## LSP Life Sciences Fund



## Monthly Report November 2017

### NAV per Share

€ 222.49

| Performa                      | ance     |          |        |         |         |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|--------|---------|---------|
| YTD                           | 1 Month  | 3 Months | 1 Year | 2 Years | 3 Years |
| 31.4%                         | 1.4%     | 1.2%     | 30.2%  | 4.7%    | 24.7%   |
| Top-5 pe                      | rformers |          |        |         |         |
| 1. arGEN-X                    |          |          | 26.1%  |         |         |
| 2. Aduro Biotech              |          |          | 19.5%  |         |         |
| 3. GW Pharmaceuticals         |          |          | 15.3%  |         |         |
| 4. Ablynx                     |          |          | 10.7%  |         |         |
| 5. Tetraphase Pharmaceuticals |          |          | 6.8%   |         |         |
|                               |          |          |        |         |         |

| NAV of Fund      | 71,414,618 |
|------------------|------------|
| Number of Shares | 320,979    |
| Valuation Date   | 30/11/2017 |

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**

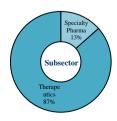
The Fund's primary investment objective is to achieve capital appreciation by investing in a diversified, yet concentrated portfolio of publicly listed life sciences companies (including biopharmaceutical-, specialist pharmaceutical-, medical device-, drug delivery-, vaccine- and diagnostic companies).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

#### Manager's comments

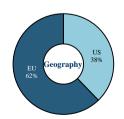
The month of November has been volatile, with the Fund trading down 5% on November 16th from its high on November 7th and bouncing back-up 5% again in the second half of the month. The Fund closed up 1.4% for the month and stood over 30% year-to-date (net). We are used to seeing intra-month volatility and - frankly - disregard these short term price movements. We remain focused on the fundamentals of our individual holdings, for the simple reason that those are what we can have a well-informed view on. Do we not have a view on Trumponomics? On Brexit? On many other political or socio-economic and macro-economic issues that influence the global financial markets? Yes, we do. But will our views on these matters influence the outcome of the extensive due diligences that we perform to select for those biotech companies that we like most? No, it does not. Our investors expect us to put all our time and energy into these analyses and select for those companies that we believe offer an attractive risk adjusted return in the longer term. Irrespective of what the financial markets do. One such company we wish to highlight in this monthly report is Belgian Biotech ArgenX. We have known the company already since its inception back in 2010 and have been following its development ever since. Over the years, the company has grown from an early stage, technology oriented start-up to a relatively mature biotech company with a dual listing on Euronext and Nasdaq and a market cap of EUR 700 mln. A number of its products are now in advanced clinical development. Its key asset is a drug called ARGX-113, an antibody that ArgenX has developed in-house targeting a number of severe autoimmune diseases: Myasthenia Gravis leading to weakness in the skeletal muscles, Immune Thrombocytopenia leading to bleeding and Pemphigus Vulgaris leading to blistering of the skin. We believe that the company's current profile, stage of development and anticipated news flow, make it one of the most interesting European biotechs to hold. At month's end and due to a 30% increase in the company's stock during the month, ArgenX had become the largest holding in the fund. Other developments during this month included further clinical data released by GW Pharma and Zogenix related to their respective treatments for hard-to-treat epilepsy. These data, which further reinforced our conviction in both companies, will be presented in more detail at the annual meeting of the American Epilepsy Society in early December. Also in December, the American Society of Hematology will hold its annual meeting, which will be relevant for a number of our portfolio companies including Aduro Biotech, ArgenX, Erytech, Genmab and Morphosys. For a more detailed description of this event, as well as some of the highlights that we expect to be presented, we refer you to a recent article that was published on the LSP website, entitled "Is a cure for cancer finally within reach?". The following |link| allows you to review the article.

#### Portfolio breakdown









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## Portfolio breakdown

| Company                    | Stage  | Subsector        | Marketcap | %     |
|----------------------------|--------|------------------|-----------|-------|
| arGEN-X                    | Early  | Therapeutics     | Small     | 11.5% |
| Morphosys                  | Late   | Therapeutics     | Mid       | 10.4% |
| Clinigen Group             | Market | Specialty Pharma | Small     | 9.1%  |
| CytomX Therapeutics        | Early  | Therapeutics     | Small     | 8.0%  |
| Aerie Pharmaceuticals      | Late   | Therapeutics     | Mid       | 7.9%  |
| Ablynx                     | Late   | Therapeutics     | Small     | 7.7%  |
| Tetraphase Pharmaceuticals | Late   | Therapeutics     | Small     | 7.4%  |
| Erytech Pharma             | Late   | Therapeutics     | Small     | 6.9%  |
| Zogenix                    | Late   | Therapeutics     | Small     | 5.5%  |
| TherapeuticsMD             | Market | Specialty Pharma | Mid       | 3.8%  |
| Evotec                     | Early  | Therapeutics     | Mid       | 3.7%  |
| Zealand Pharma             | Market | Therapeutics     | Mid       | 3.6%  |
| Genmab                     | Market | Therapeutics     | Mid       | 3.6%  |
| Aduro Biotech              | Late   | Therapeutics     | Small     | 3.3%  |
| GW Pharmaceuticals         | Market | Therapeutics     | Mid       | 2.8%  |

#### **Important information**

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