# LSP Life Sciences Fund

### Monthly Report April 2019

#### Performance

YTD	1 Month	3 Months	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	5 Years
14.0%	-3.0%	5.4%	-0.7%	20.2%	41.8%	65.6%
Top-5 per 1. Stemline 2. Marinus 3. Morphos 4. ObsEva 5. Ambu	Therapeutic Pharmaceuti		16.7% 14.9% 8.9% 8.7% 8.4%			

NAV per S	Share €	Ē	244.54	
NAV of Fund			68,946,076	
Number of Shares			281,933	
Valuation Date			30/04/2019	
Inception date:	27/04/2011			
Currency:	Euro			
Domicile:	The Netherland	ds		
Legal Structure:	Dutch NV with	h va	riable capital	
Listing:	Euronext Ams	terd	lam	
Euronext code:	LSP			
ISIN Code:	NL000975639	4		
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**

After a fantastic start to the year, the markets took a little breather in April. Healthcare stocks underperformed the broader markets driven mainly by concerns about policy changes, particularly related to healthcare providers and hospital operators. Once again, politicians debated the merits of expanding healthcare coverage to all Americans. Fortunately, the pressure on the innovative biotech subsector was short lived and the LSP Life Sciences Fund recovered into the end of the month. The newest additions to the portfolio, Marinus Pharmaceuticals and Ambu performed particularly well in April. Marinus is developing new treatments for post-partum depression and rare forms of epilepsy. We eagerly await new data from several on-going clinical trials in the coming months. Ambu is the only medical device company in our portfolio. It is bringing disruptive technology to the endoscopy markets. By using Apple like camera technology, it is shifting the market towards disposable stents, which gives doctors greater flexibility in timing procedures. The Ambu stents also dramatically reduces the risk of infection. For the remainder of the second quarter, we anticipate continued newsflow from our portfolio companies. There are a number of important medical conferences coming up - with the American Society of Oncology (ASCO) as the most high-profile, and perhaps most impactful to the sector, scheduled to take place in early June.

#### Portfolio breakdown



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Company	Stage	Subsector	Marketcap	%
Galapagos	Late	Therapeutics	Mid	10.8%
argenx	Late	Therapeutics	Mid	10.1%
Uniqure	Late	Therapeutics	Mid	9.8%
Amarin Corp	Market	Therapeutics	Mid	8.3%
Evotec	Early	Therapeutics	Mid	6.5%
Stemline Therapeutics	Late	Therapeutics	Small	6.1%
ObsEva	Late	Therapeutics	Small	5.6%
Merus	Early	Therapeutics	Small	4.8%
Cocrystal Pharma	Early	Therapeutics	Micro	4.7%
Ambu	Market	Medical Device	Mid	4.4%
Morphosys	Late	Therapeutics	Mid	4.4%
Foamix Pharmaceuticals	Late	Therapeutics	Small	4.3%
FibroGen	Late	Therapeutics	Mid	4.0%
CytomX Therapeutics	Early	Therapeutics	Small	3.4%
Blueprint Medicines	Late	Therapeutics	Mid	3.4%
Verastem	Market	Therapeutics	Small	2.4%
Aerie Pharmaceuticals	Market	Therapeutics	Mid	2.1%
Eloxx Pharmaceuticals	Early	Therapeutics	Small	1.7%
Viking Therapeutics	Early	Therapeutics	Mid	1.6%
GW Pharmaceuticals	Market	Therapeutics	Mid	1.6%
Marinus Pharmaceuticals	Late	Therapeutics	Small	1.3%

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