SWISS HELVETIA FUND, INC. Form N-30B-2 October 27, 2015

## THE SWISS HELVETIA FUND, INC.

| Dear Shareholder:  |
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| I am writing this letter to let you know that at the recent Board meeting of The Swiss Helvetia Fund, Inc. (the Fund ), I was elected to succeed Sam Witt as Chairman of the Fund s Board. Sam has been a Director of the Fund since the Fund s initial public offering in 1987 and had served as Chairman for nearly a decade. Sam s leadership, insight and commitment to the Fund have been a guiding force for the Board and we are delighted he will continue as a member. David Bock has been elected by the Board to succeed me as Chairman of the Fund s Audit Committee, where he has been a valued member for many years.  |
| 2015 has been a busy year for the Fund and I am happy to report that we continue to make progress in a number of important areas. One particular area of focus has been the full integration of Schroders as the Fund s investment adviser. We continue to be impressed with the breadth and depth of Schroders resources in managing the Fund s investment portfolio and providing the day-to-day oversight of the administrative and other   |
| aspects of the Fund. On another front, we are pleased to welcome J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. (JPM) on board as of October 1st as the Fund s custodian, administrator and fund accountant. After a comprehensive review of potential service providers conducted by Schroders and the Board, the Board unanimously supported Schroders—recommendation of JPM to assume these duties. We look forward to the professionalism and expertise they will bring to bear on these functions. Finally, the Board is continuing to make progress in controlling Fund expenses through a range of actions. Overall, we believe that these actions will result in important savings to shareholders while, at the same time, strengthening the investment discipline, risk controls and compliance functions that support the Fund. |
| As shareholders of the Fund, the entire Board would like to express our thanks for your continued confidence and support. We look forward to keeping you posted on future developments, as we continue to work to enhance shareholder value.   |
| Sincerely,   |
| Brian A. Berris  |
| Chairman   |
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For the three-month period ended September 30, 2015, the performance of the Swiss Helvetia Fund, Inc. (the Fund ), as measured by the change in value in the Fund  $\,$ s net asset value (  $\,$ NAV ), decreased -5.76% in US dollars. For the same period, the Fund  $\,$ s share price performance decreased -5.03%, as the discount at which the Fund traded its shares narrowed. This compares with a decrease of -6.64% in the Swiss equity market, as measured by the performance of the Swiss Performance Index (the Index or SPI ) in US dollars. Since the beginning of the year, the Fund  $\,$ s NAV decreased -0.01% while the share price declined -0.26% in US dollars. This compares to -0.57% of the SPI in US dollars.

### Economic environment during the period under review

#### Global economic review

While the US economy may have been the main reason for a reduced global economic growth forecast during the first six months of 2015, it was the emerging markets, especially China, which fueled uncertainties regarding global growth during the third quarter. It appears that the time of Chinese growth rates in excess of 7% has definitely come to an end. Meanwhile, the European economy continued its slow recovery from a low base, fulfilling market expectations on growth on the back of a weak euro and low commodity prices.

In terms of monetary policy, the US Federal Reserve (the Fed ) decided not to raise the Fed funds rates. The massive

quantitative easing program of the European Central Bank ( ECB ) has still not caused any inflationary pressures. In addition, the move of German Bund yields towards zero reversed from April onward, remaining relatively stable with around a 0.6% 0.9% yield. On January 15, 2015, the Swiss National Bank ( SNB ) abandoned its floor of the Swiss franc against the euro of 1.20. This led to Swiss franc interest rates becoming negative.

#### Swiss economic review

At the time of this writing, Swiss economic data was only available for the first six months of 2015: Swiss real GDP in the second quarter increased by 0.2% (not annualized) a reversal of the first quarter s 0.2% decline, due in part to measures taken by companies to improve results. Additionally, the euro strengthened compared to the Swiss franc, which appears to have removed some of the pressure that had been caused by the strong Swiss franc after the SNB s action. After this somewhat unexpected recovery in the second quarter, both the State Secretariat of Economic Affairs (SECO) and the Swiss business cycle research institute (KOF) raised GDP growth expectations to +0.9% for the full year 2015, up from +0.8% (SECO) and +0.4% (KOF). The unemployment rate fell to 3.2% from 3.3%, as registered in June.

### Market environment during the period under review

Over the three-month period ended September 30, 2015, in their original index

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currencies, European, US, global and Swiss equities all had negative returns with Swiss equities leading (-2.7%), and European equities (-8.8%) lagging global stocks. When measured in US dollars, the S&P 500 (-6.4%) emerged as among the leading indexes, closely followed by the SPI which returned -6.6% over the period. Within Swiss equities and measured in US dollars, consumer staples was the only sector with a positive performance (+3.9%), driven by the Index heavyweight *Nestlé* (+3.9%). All other sectors had negative returns with, unsurprisingly, the energy sector (-20.0%) being the worst performer. Small and mid-caps outperformed the overall SPI by 1.3% when measured in US dollars.

### Performance

The Fund's performance benefited in absolute US dollar terms from its larger positions in *Nestlé* and *Lindt & Spruengli*. A few smaller holdings were also helpful for absolute performance: *Tecan, VZ Holding, Gategroup, Leonteq* and *Airopack*. With the exception of *Nestlé*, these stocks also contributed positively to performance compared to the return of the SPI. Additionally, the Fund's zero weights in *Zurich Insurance*, *LafargeHolcim, ABB* and its underweight in *UBS* contributed positively to relative performance. With respect to the Fund's larger positions, *Nestlé* contributed slightly positive on an absolute basis but negatively on a relative one due to the Fund's underweight position. *Sunrise, Basilea, Evolva, Syngenta* and *Burckhardt Compression* were positions that contributed negatively towards relative performance.

Stock selection was positive for the third quarter. Overall there was a positive effect from stock and sector allocation on the Fund s NAV, resulting in a relative return of 1.2% in US dollars compared to the SPI, before taking into account the impact of Fund expenses, and private equity revaluations.

### Private Equity Investments

The value of the Fund s private equity investments decreased during the reporting period. Approximately half of this decrease stems from the US dollar appreciation against the Swiss franc, as these investments are valued in Swiss francs due to their base of operations. There was a negative revaluation at *Kuros*, reflecting the terms of capital increases. In addition, there was a slightly negative adjustment to the valuation of the limited partnership *Aravis*.

### Portfolio changes

During the quarter ended September 30, 2015, there were 13 purchases and 10 sales of listed equities on a net basis. As of September 30, 2015, there are 37 listed companies held by the Fund, 6 direct investments in private equity firms and 2 participations held in private equity limited partnerships.

