

# BBH Luxembourg Funds - BBH Core Select

Quarterly Fund Update / 4Q 2023

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## 4Q Highlights

- The BBH Luxembourg Funds - Core Select Class X gained 10.19% in the fourth quarter compared to 11.69% for the benchmark S&P 500 Index.
- The Fund posted healthy gains for the period, with no detractors and positive absolute contributions in excess of 650 basis points from the Information Technology, Industrials, and Financial sectors.
- Easing inflation and renewed prospects for growth have fueled optimism for a soft landing, but we continue to focus on the fundamentals and our research driven approach to stock selection.

## Market Overview

### 4Q 2023

The benchmark S&P 500 Index ("the Index") rebounded from a weak third quarter to end the year with a gain of 11.69% over the final three months, lead primarily by the Real Estate, Information Technology, and Financials sectors, which were up 18.83%, 17.17% and 14.03%, respectively. The only detractor for the period was the Energy sector, which was down -6.94% and offset all the gains made earlier in the year. This reflected the sharp downturn in oil and natural gas prices, which has been pressured by strong supplies and concerns about tepid demand.

### Year-to-Date 2023

The Index ended the year with a gain of 26.29%, lead primarily by the Information Technology sector, which was up a staggering 60.93% and contributed more than one-half, or 14.13%, of the total return. The two largest, and only, detractors (which we do not own) for the year were the Utilities and Energy sectors, which returned -7.08% and -1.33%, respectively.

Unsurprisingly, the dramatic change in the technological landscape had an oversized impact on the performance of large-technology, with the Index ending the year with unprecedented levels of market concentration, with most of the year-to-date return being generated by the top 10 stocks alone. Through this all, we continue to focus on high-conviction stocks that we aim to own at attractive prices.

## Portfolio Commentary

The BBH Luxembourg Funds - Core Select Class X ("Core Select," or "the Fund") gained 10.19% in the fourth quarter, modestly underperforming the benchmark Index, which returned 11.69%.

While the portfolio underperformed, the sector allocation effect relative to the benchmark for the quarter was modest at approximately -0.20%; this was helped, in part, by maintaining no allocation to the Energy sector, which was the only detractor to benchmark performance. A large overallocation to the Financials sector, which outperformed the Index on a total return basis, also helped performance from an allocation perspective.

**This is a marketing communication. Please refer to the prospectus of the fund and to the KIID/KID before making any final investment decisions.**

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Holdings As of 30 September 2023	
Berkshire Hathaway Inc (Class A)	6.3%
Alphabet Inc (Class C)	6.2%
Microsoft Corp	5.6%
Linde PLC	5.2%
Mastercard Inc	5.2%
KLA Corp	4.5%
Oracle Corp	4.0%
Zoetis Inc	4.0%
Waste Management Inc	3.9%
Progressive Corp	3.9%
Arthur J Gallagher & Co	3.7%
Alcon Inc	3.6%
Booking Holdings Inc	3.6%
Costco Wholesale Corp	3.5%
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc	3.3%
Amazon.com Inc	3.2%
Abbott Laboratories	3.0%
S&P Global Inc	2.9%
A. O. Smith Corp	2.8%
Graco Inc	2.6%
Adobe Inc	2.6%
Nike Inc (Class B)	2.6%
Texas Instruments Inc	2.4%
UnitedHealth Group Inc	2.1%
Copart Inc	1.9%
Diageo PLC	1.5%
Nestle SA	1.5%
Cash & Cash Equivalents	4.4%
Liabilities in Excess of Other Assets	0.0%

Holdings are subject to change.

During the quarter, we purchased one new company and made several portfolio rebalancing trades reflective of relative valuation opportunities, risks, and a fit with our investment criteria.

The new company was **UnitedHealth Group (UNH)**. UNH is the largest and most diversified U.S. managed healthcare organization, the largest U.S. healthcare Information Technology (IT) company, the largest U.S. physician group, and the third largest pharmacy benefit manager in the U.S. The Company combines distinct capabilities in care delivery, care management, benefit design, and technology development, as well as application and payment for care to influence outcomes and cost. The Company's scale and diversification constitute sustainable competitive advantages in the healthcare services industry that have allowed it to deliver on its targets with a consistency we find reassuring. We believe UNH's two greatest strengths have been its strategic vision and strategic capital deployment, which have resulted in exposure to leading growth areas of healthcare services and have contributed meaningfully to profitable, economic growth.

