

# Mosaique Balanced USD

Rothschild & Co WM Fund (SICAV SIF)

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Wealth Management

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Values: All data as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 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

What a difference a year makes. Despite concerns about a recession at the start of 2023, the global economy did not slow by as much as many feared, inflation faded faster than expected and central banks were able to pause hiking interest rates. Stock and bond markets rallied in the fourth quarter to end the year on a surprising high.

## PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE

A recovering broad-based market rally guaranteed the portfolio's positive performance this quarter, capping off a very good year. The portfolio briefly continued its weakness in October, as wider market frailty highlighted the 'Magnificent 7's' narrow leadership. Furthermore, our overweight for healthcare companies suffered in comparison to the overall market. Yet, November featured a significant market rebound as developed economies continued to deflate and demonstrate economic resilience. Decisively, the stock market rally saw almost every sector record robust performance, thus restoring the previous three months' sluggish efforts. Similarly in fixed income, government bond yields fell sharply from their October highs. Meanwhile, the increased market activity – both equity and fixed income – continued in December, spurred by the prospect of major central banks adopting softer monetary policy considerably sooner in 2024.

Within equities, the overweight allocation functioned well over the quarter and the year. Referring to the 4Q22 letter, we said that we would maintain our philosophy towards good quality business that have pricing power and can improve their competitive position within their industries during times of economic stress and we have been vindicated in this approach over 2023. Initially, our preference for companies that demonstrate high quality characteristics, particularly large capitalization, led the portfolio. While this flattened throughout the year, our stock picking took over, whereby idiosyncratic factors of our holdings drove portfolio performance in the second half of the year.

Among single stocks, companies in the technology sector were the leaders and ASML (+22.2%) was the largest performer.

The semiconductor monolith resumed its climb once again, after the brief corrective phase the wider semiconductor companies experienced in the third quarter. Amazon (+19.5%) also reported very well, with results in-line on the top and greatly ahead on the bottom line. Likewise, performing strongly was the diversified information services provider, S&P Global (+20.8%). The company reported solid Q3 earnings in November, with both revenues and margins outperforming expectations. Furthermore, revenue expanded with positive growth across five of the business' six segments.

Epiroc and Diageo were among the detractors. Epiroc has been impacted by a combination of macroeconomic uncertainties, Chinese weakness, and a challenging financing environment. The stock had been moving sideways until the conclusion of last quarter, when it fell even further. Diageo had a difficult year, culminating in the company issuing a profit warning in mid-November and revising down their growth estimates ahead of its capital markets day. Furthermore, the consumer staples sector has derated this year, with financial performance expected to normalise through 2024.

In fixed income, the driver of performance was also two-fold. Spreads widened from the year's commencement until reaching their peak in March, as they were disrupted by the banking and real estate crises. Following this event, they compressed for the remainder of the year on the back of better than feared macro data. Looking at duration positioning, the portfolio benefitted from the previously noted phenomenal rally in Q4. We favour a more barbelled approach in our positioning, owning high-quality paper combined with an element of high yield.

Data sources: Rothschild & Co and Bloomberg

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# Fund manager's review (continued)

## PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

Starting in October, we switched our Rothschild & Co Gold Fund position into the Swiss Physical Gold Plus Fund (SPG+), which generates additional performance using an options overlay, making full use of allocated capital. In fixed income, the remaining switch of the Vontobel Emerging Markets Debt Fund to the Vanguard Emerging Markets Bond Fund was done. In equities, we introduced Canadian Pacific Kansas City Limited (CP), the first efficient railroad connecting the US, Canada, and Mexico. The merger of CP and Kansas City Southern in April 2023 presents synergies and revenue opportunities. We sold Canadian National Railway to finance the purchase. Additionally, we introduced Progressive Corp, the US' third-largest auto insurer, to the portfolio. The transaction was financed by selling American Express, as we already have Visa exposure to payment firms, reducing our financial exposure to financials.

In November, after a market correction, we increased exposure to the MSCI ACWI ETF, matching the equity allocation overweight positioning.

Finally in December, we made some portfolio adjustments before the year-end conclusion. We increased Veralto to a full portfolio weight. Veralto is an environmental and applied solutions company that focusses on water quality analysis. The business has been built up over the past 25 years while operating under the Danaher umbrella and it was split out in October through corporate action. We already knew Veralto well as a part of the Danaher Business System and increased our stake after inheriting the position. Later, we increased S&P Global and sold Morgan Stanley. Out of Morgan Stanley and JPMorgan, we preferred to keep conviction with the latter and monitor the former from the sidelines.

