Client information

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This information brochure provides you with information about VertexA AG (hereinafter referred to as «VertexA AG» or «Asset Manager»), our measures to avoid assets without contact and dormant assets, the financial services we offer and the associated risks, how we deal with conflicts of interest, compensations and the initiation of mediation proceedings before the Ombudsman's Office as well as the data protection declaration. The information in this brochure may change from time to time. The current version of this brochure can be accessed at any time at https://vertexa.ch/.

We inform you about the costs and fees of the financial services offered in the respective appendix to our asset management agreement.

For information on the risks generally associated with financial instruments, please refer to the brochure «Risks Involved in Trading Financial Instruments» published by the Swiss Bankers Association. The brochure is available on the internet: www.swissbanking.ch.

This brochure fulfils the information requirements under the Financial Services Act (FinSA) and the Ordinance to the Federal Act on Data Protection (DPO) and is intended to provide you with an overview of the financial services offered by VertexA and the handling of client data.

Should you require further information, we would be pleased to be at your disposal in a personal meeting.

VertexA AG

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1. Information about VertexA AG

1.1 General information

Name	VertexA AG
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ZIP / City	6300 Zug
Website	https://vertexa.ch/
Trade Reg. Nr.:	CHE-229.214.178

1.2 Field of activity

VertexA AG has its registered office and place of business in 6300 Zug. It essentially carries out the following activities:

- Portfolio Management for retail, professional and institutional clients;
- Investment advice for retail, professional and institutional clients;
- Execution-only services for retail, professional and institutional clients;
- Provision of services and advice of all kinds in the areas of management consultancy, family office, marketing, administration and organization

1.3 Supervisory status and competent authority and supervisory organization

VertexA AG is licensed as a portfolio manager pursuant to Article 17 of the Financial Institutions Act (FinIA) by the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority FINMA, Laupenstrasse 27, 3003 Bern, and is supervised by the supervisory organization AOOS, Clausiusstrasse 50, 8006 Zurich.

1.4 Business affiliations

VertexA AG has no economic associations with third parties which could lead to a conflict of interest.

In particular, VertexA AG is neither legally nor economically part of a group or corporate structure, nor does it maintain any significant ties with third parties.

As an independent asset manager, VertexA AG cooperates with several custodian banks.

2. Dormant assets

Occasionally, contacts with clients are broken off and assets subsequently become dormant. Such assets can be permanently forgotten by the clients and their heirs. The following is recommended to avoid loss of contact or dormant assets:

- ***Change of address and name:*** Immediate notification of any change of residence, address or name;
- ***Special instructions:*** Information about longer absences and of any redirection of correspondence to a third-party address as well as of how the client can be reached in urgent cases during this time;
- ***Granting of powers of attorney:*** An authorized person can be designated whom VertexA AG can approach in the event of an interruption of contact*;*
- ***Substitute contacts:*** It may be advisable to provide the contact details of the legal successors and/or other persons who can be contacted by VertexA AG in the event of a breakdown or loss of contact in order to (re)establish contact with the client or his legal successors. It is the client's responsibility to inform VertexA AG of any changes in the respective contact details;
- ***Orientation of trusted persons and testamentary disposition:*** Another possibility to avoid lack of contact and news is to inform a trusted person about the relationship with the asset manager. However, the asset manager may only provide information to such a trusted person if he or she has been authorized to do so in writing. Furthermore, the assets concerned may be mentioned, for example, in a testamentary disposition.

VertexA AG is available for any questions. Further information can also be found in the brochure «Dormant Assets» published by the Swiss Bankers Association. The brochure is available on the Internet under the online link «https://www.swissbanking.ch».

3. Financial services offered by VertexA AG

3.1 Portfolio Management

3.1.1 Nature, features and functionalities of the financial service

In asset management, VertexA AG manages, in the name, for the account and at the risk of the client, assets which the client has deposited with a custodian bank. VertexA AG carries out transactions at his own discretion and without consulting the client. In doing so, VertexA AG ensures that the transaction he executes corresponds to the client's financial circumstances and investment objectives as well as to the investment objectives agreed with the client and ensures that the structuring of the portfolio is suitable for the client.

