

Investment Objective and Benchmark Index

The Biotech Growth Trust PLC (the "Company") seeks capital appreciation through investment in the worldwide biotechnology industry. Performance is measured against its benchmark index, the NASDAQ Biotechnology Index (sterling adjusted).

Five Year Performance (%)

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments and the income from them may fall as well as rise and is not guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than the original amount invested.



Net Asset Value per share (total return) +16.6%

Benchmark: NASDAQ Biotechnology Index (sterling adjusted) +22.7%

Source: Morningstar, Index - Bloomberg.

Ten Largest Holdings as at 31 August 2022 (% of total investments)

Name	Total
Argenx	4.6
Syndax Pharmaceuticals	4.5
Sarepta Therapeutics	4.3
BioMarin Pharmaceutical	4.0
Aclaris Therapeutics	3.9
Yisheng	3.9
Mersana Therapeutics	3.9
GH Research	3.9
Ionis Pharmaceuticals	3.9
Xenon Pharmaceuticals	3.5
Total	40.4



Portfolio Manager Geoffrey Hsu

Fast Facts

Launch Date

AIC Sector

Capital Structure



As at 31 August 2022

40,476,330 Ordinary

Shares of 25p

June 1997

Healthcare

Biotechnology &

Date of Appointment of OrbiMed 19 May 2005			
Annual Management Fee (payable by the Company)			
0.65% of net assets plus 0.30% per annum on the Company's market capitalisation up to £500m, 0.20% on market capitalisation above £500m to £1bn and 0.10% on market capitalisation over £1bn			
Performance fee See Annual Report for details			
Ongoing Charges Ratio (OCR) *			
Continuation Vote 2025 AGM and every 5th AGM thereafter			
Year / interim end 31 March / 30 September			

Trust Characteristics			
Number of Holdings 65			
Net Assets (£m)		£430.7m	
Market Capitalisation (£m)		£392.2m	
Dividend Policy			
Gearing (AIC basis) 9.7%			
Leverage**		Gross 109.7% Commitment 109.7%	
Share Price (p))	969.00	
NAV (p)		1064.14	
(Discount) / Pr	emium	(8.9%)	
Portfolio Turno	over p.a.	79.6%	
Active Share**	*	76.8%	



Geographical Breakdown as at 31 August 202	
North America	77.1%
Continental Europe	10.5%
*Unquoted	8.7%
China (quoted)	2.4%
United Kingdom	1.3%

Total 100.0%

* No more than 10% of gross assets will be invested in unquoted investments at the time of acquisition. This limit includes any investment or commitment to invest in private equity funds managed by OrbiMed or an affiliate thereof. Investments or commitments to invest in such private equity funds will be limited to US15m, after the deduction of proceeds of disposal and other returns of capital. Of the 8.7% unquoted investments, 8.3% was in China and 0.4% was in Asia.

Source: All portfolio information sourced from Frostrow Capital LLP

Discrete Performance - Calendar Years (%)

Percentage Growth 12 Month Return	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	YTD
NAV	9.9	-14.3	47.4	52.4	-23.1	-9.9
Share Price	12.1	-19.9	48.5	67.7	-24.6	-18.4
Index	10.5	-3.8	19.6	22.1	0.2	-4.9

Standardised Discrete Performance (%)

Percentage Growth 12 Month Return	Aug 17- Aug 18	Aug 18- Aug 19	Aug 19- Aug 20	Aug 20- Aug 21	Aug 21- Aug 22
NAV	-1.3	-6.9	50.9	5.4	-20.2
Share Price	1.0	-8.1	60.5	1.4	-23.1
Index	9.5	-10.3	19.8	22.0	-14.6

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Source: NAV (total return; fully diluted) & Share Price (total return) - Morningstar. Index - Bloomberg.

*Calculated at the financial year end, includes management fees and all other operating expenses, excludes performance fees.

**The Board has set the leverage limit for both the Gross and the Commitment basis at 130% of the Company's Net Asset Value.

***Active Share is expressed as a percentage and shows the extent to which a fund's holdings and their weightings differ from those of the fund's benchmark index. A fund that closely tracks its index might have a low Active Share of less than 20% and be considered passive, while a fund with an Active Share of 60% or higher is generally considered to be actively managed.