# Fund performance

At the end of the fourth quarter 2023, the performance stood at 8.2% QTD and 13.4% YTD.

## PERFORMANCE SINCE INCEPTION (%)\*



\* Data represents total returns of the investment strategy over the period from 7 April 2017 to 31 December 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 | 8.2 | 13.4 | 13.4   | 6.1     | 41.2    | 46.9            |

## 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 | -1.1 | 5.9  | 3.4  | 13.4  |
| 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.

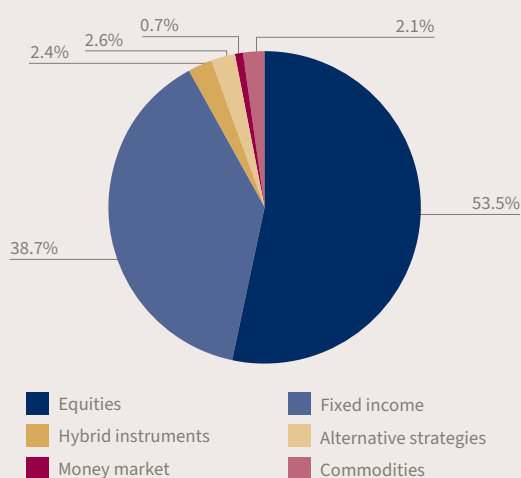
| EQUITIES 53.5%                                      |      | FIXED INCOME 38.7%                                               |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| North America 27.5%                                 |      | Investment Grade 33.0%                                           |       |
| Microsoft                                           | 3.0% | Diversified USD Investment Grade Single Bonds*                   | 30.6% |
| Apple                                               | 2.2% | R-co Conviction Credit Euro Fund                                 | 2.4%  |
| SPDR S&P U.S. Energy Select Sector UCITS ETF        | 2.1% | High Yield 5.7%                                                  |       |
| Alphabet                                            | 1.8% | Vanguard Emerging Markets Bond Fund USD hedged                   | 2.1%  |
| Visa                                                | 1.6% | Muzinich Europeyield Fund USD-h                                  | 1.5%  |
| Amazon.com                                          | 1.5% | Vontobel Emerging Markets Corporate Bonds                        | 1.2%  |
| Costco Wholesale Corp                               | 1.5% | iShares USD High Yield Corp Bond UCITS ETF                       | 0.9%  |
| Linde                                               | 1.5% |                                                                  |       |
| S&P Global                                          | 1.4% | MULTI-ASSET & HYBRID INSTRUMENTS 2.4%                            |       |
| Otis                                                | 1.4% | Structured Products (Yield) 1.5%                                 |       |
| Adobe                                               | 1.3% | Cert GS QSP Dynamic Hedging Strategy                             | 1.5%  |
| JPMorgan Chase & Co                                 | 1.0% | Structured Products (Participation Certificate) 0.9%             |       |
| Canadian Pacific Kansas City                        | 1.0% | Cert BNP Paribas Iss 2023-02.06.25 on CSI300 Index, CSI500 Index | 0.9%  |
| United Health                                       | 1.0% |                                                                  |       |
| Nike                                                | 0.8% | ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES 2.6%                                      |       |
| Veralto Corp                                        | 0.7% | Alternative Strategies 2.6%                                      |       |
| Progressive Corp                                    | 0.7% | Atropos CatBond                                                  | 1.7%  |
| Thermo Fisher                                       | 0.7% | One River Dynamic Convexity Fund                                 | 0.9%  |
| Comcast                                             | 0.7% |                                                                  |       |
| Intuitive Surgical                                  | 0.7% | MONEY MARKET 0.7%                                                |       |
| Danaher                                             | 0.6% | Money Market 0.7%                                                |       |
| Europe 7.0%                                         |      | USD Liquidity                                                    | 0.7%  |
| iShares MSCI EMU ESG Screened UCITS ETF             | 1.4% | COMMODITIES 2.1%                                                 |       |
| ASML                                                | 1.2% | Gold 2.1%                                                        |       |
| LVMH                                                | 1.0% | Swiss Physical Gold Plus Fund                                    | 2.1%  |
| RELX plc                                            | 0.9% |                                                                  |       |
| London Stock Exchange                               | 0.9% |                                                                  |       |
| Diageo                                              | 0.9% |                                                                  |       |
| Epiroc                                              | 0.7% |                                                                  |       |
| Emerging Markets 4.3%                               |      |                                                                  |       |
| Veritas Asian Fund                                  | 2.5% |                                                                  |       |
| JPM Global Emerging Markets UCITS ETF ESG Screened  | 1.7% |                                                                  |       |
| Global 12.3%                                        |      |                                                                  |       |
| LongRun Equity Fund                                 | 5.4% |                                                                  |       |
| iShares MSCI ACWI UCITS ETF                         | 4.6% |                                                                  |       |
| iShares MSCI World Health Care Sector ESG UCITS ETF | 1.5% |                                                                  |       |
| iShares MSCI Global Semiconductors UCITS ETF        | 0.9% |                                                                  |       |
| Japan 2.4%                                          |      |                                                                  |       |
| MSCI Japan Socially Responsible UCITS ETF           | 1.8% |                                                                  |       |
| SPDR MSCI Japan UCITS ETF                           | 0.6% |                                                                  |       |

