Key Information Document ("KID")



Purpose

This customer information document makes relevant information available to you about this investment product. It is not advertising material. This information is mandated by law to help you understand the type, risk, costs and potential gains and losses of this product, and help you compare it to other products.

Product

Name of the product:	VAU SICAV - Vates Aktien USA Fonds - EUR-I-Hedged-
ISIN / securities number:	LI1243352526 / 124335252
ISIN/ Securities number.	LI1243532320/ 124353232
Issuer of the product:	IFM Independent Fund Management AG ("IFM")
	Landstrasse 30, 9494 Schaan, Fürstentum Liechtenstein, Web: www.ifm.li, Tel.: +423 235 04 50
Responsible supervisory	Finanzmarktaufsicht Liechtenstein (FMA), Web: www.fma-li.li
authority:	
Creation date of this customer	24.09.2024
information document:	

You are about to buy a product, which is not simple and which can be difficult to understand.

What type of product is it?

Type: UCITS pursuant to Liechtenstein law in the legal form of an investment company

Maturity:	Due date:	none
	Unilateral termination by PRIIP issuer is possible:	yes
	Automatic termination of the PRIIP:	no

Target: The investment objective of the sub-fund is primarily to achieve medium to long-term capital growth by investing in securities and other investments in accordance with the principle of risk diversification. It is an actively managed fund, without reference to a benchmark. To achieve this, the sub-fund invests its assets primarily (at least 51%) in equity securities and rights (shares, shares with warrants, etc.) of companies that have their registered office or the majority of their economic activities in North America or, as holding companies, predominantly hold equity interests in companies with their registered office in North America. For efficient management purposes, the subfund may use derivative financial instruments for hedging and investment purposes. In this context, the asset manager is responsible for selecting the individual assets. The income of the sub-fund is distributed. In principle, investors may request the redemption of units from the management company on each trading day. However, the management company may suspend redemption if exceptional circumstances make this appear necessary, taking into account the interests of the investors. The sub-fund is suitable for investors with a medium to longterm investment horizon.

Small investor target group: The present fund is suitable for retail customers, professional customers, and qualified counterparties with the investment aim of capital growth and a long-term investment horizon of at least 5 years who have no or little knowledge of and/or experience with financial products and who can bear high financial losses or even a total loss for reaching their investment goal.

What risks are there and what could I get in return?

Summary Risk Indicator



Lower risk



This risk indicator is based on the assumption that you will hold the product for longer than 5 years. If you liquidate the investment prematurely, the actual risk can differ significantly from this and you might receive less in return as the case may be. The total risk indicator helps you estimate the risks associated with this product in comparison to other products. It shows how high the probability is that you will lose money with this product because the markets develop in a certain way or we are unable to pay you out. We have rated this product on a scale from 1 to 7 in risk class 5, where 5 means a a medium-high risk class.

The risk of potential losses arising from the future performance is classified into a medium-high. In unfavourable market conditions, it is possible probable that our ability to pay you out will be limited. Please notice the potential exchange rate risk. You receive payments in EUR so the final return you will get depend on the exchange rate. This risk is not considered in the aforementioned indicator. This product does not offer any protection against future market developments, so that you might lose the invested capital in full or in part.

The following relevant risks are not considered in the risk indicator:

Liquidity risks: Negative effects in situations where the Fund must sell assets for which there is insufficient demand or only demand at prices that are significantly too low.

Operational risks and depositary risks: The Fund can become the victim of fraud or other criminal acts. It can also suffer losses from misunderstandings or mistakes by employees of the management company or a depositary or external third parties. Lastly, its management or the custody of its assets can be affected negatively by external events such as fires, natural disasters or similar.

Risks arising from the use of financial techniques: The Fund can use financial techniques such as derivatives contracts and securities lending to increase the Fund's yield opportunities. These increased opportunities involve increased loss risks.

Performance scenarios

Recommended holding period: 5 years Investment example: EUR 10'000		lf you exit after 1 Year	If you exit after 5 Years		
Minimum	There is no guaranteed minimum return. You could lose all or part of your investment.				
Stress scenario	What you might receive after deduction of the costs	910.00	3'230.00		
	Average annual return	-90.93%	-20.23%		
Pessimistic scenario	What you might receive after deduction of the costs	8'580.00	12'400.00		
	Average annual return	-14.25%	4.40%		
Average scenario What you might receive after deduction of the costs Average annual return	What you might receive after deduction of the costs	11'010.00	20'080.00		
	10.14%	14.96%			
Optimistic scenario	What you might receive after deduction of the costs	14'880.00	30'880.00		
	Average annual return	48.80%	25.29%		

The figures quoted include all the costs of the product itself, but may not include all the costs' that you have to pay to your advisor or distributor' as well as the costs of your advisor or distributor. It also does not take into account your personal tax situation, which may also affect the final amount you receive. Furthermore, any entry and exit costs are not taken into account in the figures given.

