

zMonthly August 26

Bond market turmoil

Equity markets started the month of August on a confident note. A temporary easing of tensions in the Middle East, weaker US labour market data and slightly lower inflation dampened expectations of further interest rate hikes by the US Federal Reserve (Fed). This, combined with a stabilisation in technology stocks, pushed several equity indices to new record highs. As the month progressed, attention turned to long-term US interest rates. Concerns about high levels of government debt and uncertainty about the future course of monetary policy led to a significant rise in long-term US Treasury yields. In response, Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent announced a significant expansion of buybacks of long-term Treasury bonds and pledged to step them up further if necessary. However, the dampening effect on yields was short-lived. Renewed tensions in the Middle East led to higher oil prices, keeping inflation risks elevated. This issue was also at the centre of Fed Chair Kevin Warsh's first Jackson Hole speech. His comment that the inflation situation had not improved significantly recently was interpreted as a possible signal of rising interest rates. Financial services provider VZ Holding beat market expectations with its half-year results and outlook, sending its shares to new highs. Shares of packaging manufacturer SIG Group plunged after the newly appointed CEO was ousted just five months into the role. Sensirion also posted strong figures. The sensor manufacturer is benefiting from the trend towards climate-friendly refrigerants and higher safety standards for batteries in electric vehicles. The fund gained 1.2% in August.

Landis+Gyr reduced

We reduced our position in Landis+Gyr as part of the share buyback offer. In addition, we sold shares in Tecan and exited our position in Straumann entirely. By contrast, we increased our holdings in Hiag and Huber+Suhner.

How credible is Kevin Warsh?

Although Kevin Warsh took a hard line on inflation in his speech, we do not expect a rate hike before the midterm elections in November. Since the beginning of the year, the Fed has purchased \$310 billion of T-bills. As these are money market instruments rather than long-term bonds, the purchases are less stimulative than traditional quantitative easing, but they are not without macroeconomic significance. In our view, the test of Warsh's credibility lies not in the timing of the next rate hike, but in the evolution of the central bank's balance sheet, which has been expanding since December 2025. Ample liquidity in the system is one reason for the high level of speculation in markets. What matters most are broad US financial conditions such as credit spreads, mortgage rates and equity prices. According to Bloomberg, these are currently more accommodative than at any point since the turn of the millennium. In the Swiss equity market, too, we are seeing increasing volatility in individual stocks, which has little to do with the fundamental factors of the companies concerned. As active fund managers, we see such extreme movements within a changing market structure as an opportunity for countercyclical action.

Performance since Launch (as of 31/08/2026)



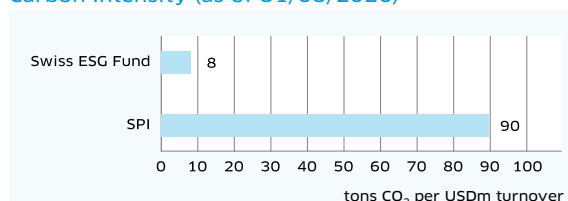
Performance (as of 31/08/2026, net)

MTD	1.2%
YTD	10.9%
1 year	14.6%
3 years p.a.	11.4%
5 years p.a.	3.8%
Since launch p.a.	7.0%

ESG Key Figures (as of 31/08/2026)

RepRisk Rating (Fund / SPI)	A / BBB
zRating	70 / 68
Companies that meet Paris climate targets	100% / 81%
Estimated global warming 2050	1.5°C / 1.8°C
Companies which contribute positively to the UN SDGs	69% / 60%

Carbon Intensity (as of 31/08/2026)



Largest Positions (as of 31/08/2026)

1	Novartis	9.7%
2	Roche	9.4%
3	ABB	7.0%
4	Zurich Insurance Group	5.4%
5	Sika	3.3%
6	Helvetia Baloise	2.9%
7	SGS	2.8%
8	Swisscom	2.8%
9	Givaudan	2.5%
10	Partners Group	2.5%

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.

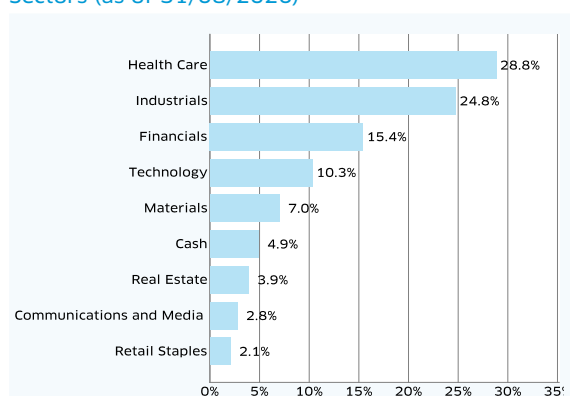
Impact of zCapital

For every million Swiss francs invested in the zCapital Swiss ESG Fund, 18.2 metric tons of CO2 equivalents are eliminated annually. In partnership with the Swiss foundation Fair Recycling, climate-damaging CFC and HFC gases are extracted and irreversibly destroyed during the recycling of old refrigerators in Brazil.

Portfolio Structure (as of 31/08/2026)

Net Asset Value	CHF 1,406.08 per Share A
Total Assets	CHF 51 m
Number of Companies	35

Sectors (as of 31/08/2026)



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) 30/11/2025	1.36%
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 31/08/2026, net)

	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%	2.3%	14.5%
2026	1.8%	4.3%	-7.1%	4.6%	3.1%	2.0%	0.9%	1.2%					10.9%

* since Launch date (29 January 2021)

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