

# Company profile

## Excellence in Biotech Investments

### The access to fast growing biotechnology companies

BB Biotech invests in companies in the fast growing market of biotechnology and is one of the world's largest investors in this sector with 30 years of experience. The shares of BB Biotech are listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange and the Frankfurt Stock Exchange. Its investments are focused on listed companies that are developing and commercializing novel drugs that offer sound value for the healthcare system.

The competent Board of Directors with its long-standing experience set the investment strategy and guidelines. Investment decisions are taken by the experienced investment management team of Bellevue Asset Management AG based on their extensive investment research.

Biotechnology is one of the most attractive of any sector today with estimated annual growth in the double-digits. Mega trends such as increasing life expectancy and a Westernized diet and lifestyle are powerful growth drivers. These mega trends have led to a tremendous increase in healthcare costs, which, in turn, only amplifies the need for more efficient and effective drugs.

# Investment strategy


BB Biotech invests in fast-growing biotechnology companies that are developing and marketing innovative drugs. It focuses on biotech companies whose products address areas of significant unmet medical needs and thus have above-average sales and profit-growth potential.

Besides profitable large cap companies, BB Biotech is building up its investments in promising small and mid cap companies.

## Diversified portfolio with focus on small and mid cap biotech companies

The team of investment experts is concentrating not only on established target areas such as oncology, orphan diseases and neurological indications, but also on the technologies of tomorrow that could lead to novel treatment methods with attractive therapeutic profiles and substantial economic rewards. These future technologies include RNA platforms and cell and gene therapies. An overall weighted average cost of capital (WACC) of at least 15% is applied to the discounted cash flow models of our portfolio, aligned with our mid-to long term investment objectives.

The asset classes available to BB Biotech are direct investments in the shares of listed companies, equity interests in unlisted companies, corporate bonds, and options on a range of underlying assets. BB Biotech invests almost exclusively in stocks for liquidity and risk/return reasons. At least 90% of its shareholdings must be in listed companies, while always holding more than 50% of its assets in equity investments. Corporate bonds are an alternative primarily when stock market trends are negative. Options on the stocks of portfolio companies can be bought and sold at opportune times and as a means of hedging currency exposure.



We are focussing on the technologies of tomorrow.

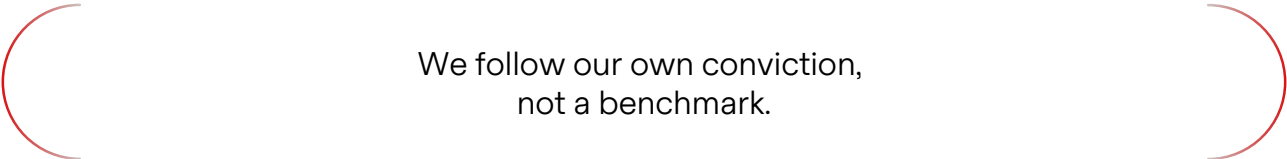
## Multi-stage due diligence process based on bottom-up fundamental analysis

Exhaustive, multi-stage due diligence precedes the selection of individual investments. We must have a thorough understanding of every company we invest in. Before an investment is made, the team analyzes a company's financial statements in detail and assesses its competitive environment, R&D pipeline, and patent portfolio as well as its customers' perceptions of its products and services.

Close contact with company executives is of high importance to us in this due diligence process, but also afterwards, as we believe that it takes strong leaders to achieve strong results.

BB Biotech relies on the long-standing experience of its distinguished Board of Directors and on the fundamental analysis of the experienced Investment Management Team of Bellevue Asset Management AG when making its investment decisions. It can also turn to an extensive international network of physicians and specialists in individual sub-segments of the biotech industry for further support and advice.

The Investment Management Team creates detailed financial models for all portfolio holdings and they must provide compelling arguments that these holdings have the potential to double in value over a four-year time frame. The team is guided by its convictions, not by benchmark considerations. Upside potential is driven in most cases by the power of innovation, the launch of new products for serious or significant illnesses, and successful company management. Each investment case is constantly monitored and evaluated within the scope of our stringent and disciplined risk management process and corrective action will be taken if and when necessary.



We follow our own conviction,  
not a benchmark.