Both factors have uniquely positioned the Company well as the leader and pioneer in the industry with a meaningful first mover advantage to monetize the secular shift to value-based care.

We believe current valuations for UNH's stock to be attractive on both an absolute and relative basis; given our belief that stock prices follow economic value creation over time and the currently constructive valuation of the Company's stock, we believe UNH is positioned to generate strong absolute and relative stock price returns over the long term, while at the same time offering attractive dividend characteristics.

### Outlook

We were pleased by the significant rebound in equities and overall strong absolute performance of the Fund for the year, which was up 22.04%, but candidly disappointed by our underperformance relative to the S&P 500 index, which returned 26.29%. Looking forward, higher equity market valuations as well as substantial risks and uncertainties underpin the current economic and investment environment. Consequently, we remain committed to our disciplined investment approach focused on a relatively concentrated portfolio of durable, well-managed, high-quality, competitively advantaged businesses as we believe this approach offers the best way to generate attractive risk-adjusted absolute and relative returns over the long-term.

**Performance**

Past performance does not predict future results

**Annual Returns**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
<b>Class X</b>	22.04%	-21.76%	25.54%	11.56%	28.09%	-8.25%	18.11%	7.06%	-3.77%	6.91%
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	26.29%	-18.11%	28.71%	18.40%	31.49%	-4.38%	21.83%	11.96%	1.38%	13.69%

As of 31/12/2023

**Average Annual Returns**

	1 Yr.	2 Yr.	3 Yr.	4 Yr.	5 Yr.	10 Yr.	Since Inception
<b>Class X</b>	22.04%	-2.28%	6.23%	7.54%	11.36%	7.41%	9.26%
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	26.29%	1.69%	10.00%	12.04%	15.69%	12.03%	13.83%

Class X Inception: 10/07/2012

Class X Ongoing Charges: 1.70%

The past performance excludes the entry and exit charges. The ongoing charges figure is based on actual expenses for the year ending December 2022. This figure may vary from year to year. It excludes portfolio transaction costs. The entry charge is 5% of the initial price or subscription price. Fund shares redeemed within 30 days of purchase may be subject to an exit charge of 2%. The entry and exit charges shown are maximum figures. In some cases you may pay less. Past Performance has been calculated in USD. Performance can be increased or reduced as a result of currency fluctuations.

Class X Shares are accumulating Classes of Shares and, as such, have no distributions. Any income will automatically be included in the value of your investment.

The S&P 500 is an unmanaged weighted index of 500 stocks providing a broad indicator of stock price movements. The composition of the index is materially different than the Fund's holdings. The index is not available for direct investment.

Sources: BBH & Co. and S&P

**Share Class Overview**

As of 31 December 2023

	ISIN	Inception Date	Total Net Assets (mil)	NAV
<b>Class X</b>	LU0643341406	10/07/2012	\$2.8	\$27.70

**Equity Weighting**  
As of 31 December 2023

Common Stock	95.6%
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4.4%
Liabilities in Excess of Other Assets	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Sector Weighting**  
As of 31 December 2023

Communication Services	6.5%
Consumer Discretionary	9.8%
Consumer Staples	6.8%
Energy	0.0%
Financials	22.9%
Health Care	16.7%
Industrials	11.7%
Information Technology	20.1%
Materials	5.5%
Real Estate	0.0%
Utilities	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Reported as a percentage of portfolio securities, excluding Cash and Cash Equivalents.

**Top 10 Companies**  
As of 31 December 2023

Berkshire Hathaway Inc	6.3%
Alphabet Inc	6.2%
Microsoft Corp	5.6%
Linde PLC	5.2%
Mastercard Inc	5.2%
KLA Corp	4.5%
Oracle Corp	4.0%
Zoetis Inc	4.0%
Waste Management Inc	3.9%
Progressive Corp	3.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>48.7%</b>

Reported as a percentage of total portfolio.

**Fund Facts**  
As of 31 December 2023

Total Net Assets (mil)	\$311.4
Number of Securities Held	27
Average P/E	28.9
Average Market Cap (bil)	\$416.1

Excludes cash equivalents

An investment is in shares of the fund and not in any underlying investment owned by the fund.

Holdings are subject to change. Totals may not sum due to rounding. Price/Earnings (P/E) ratio is a company's current share price divided by earnings per-share.

Contribution figures are presented gross of fees and do not include cash and cash equivalents.

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The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons which directly relate to the issuer, such as management performance, financial leverage and reduced demand for the issuer's goods or services.

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