Codes		
Sedol	0038551	
ISIN	GB0000385517	
Legal Entity Identifier (LEI)		
	549300Z41EP32MI2DN29	
Global Intermed	iary	
Identification Nu	mber (GIIN)	
	U1MQ70.99999.SL.826	
Bloomberg	BIOG LN	
EPIC	BIOG	

Investment Policy

In order to achieve its investment objective, the Company invests in a diversified portfolio of shares and related securities in biotechnology companies on a worldwide basis. The Company will not invest more than 15% of the value of its gross assets in any one individual stock at the time of acquisition. No more than 10% of gross assets will be invested in unquoted investments at the time of acquisition. This includes any investment or commitment to invest in private equity funds managed by OrbiMed or an affiliate thereof. Investments or commitments to invest in such private equity funds will be limited to US15m, after the deduction of proceeds of disposal and other returns of capital. The Company's borrowing policy is that borrowings will not exceed 20% of the Company's net assets. The Company may be unable to invest directly in certain countries. In these circumstances, the Company may gain exposure to companies in such countries by investing indirectly through swaps. Where the Company invests in swaps, exposure to underlying assets will not exceed 5% of the gross assets of the Company at the time of entering into the contract.





Commentary

In August, the NAV per share was up 14.8%, the share price was up 14.0% and the benchmark NASDAQ Biotechnology Index (sterling adjusted) was up 3.6%.

The biotech sector outperformed the broader markets in August, as the sector benefited from generally strong financial reports, positive clinical trial data, and some M&A activity. However, the rally in the sector, which began in June, lost some momentum mid-month in August amidst continued macro concerns about inflation and interest rates. We believe biotech sector valuations have already bottomed out in May and June and expect biotech to continue to re-rate higher in the coming months. Small and midcap biotech names in particular continued to rebound from depressed levels during August. The Company's heavy overweight positioning in small cap biotech drove relative outperformance versus the benchmark during the period.

In August, Senate Democrats passed the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, which includes a number of drug pricing policies, including inflation caps on drug price increases, limits on out-of-pocket costs for seniors, and limited Medicare drug price negotiation for drugs starting in 2026. Passage of the bill was largely expected and priced in, so there was minimal reaction among pharma and biotech stocks to the news. We believe the legislation clears a key political overhang for the sector. Now that a bill has passed, we would not expect Congress to revisit this issue for several years. Biotech sector performance going forward will largely be premised on macroeconomic dynamics, fundamental company developments, and M&A activity.

On the M&A front, there were two notable deals in August. Amgen announced a \$3.7 billion deal to acquire biotech company ChemoCentryx, bolstering its leadership in inflammation and nephrology. Shortly thereafter, Pfizer agreed to acquire Global Blood Therapeutics for \$5.4 billion in cash for its sickle cell programs. The continued M&A activity will hopefully further stabilize the biotech market and contribute to a durable sector reversal.

Mersana Therapeutics, GH Research, and Global Blood Therapeutics were the largest positive contributors to performance during the month. In August, Mersana's share price rose after announcing a partnership with GlaxoSmithKline to co-develop an antibody-drug conjugate for cancer. GH Research shares rallied on no significant fundamental news. Global Blood Therapeutics' share price appreciated substantially after Pfizer announced its plans to acquire the company for \$5.4 billion.

Horizon Therapeutics, Seagen, and UniQure were the largest negative contributors to performance during the month. Horizon shares were down after the company missed second quarter earnings and cut guidance for the year. Seagen stock underperformed in August after announcing a negative arbitration ruling in a dispute with Daiichi Sankyo and after media outlets reported that rumored Merck/Seagen buyout talks had stalled. UniQure's shares were down in August after the company reported underwhelming second quarter revenues and announced it would be postponing a higher dose trial of its gene therapy for Huntington's disease due to the emergence of some unexpected severe adverse reactions in patients.

Discount / Premium Control Mechanism

The Directors have adopted an active discount management policy to establish and support an improved rating in the Company's shares through the use of share buybacks, with a view to limiting the discount to NAV per share at which the shares trade to no more than 6%. Shares bought back will be cancelled.

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Risk Warnings

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Important Information

The Biotech Growth Trust PLC is a public limited company whose shares are premium listed on the LSE and is registered with HMRC as an investment trust. The Company has an indeterminate life, although shareholders consider and vote on the continuation of the Company every five years (the next such vote will be held will be held in 2025).