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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM N-CSR**

**CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED  
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES**

Investment Company Act file number 811-06565

Tekla Life Sciences Investors  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

100 Federal Street, 19th Floor, Boston, MA  
(Address of principal executive offices)

02110  
(Zip code)

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 617-772-8500

Date of fiscal year end: September 30

Date of reporting period: October 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015

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**ITEM 1. REPORTS TO STOCKHOLDERS.**

See Semiannual Report as of March 31, 2015.

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**TEKLA LIFE SCIENCES INVESTORS**

*Semiannual Report*

March 31, 2015

*(Unaudited)*

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**TEKLA LIFE SCIENCES INVESTORS**

**DISTRIBUTION POLICY**

The Fund has implemented a managed distribution policy (the Policy) that provides for quarterly distributions at a rate set by the Board of Trustees. Under the current Policy, the Fund intends to make quarterly distributions at a rate of 2% of the Fund's net assets to shareholders of record. The Fund intends to use net realized capital gains when making quarterly distributions, if available, but the Policy would result in a return of capital to shareholders, if the amount of the distribution exceeds the Fund's net investment income and realized capital gains. With each distribution, the Fund will issue a notice to shareholders and a press release that will provide detailed information regarding the amount and estimated composition of the distribution. You should not draw any conclusions about the Fund's investment performance from the amount of distributions pursuant to the Policy or from the terms of the Policy. The Policy has been established by the Trustees and may be changed or terminated by them without shareholder approval. The Trustees regularly review the Policy and the frequency and rate of distributions considering the purpose and effect of the Policy, the financial market environment, and the Fund's income, capital gains and capital available to pay distributions. The suspension or termination of the Policy could have the effect of creating a trading discount (if the Fund's stock is trading at or below net asset value) or widening an existing trading discount. At this time there are no reasonably foreseeable circumstances that might cause the Trustees to terminate the Policy.

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To our Shareholders:

On March 31, 2015, the net asset value (NAV) per share of the Fund was \$27.18. During the six month period ended March 31, 2015, total return at NAV of the Fund was 20.55%, with distributions reinvested. The total investment return at market with distributions reinvested was 29.31% during the same period. Comparisons to relevant indices are listed below.

| <b>Investment Returns</b> | <b>Six Months<br/>Ended 3/31/15</b> |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| At Market                 | 29.31%                              |
| At Net Asset Value        | 20.55%                              |
| NASDAQ Biotech Index      | 25.94%                              |
| S&P 500 Index             | 5.92%                               |

**Investment Highlights**

After several years of solid performance, our view of the healthcare and biotech sectors remains largely unchanged. That is, population demographics will continue to drive demand for products and services. In addition, good fundamentals, generally encouraging data, notable approval rates and M&A activity should continue to drive favorable sentiment. And after an impressive three year run, while valuations are notably higher than they were previously, solid revenue and earnings growth rates in our sector relative to other sectors should attract investors.

As we have noted previously, population demographics in the U.S. and abroad continue to create demand for healthcare. The population in much of the developed world is getting older. As they age, people develop chronic and rare diseases which require treatment. In the U.S., Obamacare is increasing the number of individuals covered by health insurance, thus increasing their access to healthcare services. In many emerging markets, the middle class is growing and demanding new healthcare services. Overall, these trends have led and should continue to lead to an increase in healthcare spending as a percentage of GDP. There are certainly trends that will pressure pricing, but in general we and most others seem to think that demand for healthcare services will continue to grow, probably at a rate that exceeds that of GDP.

We continue to see the development of new and differentiated products, particularly in the biotech sector. In the last couple of years, there has been an impressive spate of new IPOs and follow-on financings that has created a new generation of companies developing the next generation of healthcare and biotech products. Just in the six month period ending March 31, 2015, BioCentury reports that there were 45 IPOs which raised a total of approximately \$4B. Even more impressive, a total of 128 follow-on financings raised approximately \$14B for the sponsoring companies. This created an impressive group of well financed companies which appears poised to develop many differentiated, high-value products. As an example, it looks to us that after a number of years of effort, the burgeoning field of immuno-oncology is in the process of demonstrating a real move forward in the treatment of both hematologic and solid tumor cancers. For some time, the industry has been developing products that are more effective at targeting a cancer within the body. By getting the product to the actual site of the tumor, the goal has been to increase clinical effectiveness and to decrease side effects. In the last decade a number of these kinds of products have been developed. The opportunity at the moment is to develop treatments that recruit the body's natural immune system to be more able to attack one's cancer. In theory, this approach should be even more effective than products developed in the last decade. The first two products in the general area were sponsored by large pharmaceutical companies and approved by the FDA in the last six months. Clinical data demonstrated by these products in a variety of clinical trials have been impressive. The ultimate goal is to combine this new approach with existing drugs to effect even better results for patients. Initial results in these so-called "combination" trials have often been impressive. There are a number of other approaches being developed, but immune-oncology is emblematic of the current generation of therapeutic advances.

