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Our Year
2022 Annual Report

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About Fondation Botnar

Fondation Botnar is a Swiss philanthropic foundation based in Basel which was established in 2003 to continue the philanthropic legacy of Marcela and Octav Botnar. The foundation works to improve the health and wellbeing of young people living in cities around the world.

Advocating for the inclusion of youth voices and the equitable use of AI and digital technology, the foundation invests in and supports innovative programs and research and bringing together actors from across sectors to create dialogue and partnerships.

A message from our Board Chair

2022 was another busy year full of learning and progress at Fondation Botnar. We continued to bring young people, critical voices and actors from all levels together in pursuit of our goal of improving the wellbeing of young people living in cities around the world.

We had countless opportunities to harness new possibilities and test innovative methods to achieve the change we want to see in the world, from launching new partnerships to strengthening digital rights and the mental wellbeing of young people, to engaging with global leaders in urban sustainability at the 11th session of the World Urban Forum.

Building strong relationships with our partners and working together to transform urban systems for the better allows us us to be curious, learn and understand more.

It's been a humbling journey so far.

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To build on our progress in the last five years and take us into 2023 and beyond, we need to remain fully open to learning and relearning - to be prepared to challenge the status quo and innovate. Only then will we discover the new paths and promises that will eventually lead us to create inclusive and sustainable urban environments fit for young people to thrive.

Thank you to all our partners who have made these achievements possible!

Thomas Gutzwiller

Board Chair, Fondation Botnar

Listening to young leaders

According to a 2019 Barnardo's report*, 62% of 16-24-year-olds feel that governments care more about older generations than their own. Despite being the largest generation of young people in history, young people's rights to representation and participation are not being met, as they are often left out of decision making and lack opportunity to drive changes in the city systems they live in.

We talked to two youth collaborators, Michel Zuluaga, Gender Coordinator at Despacio, and Bianca Baluta, OurCluj Co-Creator, to understand their experiences and perspectives on city-level change-making. It is clear that young people face significant challenges when trying to get involved in policy and decision-making processes. By listening to their insights and experiences, we can gain a better understanding of how to improve inclusion and ensure that young people's opinions are taken seriously.

Michel Zuluaga
Gender Coordinator, Despacio

Bianca Baluta
OurCluj Co-Creator

What is the biggest challenge young people face in leading change in their city?

"In my view, the biggest challenge is related to trust. Young people are not seen as essential participants in these processes. Their input, while unique and game-changing, is often not valued. When young people are only included at the surface level, without any power or decision-making ability, they are not truly empowered to contribute."

How can governments better include young people in policy and decision-making?

"The first step is to create the context for young people to cultivate their critical thinking and to have access to education either through formal or non-formal means. The second step, linked to encouraging young people to be involved, is empowerment and trust. Young people feel empowered and motivated when they see that their opinions, voices and ideas are taken into consideration. In order to fuel their involvement, they need to see they count and that they have an impact. What I consider a permanent tool alongside the process is that governments improve inclusiveness by reaching young people that are not usually involved."

What does it mean to be educated as critical citizens, and why is this important?

"For me, a critical citizen is someone who has cultivated critical thinking. I believe it is not so important what you think, but rather how you think and assess situations, taking into account the available evidence. The value of the process in how one thinks is essential, especially nowadays when we have such a large amount of available information."

What is the biggest challenge young people face in leading change in their city?

"At the municipal level, young people face discrimination based on age, where the vision of youth is not valued. Many may be invited and physically included on stage, but their ideas are not prioritised."

How can governments better include young people in policy and decision-making?

"To ensure a fair and equitable approach to addressing societal issues, governments and all members of society should collaborate on new approaches. These should be evaluated through self-assessment and validation from peers, instead of being condescending or paternalistic. Furthermore, policymakers must encourage the education system to provide participation tools, such as youth forums and other dialogues, for the young people they serve."

What does it mean to be educated as critical citizens, and why is this important?

"Being a critical citizen is not only speaking up about failures but also acting on them to the best of your abilities, whether that's writing a letter to the mayor's office or taking the initiative to change the course of things, as Greta Thunberg did. The baseline is knowing one's rights and duties, as an individual and collective."

