------|
| MOSAIQUE BALANCED USD X | -2.3 | 4.8 | 11.3   | 4.2     | 22.1    | 35.7            |

## MONTHLY PERFORMANCE TABLE (%)

|      | JAN  | FEB  | MAR  | APR  | MAY  | JUN  | JUL | AUG  | SEP  | OCT  | NOV  | DEC  | YTD   |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 2023 | 4.7  | -2.7 | 2.9  | 1.0  | -0.9 | 2.3  | 2.1 | -1.4 | -2.9 |      |      |      | 4.8   |
| 2022 | -3.6 | -2.4 | 0.7  | -5.6 | 0.0  | -5.0 | 4.8 | -2.8 | -6.2 | 2.8  | 5.3  | -1.9 | -13.9 |
| 2021 | -0.4 | 0.5  | 0.1  | 3.2  | 0.8  | 1.5  | 1.1 | 1.6  | -2.7 | 3.0  | -1.7 | 1.3  | 8.6   |
| 2020 | 0.6  | -3.6 | -8.9 | 6.8  | 3.1  | 2.6  | 4.2 | 4.4  | -1.9 | -1.2 | 5.7  | 1.9  | 13.2  |
| 2019 | 4.0  | 1.9  | 1.7  | 2.2  | -2.1 | 3.2  | 0.5 | -0.3 | 0.5  | 1.7  | 1.5  | 1.7  | 17.6  |

# Portfolio holdings

The objective of the fund is to generate capital growth over time, while maintaining a broad diversification through liquid securities.

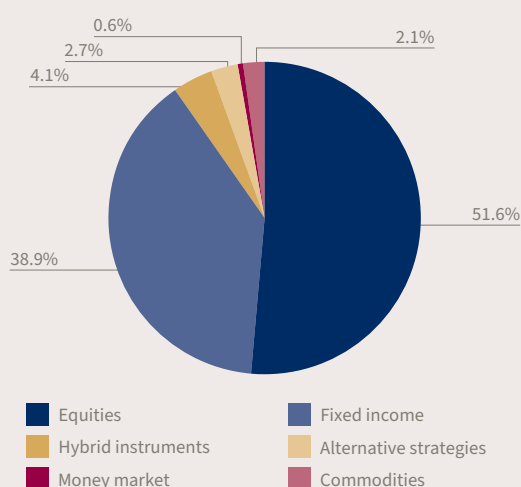
| EQUITIES 51.6%                                      |      | FIXED INCOME 38.9%                                               |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| North America 26.8%                                 |      | Investment Grade 33.1%                                           |       |
| Microsoft                                           | 2.8% | Diversified USD Investment Grade Single Bonds*                   | 30.7% |
| SPDR S&P U.S. Energy Select Sector UCITS ETF        | 2.4% | R-co Conviction Credit Euro Fund                                 | 2.4%  |
| Apple                                               | 2.2% | High Yield 5.8%                                                  |       |
| Alphabet                                            | 1.9% | Muzinich Europeyield Fund USD-h                                  | 1.5%  |
| Visa                                                | 1.6% | Vontobel Emerging Markets Corporate Bonds                        | 1.2%  |
| Linde                                               | 1.5% | Vanguard Emerging Markets Bond Fund USD Hedged                   | 1.0%  |
| Amazon.com                                          | 1.4% | Vontobel Emerging Markets Debt Fund                              | 1.0%  |
| Costco Wholesale Corp                               | 1.4% | iShares USD High Yield Corp Bond UCITS ETF                       | 1.0%  |
| Otis                                                | 1.3% | MULTI-ASSET & HYBRID INSTRUMENTS 4.1%                            |       |
| Adobe                                               | 1.3% | Structured Products (Yield) 4.1%                                 |       |
| Canadian National Railway                           | 1.1% | Cert Raiffeis Switzerland (Exp.02.10.23) on MSCI ESG Basket      | 1.6%  |
| S&P Global                                          | 1.1% | Cert GS QSP Dynamic Hedging Strategy                             | 1.6%  |
| United Health                                       | 1.0% | Cert BNP Paribas Iss 2023-02.06.25 on CSI300 Index, CSI500 Index | 0.9%  |
| JPMorgan Chase & Co                                 | 1.0% | Structured Products (Hedging) <0.1%                              |       |
| Nike                                                | 0.8% | Citigroup 15.12.2023 Put on MSCI World USD                       | <0.1% |
| American Express                                    | 0.8% | ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES 2.7%                                      |       |
| Comcast                                             | 0.7% | Alternative Strategies 2.7%                                      |       |
| Thermo Fisher                                       | 0.7% | Atropos CatBond                                                  | 1.8%  |
| Danaher                                             | 0.7% | One River Dynamic Convexity Fund                                 | 0.9%  |
| Intuitive Surgical                                  | 0.6% | MONEY MARKET 0.6%                                                |       |
| Morgan Stanley                                      | 0.5% | Money Market 0.6%                                                |       |
| Europe 6.5%                                         |      | USD Liquidity                                                    | 0.6%  |
| iShares MSCI EMU ESG Screened UCITS ETF             | 1.3% | COMMODITIES 2.1%                                                 |       |
| ASML                                                | 1.0% | Gold 2.1%                                                        |       |
| Diageo                                              | 1.0% | Rothschild & Co Gold Fund                                        | 2.1%  |
| LVMH                                                | 0.9% |                                                                  |       |
| RELX plc                                            | 0.8% |                                                                  |       |
| London Stock Exchange                               | 0.8% |                                                                  |       |
| Epiroc                                              | 0.7% |                                                                  |       |
| Emerging Markets 4.4%                               |      |                                                                  |       |
| Veritas Asian Fund                                  | 2.6% |                                                                  |       |
| JPM Global Emerging Markets UCITS ETF ESG Screened  | 1.8% |                                                                  |       |
| Global 11.4%                                        |      |                                                                  |       |
| LongRun Equity Fund                                 | 5.1% |                                                                  |       |
| iShares MSCI ACWI UCITS ETF                         | 4.0% |                                                                  |       |
| iShares MSCI World Health Care Sector ESG UCITS ETF | 1.5% |                                                                  |       |
| iShares MSCI Global Semiconductors UCITS ETF        | 0.8% |                                                                  |       |
| Japan 2.5%                                          |      |                                                                  |       |
| MSCI Japan Socially Responsible UCITS ETF           | 1.9% |                                                                  |       |
| SPDR MSCI Japan UCITS ETF                           | 0.6% |                                                                  |       |