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## Portfolio changes for the quarter ended September 30, 2015

| New Investments by the Fund       |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
|                                   |  |
| Aryzta AG                         |  |
| SFS Group AG                      |  |
|                                   |  |
| Additions to Existing Investments |  |
|                                   |  |
| Airopack Technology Group AG      |  |
| ams AG                            |  |
| Bucher Industries AG              |  |
| Compagnie Financiere Richemont SA |  |
| DKSH Holding, Ltd.                |  |
| Feintool International Holding AG |  |
| GAM Holding AG                    |  |
| Implenia AG                       |  |
| Logitech International SA         |  |
| Sunrise Communications Group AG   |  |
| Syngenta AG                       |  |
| Positions Entirely Disposed of    |  |
|                                   |  |
| EEC International A.C.            |  |

EFG International AG

Leonteq AG

| Reductions in Existing Investments   |
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| Actelion, Ltd.   |
| Banque Cantonale Vaudoise  |
| Credit Suisse Group AG   |
| Evolva Holding SA  |
| Lonza Group AG   |
| Tecan Group AG   |
| UBS Group AG   |
| VZ Holding AG  |
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| In the third quarter of 2015, we added two new positions to the Fund: Aryzta and SFS.  |
| Aryzta is a large producer of specialty bakery products for food retailers, convenience shops and quick-serve restaurants around the world. We bought a position in Aryzta after the stock declined 25%. We anticipated this level of negative market reaction, and are now more comfortable with the company s valuation.   |
| SFS has a high quality business for niche fasteners and its business model allows for high margins and high free cash flows. We used the steady decline in the share price of SFS during the third quarter to buy a position at the end of this quarter as we believed the valuation became attractive for such a high quality asset.  |
| We increased the Fund s positions in several stocks, taking advantage of the high volatility during the quarter to add to <i>Compagnie Financiere Richemont, GAM, Bucher Industries, Feintool, Implenia, DKSH</i> and <i>Logitech</i> . We increased our position in <i>Syngenta</i> after Monsanto announce its withdrawal of the take-over offer for <i>Syngenta</i> , which was primarily thwarted by <i>Syngenta</i> s board and management, which believed that the valuation offered by Monsanto didn t reflect <i>Syngenta</i> s value. |
| We reduced several positions, notably Credit Suisse, UBS and Actelion. We reduced  |
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both banks after a strong share price performance that in our view doesn t reflect the risk of higher regulatory capital requirements. With regards to *Actelion, BCV*, *VZ Holding* and *Lonza*, after a good share price performance, we saw limited upside and so we decided to reduce our exposure to these stocks.

During the third quarter, we completely disposed of our positions in *EFG International* and *Leonteq*. We decided to sell the remainder of our position in *Leonteq* after a strong share price reaction following the announcement of new partnerships. We also sold the remainder of our position in *EFG International* before they released their half year figures as we didn t see a lot of upside and were cautious that the numbers could disappoint market expectations on growth. Both stocks have declined since.

### Outlook

#### Global economic outlook

As of the end of the third quarter of 2015, we continue to believe that overall global growth in 2015 will be in the 2% to 2.5% range. We are aware, however, that only three months ago we lowered our estimate from slightly above 3%. For the time being, we continue to believe that the increasingly deteriorating growth prospects of developing economies will be partly offset by better performance in the developed world, which should be fueled by favorable interest rates and energy prices. Growth in the emerging economies has disappointed for

some time already and the recent signs of a slowdown in China have further reduced the prospects for growth. It was generally expected that Chinese growth would hover around 7%, but recent actions of the People s Bank of China indicate to us that growth will be substantially lower. For 2016, global growth could even be slightly lower than in 2015 as the full impact of the slowdown in emerging economies is realized and prospects for growth in the developed world appear limited.

Given the feeble global growth environment, which is highlighted by a sliding momentum in emerging countries and subdued inflationary pressures, we expect the first rate increase in the US to occur some time in the first half of 2016. In the Eurozone, quantitative easing is in full swing and an end is not in sight for the time being. Inflationary pressures in consumer prices appear to be minimal and there is a significant downward pressure on prices due to lower energy prices. On the other hand, inflation is clearly showing up in financial and real estate markets.

#### Swiss economic outlook

While the Swiss economy s impressive growth since 2011 appears to have been put on hold during the reporting period, we do not believe that the overall environment has changed. After having fallen at the beginning of the year as a response to the SNB s decision, earnings estimates for the SPI have recovered and now point towards moderate growth compared to earnings recorded in the

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past financial year. That said, aggressive expansionary monetary policy around the globe is a main driver of equity markets, and we believe that earnings, which would normally be a major driver of equity markets, do not play as significant a role in such a liquidity-driven environment.

#### Investment view

In brief, we continue to view prospects for equity markets with cautious optimism. While the liquidity injected by Central Banks is still significant, other sources of liquidity have decreased in the recent past. Besides the deterioration of economic prospects in the emerging markets, this has also led to increased volatility in the equity market. Given what we believe to be elevated levels of stock prices, we expect volatility to remain

high and further temporary setbacks over the coming quarters cannot be excluded. On the bright side, this offers us as active, price conscious investors opportunities to add or increase positions in stocks that have unduly corrected and are still attractive from a long-term perspective. Therefore, as with the last three quarters, our intent is to continue to take advantage of opportunities we see in the current market environment.

Ultimately, we continue to believe that Swiss equities are a good investment, especially in the long term. Many Swiss companies are global leaders in their industry and we believe that Swiss companies will be able to cope successfully with a strong Swiss franc, as they have done over the last several decades.

## Schedule of Investments by Industry (Unaudited)

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| No. of           |             |  | Fair          | Percent<br>of Net           |
|------------------|-------------|--|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Shares           |             | Security   | Value         | Assets                      |
| Common Stock     | ks 91.89%   |  |               |                             |
| Banks 3.74%      | ,           |  |               |                             |
|                  | 1,000       | Banque Cantonale Vaudoise  | \$ 588,476    | 0.17%                       |
|                  |             | Offers consumer loans, treasury management, pension funds, investment management services, trades in commodities, advises on mergers and acquisitions and offers securities brokerage services. (Cost \$536,009) |               |                             |
|                  | 323,600     | Credit Suisse Group AG   | 7,756,332     | 2.22%                       |
|                  | ,           | A global diversified financial services company with significant activity in private banking, investment banking and asset management. (Cost \$7,964,589)  | , ,           |                             |
|                  | 256,500     | UBS Group AG   | 4,727,832     | 1.35%                       |
|                  |             | Provides retail banking, corporate and institutional banking, wealth management, asset management and investment banking. (Cost \$3,527,217)   |               |                             |
|                  |             |  | 13,072,640    | 3.74%                       |
| Biotechnology    | 5.19%       |  | 50,012,010    | 27, 172                     |
|                  | 37,500      | Actelion, Ltd.   | 4,747,467     | 1.36%                       |
|                  |             | Focuses on the discovery, development and commercialization of treatments to serve critical, unmet medical needs. (Cost \$1,623,085)   |               |                             |
| No. of<br>Shares |             | Security   | Fair<br>Value | Percent<br>of Net<br>Assets |
| Biotechnology    | (continued) |  |               |                             |
|                  | 40,000      | Basilea Pharmaceutica AG <sup>1</sup>  | \$ 3,835,841  | 1.10%                       |
|                  | 40,000      | Cost \$2,929,973)  | \$ 3,033,041  | 1.10%                       |
| 1.               | ,543,750    | Evolva Holding SA <sup>1</sup>   | 1,611,529     | 0.46%                       |
|                  |             | Discovers and provides innovative, sustainable ingredients for health, nutrition and wellness. (Cost \$1,263,348)  |               |                             |
|                  | 48,000      | Lonza Group AG   | 6,278,170     | 1.80%                       |
|                  |             | Produces organic fine chemicals, biocides, active ingredients, and biotechnology products. The company operates production sites in China, Europe and the United States.  (Cost \$4,504,431)                     |               |                             |
|                  | 3,029       | NovImmune SA <sup>1,2</sup>  | 1,633,695     | 0.47%                       |
|                  |             | Discovers and develops therapeutic monoclonal antibodies (mAbs) to treat patients suffering from immune-related disorders. (Cost \$1,551,109)  |               |                             |
|                  |             |  | 18,106,702    | 5.19%                       |
| Chemicals 3.     | 71%         |  | 10,100,702    | 5.17/0                      |
|                  | 72,000      | Clariant AG  | 1,209,211     | 0.35%                       |
|                  | 72,000      | Children 110   | 1,207,211     | 0.5570                      |

