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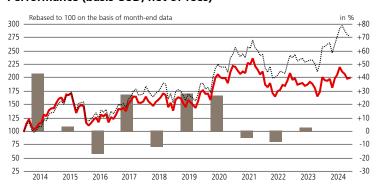
# **UBS Biotech Equity Fund USD**

## Performance Review

UBS (Lux) Equity Fund - Biotech (USD) Q-acc



## 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	Nov.	5 years 0	) p.a. 5
					YTD2	2024		years
Fund (USD)	25.89	-4.66	-7.37	2.47	-0.68	0.66	15.22	2.87
Benchmark <sup>3</sup>	28.24	0.05	-2.60	8.40	7.92	-1.12	47.25	8.05

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
- Management.
  2 YTD: year-to-date (since beginning of the year)
- 3 Reference Index in currency of share class (without costs)

The biotech sector posted a negative month in USD terms. US equities produced a strong performance that was driven by risk-on sentiment and the end of a good earnings season. However, Trump's policy agenda poses risks to regions outside the US, with equities in those markets seeing slight declines.

#### Monthly performance

In November the fund performed positively with 0.7%. 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 November, the fund has delivered a negative performance of 0.7%. The fund's performance relative to the sector has largely been driven by small, longer-duration, highly innovative names that we expect to materially outperform over the longer term.

#### **Performance contributors**

Guardant Health shares rallied on Q3 earnings, which highlighted higher-than-expected therapy selection blood test volumes. Arrowhead Pharmaceuticals shares traded higher following the announcement of a partnership with Sarepta, which alleviated some funding concerns.

#### **Performance detractors**

Not owning Natera detracted from performance as the company saw strong volumes in cancer monitoring blood tests. Our position in Moderna also detracted as its shares were hit by investor concerns surrounding the new administration's sentiment towards vaccines.

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## **UBS Biotech Equity Fund USD**

#### Market exposure (%)

	Fund
United States	83.92
Netherlands	4.52
Germany	3.09
Switzerland	2.73
Denmark	2.43
United Kingdom	2.25
Ireland	1.06

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

	Fund
Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc	9.3
Alnylam Pharmaceuticals Inc	6.7
Neurocrine Biosciences Inc	5.4
Guardant Health Inc	4.4
Amgen Inc	4.2
Regeneron Pharmaceuticals Inc	4.2
Moderna Inc	3.9
AbbVie Inc	3.8
Denali Therapeutics Inc	3.7
Roivant Sciences Ltd	3.6
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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, especially those with platform modalities that enable the iterative pursuit of multiple therapeutic targets.

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