

## zMonthly August 25

### Fed signals interest rate cut

Global stock markets began August with losses in response to the latest tariff announcements by the US president. However, the Swiss stock market absorbed the 39% shock surprisingly well, losing virtually nothing. Investors seemed convinced either that the tariffs would not dramatically impact the earnings of listed companies, or that the rate would be reduced. The moderate rise in US inflation in July fuelled hopes that price increases triggered by US tariffs would be lower than feared. Investors then turned their attention to Jackson Hole, where Fed Chairman Jerome Powell delivered his highly anticipated speech. Having recently come under significant pressure from President Trump, Powell placed greater emphasis on the risk of a cooling labour market than on further rising inflationary pressure. This was widely interpreted as a clear indication that the Fed would announce an interest rate cut in September, triggering a positive reaction in stock markets. Fragrance and flavour manufacturer Givaudan presented its targets for the new strategy period up to 2030. At the same time, the company announced a change in leadership. Surprisingly, the Board will appoint an external manager from Danone as the new CEO, not an internal candidate. Gilles Andrier, who has held the position for over 20 years, is set to become Chairman of the Board of Directors. The fund gained 1.1% in August (SPI +2.3%).

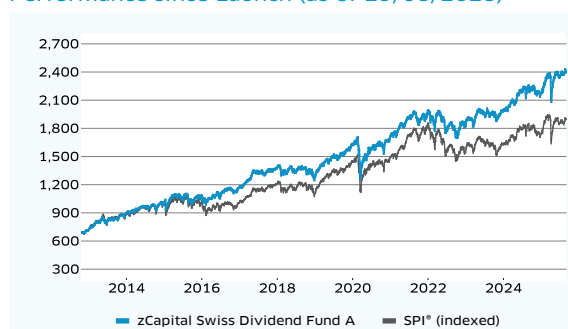
### Quiet trading month

During the month under review, we added to our positions in Swiss Re, Nestlé, TX Group und Givaudan. Conversely, we realised gains on Accelleron, Baloise and Novartis.

### Adaptable Swiss export companies

The management teams of Swiss export companies are currently facing major challenges. There are concerns that the US tariff rate of 39% may remain in place for some time. Added to this, the Swiss franc has appreciated by 13% against the US dollar. Our portfolio companies are broadly diversified, which gives them greater pricing power and the possibility of relocating production to other countries compared to smaller companies. This enables them to offset some of the customs costs. However, the second-round effects of the tariffs are harder to predict. According to a survey by EY, around 70% of Swiss companies have postponed or even cancelled planned investments. Nevertheless, the Swiss export industry has previously demonstrated its ability to respond flexibly to external shocks. Thanks to its innovative strength, low interest rates, and legal certainty, Swiss industry should gain strength in the long term. Once the half-year reporting period is over, the stock market will turn its attention to macroeconomic data and news from the White House. There are unlikely to be any dull moments – stock markets remain challenging.

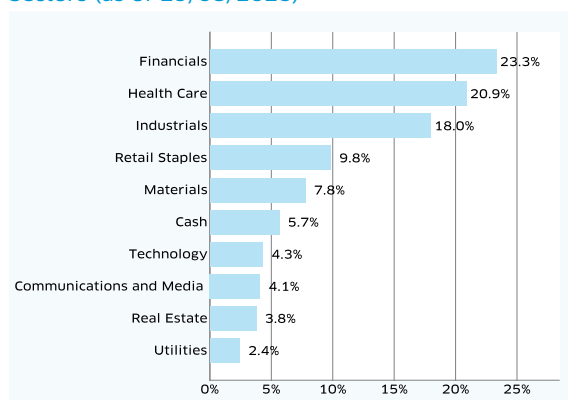
### Performance since Launch (as of 29/08/2025)



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<b>MTD (Fund / Benchmark)</b>	1.1% / 2.3%
<b>YTD</b>	10.5% / 9.3%
<b>1 year</b>	6.3% / 2.7%
<b>3 years p.a.</b>	9.6% / 6.4%
<b>5 years p.a.</b>	8.1% / 5.9%
<b>10 years p.a.</b>	8.7% / 6.6%
<b>Since launch p.a.</b>	10.1% / 8.1%

### Sectors (as of 29/08/2025)



### Largest Positions (as of 29/08/2025)

<b>1</b>	Novartis	9.8%
<b>2</b>	Nestle	9.8%
<b>3</b>	Roche	9.2%
<b>4</b>	ABB	5.8%
<b>5</b>	Zurich Insurance Group	5.3%
<b>6</b>	Givaudan	3.4%
<b>7</b>	Swiss Re	3.3%
<b>8</b>	Swisscom	2.6%
<b>9</b>	Logitech	2.5%
<b>10</b>	SGS	2.5%
<b>11</b>	Baloise	2.3%
<b>12</b>	Holcim	2.3%
<b>13</b>	Julius Baer	2.2%
<b>14</b>	Swiss Life	2.1%
<b>15</b>	BKW	2.1%

## Investment Strategy

The zCapital Swiss Dividend Fund invests in Swiss equities that pay an attractive, reliable dividend or where dividend income is expected to grow. The fund invests in 30 to 40 companies from the universe of the SPI® (Swiss Performance Index). Around half of the fund assets is invested in blue chips and the other half in second-line stocks. zCapital pursues a long-term, active investment style. The stock selection is based on a combination of fundamental company analyses with a proprietary dividend analysis tool. Key ESG aspects and macroeconomic factors are also included in the decision-making process.

