# LSP Life Sciences Fund

## Monthly Report February 2019

### Performance

YTD	1 Month	3 Months	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	5 Years	
13.4%	4.9%	2.3%	-4.1%	28.3%	58.6%	14.1%	
Top-5 performers							
<ol> <li>Unique</li> <li>Aerie Pharmaceuticals</li> </ol>			57.6% 43.9%				
3. argenx			26.3%				
4. Genmab			19.7%				
5. Amarin Corp			17.0%				

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NAV per Sl	nare	€	243.30	
NAV of Fund			81,818,513	
Number of Shares	\$		336,276	
Valuation Date			28/02/2019	
Inception date:	27/04/2011			
Currency:	Euro			
Domicile:	The Netherla	The Netherlands		
Legal Structure:	Dutch NV with variable capital			
Listing:	Euronext Amsterdam			
Euronext code:	LSP			
ISIN Code:	NL0009756394			
Bloomberg:	LSP NA			

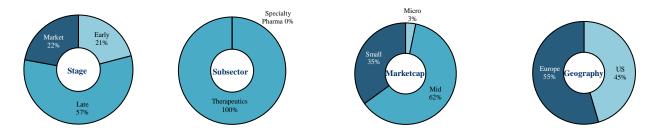
#### **Investment strategy**

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

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

In February we saw another month packed with good news in the portfolio and a lot of activity in the sector. In particular, gene therapy is finally coming of age which is great for our top pick in the space, the Dutch company UniQure. We started to add UniQure to the portfolio as of October last year. We invested in the company after a sell-off in the shares and ahead of important data from their Hemophilia B program. Hemophilia B is a genetic blood clotting disorder causing easy bruising and bleeding, an indication in need for safer and more efficacious treatment. While we saw a nice uptick in the share price after we invested following excellent data for this program made public in November, the real boost came from the Roche acquisition of Spark Therapeutics in late February. On the 25th of the month, Roche announced it would acquire all of Spark's outstanding shares for USD 4.8 billion in an all-cash deal. Spark is a competitor to Unique in the gene-therapy space. We believe that technology and manufacturing capabilities will be critical competitive factors going forward, and we believe that UniQure is well positioned for success also in that area. Further, in the portfolio, eye disease company Aerie Pharmaceuticals, also performed well in February. Aerie launched its first new treatment for glaucoma in 2018, Rhopressa, and will get a response from the FDA on its new combination product for glaucoma, Roclatan soon. The PDUFA date is set for March. The recent increase in the share price is likely in part associated with the approaching FDA approval and also the better than expected launch of Rhopressa. Genmab, a long time portfolio holding, also got off to a great start to the year with several incrementally positive news items. Data from a new subcutaneous formulation of Darzalex was positive - this means that there is the potential to give the drug by a single skin injection as opposed to an infusion. This is very advantageous for patients and care givers. The Company also gave better than expected revenues guidance for 2019, underpinning their confidence in Darzalex sales. Turning to the sector: it had a tremendous start to the year, recovering from the significant 4Q18 dip. The stream of multi-billion dollar healthcare M&A since the beginning of the year is certainly helping the sentiment and we anticipate additional important news-flow from our portfolio in the coming months.

### Portfolio breakdown



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Company	Stage	Subsector	Marketcap	%
argenx	Late	Therapeutics	Mid	11.7%
Uniqure	Late	Therapeutics	Small	9.4%
Amarin Corp	Market	Therapeutics	Mid	9.1%
Genmab	Market	Therapeutics	Mid	7.7%
Evotec	Early	Therapeutics	Mid	7.6%
Galapagos	Late	Therapeutics	Mid	7.4%
Morphosys	Late	Therapeutics	Mid	6.1%
Aerie Pharmaceuticals	Market	Therapeutics	Mid	5.2%
ObsEva	Late	Therapeutics	Small	5.0%
FibroGen	Late	Therapeutics	Mid	4.9%
Stemline Therapeutics	Late	Therapeutics	Small	4.4%
Foamix Pharmaceuticals	Late	Therapeutics	Small	4.4%
Merus	Early	Therapeutics	Small	3.6%
Verastem	Late	Therapeutics	Small	3.3%
Cocrystal Pharma	Early	Therapeutics	Micro	3.2%
CytomX Therapeutics	Early	Therapeutics	Small	2.8%
Eloxx Pharmaceuticals	Early	Therapeutics	Small	1.8%
Viking Therapeutics	Early	Therapeutics	Mid	1.7%

#### **Important information**

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