Develops, produces, markets and sells specialty chemical products for various end markets.  $(Cost\ \$1,206,134)$ 

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| No<br>Sha   |                 | Security  | Fair<br>Value | Percent<br>of Net<br>Assets |
|-------------|-----------------|---|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Common St   | tocks (continu  | ned)  |               |                             |
| Chemicals   | (continued)     |   |               |                             |
|             | 36,800          | Syngenta AG <sup>3</sup> Produces herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, and seeds for field crops, vegetables, and flowers. (Cost \$12,325,929)   | \$ 11,754,457 | 3.36%                       |
|             |                 |   | 12,963,668    | 3.71%                       |
| Constructio | on & Materials  | 3.66%   | , ,           |                             |
|             | 3,375           | Belimo Holding AG World market leader in damper and volume control actuators for ventilation and air-conditioning equipment. (Cost \$7,119,603)   | 7,080,903     | 2.02%                       |
|             | 116,000         | Implenia AG Provides construction, civil and underground engineering services. Implenia s projects include residential and industrial buildings, tunnels, bridges and roads. The company also provides real estate and facilities management and marketing services.  (Cost \$7,120,090)  | 5,722,239     | 1.64%                       |
|             |                 |   | 12,803,142    | 3.66%                       |
| inancial S  | ervices 2.12%   |   | 12,000,112    | 2.00%                       |
|             | 153,000         | GAM Holding AG  An independent, well-diversified asset management business, with a focus on the manufacturing and distribution of investment products and services. (Cost \$2,651,086)  | 2,685,447     | 0.77%                       |
| No<br>Sha   |                 | Security  | Fair<br>Value | Percent<br>of Net<br>Assets |
| inancial S  | ervices (contin | nued)   |               |                             |
|             | 15,300          | VZ Holding AG   | \$ 4,744,550  | 1.35%                       |
|             | ĺ               | Provides independent financial advice to private individuals and companies. The company consults on investment, tax and inheritance planning and provides advice regarding insurance products and coverage.  (Cost \$2,517,826)   |               |                             |
|             |                 |   | 7,429,997     | 2.12%                       |
| ood & Bev   | verage 18.12%   | 6   | ,, .= ,, , ,  |                             |
|             | 52,055          | Aryzta AG   | 2,198,659     | 0.63%                       |
|             | ,               | A global food business with a leadership position in frozen bakery, par-baked artisan breads as well as a wide range of specialty bakery products. Aryzta s food offerings include artisan breads, buns and rolls, muffins, frozen cookie dough, laminated dough, donuts, continental pastries, sweet and savoury reception goods and a variety of savoury pizzas and tarts. (Cost \$2,517,287) | , , ,         |                             |
|             | 273             | Lindt & Sprungli AG <sup>3</sup>  | 19,316,196    | 5.52%                       |
|             |                 |   | 17,510,170    | 3.3270                      |

Major manufacturer of premium Swiss chocolates. (Cost \$6,930,228)

| 558,143 | Nestlé SA <sup>3</sup>   | 41,842,160  | 11.97% |
|---------|--|-------------|--------|
|         | Largest food and beverage processing company in the world. (Cost \$11,614,346) |             |        |
|         |  | <del></del> |        |
|         |  | 63,357,015  | 18.12% |
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Percent

|                                 |  |              | Percent |
|---------------------------------|--|--------------|---------|
| No. of                          | 9  | Fair         | of Net  |
| Shares Common Stocks (continued | Security   | Value        | Assets  |
| Common Stocks (continued        | 1)   |              |         |
| Industrial Goods & Services     | 8.80%  |              |         |
| 46,000                          | Adecco SA  | \$ 3,354,314 | 0.96%   |
| 40,000                          | Provides personnel and temporary help, and offers permanent placement services internationally for professionals and specialists in a range of occupations. (Cost \$3,500,317)   | Ψ 3,334,514  | 0.50 %  |
| 32,000                          | Bucher Industries AG   | 6,857,845    | 1.96%   |
|                                 | Manufactures food processing machinery, vehicles and hydraulic components. Produces fruit and vegetable juice processing machinery, farming machinery and outdoor equipment. (Cost \$10,034,206)   |              |         |
| 25,000                          | Burckhardt Compression<br>Holding AG <sup>3</sup>  | 8,059,563    | 2.30%   |
|                                 | Produces compressors for oil refining and the chemical and petrochemical industries, industrial gases, and gas transport and storage. (Cost \$7,425,952)   |              |         |
| 77,000                          | DKSH Holding, Ltd.   | 4,858,305    | 1.39%   |
|                                 | An international marketing and services group. The company offers a comprehensive package of services that includes organizing and running the entire value chain for any product.  (Cost \$5,525,266)   |              |         |
|                                 |  |              | Percent |
| No. of                          | 0 %  | Fair         | of Net  |
| Shares                          | Security   | Value        | Assets  |
| Industrial Goods & Services     | (continued)  |              |         |
| 36,989                          | Feintool International<br>Holding AG   | \$ 3,388,103 | 0.97%   |
|                                 | Manufactures integrated systems for fineblanking and forming technologies. The company produces presses and special tooling capable of manufacturing precision parts, automation systems, riveting machines and extruded plastic and metal components.  (Cost \$3,346,689) |              |         |
| 301,000                         | OC Oerlikon Corp. AG  Produces industrial equipment to manufacture solar energy modules, place coatings, extract processing gases, manufacture textiles, and transmit power using mechatronic driveline components.  (Cost \$3,597,167)                                    | 2,945,001    | 0.84%   |
| 22,000                          | SFS Group AG   | 1,322,792    | 0.38%   |
| ,                               | Provides automotive products, building and electronic components, flat roofing, and solar fastening systems. The Company operates production facilities in Asia, Europe and North America. (Cost \$1,405,530)  |              |         |
|                                 |  | 20 795 022   | 0.000   |
| Insurance 3.47%                 |  | 30,785,923   | 8.80%   |
| 8,581                           | Helvetia Holding AG  | 4,200,044    | 1.20%   |
| 0,001                           | Provides a broad range of life, casualty, liability, accident and transportation insurance. (Cost \$3,909,132)   | ₸,200,0++    | 1.20 /0 |

