



#### The Fund

Onelife Fund is a long-only equity fund that invests in the biopharmaceutical sector. The target companies, listed mainly in the United States, research, develop, produce, and market biotechnological drugs and treatments for the management and/or cure of various diseases. The companies are selected through a process of scientific analysis, therapeutic need, regulatory/competitive environment, and financial sustainability.

### **Biotech Sector Update**

The positive trend of the NBI continues, posting a 4.85% gain in August.

Vinay Prasad has been reinstated as head of the CBER.

RFK Jr. obtained from Trump the dismissal of Susan Monarez as CDC Director, just one month after her appointment, because she refused to sign the guidelines (labeling them unscientific and reckless) on vaccines proposed by the puppet ACIP committee appointed by RFK Jr. In her place, Kennedy's ally Jim O'Neill takes over.

# **Stock Highlights**

**Argenx** rises 18% following quarterly results that confirm the strong ongoing launch of Vyvgart. Furthermore, towards the end of the month, a study confirmed the possibility of using Vyvgart for all cases of myasthenia gravis regardless of autoantibody status, significantly expanding the treatable patient base.

**Guardant Health**, added to the portfolio last month, climbs 59% thanks to an agreement signed with the American Cancer Society regarding the provision of cancer screening tests.

**Bavarian Nordic** remains stable, trading slightly above the price proposed by Nordic Capital and Permira. A significant number of shareholders oppose the deal and subsequent delisting, considering the price too low. Many expect another bidder to appear, also due to the global spread of the Chikungunya virus, for which the company has an approved vaccine. Nordic Capital and Permira respond not by raising the purchase price but by lowering the acceptance threshold required to proceed with the transaction from 90% to 75%. We maintain our position and monitor developments.

**Humacyte** remains under pressure due to high market expectations for Symvess sales. The quarterly results indicated a launch progressing with less momentum than expected, leading to a 30% decline.

**New Amsterdam**, after last month's positive data, appreciates another 14% also thanks to improved quarterly results.

**Savara** +27% announces alignment with the FDA regarding the resubmission of the BLA for Molbreevi after May's Refusal to File due to CMC issues. They finalized the manufacturing agreement with Fujifilm, which should address the FDA's concerns.

**Travere** obtains approval for modifications to the REMS (Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy) of Filspari, making it easier for physicians to prescribe. The stock rises 16%.



Viking ends the month at -18%. In the early days of the month, it gained 17% while awaiting Phase 2 data of its oral GLP-1/GIP inhibitor. The data proved less convincing: they showed good efficacy with weight loss of around 12% versus 1.3% with placebo. However, in terms of tolerability, a discontinuation rate of 38% was observed at the most effective dosage, causing the stock to drop about 40%. We believe that the nausea effects leading patients to discontinue participation could have been better managed with a more gradual titration, which Viking did not implement, opting instead to start directly at full doses to show quicker efficacy. We also note that the control arm showed a high discontinuation rate, which can be explained by patients expecting these side effects from the treatment (whether placebo or active). We believe VK2735 remains a strong candidate and are confident in its potential application. In the following days, the stock rebounded

## **Portfolio Activity**

Following the partial sale of Supernus and total exit from Verona, as anticipated last month, we increased the position in Ultragenyx.

Some active weightings were adjusted, the most significant being Illumina's downgrade from overweight to underweight, and **United Therapeutics** from overweight to equalweight.

#### **Performance**

Onelife Fund gains 3.96% for the month, underperforming the sector index (Nasdaq Biotech Index), which posts +4.85%.

Year-to-date, Onelife Fund gains 13.59%, recording a positive return compared to the NBI (+8.51%) and outperforming all peers.

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