

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.



Benchmark: NASDAQ Biotechnology Index (sterling adjusted) +44.4%

Source: Morningstar, Index - Bloomberg.

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

Name	Total
Biogen	5.5
Sarepta Therapeutics	4.7
BioMarin Pharmaceutical	4.6
Ionis Pharmaceuticals	4.5
Mersana Therapeutics	4.3
Syndax Pharmaceuticals	4.2
Aclaris Therapeutics	4.1
Neurocrine Biosciences	4.1
Keros Therapeutics	4.0
Vaxcyte	3.8
Total	43.8



Portfolio Manager Geoffrey Hsu

Fast Facts

Launch Date

AIC Sector

Capital Structure



As at 31 October 2022

June 1997

Biotechnology &

Shares of 25p

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Date of A	ppointment of OrbiMed 19 May 2005		
Annual Management Company)	Fee (payable by the		
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) *	1.1%		
Continuation Vote	2025 AGM and every 5th AGM thereafter		
Year / interim end	31 March / 30 September		
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Trust Characteristics		
Number of Holdings 59		59
Net Assets (£m)		£420.4m
Market Capitalisation (£m)		£387.4m
Dividend Policy		
Gearing (AIC basis) 7.2		7.2%
Leverage**	-	Gross 107.2% Commitment 107.2%
Share Price (p)	968.00
NAV (p)		1050.52
(Discount) / F	Premium	(7.9%)
Portfolio Turnover p.a.		97.4%
Active Share	***	80.4%



Geographical Breakdown as at 31 October 2022 (%)		
North America	82.2%	
*Unquoted	8.3%	
Continental Europe	5.8%	
China (quoted)	2.0%	
United Kingdom	1.7%	

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 US\$15m, after the deduction of proceeds of disposal and other returns of capital. Of the 8.3% unquoted investments, 7.9% 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	-11.1
Share Price	12.1	-19.9	48.5	67.7	-24.6	-18.5
Index	10.5	-3.8	19.6	22.1	0.2	2.4

Standardised Discrete Performance (%)

Percentage Growth 12 Month Return	Oct 17- Oct 18	Oct 18- Oct 19	Oct 19- Oct 20	Oct 20- Oct 21	Oct 21- Oct 22
NAV	-8.7	5.3	75.7	-4.8	-19.5
Share Price	-13.5	3.8	90.8	-11.6	-19.6
Index	3.6	1.4	21.6	15.2	-1.9

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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.

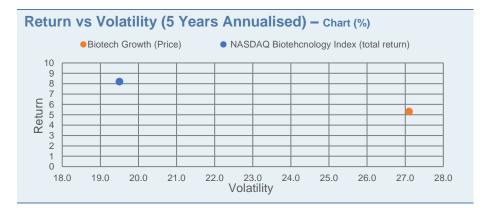
***Active Share is expressed as a percentage and shows the extent to which a fund's holdings and their weightings differ from those of the fund's benchmark index. A fund that closely tracks its index might have a low Active Share of less than 20% and be considered passive, while a fund with an Active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

Codes		
Sedol	0038551	
ISIN	GB0000385517	
Legal Entity Identifier (LEI)		
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Global Intermediary		
Identification Number (GIIN)		
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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 October, the NAV per share was down 0.1%, the share price was down 2.6% and the benchmark NASDAQ Biotechnology Index (sterling adjusted) was up 5.7%.

The biotech sector outperformed the broader markets in October, with large-cap biotech driving the outperformance. Disappointing earnings from large-cap technology stocks like Amazon and Meta may have led generalist investors to rotate into large-cap biotech companies, which are viewed as having more stable earnings. Continued macro pressures and growing recession concerns also appeared to be drawing generalist inflows into the defensive pharma sector. The Company's heavy overweighting in small-cap biotech and underweighting in large-cap biotech led to underperformance versus the benchmark index, but we continue to believe that the small-cap segment has the most opportunity for upside from current levels.

On the M&A front, activity continued to be strong in October. Of notable size, Sumitovant Biopharma reached an agreement to acquire Myovant Sciences for \$1.7bn, gaining access to Myovant's treatment for prostate cancer, uterine fibroids, and endometriosis. LG Chem agreed to acquire Aveo Oncology for \$566 million at a 43% premium, which will give LG Chem access to Aveo's kidney cancer drug, Fotivda. Eli Lilly also announced the acquisition of Akouos, a gene therapy developer targeting hearing loss for \$487mm at a 78% premium. Finally, AstraZeneca agreed to acquire LogicBio Therapeutics, a gene therapy company, for \$68 mm. LogicBio was held in the portfolio at the time of the acquisition announcement. We continue to believe M&A activity should increase given the low valuations of potential biotech targets, which should help catalyze a sustained recovery for biotech.

Vaxcyte, Keros Therapeutics, and Compass Therapeutics were the largest positive contributors to performance during the month. In late October, Vaxcyte's shares appreciated substantially after announcing positive topline results from its Phase 1/2 study of VAX-24, its investigational pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, indicating a potential best-in-class profile. Keros' stock rallied after Merck announced positive results from its pivotal Phase 3 pulmonary arterial hypertension trial of sotatercept, which was seen as validating the mechanism of action for Keros' KER-012. Compass Therapeutics stock rebounded as investors continued to gain familiarity with the company's data in cholangiocarcinoma and colorectal cancer.

KalVista Pharmaceuticals, Bellus Health, and GH Research were the largest negative contributors to performance during the month. KalVista underperformed after announcing the termination of its Phase 2 trial of KVD824 for the prevention of hereditary angioedema attacks due to liver enzyme elevations observed in patients. Bellus Health and GH Research underperformed in October on no fundamental news.

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).