

## BCGE RAINBOW FUND – World Equity (CHF)

In early March, markets were buoyed by the positive outcome to the ECB's second long-term refinancing operation (LTRO) and the successful restructuring of Greece's debt. However, signs of the Chinese economy slowing down and fears resurfacing about sovereign debt in other eurozone member states soured the markets' mood in the second half of the month. The sub-fund benefited from good showings by Swiss large-cap stocks. With European bourses more or less stagnating and emerging stock markets correcting quite severely, the sub-fund managed to minimise losses as its equity positions in these regions outperformed. On the minus side, the sub-fund was heavily penalised by its allocation to the mining and energy sectors following the slump in gas prices in the USA (-18.73% in March) and falling prices for metals. The sub-fund benefited from rising share prices on Wall Street even though its US positions did underperform the S&P 500. In the circumstances, the BCGE RAINBOW FUND – World Equity (CHF) sub-fund posted a 0.41% increase.

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