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# Information regarding the cross-border merger between Swedendomiciled Ruth Core Global Small Cap and Luxembourg-domiciled Ruth Core Global Small Cap

Ruth Core Global Small Cap (SE) merges with Ruth Core Global Small Cap, a sub-fund of Ruth Asset Management SICAV (Lux)

Information for you as a unitholder in the absorbed fund.

The merger is a part of Ruth Asset Management AB's ("Ruth AM") (the management company) aim to enhance visibility of the fund range, provide investors and distributors easier access to the complete fund range within the same umbrella and optimise administrative resources to achieve higher operational efficiency. As part of this goal, we have decided to merge the Sweden-domiciled fund Ruth Core Global Small Cap, the absorbed fund, with Luxembourg-domiciled Ruth Core Global Small Cap, the receiving sub-fund, as of 28 June 2024.

The absorbed fund and the receiving sub-fund have similar investment objectives and policies, and they are managed by the same investment team. We wish to merge the two funds to sharpen Ruth AM's selection of funds offered and to make fund management more efficient.

This is a merger by absorption, whereby the absorbed fund's holdings, including its assets and liabilities, will be transferred to the receiving sub-fund, and cease to exist. Ruth AM bears any costs related to legal, advisory and administration costs that arise in relation to the merger.

# How you as an investor in the absorbed fund are affected

As an investor in the absorbed fund, you are not required to act, but you should be familiar with the merger. The merger does not have any forseeable impact on your investment. The investment objective and strategy in the receiving sub-fund remain unchanged. The receiving sub-fund is subject to a 0,01% tax d'abonnement in share class A (Institutional investor) and 0% in share class C (Pension investor in Luxembourg, while the absorbed fund is not subject to any similar tax in Sweden.

The merger will not lead to dilution effects in the receiving sub-fund, but minor portfolio rebalancing may take place prior to the merger in the absorbed fund and after the merger in the receiving sub-fund, which might incur transaction costs related to legal, advisory, and administration that arise in relation to the merger. Such costs will be paid by the management company.

As a unitholder in the absorbed fund, it is important for you to understand how the merger affects you. Please read the receiving sub-fund's KID-document of Ruth Core Global Small Cap carefully, found at the end of this notice. Your investment will be automatically converted to Ruth Core Global Small Cap unless you choose to redeem your units before the merger.

As a unitholder in the absorbed fund, you will have the right to redeem your units free of charge (excluding redemption fees charged by the absorbed fund to cover divestment fees and except for the fees acquired by the absorbed fund to prevent dilution of shareholders investment) at the applicable net asset value per share within the merger timeline below. You will also have the right to convert your units in another UCITS with similar investment policies and managed by Ruth AM free of charge within the merger timeline below. More information regarding the merger can be found at <u>www.ruthassetmanagement.com</u> or by email to info@ruthassetmanagement.com.

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#### **Merger timeline**

- **20 May 2024**: Beginning of redemption and conversion period.
- **19 June 2024**: The possibility to redeem without any other fees ceases to exist.
- **27 June 2024**: The calculation of the exchange ratio is performed while the absorbed fund is closed.
- **28 June 2024**: The merger takes effect, and the absorbed fund ceases to exist whilst the receiving sub-fund is being launched.
- **1 July 2024**: The receiving sub-fund opens for trading.

After the merger has been implemented, unitholders of the absorbed fund who chose not to redeem their units, will then become shareholders of the receiving subfund, and will be able to exercise the same rights in the receiving sub-fund as they did in the absorbed fund.

Any accrured income in the absorbed fund will be transferred over to the receiving sub-fund. The receiving sub-fund will not have any accrued income at the merger date.

#### Absorbed fund into receiving sub-fund

Ruth Core Global Small Cap (Absorbed fund)		Merges into	Ruth Core Global Small Cap (Receiving sub-fund)	
Share class	ISIN		Share class	ISIN
А	SE0018271504		С	LU2732963959
В	SE0018271512		А	LU2744834230
С	SE0018271520			
D	SE0018271538	$\rightarrow$		
E	SE0018271645			
F	SE0018271652			
G	SE0018271660			

# Comparison of the absorbed fund and the receiving sub-fund

#### Fund type and domicile

The absorbed fund is domiciled in Sweden, and the receiving sub-fund is domiciled in Luxembourg. The receiving sub-fund is a Luxembourgish UCITS like the absorbed fund is a Swedish UCITS. Generally, there should not be tax consequences for investors due to a cross-border merger such as this. However, we cannot guarantee this and therefore we encourage you to confer with your financial advisor.

