

The BlackRock Health Sciences Trust, BME, is a perpetual closed-end equity fund. BME commenced operations in March 2005 with the investment objective of providing total return through a combination of current income and capital appreciation. Under normal market conditions, the Trust will invest at least 80% of its total assets in equity securities of companies engaged in the health sciences and related industries and equity derivatives with exposure to the health sciences industry. Companies in the health sciences industry include health care providers as well as businesses involved in researching, developing, producing, distributing or delivering medical, dental, optical, pharmaceutical or biotechnology products, supplies, equipment or services or that provide support services to these companies. Equity securities in which the Trust anticipates investing include common stocks, preferred stocks, convertible securities, warrants, depository receipts and equity interests in real estate investment trusts that own hospitals.

## GROWTH OF A HYPOTHETICAL \$10,000



The chart illustrates the growth of a hypothetical \$10,000 investment in the fund's common shares based on market price beginning on the date noted with all distributions reinvested. Ending value as of the date at the top of this document. Performance does not reflect sales charges or fees that may be incurred. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.**

## HISTORICAL PREMIUM/DISCOUNT



Premium-discount graph illustrates the amount by which the market price trades above or below net asset value.

## PERFORMANCE

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception
Net Asset Value	10.66%	16.71%	15.81%	15.89%	13.26%
Market Price	7.37%	16.52%	15.74%	16.32%	13.03%

Returns for less than one year are not annualized. **Performance data quoted represents past performance of common shares and does not guarantee future results. Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares may be worth more or less than the original cost. The fund's market price and net asset value will fluctuate with market conditions. All return data assumes reinvestment of all distributions. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. For more information, please refer to [www.blackrock.com](http://www.blackrock.com).** Returns are shown net of advisory fees paid by the fund and net of the fund's operating fees and expenses. Investors who purchase shares of the fund through an investment adviser or other financial professional may separately pay a fee to that service provider. **Past performance is not indicative of future results.** If a Fund estimates that it has distributed more than its income and net realized capital gains in the current fiscal year, a portion of its distribution may be a return of capital. A return of capital may occur, for example, when some or all of a shareholder's investment is paid back to the shareholder. A return of capital distribution does not necessarily reflect a Fund's investment performance and should not be confused with 'yield' or 'income'. When distributions exceed total return performance, the difference will reduce the Fund's net asset value per share. Although the character of income will not be determined until the end of the fund's fiscal year, please refer to the 'Closed-End Fund Resources' section of the BlackRock website for Section 19 notices that provide estimated amounts and sources of the fund's distributions, which should not be relied upon for tax reporting purposes. A Form 1099-DIV for the calendar year will be sent to shareholders to illustrate how the Fund's distributions should be reported for federal income tax purposes.

## KEY FACTS

Size of Fund (Millions)	\$625.6M
Managed Assets	\$625.6M
Share Class Launch Date	03/31/2005
Asset Class	Equity
Morningstar Category	Health
Lipper Classification	Sector Equity Funds
NAV Per Share	47.96
Share Price	48.50
Premium/Discount	1.13%
Number of Holdings	135
Dividend Frequency	Monthly
Distribution Rate**	5.27%

Managed Assets means the total assets of the Trust (including any assets attributable to leverage) minus the sum of accrued liabilities (other than debt representing financial leverage). Distribution Rate is calculated by annualizing the most recent distribution and dividing by the fund's market price from the as-of-date.

## TOP HOLDINGS (%)

UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INC	8.50
THERMO FISHER SCIENTIFIC INC	5.88
ABBOTT LABORATORIES	5.82
PFIZER INC	4.07
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	3.93
ELI LILLY AND COMPANY	3.47
CIGNA CORP	2.65
STRYKER CORPORATION	2.39
INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC	2.36
AMGEN INC	2.31
<b>Total of Portfolio</b>	<b>41.38</b>

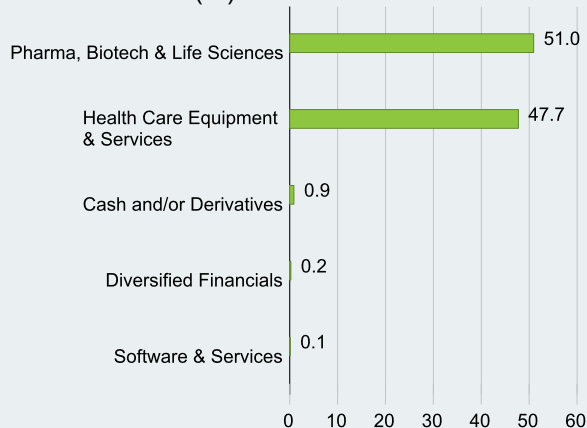
\* Based on Net Assets, cash position not shown.