Generally, positive clinical data and high product approval rates are an important part of developing investor interest in the healthcare sector. In a diverse population of companies developing a wide range of products and technologies, there are always some successes and some failures. But it is helpful when highly anticipated results come out positively. There were myriad trial results reported in the last six months but arguably Biogen Inc.'s Alzheimer's Disease trial was the most anticipated clinical trial result of recent months. We would say that trial met or exceeded market expectations. As for regulatory approvals, FDA approved approximately 40 new medicines in 2014. This is among the most approvals of recent years. Moreover, it is likely that new initiatives, like the FDA's Breakthrough Therapy program, introduced several years ago to facilitate development and review of

novel treatments, is having an effect on overall approval rates. Additional programs and legislative initiatives are being developed.

Beyond product development fundamentals, there is little question that M&A activity is having a positive impact on sector sentiment. A number of acquisitions have been announced of late but the proposed acquisition of Pharmacyclics, Inc., makers of Imbruvica, for a price estimated to be over \$21B by AbbVie Inc. was a particularly notable transaction.

In summary, we are favorable on the fundamentals of the healthcare and biotech sectors. However, we also want to express a note of caution. After several years of outperformance, valuations in the healthcare and biotech sectors, while reasonable relative to other sectors on a growth adjusted (P/E divided by G) basis, they are high on a trailing twelve month Price/Earnings basis:

| <b>Sector</b>          | <b>Price/<br/>Earnings</b> | <b>Estimated Earnings<br/>Growth<sup>1</sup></b> | <b>PEG</b> |
|------------------------|----------------------------|--|------------|
| Information Technology | 20.02                      | 11.07  | 1.59       |
| Healthcare             | 24.78                      | 9.67   | 1.9        |
| Consumer Discretionary | 19.58                      | 8.67   | 2.10       |
| Telecommunications     | 17.75                      | 7.13   | 2.38       |
| Industrials            | 18.70                      | 7.08   | 2.41       |
| Consumer Staples       | 21.72                      | 6.81   | 3.01       |
| Financials             | 14.37                      | 3.08   | 4.50       |
| Utilities <sup>2</sup> | 17.77                      | -0.84  | High       |
| Energy <sup>2</sup>    | 19.91                      | -3.36  | High       |
| Materials <sup>2</sup> | 20.35                      | -89.37   | High       |

<sup>1</sup> Source: Bloomberg May 5, 2015

<sup>2</sup> PEG values high due to negative earnings estimates; PEG would be incalculably high

However, on a growth adjusted (PEG), healthcare sector valuations are among the most attractive. This is of course due to the fact that estimated healthcare earnings growth rates are among the highest of the illustrated sectors. It is our belief that expected earnings growth is a key metric in stock price appreciation. As a consequence we think valuations in the sector are reasonable and may well attract continued investor interest.

### **Portfolio Highlights**

During the report period, considering both market return and Fund weighting, investments in Incyte Corporation, Celgene Corporation, Neurocrine Biosciences, Inc., BioMarin Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Biogen, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and bluebird bio, Inc. were among those that provided beneficial contributions to return. Investments in



Gilead Sciences, Inc., Epizyme, Inc. and BioDelivery Sciences International, Inc. were among those that had a negative contribution to return.

### **Investment Changes**

During the six month period ended March 31, 2015, within the public portfolio, the Fund established positions in several companies including Accelerate Diagnostics, Inc., Bellicum Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Cellectis S.A., Flex Pharma, Inc., Galapagos NV, Receptos, Inc., Sorrento Therapeutics, Inc., Xencor, Inc. and Zafgen, Inc. During the same six month period, the Fund exited its position in several companies including, Celladon Corporation, Clovis Oncology, Inc., Cubist Pharmaceuticals, Inc., MEI Pharma, Inc., NPS Pharmaceuticals, Inc., PTC Therapeutics, Inc., PerkinElmer, Inc., Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc. and Zyomyx Inc.

