

## Fintech Certificate

As of 29.03.2024



## **Investment Rationale**

- Digital payments are expected to keep growing at a fast pace and make cash increasingly irrelevant thanks to new shopping experiences (livestreams, in-store cashier less checkout...) and digitization of big-ticket transactions (B2B...).
- Cryptos are also gradually emerging as a means of exchange both online, where they make possible the transfer of property and trading of virtual goods, and in-store where retailers and consumers increasingly adopt them.
- Payments and cryptos are often the cornerstone of more ambitious service offerings (online trading, lending, payroll management...) turning Fintech firms into full digital banks and leveraging their highly scalable platforms.

## **Certificate Details**

78.1	NAV
CH0473585237	ISIN
USD	Currency
Active Equity	Туре
UBS / S&P A+	Issuer / Rating
08.11.2019	Inception Date
33	Number of Holdings
Daily	Liquidity
1.6% (incl. 0.3% UBS)	Management fees
15% (HWM)	Performance fees

### **Investment Universe**



# **March Report**

- The Fintech certificate fell 1.3% in March and underperformed the MSCI AC World by 4.5%.
- Following the massive \$35 billion acquisition of Discover Financial by Capital One, it's no surprise to see a lot of M&A chatter in the Fintech space.
- While restaurant software and payments provider Shift4 came under pressure last month as it reportedly rejected M&A bids viewed as too low, Canadian payment processor Nuvei accepted a takeover bid from private equity Advent valuing the company at \$6.3 billion, a 58% premium.
- With fundamentals improving (growth reacceleration, cost cutting driving operating margins), it's just a question

- of time (and premium) before consolidation in this highly fragmented industry moves up a gear.
- Another sign of confidence is the (potential) return of Fintech IPOs with Buy Now Pay Later leader Klarna considering going public at a valuation around \$20 billion. That said, the growing popularity of BNPL is sparking calls for greater regulatory oversight, something that will need to be monitored in coming months.
- Finally, on the earning side, Sea Ltd reassured with its quarterly results showing market share gains in ASEAN despite fierce e-commerce competition and 28% growth and a return to profitability in the second half of the year.

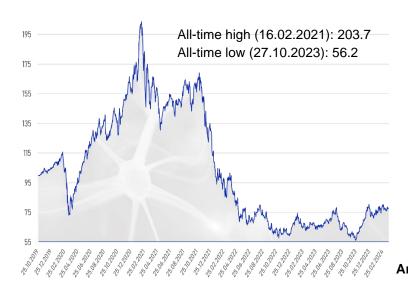


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## **Performance**



	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Jan	2.6%	3.9%	-21.2%	16.6%	-5.2%
Feb	-4.9%	5.4%	-4.3%	-7.4%	7.9%
Mar	-18.7%	-11.0%	-1.8%	4.4%	-1.3%
Apr	17.1%	-0.1%	-16.1%	-3.5%	
May	14.8%	-5.6%	-5.1%	0.1%	
Jun	9.5%	5.3%	-10.8%	6.7%	
Jul	8.2%	-3.9%	9.6%	11.7%	
Aug	3.5%	9.3%	-2.5%	-13.9%	
Sep	-3.4%	-8.0%	-13.9%	-10.5%	
Oct	-3.6%	8.2%	1.1%	-5.0%	
Nov	18.5%	-6.8%	-0.5%	17.8%	
Dec	5.0%	-12.8%	-4.7%	14.5%	
nnual	51.4%	-17.8%	-53.5%	28%	1.0%

#### **Top Contributors**

Robinhood (HOOD US) Carvana (CVNA US) Sea (SE US)

#### **Worst Contributors**

Marathon Digital (MARA US) Shift4 Payments (FOUR US) SoFi (SOFI US)

#### **Risk**

Beta vs. MSCI AC World	1.4
Correlation vs. MSCI AC World	8.0
Realized Volatility (Annualized)	35%
Cash Allocation	0%

### **Portfolio Structure**

#### **Top Holdings**

Marathon Digital (MARA US) Block (SQ US) Adyen (ADYEN NA)

## **Top 5 Currencies**

USD	89%	
EUR	5%	
CHF	4%	
TWD	2%	

#### Market Cap Breakdown [USD]

Mega (> 200bn)	21%
Large (10bn to 200bn)	52%
Medium (2bn to 10bn)	24%
Small (300mln to 2bn)	3%
Micro (50mln to 300mln)	0%

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