## DISTRIBUTION HISTORY

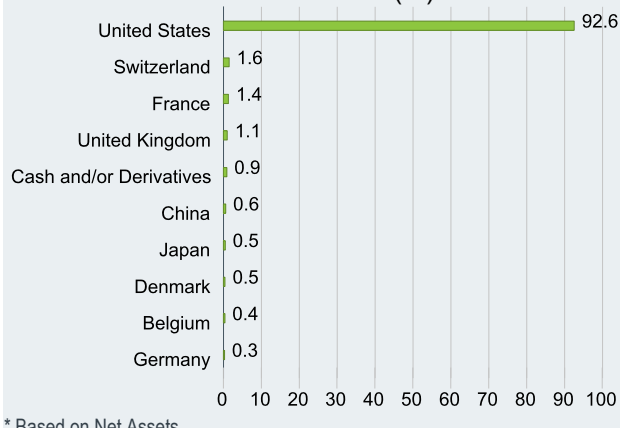
Ex-Date	Total Distribution
12/16/21	\$0.213000
11/12/21	\$0.213000
10/14/21	\$0.213000
09/14/21	\$0.200000
08/13/21	\$0.200000
07/14/21	\$0.200000

Past distributions are not indicative of future distributions. \*\*Distributions may include a return of capital. Please refer to the "Tax Information" section of the BlackRock website for Section 19 notices that provide estimated amounts and sources of the fund's distributions, which should not be relied upon for tax reporting purposes.

## TOP SECTORS (%)



## GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN (%)



\* Based on Net Assets

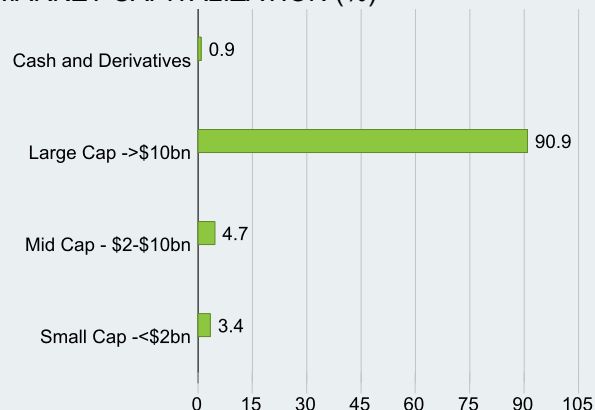
## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Average Market Capitalization (millions)	<b>\$167,064.7M</b>
Type Of Options	<b>Single Stock</b>
Percentage Of Portfolio Overwritten	<b>33.49%</b>

## ANNUAL EXPENSES

Gross Expense Ratio	1.10%
Management Fee	1.00%

## MARKET CAPITALIZATION (%)



\* Based on Net Assets

## GLOSSARY

**Average Market Cap:** The average size of the securities the fund invests in.

**Distribution Rate:** Distribution Rate is calculated by dividing the last distribution per share (annualized) by market price.

**Type of Options:** Type of options written to enhance portfolio returns

**Percentage Portfolio Overwritten:** Under normal market conditions, the Trust intends to write options with respect to approximately 30% to 40% of its net assets, although this percentage may vary over time with market conditions.



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Sustainability Characteristics can help investors integrate non-financial, sustainability considerations into their investment process. These metrics enable investors to evaluate funds based on their environmental, social, and governance (ESG) risks and opportunities. This analysis can provide insight into the effective management and long-term financial prospects of a fund.

The metrics below have been provided for transparency and informational purposes only. The existence of an ESG rating is not indicative of how or whether ESG factors will be integrated into a fund. The metrics are based on MSCI ESG Fund Ratings and, unless otherwise stated in fund documentation and included within a fund's investment objective, do not change a fund's investment objective or constrain the fund's investable universe, and there is no indication that an ESG or Impact focused investment strategy or exclusionary screens will be adopted by a fund. For more information regarding a fund's investment strategy, please see the fund's prospectus.

MSCI ESG Fund Rating (AAA-CCC)	BBB	MSCI ESG Quality Score (0-10)	4.68
MSCI ESG Quality Score - Peer Percentile	-	MSCI ESG % Coverage	95.66%
Fund Lipper Global Classification	Unclassified	MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (Tons CO2E/\$M SALES)	19.03
Funds in Peer Group	105		

All data is from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings as of **07-Sep-2021**, based on holdings as of **31-May-2021**. As such, the fund's sustainable characteristics may differ from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings from time to time.

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## ESG GLOSSARY:

**MSCI ESG Fund Rating (AAA-CCC):** The MSCI ESG Rating is calculated as a direct mapping of ESG Quality Scores to letter rating categories (e.g. AAA = 8.6-10). The ESG Ratings range from leader (AAA, AA), average (A, BBB, BB) to laggard (B, CCC).

**MSCI ESG Quality Score - Peer Percentile:** The fund's ESG Percentile compared to its Lipper peer group.

**Fund Lipper Global Classification:** The fund peer group as defined by the Lipper Global Classification.

**Funds in Peer Group:** The number of funds from the relevant Lipper Global Classification peer group that are also in ESG coverage.

**MSCI ESG Quality Score (0-10):** The MSCI ESG Quality Score (0 - 10) for funds is calculated using the weighted average of the ESG scores of fund holdings. The Score also considers ESG Rating trend of holdings and the fund exposure to holdings in the laggard category. MSCI rates underlying holdings according to their exposure to industry specific ESG risks and their ability to manage those risks relative to peers.

**MSCI ESG % Coverage:** Percentage of a fund's holdings that have MSCI ESG ratings data.

**MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (Tons CO2E/\$M SALES):** Measures a fund's exposure to carbon intensive companies. This figure represents the estimated greenhouse gas emissions per \$1 million in sales across the fund's holdings. This allows for comparisons between funds of different sizes.

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