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| No. of<br>Shares |            | Security   | Fair<br>Value | Percent<br>of Net<br>Assets |
|------------------|------------|--|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Common Stocks    | (continue  | •  |               |                             |
| Insurance (conti | inued)     |  |               |                             |
| 3:               | 5,700      | Swiss Life Holding AG <sup>3</sup>   | \$ 7,943,077  | 2.27%                       |
| <i>3</i> .       | 2,700      | Provides life insurance and institutional investment management.   | Ψ 1,513,077   | 2.27 70                     |
|                  |            | (Cost \$8,217,923)   |               |                             |
|                  |            |  | 12,143,121    | 3.47%                       |
| Aedical Equipme  | nt 5.08%   |  | 12,143,121    | 3.4170                      |
| 168              | 8,000      | Kuros Biosurgery AG1,2,5   | 306,049       | 0.09%                       |
|                  |            | Develops biomaterials and bioactive biomaterial combination products for trauma, wound and spine indications. (Cost \$2,516,639)   |               |                             |
| 50               | 6,000      | Sonova Holding AG  | 7,186,982     | 2.06%                       |
|                  |            | Designs and produces wireless analog and digital in-the-ear and behind-the-ear hearing aids and miniaturized voice communications systems. (Cost \$8,573,645)  |               |                             |
| :                | 3,731      | Spineart SA <sup>1,2</sup>   | 1,820,022     | 0.52%                       |
|                  |            | Designs and markets an innovative full range of spine products, including fusion and motion preservation devices, focusing on easy to implant high-end products to simplify the surgical act. (Cost \$2,623,329) |               |                             |
| 6                | 0,000      | Tecan Group AG <sup>3</sup>  | 8,424,931     | 2.41%                       |
|                  |            | Manufactures and distributes laboratory automation components and systems. The products are mainly used by research and diagnostic laboratories. (Cost \$5,908,100)  |               |                             |
|                  |            |  | 17,737,984    | 5.08%                       |
|                  |            |  |               | Percent                     |
| No. of           |            | Committee  | Fair          | of Net                      |
| Shares           |            | Security   | Value         | Assets                      |
| ersonal & House  | ehold Good | s 5.55%  |               |                             |
| 139              | 9,000      | Compagnie Financiere   | d 10.760.000  | 2.00~                       |
|                  |            | Richemont SA <sup>3</sup> Manufactures and retails luxury goods. Produces jewelry, watches, leather goods,   | \$ 10,768,908 | 3.08%                       |
|                  |            | writing instruments and men s and women s wear. (Cost \$10,150,837)  |               |                             |
| 120              |            | Swatch Group AG <sup>3</sup>   | 8,627,571     | 2.47%                       |
|                  |            | Manufactures finished watches, movements and components. Produces components necessary to its eighteen watch brand companies. The company also operates retail boutiques. (Cost \$11,111,863)                    |               |                             |
|                  |            |  | 19,396,479    | 5.55%                       |
| Pharmaceuticals  | 25.25%4    |  | . ,           | 3.02 /6                     |
| 53               | *          | Novartis AG <sup>3</sup>   | 48,492,477    | 13.86%                      |
|                  |            | One of the leading manufacturers of branded and generic pharmaceutical products. (Cost \$10,426,545)   |               |                             |

| 151,500 | Roche Holding AG <sup>3</sup>   | 39,848,019 | 11.39% |
|---------|---|------------|--------|
|         | Develops and manufactures pharmaceutical and diagnostic products. Produces prescription drugs to treat cardiovascular, infectious, autoimmune, and for other areas including dermatology and oncology. (Cost \$8,841,735) |            |        |
|         |   | 88,340,496 | 25.25% |
|         |   |            |        |

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| No.        | es              | Security  |    | Fair<br>Value   | Percent<br>of Net<br>Assets |
|------------|-----------------|---|----|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| ommon Sto  | (22 2 2 2 2 2   |   |    |                 |                             |
| etail 1.14 | 1%              |   |    |                 |                             |
|            | 34,125          | Dufry AG <sup>1</sup>   | \$ | 3,981,425       | 1.14%                       |
|            |                 | Operates duty-free shops in countries such as the Caribbean, France, Italy, Mexico, Russia, Singapore, the United Arab Emirates and the United States. (Cost \$4,944,396)   | _  |                 |                             |
|            |                 |   |    | 3,981,425       | 1.14%                       |
| echnology  | 3.63%           |   |    |                 |                             |
|            | 170,000         | Airopack Technology Group AG <sup>1</sup>   |    | 2,018,217       | 0.58%                       |
|            |                 | Develops and patents packaging solutions. The company has developed a technology for filling liquids, powders, gases and products of average-to high viscosity (such as gels, creams or foam) into recyclable plastic packaging (PET). (Cost \$1,796,441)                             |    |                 |                             |
|            | 76,600          | ams AG  |    | 2,845,748       | 0.81%                       |
|            | ŕ               | Develops and manufactures high-performance analog semiconductors. The company s product range includes sensor interfaces, power management ICs and wireless ICs for customers in the consumer, industrial, medical, mobile communications and automotive markets.  (Cost \$3,279,979) |    |                 |                             |
|            |                 |   |    |                 | Percent                     |
| No.        |                 |   |    | Fair            | of Net                      |
| Shar       | es              | Security  |    | Value           | Assets                      |
| echnology  | (continued)     |   |    |                 |                             |
|            | 602,000         | Logitech International SA   | \$ | 7,824,583       | 2.24%                       |
|            |                 | Engages in the development and marketing of hardware and software products that enable or enhance digital navigation, music and video entertainment, gaming, social networking, and audio and video communication.  (Cost \$8,025,882)  |    |                 |                             |
|            |                 |   |    | 12,688,548      | 3.63%                       |
| _          |                 |   |    | 12,000,340      | 3.03%                       |
| elecommun  | nications 1.29% |   |    |                 |                             |
|            | 79,000          | Sunrise Communications Group AG <sup>1</sup>  |    | 4,519,599       | 1.29%                       |
|            |                 | Provides a broad range of telecommunications services and equipment. The company offers mobile and wired phone services, broadband internet, cable television services, mobile phones, tablet computers and related equipment. (Cost \$5,795,140)                                     |    |                 |                             |
|            |                 |   |    | 4,519,599       | 1.29%                       |
| avel & Lei | isure 1.14%     |   |    | , , , , , , , , |                             |
|            | 118,200         | gategroup Holding AG  |    | 3,973,872       | 1.149                       |
|            | ,00             | Provides a wide range of services for airlines. The company specializes in catering and hospitality, provisioning and logistics, and onboard solutions to companies that serve people on the move. The company s other customers include railroads and                                |    | 2,2.1,0.2       |                             |
|            |                 | hotels. (Cost \$3,847,274)  |    |                 |                             |

**Total Common Stocks** (Cost \$212,706,277)

321,300,611

91.89%

See Notes to Schedule of Investments.

