# LSP Life Sciences Fund



## Monthly Report May 2018

## NAV per Share

€ 254.79

#### **Performance**

3 Months	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	5 Years
0.4%	25.0%	32.5%	18.6%	64.8%
	27.5%			
	21.1%			
	20.5%			
	16.2%			
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NAV of Fund	80,908,781		
Number of Shares	317,545		
Valuation Date	31/05/2018		

Inception date: 27/04/2011 Currency: Euro

Domicile: The Netherlands

Legal Structure: Dutch NV with variable capital

Listing: Euronext Amsterdam

Euronext code: LSP

ISIN Code: NL0009756394 Bloomberg: LSP NA

#### **Investment strategy**

The Fund's primary investment objective is to achieve capital appreciation by investing in a diversified, yet concentrated portfolio of publicly listed life sciences companies (including biopharmaceutical-, specialist pharmaceutical-, medical device-, drug delivery-, vaccine- and diagnostic companies). The majority of the Fund's portfolio will consist of European companies listed on one of the (main) European stock exchanges, with a market capitalization of below  $\in 2.5$  billion at the time of investment.

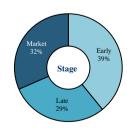
#### Manager's comments

May was a busy month for the fund as we added several new positions. We participated in an equity offering for Cocrystal Pharma. Cocrystal is using cutting edge technology to develop next generation anti-viral drugs with an initial focus on Hepatitis C viral infections (HCV) and influenza. Although at an early stage of development, the company has an A-team in charge of its science and drug development. This small cap company is based on science from 2 Nobel Prize winning laurates and its Chairman developed the most successful drugs for the treatment of both HIV and HCV.

Dova Pharmaceuticals was also added to the portfolio in May. Shortly after we made our initial investment, the company announced FDA approval of its lead product, Doptelet. This is the first drug approved for the treatment of thrombocytopenia in adult patients with chronic liver disease who are scheduled to undergo a medical procedure. They launched the drug within 2 weeks after this FDA go-ahead and will soon file for approval in a larger indication, chronic immune thrombocytopenia or ITP. We expect Doptelet to have significant advantages over other treatments on the market for ITP.

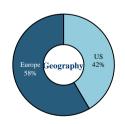
The third company we added to the portfolio was oncology company Verastem. Its lead compound, Duvelisib, has shown excellent results in the treatment of lymphomas, CLL and FL. The Company has filed for approval in the US and the drug could be approved in October of this year. In addition to new companies, the portfolio gained 3.5% in the month. GW Pharmaceuticals (epilepsy) had its lead drug candidate, Epidiolex, discussed at an FDA advisory committee meeting at the end of April which resulted in a unanimous vote in favour of approval of the drug. The FDA will issue its official decision at the end of June. In May, we saw the company's share price start to reflect the value of this event. Aduro Biotech was the biggest % performer in the month. The share price of this small innovative oncology company has been volatile in recent months. The share price increase in May was a correction of the dip in April and anticipation ahead of the large oncology medical meeting ASCO, scheduled for early June.

#### Portfolio breakdown









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Company	Stage	Subsector	Marketcap	%
argenx	Early	Therapeutics	Mid	11.4%
CytomX Therapeutics	Early	Therapeutics	Small	8.4%
Evotec	Early	Therapeutics	Mid	7.4%
Zogenix	Late	Therapeutics	Mid	7.2%
Stemline Therapeutics	Early	Therapeutics	Small	7.1%
Clinigen Group	Market	Specialty Pharma	Mid	7.0%
GW Pharmaceuticals	Market	Therapeutics	Mid	6.8%
Galapagos	Market	Therapeutics	Mid	6.5%
Morphosys	Late	Therapeutics	Mid	6.0%
Zealand Pharma	Market	Therapeutics	Mid	5.9%
Genmab	Market	Therapeutics	Mid	5.7%
Aerie Pharmaceuticals	Late	Therapeutics	Mid	4.4%
Verastem	Late	Therapeutics	Small	4.3%
Aduro Biotech	Late	Therapeutics	Small	2.9%
Merus	Early	Therapeutics	Small	2.9%
Dova Pharmaceuticals	Late	Therapeutics	Small	2.5%
Erytech Pharma	Late	Therapeutics	Small	2.4%
Cocrystal Pharma	Early	Therapeutics	Micro	2.2%

#### **Important information**

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