

# HQL

## abrdn Life Science Investors

The Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation.

Third Quarter 2023

### Description of the Fund

Tekla Life Sciences Investors ("HQL") is a non-diversified closed-end healthcare fund traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker HQL. HQL primarily invests in the life sciences and other healthcare industries and will emphasize growing companies with a maximum of 40% of the Fund's assets in restricted securities of both public and private companies.

### Investment Philosophy

Tekla Capital Management LLC, the Investment Adviser to the Fund, believes that:

- Aging demographics and adoption of new medical products and services can provide long-term tailwinds for healthcare companies
- Late stage biotechnology product pipeline could lead to significant increases in biotechnology sales
- Investment opportunity spans 11 sub-sectors including biotechnology, healthcare technology, managed care and healthcare REITs
- Robust M&A activity in healthcare may create additional investment opportunities

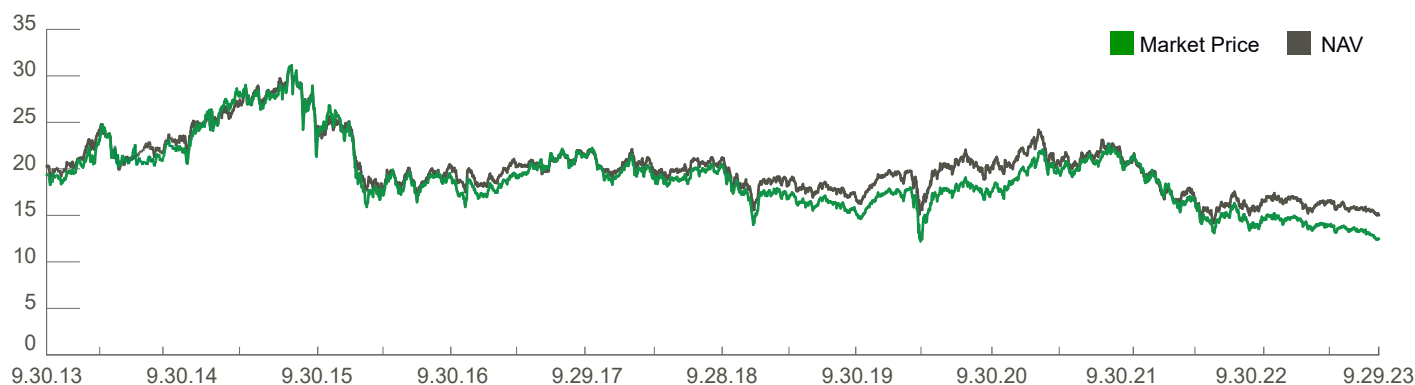
### Fund Overview and Characteristics as of 9.30.23

Market Price <sup>1</sup>	<b>\$12.47</b>
NAV <sup>2</sup>	<b>\$15.00</b>
Premium/(Discount)	<b>-16.87%</b>
Average 30 Day Volume	<b>88,761</b>
Net Assets	<b>\$401,933,517</b>
Ticker	<b>HQL</b>
NAV Ticker	<b>XHQLX</b>
Commencement of Operations Date	<b>5.8.92</b>
CUSIP	<b>87911K100</b>

<sup>1</sup> The closing price at which the Fund's shares were traded on the exchange.

<sup>2</sup> Per-share dollar value of the Fund, calculated by dividing the total value of all the securities in its portfolio, plus any other assets and less liabilities, by the number of Fund shares outstanding.

### 10-Year Price and NAV History as of 9.30.23



### Performance as of 9.30.23

	3 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Commencement of Operations*
Market Price	<b>-5.54%</b>	<b>0.23%</b>	<b>-2.52%</b>	<b>-0.84%</b>	<b>4.82%</b>	<b>7.81%</b>
NAV	<b>-2.50%</b>	<b>6.25%</b>	<b>-1.10%</b>	<b>2.11%</b>	<b>6.28%</b>	<b>8.70%</b>

All performance over one-year has been annualized.

\*Since commencement of operations of fund (5.8.92).

Performance data quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results, and current performance may be lower or higher than the figures shown. The NAV total return takes into account the Fund's total annual expenses and does not reflect transaction charges. If transaction charges were reflected, NAV total return would be reduced. All distributions are assumed to be reinvested either in accordance with the dividend reinvestment plan (DRIP) for market price returns or NAV for NAV returns. The market price returns reflect the reinvestment at the closing market price on the last business day of the month.

### Third Quarter 2023 Fund Yield and Distributions

Market Price Distribution Rate <sup>3</sup>	Distribution Per Share	Record Date	Payable Date
<b>10.26%</b>	<b>\$0.32</b>	<b>August 25, 2023</b>	<b>September 29, 2023</b>

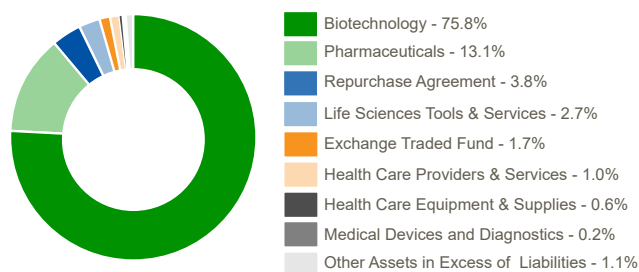
<sup>3</sup> Current quarter's distribution per share annualized, divided by the September 30, 2023 market price per share. The Fund's third quarter 2023 distributions were estimated to be comprised of net realized long-term capital gains. The distribution rate alone is not indicative of Fund performance. The character of the current distributions was estimated and disclosed in a Section 19(a) Notice located under the "Investor Information" section of the Fund's website. Please note that the distribution classifications are preliminary and certain distributions may be re-classified at year end. Please refer to year-end tax documents for the final classifications of the Fund's distributions for a given year.

