

SWISS HELVETIA FUND, INC.
Form N-PX
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-PX

ANNUAL REPORT OF PROXY VOTING RECORD OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT

INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-05128

The Swiss Helvetia Fund, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

1270 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 400

New York, NY 10020

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Rudolf Millisits, CEO

Hottinger Capital Corp.

1270 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 400

New York, NY 10020

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 212-332-2760

Date of fiscal year end: December 31

Date of reporting period: July 1, 2008 June 30, 2009

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PROXY VOTING RECORD
FOR PERIOD JULY 1, 2008 TO JUNE 30, 2009
7/1/08 - 6/30/09 - ORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS

	ISIN	HOLDINGS	Nb of	Date of	Description of the matter voted	Proposed by	Whether	How	Whether	Date	Date
		BANKS	Shares	AGM		or the	the fund	did	the fund	Proxy	Proxy
				2009		shareholder (S)	cast its	the	cast its	Was	Was Sent
							vote on	Fund	or	Received	In
							the	vote	against		
							matter	vote	board		
VX	CH0024899483	UBS AG	1,000,000	4/15/2009	1. Approval of the Annual Report, Consolidated Annual Report together with the Management Board Report	I	YES	Yes to all items	For the board	4/8/2009	4/8/2009
					2. Appropriations of Annual Result						
					3. Elections						
					3.1 Re-elections to the Supervisory Board						
					3.1.1 Peter R. Voser						
					3.1.2 David Sidwell						
					3.1.3 Sally Bott						
					3.1.4 Rainer-Marc Frey						
					3.1.5 Bruno Gehrig						
					3.2 Elections to New Members to the Supervisory Board						
					3.2.1 Kaspar Villiger						
					3.2.2 Michel DeMare						
					3.2.3 Ann F. Godbehere						
					3.2.4 Axel P. Lehmann						
					3.3 Confirmation of Auditor- Ernst and Young AG, Basil						
					3.4 Confirmation of Special Auditor- BDO Visura, Zurich						

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4. Creation of Conditional Capital. Approval of the Article 4a.5 of the Articles of Association

5. Creation of Approved Capital. Approval of the Article 4b.2 of the Articles of Association

BIOTECHNOLOGY

1. Approval of the Annual Report with Financial Report, Annual Accounts and Consolidated Accounts as per 12/31/08

2. Disposal of Annual Reports as per 12/31/08

3. Resolution on the discharge the Executive Board and Supervisory Board

4. Elections to the Board of Directors and Supervisory Board

5. Elections to the Auditor

6. Share capital for use in connection with strategic aid and/or financial business opportunities

VX	CH0010532478	ACTELION LTD.	124,655	4/24/2009		I	YES	Yes to all items	For the board	4/8/2009	4/8/2009	N
N SW	CH0029850754	ADDEX PHARMACEUTICALS, LTD.	488,370	4/16/2009	1. Approval of the Annual Report, the Annual Financial Statements, and the Consolidated Financial Statements for the year 2008	I	YES	Yes to all items	For the board	3/25/2009	3/25/2009	N

2. Appropriation of the results

3. Discharge to the members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Management

4. Elections to the Board of Directors

4.1. Re-elections to the Board of Directors

4.2. Election to the Board of Directors

5. Election of the Auditors and the Group Auditors

6. Amendments to the Articles of Association

6.1 Renewal and increase of the Authorized Share Capital (Article 3a of the Articles of Association)

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3. Resolution on the discharge of the members of the Executive Board and the Supervisory Board

4. Election of Auditor

5. Re-election of the Supervisory Board

FOOD AND BEVERAGES

1. Approval of the Annual Report, the Financial Statements of Chocoladefabriken Lindt & Sprungli AG and the Group Consolidated Financial Statements for the year 2008

2. Discharge of the Board of Directors

3. Distribution of net earnings

4. Elections

4.1 Elections to the Board of Directors: Re-election of Dr. Franz-Peter Oesch and election of Elisabeth Gurtler

4.2 Election of Auditor: Retention of PricewaterhouseCoopers AG for a further year

SW	CH0010570759	LINDT & SPRUNGLI AG	135	4/16/2009		I	YES	Yes to all items	For the board	4/14/2009	4/14/2009	N
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1. 2008 Management Report

1.1 2008 Annual Report, Financial Statements of Nestle SA and Consolidated Financial Statements of the Nestle Group: Reports of the Statutory Auditors

1.2 Advisory vote on the 2008 Compensation Report

2. Release of the Board of Directors and the Management

3. Appropriation of profits resulting from the balance sheet of Nestle SA

4. Elections

4.1 Re-elections to the Board of Directors (Daniel Borel, Carolina Mueller-Moehl)

4.2 Election of the Statutory Auditors

VX	CH0012056047	NESTLE SA	2,127,000	4/23/2009	5. Capital Reduction	I	YES	Yes to all items	For the board	4/8/2009	4/8/2009	N
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FINANCIAL SERVICES