## High conviction portfolio consisting of a maximum of 35 positions

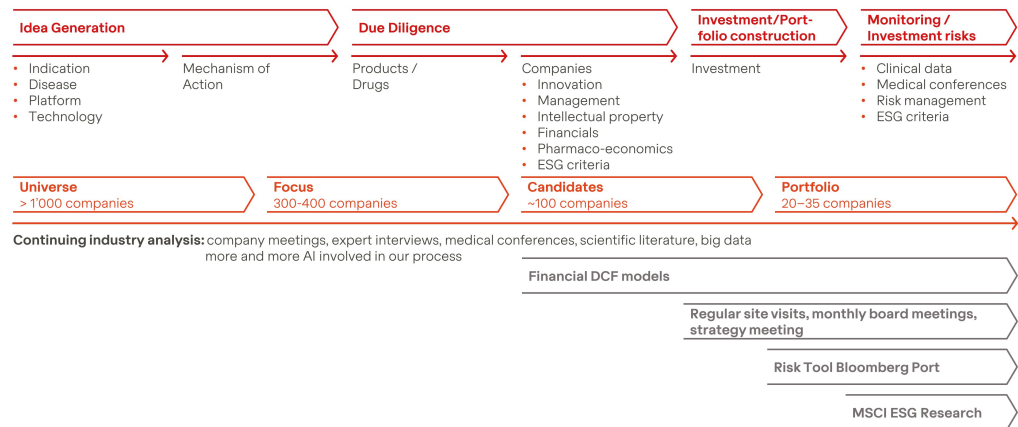
BB Biotech's investment portfolio will usually consist of between 20 to 35 biotechnology companies. There are established large cap companies as well as small and mid cap companies in the portfolio. Smaller positions will be taken in innovative biotech companies with promising R&D pipelines. From a regional perspective, the US biotech sector has displayed a high level of innovation and so this regional bias is also reflected in BB Biotech's portfolio. The predominance of the US biotech industry can be traced to the country's stellar research clusters, industry-friendly regulatory frameworks and myriad financing options, among other factors.

New investments in small and mid cap companies will have a weighting of between 0.5% and a maximum of 4% to ensure that both upside potential and R&D risks are adequately addressed. Because it is a holding company, BB Biotech has the flexibility to increase portfolio weightings considerably over time as a position increases in value. Smaller positions may become a top holding as their business develops and milestones such as positive Phase III outcomes, drug approvals, the successful marketing of products, and a sustainable flow of profits are achieved. All positions and their valuations are continually monitored, taking into account their growth potential and other aspects, and will be reduced if and when appropriate.

# Investment process

During the investment selection process, BB Biotech relies on the well established experience of its Board of Directors and the fundamental analyses by the experienced management team of Bellevue Asset Management AG, with access to a network of physicians and specialists for the sectors in question.

## Investment process



Source: Bellevue Asset Management

Using a multi-stage process, the universe of around 1000 companies is systematically analyzed and evaluated. The use of artificial intelligence is being explored to deepen our knowledge and understanding. A detailed financial model is created for each investment, which must convincingly demonstrate the potential to double in value over a four-year period. This potential to double in value is based on innovative strength, new products for serious diseases and outstanding management. Each investment is systematically reviewed for sustainability risks and breaches of elementary human rights. Bellevue Asset Management AG is a signatory of UN Principles for Responsible Investment. Besides upholding strict exclusion criteria – such as serious controversies that violate universal norms regarding the environment, human rights or good corporate governance – environmental, social and governance factors are integrated into the fundamental analysis of every company through an ESG integration process in which the associated financial risks or opportunities are evaluated with respect to future stock market performance. The Investment Management Team strive to have an active and constructive dialogue with the management or other relevant stakeholders of the portfolio companies regarding environmental, social and governance aspects – and via proxy voting we use our voting rights actively at the general meetings.

With all of BB Biotech's investments focusing on biotechnology as a subsector of the healthcare industry, the UN's Sustainable Development Goal number 3: «Good Health and Well-being», is at the core of BB Biotech's investment strategy and our portfolio companies. The investments of BB Biotech AG provide companies with capital in order to allow for drug development to ensure and improve healthy lives and well-being. Therapies to address high unmet medical needs such as for patients suffering from rare disorders, cancer, neurological diseases and chronic cardiovascular and metabolic disorders etc. are key investment selection criteria.

## Sustainability at portfolio level

Our investment process fully implements Bellevue Asset Management's formal ESG investment guidelines and therewith all BB Biotech investments are systematically reviewed for sustainability risks and breaches of elementary human rights (as defined, for example, by UN Global Compact principles). Besides upholding strict exclusion criteria – such as serious controversies that violate universal norms regarding the environment, human rights or good corporate governance – environmental, social and governance factors are integrated into the fundamental analysis of every company through an ESG integration process in which the associated financial risks or opportunities are evaluated with respect to future price development. ESG ratings compiled by the global leading ESG research provider MSCI ESG Research are referenced in this process, all the while exercising the necessary prudence and, in some cases, questioning the ESG score.



Before making a positive investment decision, intensive contact is established with the target company's management, since we are convinced that a superior performance can only be achieved with well managed companies.