## Top 10 Holdings by Issuer as of 9.30.23\*

Amgen, Inc.	10.5%
Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	8.9%
Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	8.7%
Gilead Sciences, Inc.	6.9%
Biogen, Inc.	3.9%
AstraZeneca plc	3.5%
Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	2.8%
Moderna, Inc.	2.8%
Neurovance Milestone Interest	2.2%
Illumina, Inc.	2.1%

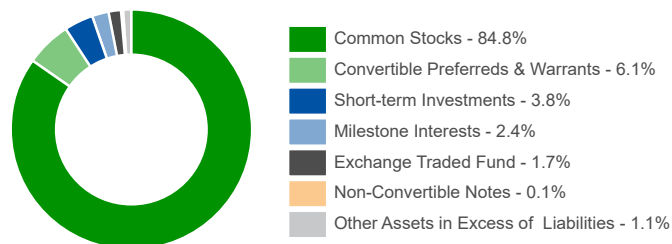
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## Sub-Sector Allocation as of 9.30.23\*



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## Asset Allocation as of 9.30.23\*



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\*Data is based on net assets.

## Portfolio Manager

### Daniel Omstead, PhD

President

BS, MS, PhD (Lehigh University, Columbia University)

Experience: Merck, Johnson & Johnson, CytoTherapeutics, Regeneron, JPMorgan

40 Years Experience

## Investment Team

### Jason Akus, MD

Senior Vice President, Research

BS, MD/MBA (Tufts University)

Experience: Medvoluton, JPMorgan

### Timothy Gasperoni, PhD

Senior Vice President, Research

BA, MA, MBA, PhD (Swarthmore

College, UPenn, MIT, UCLA)

Experience: Sabby Capital,

Crosswind Investments, Andesite

### Ashton L. Wilson

Senior Vice President

BS (Virginia Tech)

Experience: Goldman Sachs & Co.,

Bank of America Merrill Lynch

### Christopher Abbott

Vice President, Research

BA (Hamilton College)

Experience: Leerink Partners

### Robert Benson

Vice President

BS, MS (MIT, U Cal Berkeley)

Experience: State Street Global

Advisors

### Kelly Girsakis, PhD

Vice President, Research

BA, PhD (USC, Harvard University)

Experience: SVB Leerink, Ascentia

Asset Management

### Richard Goss

Vice President, Research

BA (Cornell University)

Experience: Leerink Partners,

Datamonitor

### Jack Liu, MBA, PhD

Vice President, Research

BS, MBA, PhD (Tsinghua University,

MIT, Northeastern University)

Experience: Weatherbie Capital,

Fidelity Investments, King Tower

Asset Management

### Christopher Seitz, MBA

Vice President, Research

BA, MBA (Williams College, The

Wharton School of Business)

Experience: Nantahala Capital

Management, Excel Venture

Management

### Loretta Tse, PhD

Vice President

BS, PhD (UC Davis, Johns Hopkins)

Experience: Fred Hutchinson Cancer

Research Center, Oxford Biosciences

Partners

### Graham Attipoe, MBA, MD

Senior Analyst, Research

MBA, MD, BS (Wharton School of

Business, Vanderbilt University, Duke)

Experience: Eagle Health

Investments LP, Boston Consulting

Group, Windham Venture Partners

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\*Morningstar, AUM as of July 17, 2023.



## Risk Considerations

This information does not represent an offer to sell securities of the Fund nor is it soliciting an offer to buy securities of the Fund. The value of the Fund will fluctuate with the value of the underlying securities. Closed-end funds are traded on the secondary market through one of the stock exchanges. The Fund's investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that an investor's shares may be worth more or less than the original cost. Shares of closed-end funds may trade above (a premium) or below (a discount) the net asset value (NAV) of the Fund. The net asset value (NAV) is the value of an entity's assets less the value of its liabilities. The market price is the current price at which an asset can be bought or sold. There is no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective. Past performance does not guarantee future results. The information presented was prepared and issued by the Fund based on publicly available information, internally developed data and other sources believed to be reliable. All reasonable care has been taken to ensure accuracy. An investment in the Fund may be subject to additional risks including **limited operating history, security selection, concentration in the healthcare industries, pharmaceuticals sector, biotechnology industry, managed care sector, life science and tool industry, healthcare technology sector, healthcare services sector, healthcare supplies sector, healthcare facilities sector, healthcare equipment sector, healthcare distributors sector, healthcare REIT, interest rate, credit/default, non-investment grade securities, key personnel, discount to NAV, anti-takeover provisions, related party transactions, non-diversification, government intervention, market disruption, geopolitical, and potential conflicts of interest.**

Please consider the Fund's investment objective and risks carefully before you invest. The Fund may seek to enhance the level of the Fund's current income and capital appreciation potential through the use of leverage. Certain risks are associated with the leveraging of common stock. Both the net asset value and the market value of shares of common stock may be subject to higher volatility and a decline in value.

As of 9/30/2023, Tekla Capital Management LLC was the Fund's investment manager. Effective immediately after the market close on 10/27/2023, abrdn Inc. became the Fund's investment manager. Destra Capital Advisors LLC, a registered investment advisor, is providing secondary market servicing for the Fund.

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