## Schedule of Investments by Industry (Unaudited) (continued)

September 30, 2015

| No. of<br>Shares       |               | Security  | Fair<br>Value | Percent<br>of Net<br>Assets |
|------------------------|---------------|---|---------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Preferred Stock</b> | ks 1.14%      | •   |               |                             |
| Biotechnology          | 0.69%         |   |               |                             |
|                        | 8,400         | Ixodes AG, Series B <sup>1,2,5</sup>  | \$ 695,057    | 0.20%                       |
|                        | 0,100         | Develops and produces a topical product for the treatment of borreliosis infection and the prevention of lyme disease from a tick bite.  (Cost \$2,252,142) | Ψ 0/3,037     | 0.2070                      |
|                        | 3,162         | NovImmune SA, Series B <sup>1,2</sup>   | 1,705,429     | 0.49%                       |
|                        |               | Discovers and develops therapeutic monoclonal antibodies (mAbs) to treat patients suffering from immune-related disorders. (Cost \$2,062,307)               |               |                             |
|                        |               |   | 2,400,486     | 0.69%                       |
| Industrial Good        | ds & Services | 0.13%   |               |                             |
|                        | 250,447       | SelFrag AG, Class A,<br>Series C <sup>1,2</sup>   | 230,684       | 0.06%                       |
|                        | 78,514        | SelFrag AG, Class A,<br>Series D <sup>1,2</sup>   | 72,319        | 0.02%                       |
|                        | 171,902       | SelFrag AG, Class A,<br>Series E <sup>1,2</sup>   | 158,338       | 0.05%                       |
|                        |               | Designs, manufactures and sells industrial machines and processes using selective fragmentation technology. (Cost \$1,932,198)                              |               |                             |
|                        |               |   | 461,341       | 0.13%                       |
| Medical Equip          | ment 0.32%    |   | ,             |                             |
|                        | 83,611        | EyeSense AG, Series A Preferred <sup>1,2</sup>  | 198,524       | 0.06%                       |
|                        |               | A spin-out from Ciba Vision AG. Develops novel ophthalmic self-diagnostic systems for glucose monitoring of diabetes patients. (Cost \$3,007,048)           |               |                             |
| No. of                 |               |   | Fair          | Percent<br>of Net           |
| Shares                 |               | Security  | Value         | Assets                      |
| Medical Equip          | ment (contin  | ued)  |               |                             |
|                        | 379,747       | Kuros Biosurgery AG1,2,5 \$   | 921,093       | 0.26%                       |
|                        |               | Develops biomaterials and bioactive biomaterial combination products for trauma, wound and spine indications. (Cost \$930,329)                              |               |                             |
|                        |               |   | 1,119,617     | 0.32%                       |
|                        |               |   | 1,119,017     | 0.3270                      |
|                        |               | Total Preferred Stocks<br>(Cost \$10,184,024)   | 3,981,444     | 1.14%                       |
|                        |               | erships 2.10%   |               |                             |
| Biotechnology          | 0.58%         |   |               |                             |
|                        |               | Aravis Biotech II,  | 2,014,819     | 0.58%                       |
|                        |               |   |               |                             |

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|                               | Limited Partnership <sup>1,2,5</sup><br>(Cost \$2,918,672)                                  |                |          |
|-------------------------------|---|----------------|----------|
| <b>Diversified Industries</b> | 1.52%   |                |          |
|                               | <b>Zurmont Madison Private Equity, Limited Partnership<sup>2,5</sup></b> (Cost \$8,514,955) | 5,330,031      | 1.52%    |
|                               |   |                |          |
|                               | <b>Total Private Equity Limited Partnerships</b> (Cost \$11,433,627)                        | 7,344,850      | 2.10%    |
|                               | <b>Total Investments*</b> (Cost \$234,323,928)  | 332,626,905    | 95.13%   |
|                               | Other Assets Less Other Liabilities, net  | 17,026,209     | 4.87%    |
|                               | Net Assets  | \$ 349,653,114 | 100.00%  |
|                               |   | <u> </u>       |          |
| Net Asset Value Per Sh        | nare:   |                |          |
|                               | $(349,653,114 \div 28,003,675 \text{ shares outstanding},$                                  |                |          |
|                               | \$0.001 par value: 50 million shares authorized)  |                | \$ 12.49 |
|                               |   |                |          |

See Notes to Schedule of Investments.

## Schedule of Investments by Industry (Unaudited) (continued)

**September 30, 2015** 

Illiquid. There is not a public market for these securities in the United States or in any foreign jurisdiction, including Switzerland. Securities are priced at Fair Value in accordance with the Funds valuation policy and procedures. At the end of the period, the aggregate Fair Value of these securities amounted to \$15,086,060 or 4.31% of the Funds net assets. Additional information on these securities is as follows:

| Security  | Acquisition Date                   | Acq | uisition Cost |
|---|------------------------------------|-----|---------------|
|   |                                    | _   |               |
| Aravis Biotech II, Limited Partnership              | July 31, 2007 June 24, 2015        | \$  | 2,918,672     |
| EyeSense AG Preferred Shares A                      | July 22, 2010 October 3, 2011      |     | 3,007,048     |
| Ixodes AG Preferred Shares B                        | April 7, 2011 June 1, 2012         |     | 2,252,142     |
| Kuros Biosurgery AG Common Shares                   | August 10, 2009 August 28, 2009    |     | 2,516,639     |
| Kuros Biosurgery AG Preferred Shares                | August 3, 2015                     |     | 930,329       |
| NovImmune SA Common Shares                          | October 7, 2009 December 11, 2009  |     | 1,551,109     |
| NovImmune SA Preferred Shares B                     | October 7, 2009 December 11, 2009  |     | 2,062,307     |
| SelFrag AG Class A Preferred Shares                 | December 15, 2011 January 28, 2014 |     | 1,932,198     |
| Spineart SA Common Shares                           | December 22, 2010                  |     | 2,623,329     |
| Zurmont Madison Private Equity, Limited Partnership | September 13, 2007 June 30, 2015   |     | 8,514,955     |
|   |                                    |     |               |
|   |                                    | \$  | 28,308,728    |

One of the ten largest portfolio holdings.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Affiliated Company. An affiliated company is a company in which the Fund has ownership of at least 5% of the company s outstanding voting securities or an equivalent interest in the company. Details related to affiliated company holdings, as of the end of the reporting period, are as follows:

|   |                           | Gross        |                     |                          |
|---|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Name of Issuer                                      | Fair Value as of 12/31/14 | Additions    | Gross<br>Reductions | Fair Value as of 9/30/15 |
| Aravis Biotech II, Limited Partnership              | \$ 1,984,736              | \$ 60,803    | \$                  | \$ 2,014,819             |
| Ixodes AG Preferred Shares B                        | 683,480                   |              |                     | 695,057                  |
| Kuros Biosurgery AG Common Shares                   | 686,439                   |              |                     | 306,049                  |
| Kuros Biosurgery AG Preferred Shares                |                           | 930,329      |                     | 921,093                  |
| Zurmont Madison Private Equity, Limited Partnership | 12,978,154                | 195,187      | (4,722,446)         | 5,330,031                |
|   |                           |              |                     |                          |
|   | \$ 16,332,809             | \$ 1,186,319 | \$ (4,722,446)      | \$ 9,267,049             |
|   |                           |              |                     |                          |

<sup>\*</sup> Cost for Federal income tax purposes is \$233,176,909 and net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) consists of:

| Gross Unrealized Appreciation              | \$ 127,034,233 |
|--|----------------|
| Gross Unrealized Depreciation              | (27,584,237)   |
| Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) | \$ 99,449,996  |

See Notes to Schedule of Investments.