What you get out of this product in the end depends on the future market development. The future market development is uncertain and cannot be predicted with certainty. The pessimistic, average and optimistic scenarios shown illustrate the worst, average and best performance of the product over the last 10 years. The markets may perform completely differently in the future. The stress scenario shows what you could get back under extreme market conditions. The pessimistic scenario resulted with an investment between 03.2015 and 03.2020. The medium scenario resulted from an investment between 02.2017 and 02.2022. The optimistic scenario resulted from an investment between 05.2019 and 05.2024.

What will happen if IFM is unable to make payment?

The assets managed on account of the investors for the purpose of collective capital investment will not be included in the insolvent estate in the event of liquidation and insolvency of IFM Independent Fund Management AG, and it will not be liquidated together with your assets. The assets of the collective capital investment made in securities, which are held by the depositary, will be subject to the right of separation in the event of the depositary's insolvency. These assets of the collective capital investment – except for deposits – will therefore not be included in the bank's insolvent estate in the event of the depositary's insolvency. Any collective capital investment can be transferred to another PRIIP issuer with the agreement of the FMA or it can be liquidated by way of separated satisfaction in favour of the investors.

What are the costs?

The person who sells you this product or advises you on it' may charge you other costs. If this is the case' the person informs you about these costs and shows you' how all costs will affect your investment over time.

Costs over time

The tables show amounts taken from their facility to cover various types of costs. These amounts depend on how much you invest, how long you hold the product, and how well the product performs. You amounts shown here illustrate an example investment amount and various possible investment periods.

- In the first year, you would get back the amount invested (0% annual return). For the other holding periods, we have assumed that the product develops as shown in the middle scenario.
- 10'000 EUR are invested.

Investment: EUR 10'000	lf you exit after 1 Year	lf you exit after 5 Years (RHP)
Total costs	EUR 150.00	EUR 1'350.00
Effects on the return per year (RIY) st	1.51%	1.51%

(*)These figures illustrate how costs reduce your return per year during the holding period. For example, if you exit at the end of the recommended holding period, your average return per year is expected to be 16.47% before costs and 14.96% after costs.

Composition of costs

The following table shows how the different kinds of costs affect the investment yield, which you might receive at the end of the recommended holding period, each year and what the various cost categories include.

One-off costs upon entry or exit					
Entry costs	0.0000% of the amount you pay in when entering this investment. The maximum costs are indicated and you might pay less. The costs for the distribution of your product are included.				
Exit costs	0.0000% of your investment before it is paid out to you.	0 EUR			
Ongoing costs (taken each year)					
Management fees and other administrative or operating costs	1.0200% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate based on actual costs over the last year.	102 EUR			
Transaction costs	0.3793% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate of the costs incurred when we buy and sell the underlying investments for the product. The actual amount will vary depending on how much we buy and sell.	38 EUR			
Incidental costs taken under specific conditions					
Performance fee (and carried interest)	The actual amount will vary depending on how well your investment performs. The aggregated cost estimation above includes the average over the last 5 years. 20% on annual return above 10%, in application of the high-on-high-mark principle. No carried interest.	11 EUR			

For how long should I hold the investment and can I withdraw money prematurely?

Recommended holding period in years: 5

Based on the risk and yield profile, we recommend a holding period for this product of at least 5 years. However, you can return the product to the issuer toward the next NAV in observation of the notice periods stated in the Fund documents. A premature return can substantially influence the risk and yield profile. In each case, exit costs according to the Fund documents can be incurred.

How can I lodge complaint?

The investors have the option to complain to in case of a management company (the issuer of this product), IFM Independent Fund Management AG, Landstrasse 30, FL-9494 Schaan. The complaint can be lodged by email, fax or in writing and is free of charge for the investor. You can find contact details at www.ifm.li or you can contact us directly at feedback@ifm.li.

Other useful information

Depositary: VP Bank AG, Aeulestrasse 6, FL-9490 Vaduz

Representative for qualified investors in Switzerland: LLB Swiss Investment AG, Claridenstrasse 20, CH-8002 Zürich

Paying agent for qualified investors in Switzerland: Helvetische Bank AG, Seefeldstrasse 215, CH-8008 Zürich

Facility agent Germany: IFM Independent Fund Management AG, Landstrasse 30, FL-9494 Schaan

Contact and information agent Austria: Erste Bank der österreichischen Sparkassen AG, Am Belvedere 1, AT-1100 Wien

This prospectus, the articles of association, the basic customer information document (PRIIP-KID), as well as the most recent annual financial statements, if already published, are available free of charge on a permanent data carrier of the management company, the depositary, the paying agents and at all distributors at home and abroad, and on the website of the LAFV [Liechtensteinischer Anlagefondsverband] (Liechtensteinischer Investment Fund Association) at www.lafv.li. The legally required information about the historical performance, the monthly performance scenarios, and more information about the fund and the issuer of this product can be found at www.ifm.li.