3.1.2 Rights and obligations

The client has the right that the assets in his portfolio are managed by the asset manager. In doing so, VertexA AG selects the investments within the framework of the considered market offer to be included in the portfolio with due care. VertexA AG shall ensure an appropriate distribution of risk to the extent permitted by the investment strategy. It shall regularly monitor the assets under his management and ensure that the investments are in line with the investment strategy agreed on in the investment profile and are suitable for the client.

VertexA AG shall regularly inform the client about the asset management agreed on and provided to the client.

Pursuant to Art. 72 FinSA, VertexA AG is also obliged to provide the client with a copy of its client file and all documents relating to them at the client's request. By signing the contract, the client agrees that the disclosure may be made electronically.

3.2 Comprehensive investment advice

3.2.1 Nature, features and functionalities of the financial service

In providing comprehensive investment advice, VertexA AG advises the client on transactions in financial instruments, taking into account the client’s portfolio. To this end, VertexA AG ensures that the recommended transaction corresponds to the financial circumstances and investment objectives as well as the needs of the client or the investment strategy agreed with the client. The client then decides for himself to what extent he wishes to follow the recommendation of VertexA AG.

3.2.2 Rights and obligations

In the case of comprehensive investment advice, the client has the right to receive personal investment recommendations that are suitable for him. Comprehensive investment advice is provided regularly in relation to financial instruments available within the scope of the market offer considered. In doing so, VertexA AG shall advise the client to the best of its knowledge and belief and with the same diligence that it uses in its own affairs.

VertexA AG regularly checks whether the structuring of the portfolio corresponds to the agreed investment strategy. If it is determined that there is a deviation from the agreed percentage structuring, VertexA AG recommends a corrective measure to the client.

Pursuant to Art. 72 FinSA, VertexA AG is also obliged to provide the client with a copy of its client file and all documents relating to it at the client's request. By signing the contract, the client agrees that the documents may be provided electronically.

3.3 Execution-only

3.3.1 Nature, features and functionalities of the financial service

Execution-only shall mean all financial services that relate to the mere transmission of client orders by VertexA AG without any advice or management. In Execution-only, orders are initiated and transmitted to VertexA AG exclusively by the client. VertexA AG does not check whether the transaction in question is in line with the client's knowledge and experience (appropriateness) or financial circumstances and investment objectives (suitability). In connection with the future placing of an order by the client, VertexA AG will not again indicate that no appropriateness and suitability assessment will be carried out.

3.3.2 Rights and obligations

In the context of Execution-only, the client has the right to place orders for the purchase or sale of financial instruments within the scope of the market offer taken into account. VertexA AG has the obligation to transmit orders for execution with the same diligence that it uses in its own affairs.

VertexA AG shall inform the client without delay of any material circumstances that could affect the correct processing of the order. Furthermore, VertexA AG shall regularly inform the client about the investment advice agreed upon and provided.

3.4 Risks

The following risks may arise in connection with the financial services provided by VertexA AG, which are within the client's sphere of risk and must therefore be borne by the client:

- ***Risk of the selected investment strategy:*** The investment strategy selected and agreed upon by the Client may give rise to various risks (cf. below). The client bears these risks in full. A presentation of the risks and a corresponding risk explanation are provided before the investment strategy is agreed on**.**
- ***Substance preservation risk*** or the risk that the financial instruments in the portfolio depreciate: This risk, which can vary depending on the financial instrument, is borne in full by the client. For the risks of the individual financial instruments, please refer to the brochure «Risks Involved in Trading Financial Instruments» of the Swiss Bankers Association.
- ***Information risk on the part of VertexA AG or the client,*** *or the risk that VertexA AG or the client has too little information to make an informed investment decision*:
    - In the case of **portfolio management**, VertexA AG will take into account the client's financial circumstances and investment objectives. If the client provides VertexA AG with insufficient or inaccurate information regarding his financial circumstances and/or investment objectives, there is a risk that VertexA AG will not be able to make investment decisions that are suitable for the client.
    - In the case of **comprehensive investment advice**, the client makes the investment decisions, even if VertexA AG takes the portfolio into account in the comprehensive investment advice. Accordingly, the client requires expertise to understand the financial instruments. Thus, investment advice creates the risk for the client that he will not follow investment recommendations that are suitable for him due to a lack of or inadequate financial knowledge.
    - In Execution-only, the client makes investment decisions without the intervention of VertexA AG. Accordingly, the client needs expertise to understand the

financial instruments and time to familiarize himself with the financial markets. If the client does not have the necessary knowledge and experience, he runs the risk of investing in a financial instrument that is inappropriate for him. A lack of or inadequate financial knowledge could also lead to the customer making investment decisions that do not correspond to his financial circumstances and/or investment objectives.

