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September 23, 2016

SCHEDULE 13D

DATE OF EVENT WHICH REQUIRES FILING OF THIS STATEMENT
9/13/16

1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
Bulldog Investors, LLC

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3. SEC USE ONLY

4. SOURCE OF FUNDS
WC

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PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) AND 2(e)

6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
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8. SHARED VOTING POWER
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11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
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12. CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY ROW 11

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14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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Phillip Goldstein

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Item 1. SECURITY AND ISSUER

This Schedule 13D relates to the shares of Common Stock of Swiss Helvetia Fund, Inc. ("SWZ" or the "Issuer").

The principal executive offices of SWZ are located at
875 THIRD AVENUE
22ND FLOOR
NEW YORK NY 10022

Item 2. IDENTITY AND BACKGROUND

(a) This statement is filed on behalf of Bulldog Investors, LLC, (a Delaware

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Limited Liability Company), Phillip Goldstein, Andrew Dakos and Steven Samuels.

(b) The business address of the reporting persons is Park 80 West-Plaza Two, 250 Pehle Ave., Suite 708, Saddle Brook, NJ 07663.

(c) Bulldog Investors, LLC is a registered investment adviser. Messrs. Goldstein, Dakos and Samuels are control persons of Bulldog Investors, LLC.

(d) n/a

(e) n/a

(f) Each of Messrs. Goldstein, Dakos and Samuels is a citizen of the United States.

ITEM 3. SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF FUNDS AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Shares of the Issuer have been accumulated on behalf of clients of Bulldog Investors, LLC.

ITEM 4. PURPOSE OF TRANSACTION

See Exhibit A - Letter to the Board of Directors.

ITEM 5. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

(a) As per the N-CSRS filed on September 2, 2016, there were 28,081,712 shares of common stock outstanding as of June 30, 2016. The percentages set forth herein were derived using such number. Phillip Goldstein, Andrew Dakos and Steven Samuels own Bulldog Investors, LLC, a registered investment advisor. As of September 22, 2016, Bulldog Investors, LLC is deemed to be the beneficial owner of 1,658,628 shares of SWZ (representing 5.91% of SWZ's outstanding shares) solely by virtue of Bulldog Investors LLC's power to direct the vote of, and dispose of, these shares. These 1,658,628 shares of SWZ include 789,464 shares (representing 2.81% of SWZ's outstanding shares) that are beneficially owned by the following entities over which Messrs. Goldstein, Dakos and Samuels exercise control: Opportunity Partners LP, Calapasas West Partners LP, Full Value Special Situations Fund, LP, Full Value Offshore Fund, Ltd., Opportunity Income Plus, Full Value Partners, LP, and MCM Opportunity Partners, LP (collectively, "Bulldog Investors Group of Funds"). Bulldog Investors Group of Funds may be deemed to constitute a group. All other shares included in the aforementioned 1,658,628 shares of SWZ beneficially owned by Bulldog Investors LLC (solely by virtue of its power to sell or direct the vote of these shares) are also beneficially owned by clients of Bulldog Investors, LLC who are not members of any group. The total number of these "non-group" shares is 869,164 shares (representing 3.10% of SWZ's outstanding shares).

(b) Bulldog Investors, LLC has sole power to dispose of and vote 789,464 shares. Bulldog Investors, LLC has shared power to dispose of and vote 869,164 shares. Certain of Bulldog Investors, LLC's clients (none of whom beneficially own more than 5% of SWZ's shares) share this power with Bulldog Investors, LLC. Messrs. Goldstein, Dakos and Samuels are control persons of Bulldog Investors, LLC.

c) During the past 60 days the following shares of SWZ were purchased:

Date:	Shares:	Price:
07/25/16	9,649	10.2854
07/27/16	10,700	10.2691

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07/28/16	3,546	10.2027
07/29/16	9,700	10.3606
08/01/16	18,902	10.3827
08/02/16	4,000	10.2986
08/03/16	20,177	10.2518
08/04/16	10,244	10.2790
08/05/16	15,600	10.3798
08/08/16	11,437	10.3008
08/09/16	20,000	10.3700
08/09/16	12,155	10.3742
08/10/16	6,675	10.4154
08/11/16	22,700	10.5020
08/12/16	6,951	10.5136
08/15/16	16,571	10.5273
08/16/16	15,399	10.5549
08/17/16	556	10.4950
08/17/16	25,000	10.4746
08/18/16	15,300	10.4400
08/19/16	2,667	10.4723
08/22/16	500	10.5285
08/22/16	4,667	10.5299
08/23/16	9,240	10.5483
08/24/16	20,000	10.5508
09/02/16	400	10.4900
09/07/16	800	10.6100
09/09/16	17,194	10.5331
09/12/16	3,800	10.4929
09/13/16	7,200	10.4250
09/19/16	39,100	10.3900
09/20/16	116,662	10.4402
09/21/16	33,100	10.4809
09/22/16	26,971	10.6793

d) Clients of Bulldog Investors, LLC are entitled to receive any dividends or sales proceeds.

e) N/A

ITEM 6. CONTRACTS, ARRANGEMENTS, UNDERSTANDINGS OR RELATIONSHIPS WITH RESPECT TO SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER.

N/A

ITEM 7. MATERIAL TO BE FILED AS EXHIBITS
Exhibit A

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: 9/23/16

By: /S/ Phillip Goldstein
Name: Phillip Goldstein

By: /S/ Andrew Dakos
Name: Andrew Dakos

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By: /S/ Steven Samuels
Name: Steven Samuels

Bulldog Investors, LLC
By: /s/ Andrew Dakos
Andrew Dakos, Member

Footnote 1: The reporting persons disclaim beneficial ownership except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein.

Exhibit 1:

Agreement to Make Joint Filing

Agreement made as of the 23RD day of September, 2016, by and among Bulldog Investors, LLC, Phillip Goldstein, Andrew Dakos, and Steven Samuels.

WHEREAS, Rule 13d-1(k)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 provides that whenever two or more persons are required to file a statement containing the information required by Schedule 13D with respect to the same securities, only one such statement need be filed, so long as, among other things, such filing includes as an exhibit an agreement among such persons that such a statement is filed on behalf of each of them;

WHEREAS, in connection with certain holdings of Swiss Helvetia Fund, Inc. (SWZ), each of the parties to this Agreement is required to file a statement containing the information required by Schedule 13D with respect to the same holdings of SWZ;

NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereby agree that one statement containing the information required by Schedule 13D shall be filed on behalf of each party hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been duly executed by the parties hereto as of the day and year first written above.

By:/s/ Phillip Goldstein
Phillip Goldstein

By:/s/ Andrew Dakos
Andrew Dakos

BULLDOG INVESTORS, LLC

By: /s/ Steven Samuels
Steven Samuels

By: /s/ Andrew Dakos
Andrew Dakos, Member

Exhibit A:

Bulldog Investors, LLC, 250 Pehle Ave., Suite 708, Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
201-881-7100 // pgoldstein@bulldoginvestors.com

September 23, 2016

The Board of Directors
The Swiss Helvetia Fund, Inc.
875 Third Avenue, 22nd Floor
New York, New York 10022,

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Attention: Abby L. Ingber, Secretary

Dear Directors:

After canvassing stockholders that beneficially own a significant percentage of the outstanding shares of The Swiss Helvetia Fund (the "Fund"), we have concluded that it is time to eliminate the Fund's persistent double-digit discount to NAV by open-ending or liquidating it or converting it to an ETF. We urge the Board to take prompt action in that direction. Otherwise, we will have to consider other alternatives including seeking representation on the Board.

We note that at the Fund's annual meeting held on June 23, 2016, more than 80% of the votes were cast in favor of a proposal to de-stagger the Board of Directors. That is a mandate that the Board cannot ignore and still claim to be acting in the best interest of stockholders. It is reasonable to think that a similar percentage of shares would support a challenger in a proxy contest.

In sum, it is obvious that shareholders are dissatisfied with the status quo. We believe the Board should take a pro-active, rather a confrontational approach.

Sincerely yours,

/S/Phillip Goldstein

Phillip Goldstein
Member
Bulldog Investors LLC
General Partner