



# **zMonthly** November 25

#### Fear of an 'AI bubble'

The stock markets started November with losses. One reason for the uncertainty was the mediocre US labour market data. Added to this were concerns about whether the massive investments in artificial intelligence (AI) would pay off in the future and whether the high valuations of the technology companies involved were justified. The longest government shutdown in US history ended after 43 days, with many flight cancellations and cuts to food aid increasing the pressure on US politicians. This was well received by the stock markets. In the middle of the month, Switzerland and the US reached an agreement to settle their dispute over tariffs. The US agreed to reduce tariffs on Swiss imports from 39% to 15%, in exchange for direct investments totalling USD 200 bn. Subsequently, the topic of AI dominated stock markets. The strong results posted by chip manufacturer Nvidia only temporarily reassured investors, and fears of an 'AI bubble' resurfaced. Towards the end of the month, comments from Fed members suggesting that a further key interest rate cut in December was possible eased tensions. Pharmaceutical company Roche surprised with successful study results for a breast cancer drug, which was rewarded by the stock market. On the other hand, shares in Swiss Marketplace Group (SMG) came under pressure after its British industry peer Rightmove was forced to reduce its profitability forecasts. This was due increased investments in AI. Alcon delivered a positive surprise, with demand for its new surgical platform rising sharply. The fund rose by 1.2% in November.

# Comet new to the portfolio

Shortly before the end of the month, the financial investor Advent closed its acquisition of U-Blox, paying out previous shareholders. We reduced our holding in Roche due to its strong performance. In contrast, we increased our exposure to Alcon and established a new position in Comet. Comet should benefit from an upturn in the storage media sector.

# Swiss export industry waiting for lower customs duty

The tariff deal with America, much-trumpeted by the Federal Council, still faces an issue. The Swiss industry is still waiting for the negotiated tariffs of 15% to come into force. Warehouses which were filled before the customs duties came into force in summer have been largely emptied, as we have heard from discussions with company representatives. Companies are therefore hoping that goods can be flown to the US as quickly as possible at the lower tariff rate. The high 39% rate is poison detrimental to the economy and is hindering many businesses. In December, all eyes will be on the US Federal Reserve. Rarely has there been such intense debate in the run-up to an interest rate decision about whether a further cut of 25 basis points is justified. Although inflation risks in the US argue against lower interest rates, we expect a further cut in the Fed funds rate due to the weakening labour market. Ultimately, Fed Chairman Jerome Powell does not want to jeopardise the good stock market year for the US President and the American people.

## Performance since Launch (as of 28/11/2025)



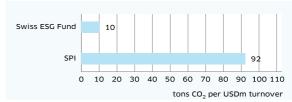
## Performance (as of 28/11/2025)

MTD	1.2%
YTD	11.9%
1 year	11.6%
3 years p.a.	8.5%
Since launch p.a.	5.4%

## ESG Key Figures (as of 28/11/2025)

RepRisk Rating (Fund / SPI)	A / BBB			
zRating	70 / 68			
Companies that meet Paris climate targets	97% / 77%			
Estimated global warming 2050	1.6°C / 1.7°C			
Companies which contribute positively to the UN SDGs	82% / 65%			

## Carbon Intensity (as of 28/11/2025)



## Largest Positions (as of 28/11/2025)

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1	Novartis							
2	Roche	9.5%						
3	ABB	6.2%						
4	Zurich Insurance Group	6.1%						
5	Givaudan	3.6%						
6	Alcon	3.5%						
7	SGS	3.3%						
8	Lonza	3.2%						
9	Swiss Re	2.8%						
10	Swisscom	2.8%						



#### **Investment Strategy**

The zCapital Swiss ESG Fund invests in Swiss equities which zCapital believes qualify as sustainable companies and have an attractive risk and return profile. The fund's assets are invested in a concentrated portfolio of 25 to 35 stocks from the SPI (Swiss Performance Index) universe. In addition to ESG integration, companies which violate social and environmental criteria are excluded. The sustainability of companies is also promoted through engagement and voting. zCapital invests with a long-term horizon and pursues an active selection process.

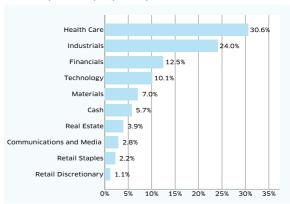
## Impact of zCapital

zCapital plants each year 100 trees for every million Swiss francs of assets under management in the zCapital Swiss ESG Fund. In cooperation with myclimate, it is ensured that the trees are cared for in the long term. The project combines nature and climate protection with the creation of new sources of income for small farmers.

#### Portfolio Structure (as of 28/11/2025)

Net Asset Value	CHF 1,250.36 per Share A			
Total Assets	CHF 40 m			
Number of Companies	34			

## Sectors (as of 28/11/2025)



#### **Termsheet**

Fund-Name	Swiss ESG Fund (Class A)					
Asset Manager	zCapital AG, Zug					
Swiss Security Number / ISIN	59273267 / CH0592732678					
Price Publications	www.zcapital.ch, www.swissfunddata.ch, www.fundinfo.com					
Bloomberg / Reuters	ZCAPESG SW Equity / 59273267.S					
Morningstar-Rating	****					
Minimum Investment / Reference Currency	No minimum investment required / CHF					
Fund Type / Distribution	Swiss Securities Fund / Authorized for public distribution in Switzerland and Germany					
Management Fee (incl. Fund Management and Custodian Fees)	1.25%					
Issue Fee / Redemption Fee	none					
Total Expense Ratio (TER) 31/05/2025	1.34%					
Fund Management Company / Custodian Bank	LLB Swiss Investment AG, Zurich / Bank Julius Baer & Co. Ltd., Zurich					
Subscriptions and Redemptions	On each bank working day at Net Asset Value (NAV). Subscription and redemption orders received by the custodian bank by 2.45 pm CET at the latest on a given bank business day (order day, T) will be settled on the next bank business day (valuation date) on the basis of the net asset value calculated on that date. The net asset value used to settle the order is therefore not known when the order is placed (forward pricing). The net asset value is calculated on the valuation date on the basis of the closing prices on the order day.					
Auditor	PricewaterhouseCoopers AG, Zurich					

# Monthly Performance (as of 28/11/2025)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2021		-0.9%	6.4%	1.2%	3.6%	4.2%	3.2%	2.0%	-6.1%	1.5%	-0.3%	4.5%	20.6%*
2022	-6.5%	-3.4%	1.6%	-1.1%	-3.8%	-6.9%	4.4%	-3.5%	-5.9%	4.4%	3.0%	-1.6%	-18.5%
2023	5.7%	-0.3%	0.2%	2.8%	-0.9%	0.1%	1.0%	-1.1%	-1.5%	-4.0%	5.6%	3.6%	11.4%
2024	-1.0%	2.1%	4.3%	-2.9%	4.8%	-0.3%	3.6%	-0.2%	0.3%	-4.1%	-0.4%	-0.9%	5.1%
2025	6.1%	0.0%	-1.5%	0.2%	3.0%	-0.3%	1.8%	1.1%	-1.3%	1.2%	1.2%		11.9%

<sup>\*</sup> since Launch date (29 January 2021)

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