- ***Risk as a qualified investor in collective investment schemes***: Clients who make use of asset management or investment advisory services within the framework of a permanent portfolio management or investment advice relationship are considered as qualified investors within the meaning of the Collective Investment Schemes Act (CISA). Qualified investors have access to forms of collective investment schemes that are exclusively open to them. This status allows a broader range of financial instruments to be taken into account. Collective investment schemes for qualified investors may be exempt from regulatory requirements. Such financial instruments are therefore not or only partially subject to Swiss regulations. This may give rise to risks, in particular with regard to liquidity, investment strategy or transparency. Detailed information on the risk profile of a particular collective investment scheme can be found in the constituent documents of the financial instrument and, where applicable, in the basic information sheet and the prospectus**.**
- **Cluster risks or concentration risks** refer to the risk of a portfolio being dependent on certain securities, issuers, etc. if these make up a large part of the portfolio. In times of a market downturn, such portfolios may suffer more extensive losses than more diversified portfolios. VertexA AG addresses these risks in the context of asset management and comprehensive investment advice by observing the following thresholds:
  - Up to 10% of the portfolio can be invested in **individual securities**;[1]
  - Up to 20% of the portfolio can be invested in **products from individual issuers**;[2]

  When checking compliance with the thresholds, VertexA may rely on the information as prepared and provided by the custodian bank(s) of the relevant client relationship. Concentrations due to collective investment schemes that are subject to regulatory risk diversification requirements are excluded from these thresholds.

Use of own products/financial instruments: The provisions on cluster risks also apply in the same way to proprietary products of VertexA AG or to products of third parties economically linked to VertexA AG.

In addition to the cluster risks defined under the thresholds, concentrations may also occur in other areas, namely countries and currencies. The extent of these is largely dependent on the client's individually selected investment strategy and is taken into account accordingly.

In the case of **investment advisory services**, the following additional risks may arise:

[1] Investments in specific commodities (e.g. gold) or direct investments in various properties are also categorised as individual securities.
[2] In the case of collective investment schemes and comparable foreign products, there is no issuer risk due to the independence of the assets, therefore this threshold is not applied to these products.

- ***Risk regarding timing when placing orders*** or the risk that following an advice, the client places a buy or sell order too late, which can lead to price losses: The recommendations made by VertexA AG based on the market data available at the time of the advice and are only valid for a short period of time due to the market dependency.
- ***Risk of insufficient monitoring*** or the risk that the client does not monitor his portfolio or monitors it insufficiently: Before issuing an investment recommendation, VertexA AG checks the composition of the portfolio when providing comprehensive investment advice. Apart from this, VertexA AG is not obliged to monitor the structuring of the portfolio at any time when providing comprehensive investment advice. Inadequate monitoring by the client may give rise to various risks, such as cluster risks.

In the case of execution-only, the following risks may also arise:

- **Risk regarding the timing of the order placement** resp. the risk that the client chooses a bad time for the placement of the order, which leads to price losses.
- **Risk of insufficient monitoring** resp. the risk that the client does not monitor his portfolio or monitors it insufficiently: VertexA AG does not have a monitoring, warning or clarification obligation at any time. Inadequate monitoring by the client may be associated with various risks, such as cluster risks.

Furthermore, both portfolio management and investment advice may involve risks that lie within the sphere of risk of VertexA AG and for which VertexA AG is liable vis-à-vis the client. VertexA AG has taken appropriate measures to counter these risks, in particular by observing the principle of good faith and the principle of equal treatment when processing client orders. As far as it is within its sphere of influence VertexA AG shall ensure the best possible execution of client orders.