During the same six month period, within the venture portfolio, the Fund made follow-on investments in CardioKinetix, Inc., IlluminOss Medical, Inc., Inshightra Medical, Inc. Neurovance, Inc., Palyon Medical Corporation and Veniti, Inc.

As always, if you have questions, please feel free to call us at (617) 772-8500.

Daniel R. Omstead, PhD  
President

**TEKLA LIFE SCIENCES INVESTORS****LARGEST HOLDINGS BY ISSUER  
(Excludes Short-Term Investments)**

*As of March 31, 2015  
(Unaudited)*

| <b>Issuer Sector</b>                       | <b>% of Net Assets</b> |
|--|------------------------|
| <b>Celgene Corporation</b>                 |                        |
| <i>Biotechnologies/Biopharmaceuticals</i>  | 9.6%                   |
| <b>Gilead Sciences, Inc.</b>               |                        |
| <i>Biotechnologies/Biopharmaceuticals</i>  | 8.3%                   |
| <b>Biogen Inc.</b>                         |                        |
| <i>Biotechnologies/Biopharmaceuticals</i>  | 5.6%                   |
| <b>Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.</b>     |                        |
| <i>Biotechnologies/Biopharmaceuticals</i>  | 4.7%                   |
| <b>Incyte Corporation</b>                  |                        |
| <i>Drug Discovery Technologies</i>         | 4.5%                   |
| <b>Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc.</b>       |                        |
| <i>Biotechnologies/Biopharmaceuticals</i>  | 4.2%                   |
| <b>Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.</b> |                        |
| <i>Generic Pharmaceuticals</i>             | 3.4%                   |
| <b>Amgen Inc.</b>                          |                        |
| <i>Biotechnologies/Biopharmaceuticals</i>  | 3.3%                   |
| <b>Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Inc.</b>        |                        |
| <i>Biotechnologies/Biopharmaceuticals</i>  | 3.1%                   |
| <b>BioMarin Pharmaceutical Inc.</b>        |                        |
| <i>Biotechnologies/Biopharmaceuticals</i>  | 3.1%                   |

**SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION (% of Net Assets)**

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MARCH 31, 2015

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| SHARES             | <b>CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED AND WARRANTS<br/>(Restricted) <sup>(a)</sup> <sup>(b)</sup> - 5.5% of Net Assets</b> | VALUE     |
|--------------------|---|-----------|
|                    | <i>Biotechnologies/Biopharmaceuticals - 0.6%</i>  |           |
| 2,568,939          | EBI Life Sciences, Inc. Series A <sup>(c)</sup>   | \$ 13,102 |
| 2,862,324          | Euthymics Biosciences, Inc. Series A <sup>(c)</sup>   | 1,099,991 |
| 53,948             | Neurovance, Inc. Series A <sup>(c)</sup>  | 199,867   |
| 497,639            | Neurovance, Inc. Series A-1 <sup>(c)</sup>  | 1,843,653 |
|                    |   | 3,156,613 |
|                    | <i>Healthcare Services - 1.5%</i>   |           |
| 3,589,744          | PHT Corporation Series D <sup>(c)</sup>   | 6,102,565 |
| 802,996            | PHT Corporation Series E <sup>(c)</sup>   | 1,461,453 |
| 99,455             | PHT Corporation Series F <sup>(c)</sup>   | 282,452   |
|                    |   | 7,846,470 |
|                    | <i>Medical Devices and Diagnostics - 3.4%</i>   |           |
| 2,338,198          | AlterG, Inc. Series C   | 958,661   |
| 79,330             | CardioKinetix, Inc. Series C  | 1,116,094 |
| 142,574            | CardioKinetix, Inc. Series D  | 542,779   |
| 439,333            | CardioKinetix, Inc. Series E  | 1,250,781 |
| 403,207            | CardioKinetix, Inc. Series F  | 1,377,516 |
| N/A <sup>(d)</sup> | CardioKinetix, Inc. warrants<br>(expiration 12/11/19)   | 0         |
| N/A <sup>(d)</sup> | CardioKinetix, Inc. warrants<br>(expiration 6/03/20)  | 0         |
| 8,822              | CardioKinetix, Inc. warrants<br>(expiration 8/15/24)  | 0         |
| 2,161,090          | Dynex Technologies, Inc. Series A   | 1,080,545 |
| 98,824             | Dynex Technologies, Inc. warrants<br>(expiration 4/01/19)   | 0         |
| 7,877              | Dynex Technologies, Inc. warrants<br>(expiration 5/06/19)   | 0         |
| 3,210,450          | IlluminOss Medical, Inc. Series C-1   | 1,230,887 |
| 5,126,388          | Insightra Medical, Inc. Series C <sup>(c)</sup>   | 2,170,000 |
| 2,446,016          | Labcyte, Inc. Series C  | 1,743,765 |
| 107,178            | Labcyte, Inc. Series D  | 88,915    |
| 2,161,090          | Magellan Diagnostics, Inc. Series A   | 1,480,995 |
| 98,824             | Magellan Diagnostics, Inc. warrants<br>(expiration 4/01/19)   | 0         |
| 7,877              | Magellan Diagnostics, Inc. warrants<br>(expiration 5/06/19)   | 0         |
| 9,606,373          | Palyon Medical Corporation Series A <sup>(c)</sup>  | 2,046     |
| 18,832,814         | Palyon Medical Corporation Series B <sup>(c)</sup>  | 1,318     |