#### Investment objectives and policy

The absorbed fund and the receiving sub-fund are both actively managed equity funds with investments

primarily in global small cap equities in foreign currencies. Both funds aim to increase the value of investments over time by outperforming the fund's benchmark.

Therefore, while the absorbed fund is a contractual vehicle, the receiving UCITS is a corporate vehicle. Thus, by becoming shareholders of the receiving sub-fund, the unitholders of the absorded fund will acquire voting rights and will be able to participate to the general meetings of shareholder of the receiving sub-fund.

#### Sustainability

The absorbed fund and the receiving sub-fund are both categorized as Article 9 under SFDR, which is the European framework for disclosing sustainability-related properties.

#### Main categories of financial instruments

Both funds include financial instruments that provide exposure small cap equities in global developed markets.

#### Benchmark

Both funds use the same benchmark, MSCI World Small Cap NTR (SEK), a global developed markets small cap equity index, which is used, in both funds, for comparison purposes.

#### **Risk profile**

Both funds have a summary risk indicator (SRI) of 4 (where level 1 is lowest and level 7 highest), indicating a medium level of risk for value changes. This category may change over time. Both have a similar risk profile, please see the table below for further details.

#### Fees

Generally, the fees for the receiving sub-fund are similar to those of the absorbed fund. For details on each unit class, please see the comparison table further down in this notice.

#### Service provider

Both the absorbed fund and the receiving sub-fund have Ruth AM as its management company and Qblue Balanced A/S as delegated investment manager. The depositary of the absorbed fund is Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB, whereas the depositary of the receiving sub-fund is CitiBank Europe Plc, Luxembourg Branch. The central administrator of the absorbed fund is ISEC Services AB, while the central administrator of the receiving sub-fund is CitiBank Europe Plcw. The auditor of the absorbed fund is Deloitte Sweden and Deloitte Luxembourg for the receiving sub-fund.

#### **Additional information**

The receiving sub-fund can be distributed in Sweden and Luxembourg.

The absorbed fund does not hold any Illiquid assets, sanctioned assets, sanctioned investors or blocked accounts.

The absorbed fund is domiciled in Sweden and the receiving sub-fund is domiciled in Luxembourg, which makes this a cross-border merger. The regulations for both the absorbed fund and the receiving sub-fund are based primarily on harmonized EU UCITS legislation and offer similar investors protection. The financial authorities in Sweden and Luxembourg have approved this merger.

## Because the merger can result in taxation, we encourage investors to consult their financial advisor regarding their specific situation.

KID and the prospectus are available at <u>www.ruthassetmanagement.com</u>. The depositary statement and the auditor report will be available, free of charge, on request from our registered office, Ruth Asset Management AB.

Sincerely,

Ruth Asset Management AB

\*Past performance does not guarantee future performance. The vaue of investment funds and other financial instuments may rise as well as fall and there is no guarantee you will recover your original investment.

## Detailed comparison of the different features of the absorbed fund and the receiving sub-fund

The following table aims to help investors understand the differences and similarities between the funds being merged. The information in the table is taken directly from the funds' KID and prospectuses.

Information that crosses both columns is information that is the same for both sub-funds.

	Ruth Core Global Small Cap (the "Absorbed Fund")	Ruth Core Global Small Cap (the "Receiving Sub-Fund")
UCITS home Member State	Sweden	Luxembourg
UCITS supervisory authority	Swedish Financial Supervisory Authority	Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier
Management Company	Ruth Asset Ma	nagement AB
Investment Manager	Qblue Bala	anced A/S
Base Currency	SE	К
Investment Objective	The Absorbed Fund is an actively managed global equity fund and its objective is to outperform over a three- year period the MSCI World Small Cap NTR, which follows the performance of small companies on the stock market in developed countries. Assets are invested only in companies meeting the Fund's sustainability criteria.	The Receiving Sub-Fund is an actively managed global equity sub-fund and its objective is to outperform over a three-year period the MSCI World Small Cap NTR, which follows the performance of small companies on the stock market in developed countries. Sustainability is a central part of the investment process and assets are invested only in companies with high sustainability rating within the respective industry.
Investment Policy	The Absorbed Fund may invest its assets in other fund units, including exchange-traded funds (ETFs), transferable securities, money market instruments, and derivative instruments as well as in an account with a credit institution in order to streamline the handling of liquid funds. The Absorbed Fund shall invest at least 90% of its assets in equity or equity related financial instruments that provide a direct or indirect exposure to the stock market.	The Receiving Sub-Fund shall invest at least 90% of its assets in equity or equity related financial instruments that provide a direct or indirect exposure to the stock market. The Receiving Sub-Fund's investment orientation is broad, which means that the Receiving Sub-Fund's assets are invested globally in small companies, i.e. companies with a market capitalization not exceeding the market capitalization limits for inclusion in the MSCI World Small Cap