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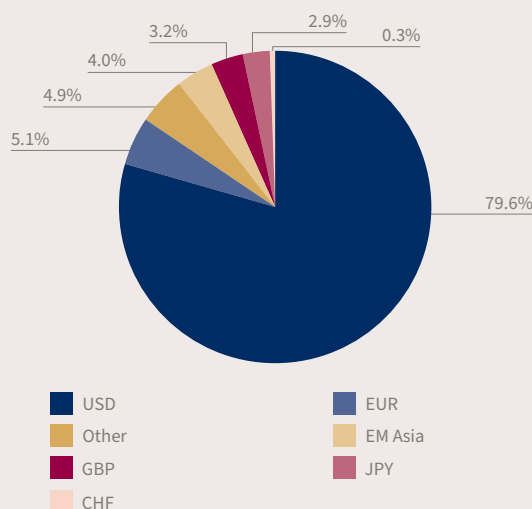
# Fund allocation

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

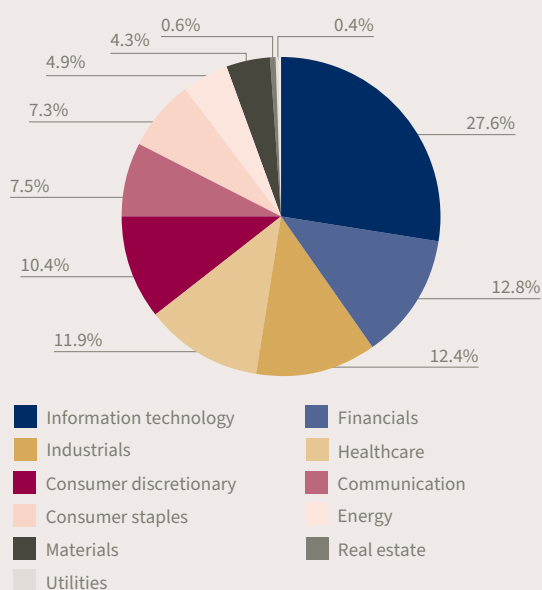
**FUND HOLDINGS BY ASSET CLASSES**



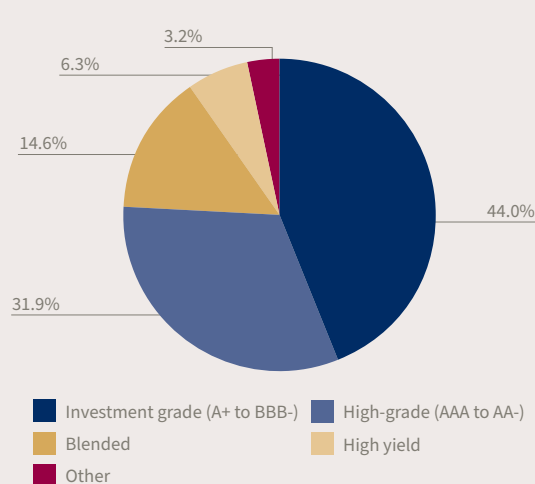
**FUND ALLOCATION BY CURRENCY**



**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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