* https://www.barnardos.org.uk/news/our-news/young-people-fear-their-future-and-feel-ignored-politicians-according-new-report

Reflecting on five years

Letter from our CEO, Stefan Germann

In just five years, Fondation Botnar has transformed from a small, temporary office in Basel into a thriving, global network of partners and young leaders committed to improving the wellbeing of young people in growing urban environments. Our collective hard work and dedication have achieved remarkable results, and I am deeply grateful to everyone who has been part of this journey.
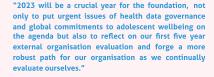
As we continue our efforts to make a difference in young people's lives, I'm delighted to share some personal highlights of the last half-decade.

One of the exciting developments has been our work in the city of Tanga in Tanzania which started in 2018. Tanga is becoming a thriving digital learning hub, made up of many young people who want to move their lives and communities forward. It's an impressive example of what can be achieved when working actively with city stakeholders and young people.

The Our Future Cities Challenge in 2020 was another highlight that aimed to inspire young people worldwide to unlock their potential in innovation and creativity, asking them to learn more about their cities, use their imagination, and share their vision for the future. Witnessing the incredible creativity of the participants was a truly inspiring experience for me, and their contributions continue to inspire me to this day.

As the first fully digital generation, young people are brilliant enablers of our collective future, however, it is important to acknowledge that they are especially susceptible to the risks associated with rapid development of AI, such as involuntary data collection, cyberbullying, online abuse, and exposure to explicit content. This means essential questions need to be raised, such as the need to ensure that developments are based on human rights and that data is owned and equitable. I'm particularly proud that Fondation Botnar supports those actively working to improve this, including our partnership with Amnesty International through the RIGHTS Click initiative. The initiative is currently responding to the needs of a 'digital generation' in Kenya, Argentina, and the Philippines, with a vision to support more countries in the future.

I can't wait to see where the next five years will take us. We remain fully committed to promoting the health and wellbeing of young people in urban environments while keeping their needs at the forefront of our conversations and initiatives.

"2023 will be a crucial year for the foundation, not only to put urgent issues of health data governance and global commitments to adolescent wellbeing on the agenda but also to reflect on our first five year external organisation evaluation and forge a more robust path for our organisation as we continually evaluate ourselves."

Read on to discover how in 2022, our work and partners helped to amplify youth voices in changing their cities for the better.

Stories of change

Empowering Tanga as a city for young people

OurCity – OurTanga (TangaYetu)

Project overview

Tanzania's most northern port city, Tanga, was the first to partner with OurCity in 2018. The TangaYetu initiative supports the transformation of cities into youth-centred places, by enabling young people to take part in project design, implementation and governance.

Project insights

TangaYetu highlights so far include; the establishment of the first ever STEM park in Tanzania, the development of a digital city platform for improving the use of data in decision making, and the introduction of entrepreneurship and digital literacy training in schools.

In 2022, TangaYetu trained over 1,500 young people in 21st-century skills, while 17 Youth Savings groups with 230 members were formed by local partners. Following the opening of the STEM Park in 2021, over 6,200 young people have been inspired to use STEM and STEAM. A Youth Forum was also established and now has over 500 dynamic participants, positively encouraged to take an active role in TangaYetu projects.

"TangaYetu has made a significant impact on the lives of youth in Tanga. I've seen most of them gain practical skills and knowledge. They will benefit from [this knowledge] for the rest of their lives."

Hussein Kinoko, Steering Committee Member, TangaYetu

2022 impact:

1,500
young people trained in 21st-century skills

17
Youth Savings groups formed by local partners

Stories of change
Encouraging youth participation in urban transition in Cluj

OurCity – OurCluj

Project overview

OurCluj is an emergent living lab designed to engage young residents in the transition of their city. Since 2019, a collective of urban innovators in Cluj-Napoca, Romania, set out to reimagine the values that guide urban transition by centring values of care and trust over those of growth and efficiency for collective wellbeing.

Project insights

During 2022, OurCluj focused on nurturing relationships and cultivating open dialogue with local partners. A network of projects evolved and expanded, focusing on new approaches to learning and education. OurCluj incubated FIX Cluj, the first co-designed social innovation fund in Romania, supporting young entrepreneurs and building learning communities.

In addition, a social research study of the OurCluj design processes resulted in a book 'Activating Values in Urban Transitions – A novel approach to Urban Innovation', launched with the mayor and presented during World Urban Forum and Devex World 2022. The study found that the explicit articulation of values of care and trust is essential for creating and sustaining local innovation ecosystems in the Eastern European context and made 10 design recommendations for practitioners in other cities interested in novel ways of working towards wellbeing.