|                    |  |   |
|--------------------|--|---|
| N/A <sup>(d)</sup> | Palyon Medical Corporation warrants<br>(expiration 4/26/19) <sup>(c)</sup><br>The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements. | 0 |
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*Medical Devices and Diagnostics -  
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| <b>SHARES</b>      |  | <b>VALUE</b>      |
|--------------------|--|-------------------|
| 43,478             | TherOx, Inc. Series H  | \$ 435            |
| 99,646             | TherOx, Inc. Series I  | 997               |
| 3,280,000          | Tibion Corporation Series B  | 0                 |
| N/A <sup>(d)</sup> | Tibion Corporation warrants<br>(expiration 7/12/17)                            | 0                 |
| N/A <sup>(d)</sup> | Tibion Corporation warrants<br>(expiration 10/30/17)                           | 0                 |
| N/A <sup>(d)</sup> | Tibion Corporation warrants<br>(expiration 11/28/17)                           | 0                 |
| 2,606,033          | Veniti, Inc. Series A <sup>(c)</sup>   | 2,633,396         |
| 1,307,169          | Veniti, Inc. Series B <sup>(c)</sup>   | 1,386,253         |
| 716,720            | Veniti, Inc. Series C <sup>(c)</sup>   | 819,999           |
|                    |  | 17,885,382        |
|                    | <b>TOTAL CONVERTIBLE<br/>PREFERRED<br/>AND WARRANTS</b><br>(Cost \$31,410,447) | <b>28,888,465</b> |

**CONVERTIBLE AND  
NON-CONVERTIBLE**

**NOTES - 2.1%**

**Convertible Notes - 2.1**

| <b>PRINCIPAL<br/>AMOUNT</b> |  |           |
|-----------------------------|--|-----------|
|                             | <i>Biotechnologies/Biopharmaceuticals - 0.6%</i>   |           |
| \$ 1,485,000                | Merrimack Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 4.5%,<br>due 7/15/20   | 2,929,163 |
|                             | <i>Drug Discovery Technologies - 0.0%</i>  |           |
| 700,000                     | deCode Genetics, Inc. 3.5%, due 4/15/11<br>(a) (b)   | 0         |
|                             | <i>Medical Devices and Diagnostics - 0.1%</i>  |           |
| 775,000                     | Insightra Medical, Inc., 8.00% due<br>11/1/15<br>(Restricted) <sup>(a) (c)</sup>                     | 775,000   |
| 37,399                      | Palyon Medical Corporation Promissory<br>Note,<br>8.00% due 5/15/15 (Restricted) <sup>(a) (c)</sup>  | 37        |
| 26,005                      | Palyon Medical Corporation Promissory<br>Note,<br>8.00%, due 6/15/15 (Restricted) <sup>(a) (c)</sup> | 26        |
| 30,339                      |  | 30        |

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|           | Palyon Medical Corporation Promissory Note,<br>8.00%, due 7/15/15 (Restricted) <sup>(a) (c)</sup> |           |
| 36,281    | Palyon Medical Corporation Promissory Note,<br>8.00%, due 8/15/15 (Restricted) <sup>(a) (c)</sup> | 36        |
|           |   | 775,129   |
|           | <i>Pharmaceuticals - 1.4%</i>   |           |
| 1,500,000 | Spectrum Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 2.75%,<br>due 12/15/18 <sup>(g)</sup>                             | 1,371,562 |

