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# Swisscanto index funds – the Swiss solution for your portfolio

# **Attractive investment solutions**

Together with Zürcher Kantonalbank's Asset Management, you lay the foundation for your investment. As a professional provider of index-linked investment solutions domiciled in Switzerland, we offer investors access to a comprehensive and flexible product range with Swisscanto index funds.

Our well-coordinated team of specialists has many years of experience in the management of index-linked portfolios and ensures the provision of a comprehensive range of products and services.

### Our offer

Our Swisscanto index funds offer a wide range of index-linked fund solutions for Swiss investors. These are investment funds under Swiss law of the type "Other funds for traditional investments". The range currently includes around 80 funds in the asset classes of equities, bonds, indirect real estate investments and commodities. These can be implemented as part of category mandates, mixed asset management mandates, ZKB Core Select or as bespoke standalone solutions.

# **Equities, indirect real estate and commodities**

	Equities	Indirect real estate investments	Commodities	
Switzer-	– SWC (CH) Index Equity Fund Switzerland Total (I)	– SWC (CH) Index Real Estate		
land	– SWC (CH) Index Equity Fund Switzerland Total (II)	Fund Switzerland indirect		
	– SWC (CH) Index Equity Fund Large Caps Switzerland			
	– SWC (CH) Index Equity Fund Small & Mid Caps Switzerland			
	– SWC (CH) Index Equity Fund Switzerland Total <b>Responsible</b>			
Europe	– SWC (CH) Index Equity Fund Europe ex CH	– SWC (CH) Index Real Estate		
	– SWC (CH) Index Equity Fund Europe ex CH <b>Responsible</b>	Fund Europe (ex CH)		
	– SWC (CH) Index Equity Fund EMU	indirect		
UK	– SWC (CH) Index Equity Fund United Kingdom			
North	– SWC (CH) Index Equity Fund Canada	– SWC (CH) IPF I Index Real		
America	– SWC (CH) Index Equity Fund USA	Estate Fund North America		
	– SWC (CH) Index Equity Fund USA <b>Responsible</b>	indirect*		
	- SWC (CH) IPF I Index Equity Fund USA*			
	- SWC (CH) IPF I Index Equity Fund USA <b>Responsible*</b>			
Asia	– SWC (CH) Index Equity Fund Japan	– SWC (CH) Index Real Estate		
	– SWC (CH) Index Equity Fund Japan <b>Responsible</b>	Fund Asia indirect		
	– SWC (CH) IPF I Index Equity Fund Japan*			
	- SWC (CH) IPF I Index Equity Fund Japan Responsible*			
	– SWC (CH) Index Equity Fund Pacific ex Japan			
Emerging	– SWC (CH) Index Equity Fund Emerging Markets			
markets	– SWC (CH) Index Equity Fund Emerging Markets <b>Responsible</b>			
World	– SWC (CH) Index Equity Fund World ex US ex CH		– SWC (CH) Index Commodity	
	– SWC (CH) Index Equity Fund World ex CH		Fund	
	– SWC (CH) Index Equity Fund MSCI® World ex Switzerland		<ul> <li>SWC (CH) Index Precious</li> </ul>	
	– SWC (CH) Index Equity Fund Small Cap World ex CH		Metal Fund Gold Physical	
	– SWC (CH) Index Equity Fund World (ex CH) Responsible			
	– SWC (CH) IPF III Index Equity Fund MSCI® World ex Switzerland*			
	– SWC (CH) IPF I Index Equity Fund World ex CH*			
	– SWC (CH) IPF I Index Equity Fund World (ex CH) Responsible*			
	– SWC (CH) IPF I Index Equity Fund Small Cap World ex CH*			
	– SWC (CH) IPF I Index Equity Fund Small Cap World ex CH Responsible*	•		
	– SWC (CH) Index Real Estate Fund World (ex CH) indirekt			

<sup>\*</sup> Institutional pension fund (IPF) – withholding tax-optimised collective investment for pension schemes in accordance with the applicable double taxation treaties

Some of the investment funds shown above are also available in CHF (currency hedged). Detailed information about our product range can be found at products.swisscanto.com.

The abbreviation "SWC" in the above table stands for Swisscanto

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# Benefits that are crucial for investors

# **Government and corporate bonds**

	All bonds	Government bonds	Corporate bonds
CHF	– SWC (CH) Index Bond Fund Total		– SWC (CH) Index Bond Fund Corp.
	Market AAA-BBB CHF		CHF Responsible
	– SWC (CH) Index Bond Fund Total		
	Market AAA-BBB CHF (I)		
	– SWC (CH) Index Bond Fund Total		
	Market AAA-BBB CHF Responsible		
	– SWC (CH) Index Bond Fund Total		
	Market AAA-BBB Domestic CHF		
	– SWC (CH) Index Bond Fund Total		
	Market AAA-BBB Foreign CHF		
	– SWC (CH) Index Bond Fund Total		
	Market AAA-BBB 1-5 CHF		
	– SWC (CH) Index Bond Fund Total		
	Market AAA-BBB 1-5 CHF Responsible		
EUR		– SWC (CH) Index Bond Fund EMU Govt.	<ul> <li>SWC (CH) Index Bond Fund Corp.</li> <li>EUR Responsible</li> </ul>
GBP		– SWC (CH) Index Bond Fund UK Govt.	
CAD		– SWC (CH) Index Bond Fund Canada Govt.	
USD		– SWC (CH) Index Bond Fund USA Govt.	– SWC (CH) Index Bond Fund Corp.
		– SWC (CH) Index Bond Fund Emerging Markets	USD <b>Responsible</b>
		Hard Currency	
JPY		– SWC (CH) Index Bond Fund Japan	
AUD		– SWC (CH) Index Bond Fund Australia Govt.	
Others		– SWC (CH) Index Bond Fund World Rest Govt.	<ul> <li>SWC (CH) Index Bond Fund Corp.</li> <li>World ex EUR/USD</li> </ul>
Global	– SWC (CH) Index Bond Fund	- SWC (CH) Index Bond Fund World (ex CHF) Govt. (I)	– SWC (CH) Index Bond Fund Corp.
ex CHF	World (ex CHF) Aggregate	- SWC (CH) Index Bond Fund World (ex CHF) Govt. (II)	World
	– SWC (CH) Index Bond Fund		- SWC (CH) Index Bond Fund Corp.
	World (ex CHF) Aggregate		World Responsible
	Responsible		
Inflation-		– SWC (CH) Index Bond Fund World (ex JPY/CHF)	
linked		Inflation-Linked	