## Portfolio Structure (as of 29/08/2025)

<b>Net Asset Value</b>	CHF 2,393.94 per Share A
<b>Total Assets</b>	CHF 873 m
<b>Investment Exposure</b>	94.5%
<b>Number of Companies</b>	36

## Statistics 3 Years (as of 29/08/2025)

<b>Volatility Fund p.a.</b>	10.5%
<b>Beta (current)</b>	0.8
<b>Dividend yield of invested companies *</b>	3.4%
<b>Large caps in percentage of portfolio</b>	60.4%

\* This figure includes the weighted future dividend yields from the companies invested in, as estimated by zCapital. It does not provide any indication of the final level of dividend that will be paid out by the "zCapital Swiss Dividend Fund". As of 29/08/2025.

## Termsheet

<b>Fund-Name</b>	zCapital Swiss Dividend Fund (Class A)
<b>Asset Manager</b>	zCapital AG, Zug
<b>Swiss Security Number / ISIN</b>	19466655 / CH0194666555
<b>Price Publications</b>	www.zcapital.ch, www.swissfunddata.ch, www.fundinfo.com
<b>Bloomberg / Reuters</b>	ZCAPDIV SW Equity / 19466655.S
<b>Benchmark</b>	Swiss Performance Index SPI®
<b>Morningstar-Rating</b>	★★★★★
<b>Minimum Investment / Reference Currency</b>	No minimum investment required / CHF
<b>Fund Type / Distribution</b>	Swiss Securities Fund / Authorized for public distribution in Switzerland and Germany
<b>Management Fee (incl. Fund Management and Custodian Fees)</b>	1% p.a.
<b>Issue Fee / Redemption Fee</b>	None
<b>Total Expense Ratio (TER) as of 31/05/2025</b>	1.01%
<b>Fund Management Company / Custodian Bank</b>	LLB Swiss Investment AG, Zürich / Bank Julius Bär & Co. AG, Zürich
<b>Subscriptions and Redemptions</b>	On each bank working day at Net Asset Value (NAV). Subscriptions and redemptions which are placed with the Custodian Bank by 2.45 pm CET on a bank business day (Order Day), are processed on the next bank working day (Valuation Day) based on the Order Day's closing price.
<b>Auditor</b>	PricewaterhouseCoopers AG, Zurich

## Monthly Performance (as of 29/08/2025)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
<b>2012</b>										-0.9%*	1.6%	1.5%	2.2%*
<b>2013</b>	4.9%	4.3%	3.2%	2.2%	0.2%	-2.1%	1.9%	-0.3%	2.8%	3.4%	1.2%	1.7%	25.8%
<b>2014</b>	0.5%	2.7%	1.5%	1.0%	1.6%	-0.5%	0.1%	1.6%	0.8%	-0.1%	2.9%	-0.1%	12.7%
<b>2015</b>	-3.0%	6.9%	2.3%	0.8%	0.6%	-4.2%	5.2%	-4.8%	-2.7%	4.6%	2.2%	-0.2%	7.3%
<b>2016</b>	-2.8%	-1.6%	1.8%	1.8%	3.9%	-1.1%	2.0%	1.9%	0.7%	-2.0%	-0.3%	3.5%	7.8%
<b>2017</b>	0.8%	3.3%	3.0%	3.7%	3.3%	-1.5%	1.4%	-1.8%	2.4%	0.9%	0.6%	0.3%	17.5%
<b>2018</b>	0.4%	-3.0%	-0.0%	2.9%	-3.3%	0.9%	3.1%	-0.1%	-0.3%	-1.3%	-0.8%	-5.5%	-7.0%
<b>2019</b>	6.2%	3.4%	1.5%	3.7%	-1.3%	3.1%	0.4%	0.4%	2.0%	1.3%	1.9%	1.8%	27.1%
<b>2020</b>	0.7%	-6.9%	-6.4%	5.2%	3.0%	2.3%	-0.5%	2.9%	0.2%	-5.1%	8.5%	2.8%	5.7%
<b>2021</b>	-0.3%	-0.1%	6.2%	0.4%	2.5%	2.3%	1.3%	1.5%	-5.4%	2.4%	-0.8%	4.9%	15.3%
<b>2022</b>	-2.7%	-1.8%	2.9%	1.3%	-3.5%	-6.1%	3.8%	-2.1%	-5.0%	4.7%	3.2%	-2.0%	-7.9%
<b>2023</b>	4.4%	-0.4%	1.3%	3.5%	-1.1%	0.5%	1.2%	-1.8%	-0.1%	-3.2%	3.1%	1.7%	9.2%
<b>2024</b>	1.1%	1.1%	3.7%	-1.5%	4.9%	0.3%	2.5%	0.7%	-1.1%	-2.7%	0.9%	-1.1%	9.0%
<b>2025</b>	5.4%	2.8%	-0.6%	-0.8%	2.5%	-1.1%	0.7%	1.1%					10.5%

\* since Launch date (22 October 2012)

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