					1. Approval annual report 2008									
					2. Use and allocation of earnings									
					3. Management compensation report									
					4. Share buyback and capital reduction									
					5. Discharge of the board of directors and executive board									
					6. Election to the board of directors (Urs Wietlisbach and Dr. Wolfgang Zurcher to be re-elected and Dr. Peter Wuffli to be elected)									
					7. Election of the group and statutory auditors			Yes to all items except item 8	For the board except item 8					
PGHN SW	CH0024608827	PARTNERS GROUP	22,800	4/30/2009	8. Miscellaneous	I	YES			4/27/2009	4/27/2009	NA		
		CONSTRUCTION & MATERIALS												

					1. Accept Financial Statements and Statutory Reports									
					2. Approve discharge of Board and Senior Management									
					3. Approve allocation of income and omission of dividends									
					4. Approve creation of CHF 26.4 million pool of capital with preemptive rights for purpose of stock dividend									
					5.1.1 Elect Adrian Loader as Director									
					5.1.2 Elect Thomas Schmidheiny as Director			Yes to all items	For the board	4/22/2009	4/22/2009	N/A		
HOLN SW	CH0012214059	HOLCIM	70,000	5/7/2009		I	YES							
BEAN SW	CH0001503199	BELIMO HOLDING AG	1,141	4/27/2009	1. Presentation of the Approved Financial Statement and Business Report for the company and the group. Acceptance of the Auditor's Report	I	YES	Yes to all items	For the board	4/8/2009	4/8/2009	N/A		

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2. Resolution on the distribution of profit

3. Resolution on the discharge of the members of the Supervisory Board

4. Elections for the Supervisory Board (Werner Buck, Martin Hess, Walter Linsi, Dr. Robert Straub, Prof. Dr. Peter Wehrli)

5. Election of the Auditing Agency

INDUSTRIAL GOODS & SERVICES

1. Approval of the Annual Report, of the Annual Account of the Inficon Holding AG and the consolidated Annual Accounts of the Inficon Group for the financial year 2008

2. Discharge of the Members of the Supervisory Board

3. Allocation of result

4. Statutory amendments

4.1 Amendment of Article 8.4

4.2 Introducing of the office period of 1 year for members of the board

4.3 Cancellation of the details on the Group Auditor

5. Re-election to the Supervisory Board

5.1 Re-election of Mr. Richard Fischer

5.2 Re-election of Mr. Mario Fontana

5.3 Re-election of Mr. Paul Otth

6. Re-election of Auditor

IFCN								Yes to						
SW	CH0011029946	INFICON HOLDING AG	6,440	5/5/2009		I	YES	all items	For the board	4/15/2009	4/15/2009	N/A		

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1. Approval of the Annual Report 2008

2. Appropriation of Retained Earnings

3. Granting of discharge to the members of the Board of Directors

4. Re-election of the Board of Directors (Mr. Jakob Baer, Mr. Rolf Doerig, Mr. Andreas Jacobs, Mr. Francis Mer, Mr. Thomas O Neill, Mr. David Prince, Ms. Wanda Rapaczynski, and Ms. Judith A. Sprieser)

5. Re-election of the Auditors

6. Adaptation of the Articles of Incorporation to Statutory Revisions

ADEN VX	CH0012138605	ADECCO	63,649	5/13/2009	7. Approval of a Share Buyback Program	I	YES	Yes to all items	For the board	4/22/2009	4/22/2009	N/A
KNIN SW	CH0025238863	KUEHNE AND NAGEL	50,744	5/13/2009	1. Accept Financial Statements and Statutory Reports	I	YES	Yes to all items	For the board	4/27/2009	4/27/2009	N/A

2. Approve allocation of income and dividends of CHF 2.30 per share

3. Approve discharge of Board and Senior Management

4a. Elect Hans-Joerg Hager as Director

4b. Re-elect Joachim Hausser as Director

4c. Re-elect Klaus-Michael Kuehne as Director

4d. Re-elect Georg Obermeier as Director

4e. Re-elect Thomas Staehelin as Director

5. Ratify KPMG as Auditors

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6a. Amend Articles
RE: Elimination of
Share Certificates

6b. Amend Articles
RE: Reduction of
Board terms to one
year

6c. Amend Articles
RE: Group Auditors

6d. Amend Article
RE: Quorum
Requirement for AGM
resolution on
dissolution of the
company

PHARMACEUTICALS

NOVN CH0012005267 NOVARTIS AG
VX

891,300	2/24/2009	1. Approval of the Annual Report, the Financial Statements of Novartis Ag and the Group Consolidated Financial Statements for the business year 2008	I (except 5.1)	YES	Yes to all items	For the board except for item 5.1	2/9/2009	2/9/2009	N/A
		2. Discharge from liability of the members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee							
		3. Appropriation of the Available Earnings of Novartis AG as per balance sheet and declaration of dividend							
		4. Reduction of Share Capital							
		5. Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation							
		5.1 The Board of Directors proposes the rejection of the following request from Ethos and eight other shareholders to amend the Articles of Incorporation (Article 18, para. 2 and Article 25, para. 3 to be added)							
		5.2 Purpose (Article 2, para. 3 to be added)							
		5.3 Auditors (Article 18 and Article 25 to be							

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revised)