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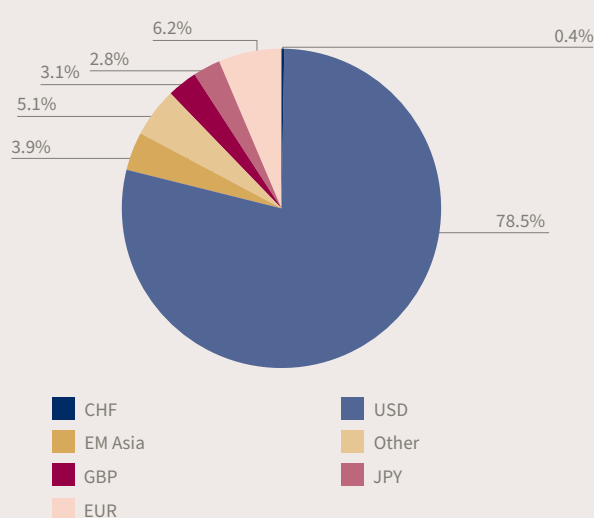
# Fund allocation

The Fund invests in equities, equity-related securities, fixed income securities, alternative strategies, commodities and money market instruments.

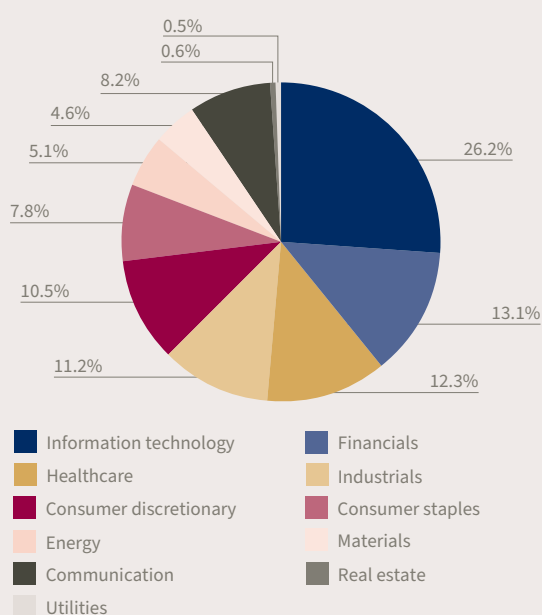
**FUND HOLDINGS BY ASSET CLASSES**



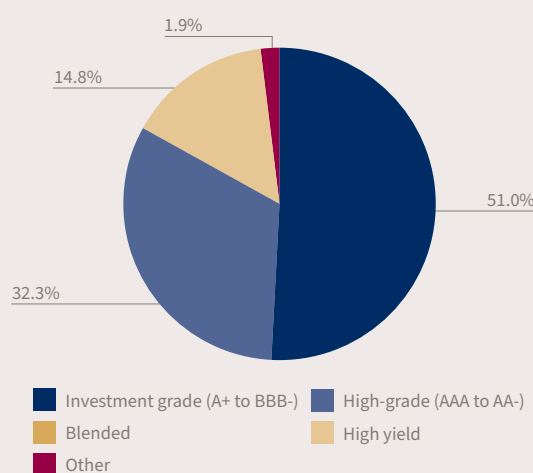
**FUND ALLOCATION BY CURRENCY**



**EQUITY ALLOCATION BY SECTOR**



**FIXED INCOME ALLOCATION BY CREDIT RATING**



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# Supporting information

## ROTHSCHILD & CO WM FUND (SICAV SIF) – MOSAIQUE BALANCED USD

|                    |                                                                                                                                                              |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Legal structure    | SICAV SIF                                                                                                                                                    |
| Objective          | Long-term return on invested capital by investing in a roughly equal combination of bonds mainly denominated in USD and a well-diversified equity portfolio. |
| Launch date        | 7 April 2017                                                                                                                                                 |
| Fiscal year end    | 31 December                                                                                                                                                  |
| Domicile           | Luxembourg                                                                                                                                                   |
| Management company | Rothschild & Co Investment Managers                                                                                                                          |
| Fund administrator | CACEIS Bank, Luxembourg                                                                                                                                      |
| Depository bank    | CACEIS Bank, Luxembourg                                                                                                                                      |
| Inception date     | 7 April 2017                                                                                                                                                 |
| Liquidity          | Daily (trading cut-off 15:00 CET)                                                                                                                            |

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Source: Rothschild & Co and Bloomberg

Sharpe ratio: Sharpe Ratio is the statistical measure of excess portfolio return over the risk-free rate relative to its standard deviation.

Annualized Volatility: Annualized Volatility is the measure of return dispersion for an asset over twelve month since inception.

Maximum Loss: This is the largest monthly drop in the portfolio's value during a given period. It is expressed as a percentage and reflects the fall in value during the time between the draw down peak (highest value) and the draw down valley (lowest value).

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