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### **Flexibility**

The modular system of Swisscanto index funds enables you to flexibly and individually build your investment strategy and have it implemented accordingly. Benchmark indices containing hundreds of securities can be replicated by the investment funds in a diversified and costeffective manner.

### **Transparency**

The investment funds are physically replicated, i.e. we effectively invest in the securities contained in the index.

#### **Professional management**

The investment objective of Swisscanto index funds is to replicate the risk and return characteristics of the benchmark index in the best possible way. The investment funds are characterised by broad diversification, a low yield variance risk compared to the benchmark and cost-effective management.

The Swisscanto index funds are managed by an experienced and proven investment team supported by state-of-the-art portfolio management systems. The investment process is based on the portfolio and risk management platform developed in-house, which ensures the best possible security and control by professionally integrating risk management, trading and administration.

### **Exclusion criteria based on SVVK-ASIR**

We apply the exclusion criteria based on SVVK-ASIR in all index-linked portfolios. These exclusion criteria contains, for example, manufacturers of prohibited weapons (e.g. cluster bombs and cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines and landmines, biological and chemical weapons). In the assessment, we primarily take into account Swiss legislation and agreements that have been ratified by Switzerland and are recognised internationally (based on SVVK-ASIR).

We reserve the right to exclude or not to exclude additional companies at our own discretion.

## Withholding tax exemption

With the institutional pension funds (IPFs), we offer withholding tax-optimised collective investment schemes, which are exempt from US, Canadian and Japanese withholding tax, in the respective sub-fund assets for retirement benefit plans on the basis of the applicable double taxation agreements.

# **Reporting procedure**

We offer a reporting procedure for a qualifying group of investors. This enables income to be distributed (reinvestment) without deduction of withholding tax, meaning that investors are fully and continuously invested. Qualification for access to these unit classes is based on legal provisions.

# Other investment ideas

# **Swisscanto Responsible index funds**

The Swisscanto Responsible index funds are a range of products created for investors wanting to integrate moderate ESG criteria (ESG = environment, social and governance) into an index-linked portfolio. Taking into account exclusion criteria (i.e. companies with ESGcritical business models) and ESG laggards (based on the ESG score of Zürcher Kantonalbank's Asset Management), the funds aim to exclude at least 20% in the case of equities or at least 15% in the case of bonds (focus on companies). In addition, the carbon intensity (CO<sub>2</sub>e) is reduced by at least 20% in the relevant segments. As a final step, the portfolio is optimised to minimise the tracking error. With Swisscanto's Responsible index funds, investors benefit from a specialist approach that takes into account ESG criteria, including climate risks, while meeting the requirements for an indexlinked core investment. The Index Solutions team manages around CHF 40 billion according to the Responsible approach (02/2025).

# **ZKB Core Select**

As a qualified investor, you receive access to the Swisscanto index fund product range via specific unit classes. Based on your needs, you determine the investment universe within the product range and independently determine your asset allocation. With the daily subscription and redemption option, we offer you maximum flexibility.

# **Core-satellite approach**

When dividing a portfolio into a broadly diversified core and several small individual investments (satellites), Swisscanto index funds are ideal as a core investment. Swisscanto index funds can be used as a core investment to represent the desired index performances in a diversified way. We have in-depth expertise in selected satellites combined with an attractive product range.

# Swisscanto index funds at a glance

## **Attractive range**

- Broad product portfolio with around 80 Swisscanto index funds encompassing equities, bonds, indirect real estate investments and commodities
- Dedicated sustainable product range with the Swisscanto index funds Responsible
- Investment funds according to Swiss law
- Transparency thanks to physical replication of the benchmark indices
- High flexibility due to daily subscription and redemption option
- Fixed (max.) issue and redemption fees in favour of the sub-fund assets. In addition, attractive cost savings are possible with "crossing" – this means no issue or redemption fees are charged to the intersection of daily subscriptions and redemptions.
- Exemption from Swiss stamp duty
- Institutional pension funds (IPF) with retirement benefit plans exempt from US, Canadian and Japanese withholding tax on the basis of the applicable double taxation treaties.

# **Professional implementation**

- Well-coordinated team of experts with many years of experience in managing index-linked portfolios
- Best possible security and operational efficiency based on the state-of-the-art portfolio and risk management platform
- Production exclusively in Switzerland –
   100% "Swiss made" asset management
- Attractive fees and commissions



# Your contact partner for index-linked investments

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