6. Election to the Board of Directors

6.1 Retirement (Prof. Peter Burckhardt MD and Prof. William W. George)

6.2 Re-elections (Prof. Srikant M. Datar Ph.D., Andreas von Planta Ph.D., Dr.-Ing. Wendelin Wiedeking and Prof. Rolf M. Zinkernagel MD to 3 year terms)

6.3 Election of a new member (Prof. William Brody MD)

7. Appointment of the Auditor

RETAIL

1. Accept Financial Statements and Statutory Reports

2. Approve Remuneration Report

3. Approve discharge of Board and Senior Management

4. Approve allocation of income and dividends of CHF 7.00 per share

5.1.1 Reelect Stefano Pessina as Director

5.1.2 Reelect Paul Fasel as Director

5.1.3 Reelect Daniella Bosshardt-Hengartner as Director

5.2 Ratify Ernstyoung AG as Auditors

Yes to

all

items

For the

board

4/22/2009

4/22/2009

N/A

N/A

GALN SW CH0015536466 GALENICA AG

17,550 5/14/2009

TECHNOLOGY

TEMN VX CH0012453913 TEMENOS GROUP AG

1,264,000 6/5/2009

1. 2008 Annual Report, 2008 Annual Financial Statements, 2008 Consolidated Financial Statements and the Auditors Report

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YES

Yes to all items

For the board

5/18/2009

5/18/2009

N/A

N/A

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2. Allocation of the balance sheet result

3. Discharge of members of the Board of Directors and Temenos Senior Management

4. Amendments of the Articles of Association

5. Elections of members of the Board of Directors

5.1 Re-election of Mr. Paul Selway-Swift (for a 3 year term)

5.1 Re-election of Mr. Mark Austen (for a 3 year term)

5.1 Re-election of Mr. Lewis Polk Rutherford (for a 3 year term)

UTILITY SUPPLIERS

1. Annual Report, Annual Accounts and Consolidated Annual Accounts 2008: Report of the Auditors

2. Allocation of Result

3. Statutory Amendments

4. Discharge to the Supervisory Board

5. Election to the Supervisory Board - Mr. Hartmut Geldmacher

BKWN SW	CH0021607004	BKW FMB ENERGIE AG	30,000	4/30/2009	6. Election of Auditors	I	YES	Yes to all items	For the board	4/8/2009	4/8/2009	N/A
CKWN SW	CH0020603475	CENTRAL. KRAFTWERKE AG	16,095	1/30/2009	1. Annual Report, Financial statement and consolidated financial statements 2007/2008. Auditors report and group auditors report.	I	YES	Yes to all items	For the board	1/9/2009	1/9/2009	N/A
					2. Discharge of the Board of Directors							
					3. Allocation of profit/loss							

4. Appointment of
auditor

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3. Approve allocation of
income and dividends
of CHF 22 per share

4a. Re-elect Wolfgang
Martz, Christian Budry,
Bernard Grobety and
Jean-Jacques Miauton
as Directors and elect
one new Director

4b. Ratify Ernst Young
SA as Auditors

5. Transact other
business (non-voting)

7/1/08 - 6/30/09 - EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS

er	ISIN	HOLDINGS FINANCIAL SERVICES	Nb of Shares	Date of EGM 2009	Description of the matter voted	Proposed		Whether the fund cast its vote on the matter	How did the Fund vote	Whether the fund cast its vote for or against board	Date Proxy Was Received	Date Proxy Was Sent In	Re for vo / E t fu wo h vo
						by the issuer (I) or the shareholder (S)							
					1. Conversion of legal reserves into free reserves								
					2. Changes of corporate purpose (amendment of Article 2.1 the Articles of Incorporation)								
					3. Separation of Private Banking and Asset Management businesses								
					3.1 Distribution of a special dividend								
					3.2 Change of name (amendment of Article 1.1 of the Articles of Incorporation)								
					3.3 New Elections to the Board of Directors								
					3.3.1 Election of Mr. Johannes A. de Gier to the Board of Directors (for a term of two years)								
					3.3.2 Election of Mr. Hugh Scott-Barrett to the Board of Directors (for a term of two years)								
					3.3.3 Election of Mr. Dieter A. Enkelmann to the Board of Directors (for a term of two years)								
R VX	CH0029758650	JULIUS BAER UTILITY SUPPLIERS	60,000	6/30/2009	4. Termination of the Share Buyback Programme 2008-2010 resolved in the year 2009	I	YES	Yes to all items	For the board	6/9/2009	6/9/2009	N/A	
N SW	CH0034389707	ATEL HOLDING AG	35,023	1/27/2009	1. Amendment of Article 1 of the statutes (Aim of the company)	I	YES	Yes to all items	For the board	1/13/2009	1/13/2009	N/A	
					2. Transfer of the Head Office of the company and amendment of Article 1 of the Articles of Association								

3. Capital decrease

4. Election to the Supervisory
Board

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) The Swiss Helvetia Fund, Inc.

By (Signature and Title)* /s/ Rudolf Millisits
 Rudolf Millisits, Chief Executive Officer

Date July 29, 2009

* Print the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.