

## Global Life Sciences Fund

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### Market Environment

- Health care stocks underperformed the broad equity market during the quarter due to uncertainty about trade, drug pricing reform and the 2020 U.S. election.
- In September, for example, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi introduced a bill that would allow the government to negotiate the price of up to 250 name-brand drugs.
- At the same time, signs that presidential candidate Sen. Elizabeth Warren is gaining in the polls raised worries about the possibility of a single-payer health plan being introduced in the U.S.
- Finally, a risk-off environment negatively impacted higher-growth/higher-risk areas such as small-cap biotech stocks.

### Performance Summary

The Fund underperformed its primary benchmark, the MSCI World Health Care Index<sup>SM</sup>, and its secondary benchmark, the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index, for the quarter ending September 30, 2019. Stock selection in biotechnology was the largest detractor from relative performance, as our positioning in small-cap biotech stocks – which we believe are driving the sub-sector’s best innovation – worked against us. However, stock selection in health care facilities aided relative performance.



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### Portfolio Discussion

Both politics and market volatility were headwinds for health care during the quarter. But idiosyncratic events, such as clinical trial updates, also drove stocks. Often, these events are misunderstood by the market, creating near-term volatility.

Such was the case with Sarepta Therapeutics, our top detractor. During the quarter, the biotech announced a delay in phase 3 trials for its gene therapy for Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD). The company also suffered a delay in regulatory approval for another medicine that serves a small subset of DMD patients. Despite these developments, we continue to like Sarepta. Its gene therapy looks promising, and we think the clinical trial delay could help the firm to fine-tune its manufacturing process and optimize trial results.

Insmed was another detractor. During the quarter, investors worried that new patient growth for lead drug, Arikayce, was slowing. In addition, Insmed reported that a first-line study for the drug would be significantly delayed. (Arikayce is currently approved as a second-line therapy, meaning it is administered only after other treatments fail.) While disappointed by the timing setback, we believe patient uptake will continue to exceed Street estimates, based on doctor surveys. We also expect the drug to receive approval outside the U.S. in the near term, which should further boost sales.

At the same time, many companies experienced positive catalysts during the quarter. AstraZeneca, one of our top contributors, reported consensus-beating results, underscoring the strength of the pharma giant’s current product cycle. The firm also

delivered a string of positive news, including six positive data readouts from late-stage clinical trials and three regulatory approvals. In addition, three medicines were put on track to receive expedited regulatory approval. We believe the results showcase AstraZeneca's research-and-development productivity, which should drive future growth.

Bristol-Myers Squibb was another top contributor. The company announced it would sell its Otezla franchise for more

than \$13 billion, a higher-than-expected price. The sale, which was required by regulators as part of a planned acquisition of Celgene, now provides more cash for stock buybacks and improves the odds of the merger being completed. The firm also reported positive data for its combination immunology drug (Opdivo/Yervoy) and benefited from a market rotation late in the quarter toward equities trading at low multiples, which included Bristol-Myers' stock.

Top Contributors			Top Detractors		
	Ending Weight (%)	Contribution (%)		Ending Weight (%)	Contribution (%)
AstraZeneca PLC	3.26	0.29	Sarepta Therapeutics Inc	0.77	-0.65
Bristol-Myers Squibb Co	2.65	0.28	Silk Road Medical Inc	1.39	-0.53
Edwards Lifesciences Corp	1.49	0.23	Insmed Inc	1.18	-0.49
Globus Medical Inc	1.14	0.18	ICU Medical Inc	0.90	-0.47
Neurocrine Biosciences Inc	2.14	0.17	Anthem Inc	2.35	-0.38

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## Manager Outlook

With more than a year until the 2020 election, we think political uncertainty will remain an overhang for health care in the near term. We have experienced periods like this before (including the last presidential election), and believe the best solution is to take a balanced approach. To that end, we have built up positions in medical device companies that we believe should help offset near-term volatility. These firms largely sit outside the political quagmire and are driving advances in robotic-assisted surgery, continuous glucose monitors for diabetes and other areas that we believe are in the early innings of a long growth cycle. For similar reasons, we also favor companies that manufacture cash-pay products, such as contact lenses, and animal health.

At the same time, we remain encouraged by the rapid advances being made across a number of therapeutic areas and rising demand for health care globally. By sticking to a disciplined investment strategy – looking for stocks that trade at a discount to our estimate of a company's intrinsic value and analyzing both the clinical and commercial opportunities of a product or service – we aim to cut through near-term volatility and be well positioned to capture these growth opportunities over the long term.

## Portfolio Management



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