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| PRINCIPAL<br>AMOUNT | <i>Pharmaceuticals - continued</i>  | VALUE        |
|---------------------|---|--------------|
| \$ 2,000,000        | Supernus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 7.50%,<br>due 5/1/19 <sup>(g)</sup>                   | \$ 4,826,250 |
| 1,350,000           | TetraLogic Pharmaceuticals Corporation,<br>8.00%, due 6/15/19 <sup>(g)</sup>          | 1,191,375    |
|                     |   | 7,389,187    |
|                     | <b>TOTAL CONVERTIBLE NOTES</b>  | 11,093,479   |
|                     | <b>Non-Convertible Notes (Restricted) <sup>(a) (b)</sup> - 0.0%</b>                   |              |
|                     | <i>Medical Devices and Diagnostics - 0.0%</i>   |              |
| 238,286             | Tibion Corporation Non-Cvt.<br>Promissory Note, 0.00%, due 12/31/18                   | 0            |
| 28,211              | Tibion Corporation Non-Cvt.<br>Promissory Note, 0.00%, due 12/31/18                   | 0            |
|                     | <b>TOTAL NON-CONVERTIBLE<br/>NOTES</b>  | 0            |
|                     | <b>TOTAL CONVERTIBLE AND<br/>NON-CONVERTIBLE NOTES</b><br>(Cost \$8,017,024)          | 11,093,479   |
|                     | <b>COMMON STOCKS AND<br/>WARRANTS - 86.4%</b>   |              |
|                     | <i>Biotechnologies/Biopharmaceuticals - 59.3%</i>                                     |              |
| 139,592             | Acorda Therapeutics, Inc. <sup>(b)</sup>  | 4,645,622    |
| 127,799             | Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. <sup>(b)</sup>  | 22,147,567   |
| 133,553             | Alkermes plc <sup>(b)</sup>   | 8,142,726    |
| 75,895              | Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, Inc. <sup>(b)</sup>  | 7,924,956    |
| 107,115             | Amgen Inc.  | 17,122,333   |
| 60,000              | Bellicum Pharmaceuticals, Inc. <sup>(b)</sup>   | 1,390,200    |
| 250,000             | BioDelivery Sciences International, Inc.<br><sup>(b)</sup>                            | 2,625,000    |
| 69,082              | Biogen Inc. <sup>(b)</sup>  | 29,169,184   |
| 128,432             | BioMarin Pharmaceutical Inc. <sup>(b)</sup>   | 16,005,196   |
| 54,527              | bluebird bio, Inc. <sup>(b)</sup>   | 6,585,226    |
| 436,322             | Celgene Corporation <sup>(b)</sup>  | 50,299,200   |
| 4,940               | Celladon Corporation warrants<br>(Restricted, expiration 10/10/18) <sup>(a) (b)</sup> | 69,358       |
| 40,000              | Cellectis S.A. <sup>(b)</sup>   | 1,383,600    |
| 1,892               | Ceres, Inc. warrants<br>(Restricted, expiration 9/05/15) <sup>(a) (b)</sup>           | 0            |
| 200,000             | Epizyme, Inc. <sup>(b)</sup>  | 3,756,000    |



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| 69,780  | Flex Pharma, Inc. <sup>(b)</sup>              | 1,367,688  |
| 46,000  | Galapagos NV <sup>(b) (f)</sup>               | 1,090,346  |
| 443,120 | Gilead Sciences, Inc. <sup>(b)</sup>          | 43,483,366 |
| 207,030 | Infinity Pharmaceuticals, Inc. <sup>(b)</sup> | 2,894,279  |