Non-income producing security.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Fund has a fundamental investment policy that prohibits it from investing 25% or more of its total assets in a particular industry. As of September 30, 2015, the Fund had more than 25% of its total assets invested in the pharmaceuticals industry as a result of the appreciation of the value of its existing investments. The Fund will not invest in any additional companies in the industry until such time that the percentage of the Fund s total assets invested in that industry is below 25%.

## Schedule of Investments by Industry (Unaudited) (concluded)

September 30, 2015

| PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS                       |         |
|--|---------|
| % of Net Assets as of September 30, 2015 |         |
| Common Stocks                            |         |
| Pharmaceuticals                          | 25.25%  |
| Food & Beverage                          | 18.12%  |
| Industrial Goods & Services              | 8.80%   |
| Personal & Household Goods               | 5.55%   |
| Biotechnology                            | 5.19%   |
| Medical Equipment                        | 5.08%   |
| Banks                                    | 3.74%   |
| Chemicals                                | 3.71%   |
| Construction & Materials                 | 3.66%   |
| Technology                               | 3.63%   |
| Insurance                                | 3.47%   |
| Financial Services                       | 2.12%   |
| Telecommunications                       | 1.29%   |
| Retail                                   | 1.14%   |
| Travel & Leisure                         | 1.14%   |
| Preferred Stocks                         |         |
| Biotechnology                            | 0.69%   |
| Medical Equipment                        | 0.32%   |
| Industrial Goods & Services              | 0.13%   |
| Private Equity Limited Partnerships      |         |
| Diversified Industries                   | 1.52%   |
| Biotechnology                            | 0.58%   |
| Other Assets Less Other Liabilities, net | 4.87%   |
|  |         |
|  | 100.00% |
|  |         |

 $See\ Notes\ to\ Schedule\ of\ Investments.$ 

Notes to Schedule of Investments (Unaudited)

#### Note 1 Organization and Significant Accounting Policies

#### A. Organization

The Swiss Helvetia Fund, Inc. (the Fund ) is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the Act ), as a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund is organized as a corporation under the laws of the State of Delaware.

The investment objective of the Fund is to seek long-term growth of capital through investment in equity and equity-linked securities of Swiss companies. The Fund may also acquire and hold equity and equity-linked securities of non-Swiss companies in limited instances.

#### **B. Securities Valuation**

The Fund values its investments at fair value in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ( GAAP ).

When valuing listed equity securities, the Fund uses the last sale price on the securities exchange or national securities market on which such securities primarily are traded (the Primary Market ) prior to the calculation of the Fund s net asset value (NAV). When valuing equity securities that are not listed (except privately-held companies and private equity limited partnerships) or that are listed but have not traded on a day on which the Fund calculates its NAV, the Fund uses the mean between the bid and asked prices for that day. If there are no asked quotations for such a security, the value of such security will be the most recent bid quotation on the Primary Market on that day. On any day when a security s Primary Market is closed because of a local holiday or other scheduled closure, but the New York Stock Exchange is open, the Fund may use the prior day s closing prices to value such security regardless of the length of the scheduled closing.

When valuing fixed-income securities, if any, the Fund uses the last bid price prior to the calculation of the Fund s NAV. If there is no current bid price for a fixed-income security, the value of such security will be the mean between the last quoted bid and asked prices on that day. Overnight and certain other short-term fixed-income securities with maturities of less than 60 days will be valued by the amortized cost method, unless it is determined that the amortized cost method would not represent the fair value of such security.

It is the responsibility of the Fund s Board of Directors (the Board ) to establish procedures to provide for the valuation of the Fund s portfolio holdings. When valuing securities for which market quotations are not readily available, or for which the market quotations that are available are considered unreliable, the Fund determines a fair value in good faith in accordance with these procedures (a Fair Value ). The Fund may use these procedures to establish the Fair Value of securities when, for example, a significant event occurs between the time the market closes and the time the Fund values its investments. After consideration of various factors, the Fund may value the securities at their last reported price or at some other value.

Swiss exchange-listed options, including Eurex-listed options, if any, are valued at their most recent sale price (latest bid for long options and the latest ask for short options) on the Primary Market, or if there are no such sales, at the average of the most recent bid and asked quotations on such Primary Market, or if such quotations are not available, at the last bid quotation (in the case of purchased options) or the last asked quotation (in the case of written options). If, however, there are no such quotations, such options will be valued using the implied volatilities observed for similar options or from aggregated data as an input to a model. Options traded in the over-the-counter market are valued at the price communicated by the counterparty to the option, which typically is the price at which the counterparty would close out the transaction. Option contracts that are neither exchange-listed nor traded in the over-the-counter market, and where no broker can provide a quote or approved pricing vendor a price, may be valued using the implied volatilities observed for similar instruments or from aggregated market data received from services (*e.g.*, Bloomberg) as an input to a widely-accepted model.

#### Notes to Schedule of Investments (Unaudited) (continued)

The Fund is permitted to invest in investments that do not have readily available market quotations. For such investments, the Act requires the Board to determine their Fair Value. The aggregate value of these investments amounted to \$15,086,060, or 4.31% of the Fund s net assets at September 30, 2015, and are listed in Note 3 to the Schedule of Investments.

Various inputs are used to determine the value of the Fund s investments. These inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

- Level 1 unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities
- Level 2 other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices of similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.)
- Level 3 significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund s own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

The following is a summary of the inputs used to value the Fund s investments as of September 30, 2015:

|                                     | Level 1 Quoted Prices                   | Level 2 Other Significant Observable Inputs |    | Level 3<br>Significant<br>servable Inputs | Total          |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|----|---|----------------|
| Investments in Securities           |   |   |    |   |                |
| Common Stock*                       | \$ 317,540,845                          | \$  | \$ | 3,759,766                                 | \$ 321,300,611 |
| Preferred Stock*                    |   |   |    | 3,981,444                                 | 3,981,444      |
| Private Equity Limited Partnerships |   |   |    | 7,344,850                                 | 7,344,850      |
|                                     | * | _   | _  |   |                |
| Total Investments in Securities     | \$ 317,540,845                          | \$  | \$ | 15,086,060                                | \$ 332,626,905 |
|                                     |   |   |    |   |                |

<sup>\*</sup> Please see the Schedule of Investments for industry classifications.

Level 3 securities, which are listed in Note 3 to the Schedule of Investments, consist of the Fund s investments in privately-held companies and private equity limited partnerships that invest in privately-held companies.

Inputs and valuation techniques used by the Fund to value its Level 3 investments in privately-held companies may include the following: acquisition cost; fundamental analytical data; discounted cash flow analysis; nature and duration of restrictions on disposition of the investment; public trading of similar securities of similar issuers; economic outlook and condition of the industry in which the issuer participates; financial condition of the issuer; and the issuer s prospects, including any recent or potential management or capital structure changes. Although these

valuation inputs may be observable in the marketplace as is characteristic of Level 2 investments, the privately-held companies, categorized as Level 3 investments, generally are highly illiquid in terms of resale.