"The social research study is an excellent and visionary work; it is offering us light in some aspects we need, and it is going to be part of the city strategy."

Emil Boc, Mayor of Cluj-Napoca

Stories of change

Tactical city planning with youth in Cali

Healthy Cities for Adolescents, Vivo Mi Calle

Project overview

Part of the Healthy Cities for Adolescents programme, Vivo Mi Calle focused on improving the wellbeing of young people in low-income neighbourhoods in Cali, Colombia, by empowering them to co-create healthier environments through their active participation in city planning and regeneration processes.

Project insights

Vivo Mi Calle became a leading light in Cali, Colombia. Working in partnership with youth, it transformed public spaces into safe, enjoyable places and improved the lives of more than 18,000 people. The Bridge of Colors, created with 115 local youth, is a highlight - creating a new, vibrant route for students to walk without the threat of violence. In addition to improving the quality of life for its citizens, the project has also strengthened social cohesion among different communities in the city.

"I think the moment Vivo Mi Calle arrived in Cali, it became the light this neighbourhood needed in order to change."

Adriana Quiñones, Project participant, Vivo Mi Calle

18,000
lives impacted

115
local youth co-created The Bridge of Colors

Moments and milestones

As we celebrate past successes, our team reflects on valuable lessons learned for the future. Read the team's key learnings from 2022.

Shared principles for the future of health data governance

Transform Health launched the Health Data Governance Principles to provide a human rights approach to health data governance.

Young people shaping a human rights-led digital future

With Amnesty International, we launched a new programme enabling children and young people to co-create digital platforms that protect their rights: RIGHTSClick.

Empowering the next generation of Ghanaian entrepreneurs

GSTEP is an inclusive, prize-based education programme that engages Junior High School students in Ghana to use innovation to solve issues in their communities.

Investing in visionary solutions for behavioural therapy

As part of our market-based approach to philanthropy, we contributed seed funding to Butterfly Learnings to build and scale its behavioural therapy centres and mental wellbeing digital products across India.

S²Cities programme concludes successful pilot year

S²Cities has concluded its pilot year in Bandung, Indonesia and Envigado, Colombia, with young people participating in capacity-building activities and innovation challenges.

Innovating for young people's mental wellbeing

We launched Being, an international mental health initiative that funds and supports research into innovative youth-focused approaches.

Building healthier cities for young people

Our Healthy Cities for Adolescents programme completed its first phase - and started its second phase with Ecorys, running until 2025. Phase two will build on existing projects and support new initiatives, adding an additional target country to the original five.

Using Minecraft to design public spaces

Together with UN-Habitat, we launched the Young Gamechangers Initiative (YGI) at the World Urban Forum. The YGI harnesses innovative digital tools to amplify young people's voices and opinions on the future of equitable city systems for all.

Milestone achievements in digital health and AI research collaboration

Our partners at I-DAIR signed a memorandum of understanding with WHO. I-DAIR's work increasingly demonstrates the need to bridge the digital health and AI knowledge gap to accelerate progress on the 2030 Agenda.

Expanding OurCity to Latin America

We added Latin American cities Manta in Ecuador and Barranquilla in Colombia to our global OurCity initiative, which leverages local strengths, community engagement and digital technologies to transform cities to ensure young people's wellbeing.

Driving youth employment opportunities through digital technology

Yoma, the youth agency marketplace, continued to grow with more than 160,000 young people registered and 25,000 certificates issued to their digital CVs, linking young people to opportunities in the digital economy.

April

May

June

July

September

October

December

Being

Taking our learnings with us

As we celebrate the successes of the past year, our team reflects on lessons learnt to take into the future. Read the team's key learnings from 2022.

01.
Young people as partners

In 2022, we were reminded of how critical it is for young people to take a central role in determining the future of our cities. We made an effort to actively collect a broad and diverse range of ideas and narratives from young people, for example by attending the 11th session of the World Urban Forum and launching our #MyCityMyVoice campaign. Moving forward, our priority is to equip young people with the appropriate platforms and tools to act as agents of change in urban planning processes and policies in our programmes, events, and other digital spaces.

02.
Being open to seeing risk differently

Rather than working with traditional impact measurement systems that tend to take a 'success or fail' view of the world, we are developing more bespoke feedback loops that allow the young people and communities that our programmes support to provide insights and feedback as they progress. This new approach is already underway in the OurCity initiative.