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The Absorbed Fund follows special sustainability-related criteria, which means that every investment is preceded of an overall sustainability assessment which is based on a threedimensional quantitative analysis that take into account ESG factors, greenhouse gas emissions and company's contribution to the UN's 17 global goals for sustainable development. The grading takes into account the companies' current sustainability standard as well as the future one and finally merge into one overall rating. Companies with high sustainability risks receive low ratings, while companies with low sustainability risks and large sustainability opportunities are rewarded with high grade. The Absorbed Fund selects only companies with a high sustainability rating.

Companies with operations that have more than 5% of turnover attributable to e.g., cluster bombs, anti-personnel mines, chemical and biological weapons, tobacco, alcohol, pornography or coal are excluded from the investible universe.

The Absorbed Fund may invest also in other transferable securities (such as fixed income instruments), money market instruments and fund units. The Absorbed Fund is not permitted to invest in aggregate more than 10% of its net assets in shares or units of UCITS or other UCI. NTR, in various industries that comply with the sustainability aspects that the Receiving Sub-Fund considers.

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		In order to achieve its investment goals, for treasury purposes, and/or in case of unfavourable market conditions, the Receiving Sub-Fund may hold cash equivalent (i.e., bank deposits, money market instruments or money market funds) pursuant to the applicable investment restrictions.	
Benchmark Index	MSCI World S	mall Cap NTR	
Applicable SFDR Disclosure Requirements	Article 9, with no commitment to making taxonomy aligned investments		
Profile of Typical Investor	Professional	Pension, Institutional	
Summary risk indicator (SRI) set out in the KID	4 out	: of 7	
Risk Profile	The Absorbed Fund is mainly suitable for savers who have an investment horizon of at least five (5) years. Investors must be able to accept that large rate fluctuations may occur.	The Receiving Sub-Fund is mainly suitable for savers who have an investment horizon of at least five (5) years. Investors must be able to accept that large rate fluctuations may occur.	
Risk Management Method	Commitment method		
Transaction Cut-Off and Days	11:00 AM CET, Daily		
Share classes	A, B, C, D, E, F and G	A and C	
Initial min. subscription amount	N/A		
NAV Frequency	Daily		
Estimated management fees	1,55%	1,62%	

Ongoing charges	1,55%	1,69%	
Estimated transaction costs	0,03%		
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.			
Redemption fee	Ν	/Α	
Max. subscription fee	N/A		
Performance fee	N/A		
Conversion fee	N/A		
Tax d´abonnement (subscription tax)	N/A Institutional investors: 0,01% Pension investors: 0%		
Financial Year	December 31 <sup>st</sup>		
Auditor	Deloitte AB Deloitte Luxembourg		
Depositary	Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB CitiBank Europe Plc, Luxembourg Branch		
Global Distributor and Collateral Manager	Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken ABCitiBank Europe Plc, Luxembourg Branch		
Administrator, Registrar, Transfer Agent, and Paying Agent	ISEC Services AB	CitiBank Europe Plc, Luxembourg Branch	

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## **Key Information Document**

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#### PRODUCT

#### Ruth Core Global Small Cap (the sub-fund)

#### a sub-fund of Ruth Asset Management SICAV (the fund)

ISIN: LU2744834230 Share class A

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The Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (www.CSSF.lu) has authorised and is responsible for supervising Ruth Asset Management SICAV.

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Date: 2024-03-19

#### WHAT IS THIS PRODUCT?

**Type**: Ruth Core Global Small Cap is a sub-fund of Ruth Asset Management SICAV, a public limited company incorporated as an investment company with variable share capital and subject to part I of the Luxembourg law of 17 December 2010 relating to undertakings for collective investment. You are about to purchase a product that is not simple and may be difficult to understand.

