# The Biotech Growth Trust PLC



Portfolio Manager







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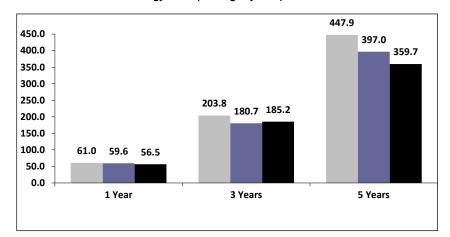
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#### **Investment Objective and Benchmark Index**

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

#### **Cumulative Performance (%)**

Trust: The Biotech Growth Trust PLC – NAV
Trust: The Biotech Growth Trust PLC – Share Price
Index: NASDAQ Biotechnology Index (sterling adjusted)



#### **Discrete Performance – Calendar Years (%)**

Percentage Growth	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	YTD
NAV	16.8	18.0	38.9	63.5	43.1	24.5
Share Price	15.5	14.6	50.6	60.1	44.9	16.4
Index	19.1	12.4	26.0	62.4	42.6	20.5

Source: Morningstar, mid-mid (share price), quoted in sterling. Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

## Commentary

In June the NAV was down 4.2%, the share price was down 3.4% and the benchmark NASDAQ Biotechnology Index was down 1.8%.

Alexion, Receptos, and Gilead Sciences were the top positive contributors to performance during the month. Alexion shares were strong due to investor anticipation of approval of two orphan drugs in the second half of the year that will accelerate growth and diversify the company's business. Receptos shares appreciated due to takeover speculation. In July, Receptos announced that it would be acquired by Celgene. Gilead shares were strong due in part to speculation that the company may pursue a transformative acquisition in the near term.

Puma Biotechnology was the largest negative contributor to performance during the month. Puma shares performed poorly following the presentation of the full results of the phase III ExteNET trial of neratinib at the American Society of Clinical Oncology meeting. Although the trial met its primary endpoint, the magnitude of benefit and the side effect profile caused concern among investors.

#### **Biographies**

Richard D. Klemm, Ph.D., CFA, is a Public Equity Partner at OrbiMed focused on biotechnology companies. He completed a Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in molecular biology in 2000. Dr. Klemm has published scientific articles in the fields of DNA replication and transcription. He received a B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley in 1994 with majors in molecular and cell biology and economics.

Geoffrey C. Hsu, CFA, is a Partner at OrbiMed, having joined in 2002 as a biotechnology analyst. Prior to joining OrbiMed, he worked as an analyst in the healthcare investment banking group at Lehman Brothers. Mr. Hsu received his A.B. degree summa cum laude from Harvard University and holds an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School. Prior to business school, he spent two years studying medicine at Harvard Medical School.

#### **Portfolio Manager Profile**

Portfolio management services are provided by OrbiMed Capital LLC (OrbiMed). OrbiMed is owned by six principals, including Samuel D. Isaly. The U.S.-based firm employs over 70 experienced investment professionals between them have extensive scientific, medical, financial and operational expertise. They employ a bottom-up stock selection process driven by intensive proprietary research, which involves company visits and developing an understanding of commercial prospects and development programmes for individual drugs. The firm covers some 600 international pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, two thirds of which are actively researched. OrbiMed is registered as an investment adviser under the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

### **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 per cent. of the value of its gross assets in any one individual stock at the time of acquisition. It will not invest more than 10 per cent. of the value of its gross assets in direct unquoted investments at the time of acquisition. This limit does not include any investment in private equity funds managed by the Portfolio Manager or any affiliates of such entity. Up to US\$15m, after the deduction of proceeds of disposal and other returns of capital, may be invested in private equity funds managed by OrbiMed Capital LLC or an affiliate. The Company's borrowing policy is that borrowings will not exceed 20 per cent. of the Company's net assets. The Company may be unable to invest in certain countries. directly 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 per cent. of the gross assets of the Company at the time of entering into the contract

## **Discount 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%.

### The Biotech Growth Trust PLC

# 10 Largest Holdings at 30 June 2015 (% of total investments)

Name	Total
Biogen	9.7
Celgene	7.3
Gilead Sciences	6.9
Amgen	6.7
Regeneron Pharmaceuticals	5.8
Alexion Pharmaceuticals	4.8
Bluebird Bio	4.6
Illumina	4.4
GW Pharmaeuticals	4.3
Incyte	3.9
Total	58.4

