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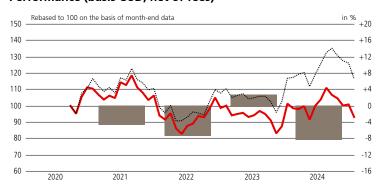
# **UBS Biotech Equity Fund USD**

## Performance Review

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#### Performance (basis USD, net of fees)<sup>1</sup>



Fund performance net of fees (left-hand scale)

Fund performance per year in % net of fees (right-hand scale)

Index performance (left-hand scale)

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

#### Performance in % (net of fees)<sup>1</sup>

in %	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	LTD3	4 years (	ð p.a. 4
					YTD <sup>2</sup>			years
Fund (USD)	n.a.	-4.47	-7.18	2.68	-8.06	-5.48	-16.30	-4.35
Benchmark <sup>4</sup>	n.a.	0.05	-2.60	8.40	-0.30	17.42	5.32	1.30

The performance shown does not take account of any commissions, entry or exit charges.

- 1 These figures refer to the past. If the currency of a financial product, financial service or its costs is different from your reference currency, the return and/or costs can increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. Source for all data and chart (if not indicated otherwise): UBS Asset
- Management. 2 YTD: year-to-date (since beginning of the year)
- 3 LTD: launch-to-date
- 4 Reference Index in currency of share class (without costs)

The biotech sector delivered modestly negative returns in 2024, underperforming the broader equity market. Headwinds included a number of mixed clinical data points in large cap biopharma, continued macro pressures and a dampened M&A environment due to higher interest rates and antitrust scrutiny under the Biden administration.

#### Monthly performance

In December the fund performed negatively with 7.6%. This month's performance was boosted by some of our holdings, which performed well on positive incremental news, while we also avoided some of the key laggards within the market.

#### YTD performance

YTD as of the end of December, the fund has delivered a negative performance of 8.1%. The fund's performance relative to the sector was largely driven by small, longer-duration, highly innovative names that we expect to materially outperform over the longer term.

#### **Performance contributors**

In 2024, our underweight to Biogen contributed positively as the company's shares underperformed on a disappointing launch for the new Alzheimer's drug, combined with concerns that Biogen's pipeline may not back-fill for upcoming patent expiries. Our position in argenx added value as its shares rallied on a strong launch and positive clinical data for the company's Vyvgart drug.

#### **Performance detractors**

in 2024, Moderna shares sold off due to disappointment surrounding the timeline to cash flow breakeven, softer-than-expected Covid vaccine sales and a delay to its key oncology vaccine of 6 to 12 months. Not owning Natera detracted from performance as Signatera volumes and average sales prices came in stronger than expected.

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# **UBS Biotech Equity Fund USD**

#### Market exposure (%)

	Fund
United States	83.71
Netherlands	4.43
Germany	3.13
Switzerland	2.69
Denmark	2.53
United Kingdom	2.51
Ireland	1.00

#### 10 largest equity positions (%)1

	Fund
Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc	9.3
Alnylam Pharmaceuticals Inc	6.3
Neurocrine Biosciences Inc	6.2
AbbVie Inc	5.0
Gilead Sciences Inc	4.3
Guardant Health Inc	4.1
Moderna Inc	4.0
Amgen Inc	3.7
Roivant Sciences Ltd	3.6
Denali Therapeutics Inc	3.2
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<sup>1</sup> This is not a recommendation to buy or sell any security

#### **Current investment strategy**

After several challenging years, sentiment towards the biotech industry appears to be improving, with stable funding levels and a continued strong pace of new drug approvals. We continue to favour highly innovative small and mid cap names, and especially those with platform modalities that enable the iterative pursuit of multiple therapeutic targets.

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