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## WHAT ARE THE RISKS AND WHAT COULD I GET IN RETURN? Risk indicator 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Low Risk The risk indicator assumes that you keep the product

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Scenario Minimum	If you redeem after 1 year If you redeem after 5 yea There is no minimum guaranteed return. You may lose some or all of your investmen			
Stress scenario	What you might get back after costs	SEK 15,700	SEK 16,100	
	Average return each year.	-84,3%	-30,6%	
Unfavourable	What you might get back after costs	SEK 82,900	SEK 98,150	
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#### WHAT HAPPENS IF RUTH ASSET MANAGEMENT SICAV IS UNABLE TO PAY OUT?

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#### **Costs over time**

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SEK 100.000 invested.

Example investment SEK 100,000	If you redeem after 1 year	If you redeem after 5 years
Total cost	SEK 1,740	SEK 13,510
Annual cost impact*	1,7%	1,7% every year

\* This illustrates how expenses reduce your returns each year during the holding period. For example, it shows that if you leave aside the recommended holding period, your average return per year is estimated to be 12,4% before expenses and 10,7% after expenses.

We may share part of the costs with the person selling you the product to cover the services they provide to you. They will inform you of the amount.

#### Composition of Cost (the amounts are based on an investment of SEK 100,00)

One-time subscription or redemption costs		If you redeem after 1 year		
Subscription costs	No subscription cost when purchasing	SEK 0		
Redemption costs	No redemption cost on sale	SEK 0		
Ongoing costs (charged annually)	Ongoing costs (charged annually)			
Management fees and others administration or operating costs	1,7% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate based on actual costs over the past year.	SEK 1,696		
Transaction costs	0,0% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate of the costs incurred when we buy and sells the product's underlying investments. The actual amount will vary depending on how much we buy and sell.	SEK 47		
Incidental costs taken under specific conditions				
Performance fees	There is no performance fee for this product.	N/A		

## HOW LONG SHOULD I HOLD IT AND CAN I TAKE MONEY OUT EARLY?

#### **Recommended holding period: 5 years**

The sub-fund has no minimum holding period requirement, but since it invests in equities, it is suitable for a medium to long investment horizon. You should be prepared to save in the sub-fund for at least 5 years. You normally have the opportunity to sell your fund units on business days without any additional fee.

## HOW CAN I COMPLAIN?

If you wish to make a complaint about the sub-fund, you can contact the person who advised you on or sold the product to you. You can also contact Ruth Asset Management SICAV and write to: Ruth Asset Management, ATT complaints, Box 3208, 103 64 Stockholm, Sweden

## **OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION**

Custody: Citibank Europe plc, Luxembourg Branch

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The annual report, half-yearly statement, latest share value and other practical information are available free of charge in Swedish at https://www.ruthassetmanagement.com

Previous results: Returns for the last 10 years are available here: https://www.ruthassetmanagement.com

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Annual cost impact*	1,7%	1,7% every year

\* This illustrates how expenses reduce your returns each year during the holding period. For example, it shows that if you leave aside the recommended holding period, your average return per year is estimated to be 12,4% before expenses and 10,7% after expenses.

We may share part of the costs with the person selling you the product to cover the services they provide to you. They will inform you of the amount.

#### Composition of Cost (the amounts are based on an investment of SEK 100,00)

One-time subscription or redempti	If you redeem after 1 year			
Subscription costs	No subscription cost when purchasing	SEK O		
Redemption costs	No redemption cost on sale	SEK O		
Ongoing costs (charged annually)	Ongoing costs (charged annually)			
Management fees and others administration or operating costs	1,7% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate based on actual costs over the past year.	SEK 1,686		
Transaction costs	0,0% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate of the costs incurred when we buy and sells the product's underlying investments. The actual amount will vary depending on how much we buy and sell.	SEK 47		
Incidental costs taken under specific conditions				
Performance fees	There is no performance fee for this product.	N/A		

## HOW LONG SHOULD I HOLD IT AND CAN I TAKE MONEY OUT EARLY?

## Recommended holding period: 5 years

The sub-fund has no minimum holding period requirement, but since it invests in equities, it is suitable for a medium to long investment horizon. You should be prepared to save in the sub-fund for at least 5 years. You normally have the opportunity to sell your fund units on business days without any additional fee.

### HOW CAN I COMPLAIN?

If you wish to make a complaint about the sub-fund, you can contact the person who advised you on or sold the product to you. You can also contact Ruth Asset Management SICAV and write to: Ruth Asset Management, ATT complaints, Box 3208, 103 64 Stockholm, Sweden

## **OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION**

Custody: Citibank Europe plc, Luxembourg Branch

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