# Sector Breakdown as at 30 June 2015 (%)

Total	100.0%
Unquoted	0.5%
Far East	1.6%
United Kingdom	4.3%
Continental Europe	11.0%
North America	82.6%

Source: All portfolio information sourced from Frostrow Capital LLP

# Share Price Total Return on £100 (£) as at 30 June 2015

1 year	159.6
3 years	280.7
5 years	497.0

Source: Morningstar. Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

## Standardised Discrete Performance (%)

Percentage Growth 12 Month Return	Jun 10- Jun 11	Jun 11- Jun 12	Jun 12- Jun 13	Jun 13- Jun 14	Jun 14- Jun 15
NAV	33.2	35.4	37.0	37.8	61.0
Share Price	20.5	47.0	37.1	28.3	59.6
Index	29.0	24.9	38.5	31.6	56.5

Source: Morningstar, mid-mid (share price), quoted in sterling. Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

#### **Awards**

Winner: Money Observer Trust Awards 2014 & 2015, Category: Best Large Trust. Winner: Investment Week: Investment Trust of the Year Awards 2013, 2012,

Category: Specialist.

Winner: UKtech Awards 2014 & 2013: Tech Fund Manager of the Year.
Winner: Investment Trusts Magazine: Best Specialist Trust 2013, 2012 & 2011.
Winner: What Investment, 2012, Category: Best Sector Specialist Investment Trust.
Shortlisted: Investment Week: Investment Trust of the Year Awards 2011,

Category: Specialist.

## **Important Information**

The Biotech Growth Trust PLC (the "Company") is a UK investment trust listed on the London Stock Exchange and is a member of the Association of Investment Companies. As this Company may implement a gearing policy investors should be aware that the share price movement may be more volatile than movements in the price of underlying investments. 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 not get back the original amount invested. Changes in the rates of exchange between currencies may cause the value of investments to fluctuate. Fluctuation may be particularly marked in the case of a higher volatility fund and the value of an investment may fall suddenly and substantially. Shares in the biotechnology sector can prove volatile and above average price movements can be expected. There can be no assurance that the Company's investment objective will be achieved and investment results may vary substantially over time. This document is for information purposes only and does not constitute an offer or invitation to purchase shares in the Company and has not been prepared in connection with any such offer or invitation. Investment trust share prices may not fully reflect underlying net asset values. There may be a difference between the prices at which you may purchase ("the offer price") or sell ("the bid price") a share on the stock market which is known as "bid-offer" or "dealing" spread. This is set by the market makers and varies from share to share. This spread typically averages 1-2% each way on the mid-market price (the price halfway between the bid and offer prices), and can fluctuate and at times be higher than average. Net Asset Value per share is calculated in accordance with the guidelines of the Association of Investment Companies in that income received by the Company in the period since the last annual accounts is excluded. Total net assets are stated inclusive of income received. A

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Fast Facts	As at 30 June 2015		
Launch Date	June 1997		
Annual Management	: Fee (payable by the Company)		
0.65% of ne	et assets <u>plus</u> 0.30% of market cap. plus £60,000		
Performance fee	See Annual Report for details		
Ongoing charges	1.2%		
Continuation Vote	At AGM in 2015; every 5 years		
Year / Half Year	31 March / 30 September		
Capital Structure	62,575,259 Ordinary Shares		
	of 25p (excluding treasury shares) 6,311,088 Treasury Shares		

# **Trust Characteristics**

Number of Holdings	38
Total Net Assets (£m)	£529.6m
Market Capitalisation	
(£m)	£493.7m
Dividend Policy	It is not anticipated that the
_	Company will pay a dividend
Gearing (AIC basis)	12.3%
Leverage**	
Gross & Commitment	112.3%
Share Price (p)	789.00
NAV (p)	846.37
(Discount) / Premium	(6.8)

## Codes

Sedol	0038551
ISIN	GB0000385517
Bloomberg	BIOG LN
Epic	BIOG

\*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.

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