# LSP Life Sciences Fund



# Monthly Report May 2020

**Top-5 performers during the month** 

## NAV per Share

224.92

#### **Performance**

2. argenx

3. Immunovant

YTD	1 Month	3 Months	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	5 Years
-2.8%	14.6%	13.3%	-0.2%	-11.7%	10.3%	4.7%

39.3%

38.3%

32.6%

22.6%

## NAV of Fund 52,290,643

Number of Shares 232,476

Valuation Date 31/05/2020

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**

1. Allogene Therapeutics

4. Biohaven Pharmaceutical

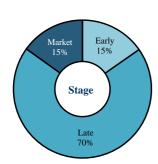
5. GW Pharmaceuticals

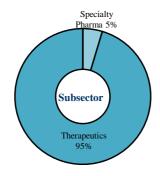
The Fund's primary investment objective is to achieve capital appreciation by investing in a diversified, yet concentrated portfolio of publicly listed life sciences companies (including biopharmaceutical-, specialist pharmaceutical-, medical device-, drug delivery-, vaccine- and diagnostic companies). 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 & 2.5 billion at the time of investment.

#### **Manager's comments**

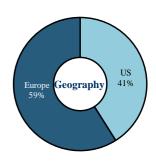
May was a very busy month for the portfolio. Allogene Therapeutics was the months top performer – driven by exciting data from their allogeneic (off-the-shelf) cell therapy for cancer. Although still early – the data suggests that this is a real breakthrough for patients. We anticipate additional follow up data during the year to determine the durability of the patient responses. Belgian company, argenx, presented pivotal Phase 3 data for its lead drug, efgartigimod, for the treatment of the first of many autoimmune diseases, myasthenia gravis (MG). The data was the best case scenario and puts the company on track to file for FDA and EMA approval later this year. Immunovant has a fast follower approach to efgartigimod and received a nice boost on the argenx data. Migraine company, BioHaven, also performed well as early launch metrics are very encouraging, particularly in light of the pandemic. We continue to be very optimistic about the potential of Nurtec to transform the treatment of migraine. The fund participated in a primary offerings and added a new company to the portfolio in the month of May. Oncopeptides executed a heavily oversubscribed offering to add \$144m in gross proceeds and extending the cash run way and bring in some A-list US healthcare funds. The company is still on track to complete its filing for approval with the FDA in 2Q, which could lead to approval later this year. The fund participated in the offering. Swiss CNS company, AC Immune was added to the portfolio. While the company is developing drugs in the high risk areas of Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease – we appreciate the depth of the pipeline and the breath of the technology platforms at the company – giving multiple shots on goal. The broader markets continue to be favorable to healthcare and we anticipate adding additional companies to the portfolio in the coming weeks.

#### Portfolio breakdown









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