# LSP Life Sciences Fund



## Monthly Report October 2021

## NAV per Share

€ 222.70

#### **Performance**

	YTD	1 Month	3 Months	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	5 Years
Ī	-23.0%	-5.7%	-4.2%	2.2%	10.6%	-6.5%	31.2%

# NAV of Fund 40,519,019

Number of Shares 181,942

Valuation Date 31/10/2021

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

#### Top-5 performers during the month

1.	Valneva	42.0%
2.	Compass Pathways	41.3%
3.	Merus	27.5%
4.	Intra-Cellular Therapies	15.5%
5.	Blueprint Medicines	9.4%

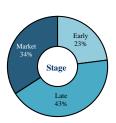
## **Investment strategy**

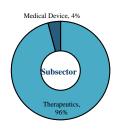
The Fund's primary investment objective is to achieve capital appreciation by investing in a diversified, yet concentrated portfolio of publicly listed life sciences companies (including biopharmaceutical-, specialist pharmaceutical-, medical device-, drug delivery-, vaccine- and diagnostic companies).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

#### Manager's comments

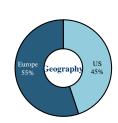
Valneva, the French vaccine company presented positive data from a head-to-head pivotal trial against the AstraZeneca COVID vaccine. Valneva demonstrated that its whole inactivated virus vaccine can elicit a stronger immune response to COVID. Valneva is now on track for an MHRA (UK) approval before the end of this year and EMA (Europe) approval in 1Q22. This would be the only whole inactivated viral vaccine approved in these territories and its use is expected to be focused initially on 'vaccine hesitant' or 'new technology hesitant' people and children (given its safety profile). Mental health company, Compass Pathways, saw its shares increase in anticipation of results from the first large well controlled study in the use of its proprietary psychedelic, psylocybin, in treatment resistant depression (the study has since read out with very favourable data). Merus presented positive data from its second oncology program and the shares of Intra-cellular rebounded as we get closer to an anticipated response from FDA regarding it NDA for the treatment of bipolar disorder. In a major setback, Oncopeptides announced that, based on the outcome from ongoing discussion with the FDA, it would remove its lead oncology drug from the market. This had a profound impact on its share price but also impacted Calliditas, which is also Swedish. The FDA is due to respond to Calliditas NDA for its lead drug for the treatment of a rare form of kidney disease in December and we remain confident in a positive outcome. Healthcare in general continues to underperform as we move towards year end. The broader healthcare market and biotech in particular, continue to sell off in a flight from risk. While there have been many good developments in the portfolio – these have gone unrewarded – as we have seen across the sector. There are many near term catalysts in the portfolio – 3 companies could have their lead drugs approved in December. Will we see a share price response? In the short term – that is not certain – but we are confident that

### Portfolio breakdown









#### **Important information**

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