3.5 Market offer taken into account

The market offer taken into account when selecting the financial instruments compromises own and third party financial instruments. Within the scope of portfolio management and comprehensive investment advice, the following financial instruments in particular are available to the client:

- Account balances with domestic and foreign banks
- Money market investments
- Interest-bearing debt securities (bonds, etc.)
- Equity securities (shares, etc.)
- Collective investment instruments (investment funds of all standard banking investment instruments, namely securities, indices, real estate, commodities)
- Alternative investments, non-traditional investments
- Standardized and non-standardized derivative financial instruments
- Precious metals
- Insurance products

VertexA AG does not invest in contracts for difference and does not engage in securities lending. Any agreements between the client and the custodian bank in this regard are completely outside the responsibility of VertexA AG.

In the case of execution-only services, the market offering taken into account in the selection of financial instruments is based on the market offering of the custodian bank selected by the client.

VertexA AG may also use its own products such as self-managed strategy indices (Actively Managed Certificate, AMC) or self-managed funds for its clients if and to the extent that this is permissible in accordance with the statutory, professional and contractual investment regulations applicable in the specific case and taking into account any investment instructions.

4. Conflicts of Interest

4.1 In general

Conflicts of interest may arise when VertexA AG has an interest in the outcome of a financial service provided to clients that is contrary to that of the Clients.

Possible causes of conflicts of interest are namely:

- Financial incentives for VertexA AG to carry out certain investment decisions, e.g. compensation from third parties
- The use of VertexA AG's own products or those of third parties economically linked to it
- The coincidence of several client orders
- The coincidence of client orders with VertexA AG's own transactions or those of his employees.

The following chapter regulates the handling of compensation from third parties and proprietary products.

Furthermore, no conflicts of interest arose in the course of providing services to the customer at VertexA AG that could not be completely resolved by countermeasures.

4.2 Use of own financial instruments in addition to those of third parties

VertexA AG may experience the following conflicts of interest as a result of using its own financial instruments, in particular self-managed products:

- Receiving additional compensation, in particular levying additional management fees at the product level (so-called double remuneration).
- Regardless of management fees, VertexA AG may have an interest in maximizing the volume of these products in order to reduce costs or take advantage of synergies, for example.

These conflicts of interest cannot be completely eliminated, but the following measures have been taken to mitigate them:

- Organizational measures to avoid unjustified preferential treatment of own financial instruments over third-party financial instruments
- Contractual stipulation of a maximum limit for the use of own products, within the scope of the investment volume, investment strategy and other client instructions;
- Additional compensation from own products is considered third-party compensation and the corresponding measures apply.

4.3 Compensations from third parties

VertexA AG may receive compensation from third parties (e.g., brokerage fees, commissions, rebates, kick-backs, finder's fees, trailer fees or other pecuniary benefits) in connection with the provision of its financial services.

The level of third-party compensation is independent of the chosen investment strategy. Without prejudice to the ranges specified in the financial services agreement, the individual components of third-party compensation are as follows.

Form of compensation	Compensation amount (based on market value as of reporting date)
Distribution fees for investment funds[1]	0.00% − 0.50%
Distribution fees for structured products and certificates	0.00% − 1.00%
Custodian bank fees	0.00% − 0.50%
Commissions on brokerage fees for stock market transactions	0.00% − 1.00%
Commissions on custody fees	0.00% − 0.50%

1 - The investment volume corresponds to the market value of the customer's fund units as of the reporting date.

In order to avoid potential conflicts of interest in this context, VertexA AG has taken the following measures to minimize conflicts of interest by compensating third parties:

- Contractual regulation specifying the range in the individual service contracts; The customer can request further information about possible future compensation from third parties and how it will be handled at any time.
- Obligation to disclose compensation from third parties: Upon request, VertexA AG shall inform the client of the compensation received; Information on such a request is provided free of charge once a year; if the customer exercises this right more frequently, VertexA AG reserves the right to charge a fee to cover costs.

5. Ombudsman's offices

In the event of disputes, the client may initiate a mediation procedure before the following ombudsman's office:

Name OFS Ombud Finance Switzerland
Address 16 Boulevard des Tranchées,
ZIP / City 1206 Geneva
Phone +41 22 808 04 51
E-Mail contact@ombudfinance.ch
Website https://ombudfinance.ch

6. Data Protection

Information on data protection can be found in our data protection declaration, which can be viewed at www.vertexa.ch