The Fund values its Level 3 investments in the two private equity limited partnerships in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification 820-10-35, *Investments in Certain Entities that Calculate Net Asset Value Per Share (Or its Equivalent)* ( ASC 820-10-35 ). ASC 820-10-35 permits a reporting entity to measure the fair value of an investment that does not have a readily determinable fair value, based on the NAV of the investment as a practical expedient, without further adjustment, unless it is probable that the investment will be sold at a value significantly different than the NAV. If the NAV of the investment is not as of the Fund s measurement date, then the NAV should be adjusted to reflect any significant events that may change the valuation. Inputs and valuation techniques for these adjustments may include fair valuations of the partnerships and their portfolio holdings provided by the partnerships general partners or managers, other available information about the partnerships portfolio holdings, values obtained on redemption from other limited partners, discussions with the partnerships general partners or managers and/or other limited partners and comparisons of previously-obtained estimates to the partnerships audited financial statements. In using the unadjusted NAV as a practical expedient, certain attributes of the investment that may impact its fair value are not considered.

### Notes to Schedule of Investments (Unaudited) (continued)

Attributes of those investments include the investment strategies of the privately-held companies and may also include, but are not limited to, restrictions on the investor s ability to redeem its investments at the measurement date and any unfunded commitments.

When valuing Level 3 investments, management also may consider potential events that could have a material impact on the operations of a privately-held company or private equity limited partnership. Not all of these factors may be considered or available, and other relevant factors may be considered on an investment-by-investment basis. The table below summarizes the techniques and unobservable inputs for the valuation of Level 3 investments.

### Quantitative Information about certain Level 3 Fair Value Measurements

| <del>-</del>                               |                       |                              | <del>_</del>  |                    |
|--|-----------------------|------------------------------|---|--------------------|
|  | Fair Value            |                              |   |                    |
|  | at September 30, 2015 | Valuation Technique          | Unobservable inputs   | Range <sup>1</sup> |
| Privately-held companies                   |                       |                              |   |                    |
| Biotechnology                              |                       |                              |   |                    |
| NovImmune SA Common Shares                 | \$1,633,695           | Market approach              | Recent round of financing                                     | N/A                |
| NovImmune SA Preferred Shares              | 1,705,429             | Market approach              | Recent round of financing                                     | N/A                |
| Ixodes AG Preferred Shares                 | 695,057               | Discounted cash flow         | Discount rate   | 14%-16%            |
|  |                       |                              | Probability of success rate<br>on research and<br>development | 40%-60%            |
| Industrial Goods & Services                |                       |                              |   |                    |
| SelFrag AG, Class A, Series C Preferred Sh | ares 230,684          | Market approach              | Recent round of financing                                     | N/A                |
| SelFrag AG, Class A, Series D Preferred Sh |                       | Market approach              | Recent round of financing                                     | N/A                |
| SelFrag AG, Class A, Series E Preferred Sh | ares 158,338          | Market approach              | Recent round of financing                                     | N/A                |
| Medical Equipment                          |                       | • •                          | Ç   |                    |
| Kuros Biosurgery AG Common Shares          | 306,049               | Market approach              | Recent round of financing                                     | N/A                |
| Kuros Biosurgery AG Preferred Shares       | 921,093               | Market approach              | Subscription price  | N/A                |
| EyeSense AG Preferred Shares               | 198,524               | Market approach              | Recent round of financing                                     | N/A                |
| Spineart SA Common Shares                  | 1,820,022             | Market approach              | 2014 peer group revenue multiples                             | 3.0x-4.0x          |
| Private Equity Limited Partnerships        |                       |                              | •   |                    |
| Biotechnology                              |                       |                              |   |                    |
| Aravis Biotech II Limited Partnership      | 2,014,819             | NAV as a practical expedient | N/A   | N/A                |
| Diversified Industries                     |                       | •                            |   |                    |
| Zurmont Madison Private Equity, Limited Pa | rtnership 5,330,031   | NAV as a practical expedient | N/A   | N/A                |
| Total                                      | \$15,086,060          |                              |   |                    |

Significant changes in any of these ranges would result in a significantly higher or lower fair value measurement. Generally, a change in the probability of success rate on research and development is accompanied by a directionally similar change in fair value. Conversely, a change in the discount rate is accompanied by a directionally opposite change in fair value.

#### Notes to Schedule of Investments (Unaudited) (continued)

The Fund s policy is to disclose transfers between Levels based on their market prices at the reporting period end. There were no transfers between Levels for the period ended September 30, 2015.

The following is a reconciliation of Level 3 assets for which significant unobservable inputs were used to determine fair value.

|   | Common Preferred |              | Private Equity<br>Limited |               |  |
|---|------------------|--------------|---------------------------|---------------|--|
|   | Stock            | Stock        | Partnerships              | Total         |  |
|   |                  |              |                           |               |  |
| Balance as of December 31, 2014                 | \$ 4,082,631     | \$ 3,084,987 | \$ 14,962,890             | \$ 22,130,508 |  |
| Change in Unrealized Appreciation/Depreciation* | (322,865)        | (33,872)     | (3,471,661)               | (3,828,398)   |  |
| Net Realized Gain (Loss)                        |                  |              | 320,077                   | 320,077       |  |
| Gross Purchases**                               |                  | 930,329      | 255,990                   | 1,186,319     |  |
| Gross Sales**                                   |                  |              | (4,722,446)               | (4,722,446)   |  |
|   |                  |              |                           |               |  |
| Balance as of September 30, 2015                | \$ 3,759,766     | \$ 3,981,444 | \$ 7,344,850              | \$ 15,086,060 |  |
|   |                  |              |                           |               |  |

<sup>\*</sup> The noted amounts of change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation relate to the fair value of Level 3 assets held on September 30, 2015.

#### C. Foreign Currency Translation

The Fund maintains its accounting records in U.S. dollars. The Fund s assets are invested primarily in Swiss equities. In addition, the Fund can make its temporary investments in Swiss franc-denominated bank deposits, short-term debt securities and money market instruments. Substantially all income received by the Fund is in Swiss francs. The Fund s NAV, however, is reported, and distributions from the Fund are made, in U.S. dollars, resulting in gain or loss from currency conversions in the ordinary course of business. Historically, the Fund has not entered into transactions designed to reduce currency risk and does not intend to do so in the future. The cost basis of foreign denominated assets and liabilities is determined on the date that they are first recorded within the Fund and translated to U.S. dollars. These assets and liabilities are subsequently valued each day at prevailing exchange rates. The difference between the original cost and current value denominated in U.S. dollars is recorded as unrealized foreign currency gain/loss. In valuing securities transactions, the receipt of income and the payment of expenses, the Fund uses the prevailing exchange rate on the transaction date.

