

Reichmuth Alpin Classic - S (BVG)

YTD +5.5%

Strong First Half of 2026

An eventful first half-year is now behind us. Despite the war in Iran and higher-than-expected inflation figures, the stock market rose significantly during the reporting period. Technology, industrials, and materials were particularly in demand. The other sectors lagged behind. From the perspective of CHF investors, the strong Swiss franc somewhat clouded the picture and led to losses on foreign currencies. Nevertheless, Reichmuth Alpin Classic achieved a solid performance of +5.5% in the first half of 2026.

Category	Allocation ø	Performance 2026	Contribution
Cash (incl. fees)	2%		-0.6%
Bonds	37%	1.2%	0.4%
Equities	49%	11.1%	5.5%
Real Estate	12%	2.4%	0.3%
Currencies			-0.1%
TOTAL	100%		5.5%

Equities Impress

Equities made the largest contribution to performance in the first half of the year. Both Swiss and global equities delivered impressive returns. Due to strong price increases, the extremely high concentration in individual technology stocks, and the current IPO pipeline, we have been continuously taking profits and rebalancing the portfolio. Swiss real estate, on the other hand, has come under some pressure. After years of focusing solely on lower interest rates and comparatively attractive distributions, the Federal Council's response to the Swiss "Nachhaltigkeitsinitiative" prompted investors to reassess their risk profiles. Due to high real estate prices, the Federal Council intends to tighten the Lex Koller Act, which could lead to capital outflows from foreign investors. We realized gains at the beginning of the year and are increasingly seeking opportunities in global real estate.

Investment Boom

The investment boom in the field of artificial intelligence remains the dominant theme and is driving global growth. In the past, these massive investments were primarily funded by the cash flow of the major hyperscalers. In recent months, however, there has been an increasing reliance on credit markets to finance these massive investments. Large technology companies, in particular, have the financial flexibility to increasingly finance these investments through bond issuance. However, since governments also need to invest heavily in infrastructure and defense and continue to run high fiscal deficits, overall bond issuance remains very high. The greatest threat to the current boom therefore remains rising inflation expectations and higher interest rates. Even though the geopolitical situation in the Middle East has eased somewhat with the peace negotiations, it remains unpredictable and commodity prices remain vulnerable. That is why we continue to view balanced diversification across sectors and regions—beyond the technology sector—as important for our equity portfolio. In addition to companies benefiting from the AI boom, our stock selection also focuses on defensive companies that are less sensitive to interest rate changes and pay high dividends. There are also some attractive opportunities in cyclical sectors, such as banks, which benefit from higher interest rates and rising lending. Even though the applications of artificial intelligence may lead to deflationary trends in the longer term, we expect inflationary pressure to persist over the coming months. We continue to maintain a low allocation to bonds.

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