# LSP Life Sciences Fund

# Monthly Report April 2020

## Performance

YTD	1 Month	3 Months	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	5 Years
-15.1%	19.6%	-7.6%	-19.7%	-20.3%	-3.5%	-3.2%

# **Top-5 performers during the month**

90.3%
48.7%
38.4%
34.1%
33.5%

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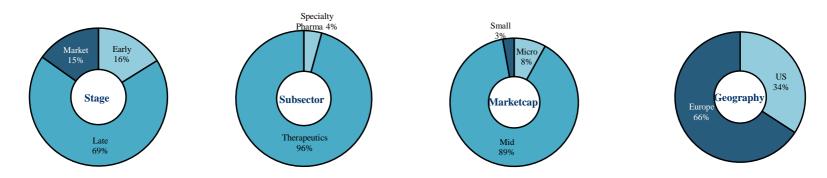
# **Investment strategy**

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  $\notin 2.5$  billion at the time of investment.

### **Manager's comments**

In a dramatic turnaround, the fund had a return of +19.6% for the month of April. This was driven by the rebounding markets but also from positive developments in the portfolio. Biohaven, which is currently launching its innovative new treatment for migraine, announced a partnership with a leader in telemedicine to enhance accessibility and availability of its drug, Nurtec. Cell therapy company, Fate Therapeutics announced a collaboration with Janssen which included a \$100m upfront and up to \$1.8bn in milestones in payment. The companies will collaborate on four new programs. Following on from the announcement of positive data in March, autoimmune disease company, Immunovant raised \$140m to support the further development of ongoing clinical programs. Several clinical milestones are still on track for later this year. Amarin, which had a dramatic sell off in its shares following a negative district court ruling on its patents in March, saw the biggest % gain in April, as the possibility emerged that the ruling may have been flawed. The company also announced better than anticipated revenues for the first quarter. We added two new investments to the portfolio in the month of April; Morphosys and Kiadis. German antibody company, Morphosys had been in the portfolio previously and we reinvested based on valuation and belief that the company is on track to gain FDA approval of its first product later this year. Furthermore, Morphosys is one of the leading antibody companies with a deep pipeline of both partnered and proprietary products in development. Kiadis is a company which has been known to LSP for a long time, however, this is the first time it has been included in the LSP Life Sciences Fund. We participated in an offering lead by a US healthcare focused investment fund, based on our fundamental belief in the company's NK cell technology. This technology is highly innovative, cutting edge cell therapy technology which, in our view, has tremendous potential. The deal included 50% warrant coverage. Kiadis expect

### Portfolio breakdown



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