### **D.** Concentration of Market Risk

The Fund primarily invests in securities of Swiss issuers. Such investments may carry certain risks not ordinarily associated with investments in securities of U.S. issuers. These risks include future political and economic developments, unfavorable movements in the Swiss franc relative to the U.S. dollar, and the possible imposition of exchange controls and changes in governmental law and restrictions. In addition, concentrations of investments in securities of issuers located in a specific region expose the Fund to the economic and government policies of that region and may increase risk compared to a fund whose investments are more diversified.

<sup>\*\*</sup> For private equity limited partnership investments, represents contributions of capital or return of capital distributions received.

### Notes to Schedule of Investments (Unaudited) (concluded)

### Note 2 Capital Commitments

As of September 30, 2015, the Fund maintains illiquid investments in two private equity limited partnerships. These investments appear in the Fund s Schedule of Investments. The Fund s capital commitments for these partnerships are shown in the table below:

| Investments   | Original Capital<br>Commitment* | Unfunded<br>Commitment* | Value as of<br>mber 30, 2015 |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Private Equity Limited Partnerships (a)             |                                 |                         |                              |
| Aravis Biotech II, Limited Partnership              | \$ 3,326,169                    | \$ 267,424              | \$<br>2,014,819              |
| Zurmont Madison Private Equity, Limited Partnership | 14,328,114                      | 4,406,248 (b)(c)        | 5,330,031                    |

The original capital commitment represents 3,250,000 and 14,000,000 Swiss francs for Aravis Biotech II, LP and Zurmont Madison Private Equity LP, respectively. The unfunded commitment represents 261,300 and 4,305,345 Swiss francs, respectively. The Swiss franc / U.S. dollar exchange rate as of September 30, 2015 was used for conversion and equals 0.9771.

- (a) This category consists of two private equity limited partnerships that invest primarily in ventures, biotechnology and in management buyout of industrial and consumer goods companies. There is no redemption right for the interests in these two limited partnerships. Instead, the nature of the investments in this category is that distributions are received through the realization of the underlying assets of the limited partnership.
- (b) Although the Fund s unfunded commitment amount generally cannot be used to fund new investments, the partnership may make capital calls up to the amount of the Fund s unfunded commitment for purposes of, among other things, meeting ongoing partnership expenses and obligations, paying the general partner s profit share, paying transaction costs and other costs related to the partnership s portfolio investments, and, to a limited extent, to make certain follow-on investments related to the portfolio investments.
- (c) This amount does not reflect a capital call received by the Fund on October 15, 2015, in the amount of CHF 241,550 payable on or before October 29, 2015, to fund a guarantee and a follow-on investment with respect to a portfolio investment of the partnership. This capital call will reduce the unfunded commitment amount to 4,063,795 Swiss franc or \$4,159,037 (using the Swiss franc / U.S. dollar exchange rate of 0.9771).

### Dividend Reinvestment Plan (Unaudited)

#### The Plan

The Fund s Dividend Reinvestment Plan (the Plan ) offers a convenient way for you to reinvest capital gains distributions and ordinary income dividends, payable in whole or in part in cash, in additional shares of the Fund.

Some of the Plan features are:

Once you enroll in the Plan, all of your future distributions and dividends payable in whole or in part in cash will be automatically reinvested in Fund shares in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

You will receive shares valued at the lower of the Fund s net asset value or the Fund s market price as described below. The entire amount of your distribution or dividend will be reinvested automatically in additional Fund shares. For any balance that is insufficient to purchase full shares of the Fund, your account will be credited with fractional shares.

Your shares will be held in an account with the Plan agent. You will be sent regular statements for your records.

You may terminate participation in the Plan at any time.

The following are answers to frequently asked questions about the Plan.

#### How do I enroll in the Plan?

If you are holding certificates for your shares, contact American Stock Transfer & Trust Company (AST) at the address shown on the following page. If your shares are held in a brokerage account, contact your broker. Not all brokerage firms permit their clients to participate in dividend reinvestment plans such as the Plan and, even if your brokerage firm does permit participation, you may not be able to transfer

your Plan shares to another broker who does not permit participation. Your brokerage firm will be able to advise you about its policies.

### How does the Plan work?

The cash portion of any dividends or distributions you receive, payable in whole or in part in cash, will be reinvested in shares of the Fund. The number of shares credited to your Plan account as a result of the reinvestment will depend upon the relationship between the Fund s market price and its net asset value per share on the record date of the distribution or dividend, as described below:

If the net asset value is greater than the market price (the Fund is trading at a discount), AST, as Plan Agent, will buy Fund shares for your account on the open market on the New York Stock Exchange or elsewhere. Your dividends or distributions will be reinvested at the average price AST pays for those purchases.

If the net asset value is equal to the market price (the Fund is trading at parity), the Fund will issue for your account new shares at net asset value.

If the net asset value is less than but within 95% of the market price (the Fund is trading at a premium of less than 5%), the Fund will issue for your account new shares at net asset value.

If the net asset value is less than 95% of the market price (the Fund is trading at a premium of 5% or more), the Fund will issue for your account new shares at 95% of the market price.

If AST begins to buy Fund shares for your account at a discount to net asset value but, during the course of the purchases, the Fund s market price increases to a level above the net

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asset value, AST will complete its purchases, even though the result may be that the average price paid for the purchases exceeds net asset value.

The stock portion of any dividends or distributions you receive is not subject to the Plan. When the Fund declares dividends or distributions payable either in (i) stock or (ii) stock or cash at the election of the stockholder, you will receive newly issued shares of the Fund (unless you elect to receive your dividend or distribution in cash) on terms and conditions that are otherwise identical to those of the Plan.

### Will the entire amount of my distribution or dividend be reinvested?

The entire amount of your distribution or dividend, payable in cash, will be reinvested in additional Fund shares. If a balance remains after the purchase of whole shares, your account will be credited with any fractional shares (rounded to three decimal places) necessary to complete the reinvestment.

### How can I sell my shares?

You can sell any or all of the shares in your Plan account by contacting AST. AST charges \$15 for the transaction plus \$.10 per share for this service. You can also withdraw your shares from your Plan account and sell them through your broker.

### Does participation in the Plan change the tax status of my distributions or dividends?

No. The distributions and dividends are paid in cash and their taxability is the same as if you received the cash. It is only after the payment of distributions and dividends that AST reinvests the cash for your account.

### Can I get certificates for the shares in the Plan?

AST will issue certificates for whole shares upon your request. Certificates for fractional shares will not be issued.

#### Is there any charge to participate in the Plan?

There is no charge to participate in the Plan. You will, however, pay a pro rata share of brokerage commissions incurred with respect to AST s open market purchases of shares for your Plan account.

### How can I discontinue my participation in the Plan?

Contact your broker or AST in writing. If your shares are in a Plan account, AST will send you a certificate for your whole shares and a check for any fractional shares.

| where can I direct my questions and correspondence?                                      |
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| Contact your broker, or contact AST as follows:  |
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|  |
| By mail:   |
| American Stock Transfer & Trust Company  |
| PO Box 922   |
| Wall Street Station  |
| New York, NY 10269-0560  |
|  |
| Through the Internet:  |
| www.amstock.com  |
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| Through AST s automated voice response System:   |
| 1-888-556-0425   |
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| AST will furnish you with a copy of the Terms and Conditions of the Plan without charge. |
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