03.
Using technology to drive change

In 2022, we signed a contract with UN-Habitat for the Young Gamechangers Initiative in Minecraft, which encapsulates Fondation Botnar's spirit: putting young people at the centre of creating their cities, enabled by the creative use of digital technology.

To meaningfully improve the lives of young people, we must aim to use technology for good, drive much-needed democratic change and involve young people in our work. New digital solutions must be deeply rooted in their needs, wants, and characteristics, with equity and effectiveness at their centre. In 2023, we will continue to light the way by funding research or programmes that bring together stakeholders to build ethical frameworks for digital technology.

04.
Listening and learning

While self-reflection and realisation were crucial learnings, so was listening to our community of young people, practitioners, experts, and partners. From attending the Philea Forum, the AI for Good Summit, and the World Health Summit to experimenting with user-generated content for videos from youth leaders in cities – we have learnt so much this year by connecting with and listening to young people from around the world. These reflections will help in holding ourselves to a higher standard moving forward.

Funding awarded

In 2022 the Foundation Board approved grants for the following new projects and programmes, with a total funding amount of CHF 64m. In 2021 we initiated our new venture philanthropy approach to invest in early-stage startups whose products and services maximise positive impact on young people's health and wellbeing. Investments awarded in 2021 and 2022 are listed in the table below.

Project	Organisation	Countries	Amount	Timeline
Urban Futures: Youth Action for Inclusive, climate-resilient urban food systems	Hivos	Colombia, Ecuador, Indonesia, Zambia, Zimbabwe	EUR 19,551,682	2023-2027
Being: mental health initiative - Phase 1	Grand Challenges Canada	Colombia, Ecuador, Egypt, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Morocco, Romania, Senegal, Tanzania, Vietnam	USD 14,598,518	2022-2024
Advancing Children's Rights in Palestine and Israel	University College Cork	Israel, Palestine	EUR 7,251,380	2022-2025
Sustaining Impact at Scale: Transitioning Jamii ni Afya to the Government through a cross-sector approach	D-tree International	Tanzania	USD 3,434,913	2022-2026
UNICEF Romania Programme Response to the Ukrainian Crisis Phase 2	Committee for UNICEF Switzerland & Liechtenstein	Romania	CHF 3,000,000	2023-2025
Cluj Innovation and Experiment Fund	Asociatia Cluster de Educatie C-EDU	Romania	EUR 1,500,000	2023-2026
UNICEF Romania Response to the Ukrainian Crisis	Committee for UNICEF Switzerland & Liechtenstein	Romania	CHF 1,500,000	2022
OurCity: Manta	Grupo FARO	Ecuador	USD 1,380,598	2023-2026
OurCity: Barranquilla	Fundación Corona	Colombia	USD 1,377,665	2022-2024
OurCity: Koforidua	STAR Ghana Foundation	Ghana	USD 1,108,990	2023-2026
OurCity: Co-creating OurCluj	SDG CoLab	Romania	CHF 1,016,000	2023-2025
Reciclamos Juntos – Phase 2	Julius Baer Foundation	Colombia	CHF 450,000	2023-2025
Socio-Systemic Complexity Evaluation of the Transformation of the Moroccan Education System	European School of Governance	Morocco	EUR 385,928	2022-2024
Community-Based Learning & Understanding Ecosystems for the Transformation of the Moroccan Education System	Tamkeen Community Foundation for Human Development	Morocco	EUR 384,916	2022-2024
Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Framework for OurCluj	Rural Senses LTD	Romania	USD 380,009	2022-2025
Digital Innovation, Technologies, and the Right to Health	Kenya Legal & Ethical Issues Network on HIV and AIDS (KELIN)	Global	CHF 380,000	2022-2024
Policy Hub on Digital Health	UNITE - Global Parliamentarians Network to End Infectious Diseases	Global	CHF 378,599	2022-2025
ITU/WHO Focus Group AI4Health Phase 2	International Telecommunication Union (ITU)	Global	CHF 378,293	2022-2024
Developing the Basel Youth Initiative (Catapult)	Förderplattform Basel Youth Initiative	Switzerland	CHF 378,290	2022-2023
Maternal, Adolescent & Child Health Programme in Jember - Indonesia; Improving access to (tele-) healthcare, nutrition, and education	YAPPIKA-ActionAid	Indonesia	CHF 378,029	2022-2023
STEM Park Tanga: Career Ladder and Development	ProjeKt Inspire LTD	Tanzania	CHF 377,313	2022-2025
SDG3 Working Group on Structural Constraints of Scaling Innovation	Swisscontact - Swiss Foundation for Technical Cooperation	Global	CHF 375,800	2022-2024
Reimagining Comprehensive Primary Healthcare for Young People and Adolescents	PATH	India	USD 374,850	2023
Youth2030 Cities Phase 2	United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT)	Colombia, Ecuador, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Morocco, Romania, Senegal, Tanzania, Vietnam	USD 374,000	2022-2024
Grant Development Support	University of St. Gallen	Global	CHF 350,000	2022-2023
Educational Package "Where is Anne Frank"	Anne Frank Fonds	Global	EUR 350,000	2022-2024
Save The Children Romania Response to the Ukrainian Crisis	Save the Children Romania	Romania	EUR 350,000	2022
Research, Capacity Development, and Global Dialogue Agenda on Empowering Philanthropy to Lead the Ethical and Inclusive AI Revolution	University of Geneva	Global	CHF 343,404	2022-2025
My Data Our Health - Mobilising East African Partners to Ensure Better Protection of Health Data	Kenya AIDS NGOs Consortium (KANCO)	Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda	USD 325,992	2022-2024
Working together to build a better future for youth with disabilities in Morocco	EnableMe Foundation	Morocco	EUR 182,150	2022-2023
The Humanities, Young People's Lives and Wellbeing in Digital Times	Fundatia Noua Europa	Global	CHF 100,000	2023-2026
Documenting the evolution of Primary Health Care in Tanzania	Centre for Reforms, Innovation, Health Policies and Implementation Research (CeRIHI)	Tanzania	CHF 100,000	2022-2023
Kulturprogramm Sonnhalde Gempen	Sonnhalde Gempen	Switzerland	CHF 100,000	2022
Vocational Training for Social Visionaries	kanthari Foundation Switzerland	Global	CHF 99,634	2022-2023
Grant Development Support	National Research Foundation (NRF)	Colombia, Ecuador, Egypt, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Morocco, Romania, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, Vietnam	CHF 58,895	2022
Tanga Youth Technology Skills & Employability Programme	The StepWise Foundation	Tanzania	USD 52,500	2022
Grant Development Support	Wello Association	Romania	CHF 50,000	2022-2023
Initial Financing Kick Foundation	Kick Foundation	Switzerland	CHF 50,000	2022
Grant Development Support	Hivos	Colombia, Ecuador, Indonesia, Zambia, Zimbabwe	EUR 35,050	2022
Grant Development Support	Centrul pentru Jurnalism Independent	Romania	CHF 15,000	2022
Grant Development Support	The SecDev Foundation	Morocco	CHF 15,000	2022
Grant Development Support	Intercultural Institute Timisoara	Romania	CHF 15,000	2022