After being incorporated into BB Biotech's portfolio, intense personal contact is maintained with members of the management of the relevant holdings. This closely knit monitoring of the portfolio companies enables BB Biotech to utilize all strategic options on a timely basis, including the early disposal of an equity interest should the fundamental situation significantly deteriorate.

# Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of BB Biotech consists of the following members:

- Dr. Thomas von Planta (Chairman)
- Dr. Clive Meanwell (Vice-Chairman)
- Laura Hamill
- Dr. Pearl Huang
- Camilla Soenderby
- Prof. Dr. Mads Krogsgaard Thomsen

# Investment Manager

## Bellevue Asset Management AG

BB Biotech's Investment Manager is Bellevue Asset Management AG. Bellevue Asset Management AG is subject to supervision by the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA) and it has been issued a license as an authorized manager of collective investment schemes. Bellevue Asset Management AG is wholly owned by Bellevue Group AG, an independent Swiss financial boutique listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange. Bellevue Asset Management provides administrative services in connection with the investment activities and organizational operations of BB Biotech AG. This basically comprises the following services:

- Portfolio Management
- Investor Relations
- Marketing & Communications
- Finance
- Administration

## Investment Management Team

Bellevue Asset Management AG has a team of proven biotech specialists with a successful track record who manage the investments in the biotech sector's most attractive players. The team's academic expertise and extensive experience, its long history of collaboration and interest in all fields of medicine as well as in biochemistry and business fundamentals ensure an inspiring and constructive interdisciplinary dialog within the team and with the Board of Directors as well as with external experts such as physicians and analysts.

The following experts are member of the Investment Management Team:

- Dr. Daniel Koller (Head)
- Dr. Maurizio Bernasconi (Deputy Head)
- Dr. Christian Koch (Deputy Head)
- Dr. Can Buldun-Gora
- Dr. Samuel Croset
- Felicia Flanigan
- Dr. Leonidas Georgiou
- Dr. Stephen Taubenfeld
- Dallas Webb
- Dr. Olivia Woolley

# Shareholder information

The Company publishes its Net Asset Value daily via the major stock market information services and on its website [www.bbbiotech.com](http://www.bbbiotech.com). The portfolio composition is published at least every three months within quarterly reports.

## Official listing and share structure as at March 31, 2024

<b>Foundation:</b>	November 9, 1993; Schaffhausen, Switzerland
<b>Issue price adj. November 15, 1993:</b>	CHF 4.75
<b>Official listing:</b>	Switzerland: December 27, 1993 Germany: December 10, 1997
<b>Share structure:</b>	CHF 11.08 mn nominal, 55 400 000 registered shares with a par value of CHF 0.20 each
<b>Shareholders, free-float:</b>	Institutional and private investors, 100% free-float
<b>Security number Switzerland:</b>	3 838 999
<b>Security number Germany:</b>	A0NFN3
<b>ISIN:</b>	CH0038389992

## Quotes and reports

<b>NAV:</b>	<b>in CHF</b>	– Datastream: S:BINA – Reuters: BABB – Telekurs: BIO resp. 85, BB1 – Finanz & Wirtschaft (CH)	<b>in EUR</b>	– Datastream: D:BBNA – Reuters: BABB
<b>Stock price:</b>	<b>in CHF</b> (SIX)	– Bloomberg: BION SW Equity – Datastream: S:BIO – Reuters: BION.S – Telekurs: BIO – Finanz & Wirtschaft (CH) – Neue Zürcher Zeitung (CH)	<b>in EUR</b> (Xetra)	– Bloomberg: BBZA GY Equity – Datastream: D:BBZ – Reuters: BION.DE

# Facts & figures

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Type / asset class	Investment company / equity
Investment style	Long only, long term
Index membership	SPI Index, SPI ESG Index
Benchmark	Nasdaq Biotech Index (NBI) TR
Management Fee	All-in-Fee: 1.1% p.a.

## Analyst coverage

Institute	Analyst
Baader Helvea	Leonildo Delgado
Edison	Joanne Collins
Kepler Cheuvreux	Nicolas Pauillac
Marten & Co	Matthew Read
Oddo BHF	Oussame Denguir
Pareto Securities	Marietta Miemietz
SEB	Martin Parkhoi



# Corporate calendar

**Interim Report as at June 30, 2024**

July 26, 2024, 7.00 AM CET

**Interim Report as at September 30, 2024**

October 25, 2024, 7.00 AM CET

**Portfolio as at December 31, 2024**

January 24, 2025, 7.00 AM CET

**Annual Report 2024**

February 21, 2025, 7.00 AM CET

**Annual General Meeting 2025**

March 19, 2025, 3.00 PM CET

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