Venture philanthropy investments 2021 - 2022

Company	Sector	Main countries of operation	Amount	Description
RxAll	Health services	Nigeria and other African countries	USD 250,000	RxAll connects wholesalers with hospitals and pharmacies through an online marketplace for certified medications while also providing a drug authentication device to combat the issue of sub-standard and falsified drugs.
Resolute Robotics	Education	South Africa	USD 140,000	Resolute offers robotic kits and online robotics/coding courses for both schools and individuals.
Total 2021			**USD 390k**	

Company	Sector	Main countries of operation	Amount	Description
Tpaga	Financial services	Colombia	USD 350,000	Tpaga is a FinTech platform that provides a digital wallet and related financial services, such as advance wage payment, small loans, insurance, and investment options.
HoyTrabajas	Access to employment	Colombia, Mexico	USD 250,000	HoyTrabajas is a digital platform that matches job seekers, particularly low-skilled workers, with vacancies and supports SMEs with HR capacities.
GoMyCode	Education	Tunisia and other African countries	USD 200,000	GoMyCode is an EdTech platform offering affordable and high-quality digital skill training.
AFG	Access to employment	Nigeria and other African countries	USD 250,000	AFG connects African companies needing consulting services with freelance consultants.
54gene	Health services	Nigeria and other African countries	USD 350,000	54gene is building a genomic database of the African genome and offers molecular diagnostics.
Edves	Education	Nigeria and other African countries	USD 250,000	Edves is an EdTech platform for K-12 schools, offering e-learning and school administration services.
Butterfly Learnings	Health services	India	USD 293,000	Butterfly Learnings uses Applied Behavioral Analysis therapy to diagnose and treat children with behavioural and developmental issues.
Credable	Financial services	Tanzania	USD 250,000	Credable is a digital banking platform that connects businesses seeking to offer banking services to their customers with financial institutions seeking to reach customers digitally.
Cuéntame	Health services	Mexico and Colombia	USD 200,000	Cuéntame is a mental health platform for employees offering diagnoses and mental health treatments.
smartBeemo	Education	U.S., Colombia, Mexico, Chile	USD 300,000	smartBeemo is a Spanish-language e-learning platform that provides courses in business and entrepreneurial skills.
ProTalento	Education	Colombia	USD 350,000	ProTalento offers skilling programs in digital, English, and soft skills, as well as education financing and job placement for young people pursuing a tech career.
Prescinto	Environmental sustainability	India	USD 349,000	Prescinto uses data science to detect the causes of renewable energy power plant capacity loss, caused by dust, soiling, icing, malfunctions, and wiring deficiencies, to improve plant performance on a platform.
Total 2022			**USD 3.4m**	

Financial statements

Accounting is based on the Swiss GAAP FER 21 standard for charitable social non-profit organisations by the provisions of Swiss law, particularly Articles 957 to 962 of the Swiss Code of Obligations on commercial bookkeeping and accounting. The annual financial statements of the foundation present an accurate and fair view of the foundation's assets, as well as its financial and earnings position. Funds are recognised when the Foundation Board decides on the expenditure. In each case, the entire amount is recognised as an expense. Future payment obligations are recognised as current or non-current liabilities. Payments to funding recipients are recognised as a reduction in liabilities.

INCOME STATEMENT	1.1. - 31.12.2022 mCHF	1.1. - 31.12.2021 mCHF
Financial Result		
Securities income incl. fees	-598.07	419.84
NET INCOME	**-598.07**	**419.84**
Direct project costs according to the foundation's deed		
Funding contributions	-64.02	-69.87
GROSS PROFIT	**-662.09**	**349.97**
Operational expenses		
Personnel expenses incl. remuneration	-5.29	-4.90
Material expenses	-8.80	-6.80
Depreciation and valuation adjustments on fixed asset items	-3.51	-0.60
Extraordinary result	-0.20	-0.24
NET PROFIT (before allocation to organisation capital)	**-679.89**	**337.43**

BALANCE SHEET	2022 mCHF	2021 mCHF
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	79.10	82.97
Other current receivabls	13.15	13.33
Non-current Assets		
Securities	3,422.74	4,110.68
Furniture, office equipment	0.18	0.20
Property	4.71	4.86
TOTAL ASSETS	**3,519.88**	**4,212.04**
LIABILITIES		
Short-term liabilities	1.70	1.28
Short-term provisions for funding contributions	82.55	75.03
Deferred income and accrued expenses	1.16	1.06
Long-term provisions for funding contributions	86.04	106.36
Organisational capital	3,348.43	4,028.31
TOTAL LIABILITIES	**3,519.88**	**4,212.04**

Governance

Fondation Botnar is a foundation established in Basel in 2003 to carry on the philanthropic work of the Botnar family. It is a member of SwissFoundations, an umbrella organisation of charitable foundations in Switzerland, and follows the guidelines and recommendations of the Swiss Foundation Code (2021).

Foundation Board
The Board of Fondation Botnar comprises at least five members. Board members are elected for three-year terms and can be re-elected (as of 2015) for up to twelve years of service.

Committees and commissions
The Audit & Risk Committee, HR & Organisational Committee, Philanthropy Committee, and Investment Commission hold responsibility for specific tasks described on Fondation Botnar's website.

Audit and supervision
KPMG AG, Viaduktstrasse 42, 4002 Basel, Switzerland, is appointed Fondation Botnar's statutory auditor.
It audited the foundation's 2022 annual financial statements and recommended their approval.
The supervisory authority of Fondation Botnar is the Federal Department of Home Affairs, Foundation Supervision, Bern, Switzerland.

Asset management
The assets of Fondation Botnar are invested in adherence to the principles of sustainable institutional asset management. These principles are published on our website as "Investment Beliefs and Principles". In 2022 Fondation Botnar continued the build-up of private markets asset classes, which were introduced in 2021 as a complement to the core Strategic Asset Allocation.

Foundation team

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