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| <b>SHARES</b> | <i>Biotechnologies/Biopharmaceuticals -<br/>continued</i>  | <b>VALUE</b> |
|---------------|--|--------------|
| 176,966       | Karyopharm Therapeutics Inc. <sup>(b)</sup>  | \$ 5,416,929 |
| 55,717        | KYTHERA Biopharmaceuticals Inc. <sup>(b)</sup>   | 2,794,208    |
| 12,743        | MacroGenics, Inc. <sup>(b)</sup>   | 399,748      |
| 567,787       | Merrimack Pharmaceuticals, Inc. <sup>(b)</sup>   | 6,745,309    |
| 353,475       | Momenta Pharmaceuticals, Inc. <sup>(b)</sup>   | 5,372,820    |
| 209,316       | Neurocrine Biosciences, Inc. <sup>(b)</sup>  | 8,311,938    |
| 113,100       | OncoGenex Pharmaceuticals, Inc. <sup>(b)</sup>   | 243,165      |
|               | OncoGenex Pharmaceuticals, Inc.<br>warrants  |              |
| 37,500        | (Restricted, expiration 10/22/15) <sup>(a) (b)</sup>   | 0            |
| 40,236        | Receptos, Inc. <sup>(b)</sup>  | 6,634,514    |
| 54,522        | Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc. <sup>(b)</sup>   | 24,615,592   |
| 15,000        | Sage Therapeutics, Inc. <sup>(b)</sup>   | 753,450      |
| 142,597       | Sorrento Therapeutics, Inc. <sup>(b)</sup>   | 1,648,421    |
| 56,000        | Synageva BioPharma Corp <sup>(b)</sup>   | 5,461,680    |
| 544,628       | Verastem, Inc. <sup>(b)</sup>  | 5,538,867    |
| 138,157       | Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Inc. <sup>(b)</sup>  | 16,298,381   |
| 20,000        | Xencor, Inc. <sup>(b)</sup>  | 306,400      |
| 13,307        | Zafgen, Inc. <sup>(b)</sup>  | 527,090      |
|               |  | 311,170,359  |
|               | <i>Drug Delivery - 1.2%</i>  |              |
| 260,583       | Heron Therapeutics, Inc. <sup>(b)</sup>  | 3,791,483    |
| 103,333       | Heron Therapeutics, Inc. warrants<br>(Restricted, expiration 7/01/16) <sup>(a) (b)</sup>                         | 879,367      |
| 571,540       | IntelliPharmaceuticals International Inc. <sup>(b)</sup><br><sup>(c)</sup>                                       | 1,594,597    |
| 319,800       | IntelliPharmaceuticals International Inc.<br>warrants<br>(Restricted, expiration 2/01/16) <sup>(a) (b) (c)</sup> | 182,286      |
|               |  | 6,447,733    |
|               | <i>Drug Discovery Technologies - 4.5%</i>  |              |
| 259,915       | Incyte Corporation <sup>(b)</sup>  | 23,823,809   |
|               | <i>Generic Pharmaceuticals - 12.1%</i>   |              |
| 46,815        | Actavis plc <sup>(b)</sup>   | 13,933,080   |
| 255,050       | Akorn, Inc. <sup>(b)</sup>   | 12,117,425   |
| 99,469        | Impax Laboratories, Inc. <sup>(b)</sup>  | 4,662,112    |
| 147,916       | Mylan NV <sup>(b)</sup>  | 8,778,815    |
| 18,854        | Perrigo Company plc <sup>(f)</sup>   | 3,121,280    |

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| 122,850 | Sagent Pharmaceuticals, Inc. <sup>(b)</sup>                               | 2,856,263  |
| 287,318 | Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. <sup>(e)</sup>                        | 17,899,911 |
|         |   | 63,368,886 |
|         | <i>Healthcare Services - 0.1%</i>   |            |
| 148,148 | InnovaCare Health, Inc. (Restricted) <sup>(a)</sup><br><sup>(b) (g)</sup> | 629,629    |

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| <b>SHARES</b> |  | <b>VALUE</b>  |
|---------------|--|---------------|
|               | <i>Medical Devices and Diagnostics - 3.3%</i>                        |               |
| 144,625       | Accelerate Diagnostics, Inc. <sup>(b)</sup>                          | \$ 3,254,062  |
| 226,902       | Accuray, Inc. <sup>(b)</sup>   | 2,110,189     |
| 130,000       | Cercacor Laboratories, Inc. (Restricted)<br><sup>(a) (b)</sup>       | 108,257       |
| 17,668        | IDEXX Laboratories, Inc. <sup>(b)</sup>                              | 2,729,353     |
| 47,854        | Illumina, Inc. <sup>(b)</sup>  | 8,883,616     |
| 139           | Songbird Hearing, Inc. (Restricted) <sup>(a) (b)</sup>               | 93            |
|               |  | 17,085,570    |
|               | <i>Pharmaceuticals - 5.9%</i>  |               |
| 58,000        | Agios Pharmaceuticals, Inc. <sup>(b)</sup>                           | 5,469,400     |
| 104,773       | Endo International PLC <sup>(b)</sup>                                | 9,398,138     |
| 232,784       | Ironwood Pharmaceuticals, Inc. <sup>(b)</sup>                        | 3,724,544     |
| 35,148        | Jazz Pharmaceuticals plc <sup>(b)</sup>                              | 6,073,223     |
| 444,450       | TherapeuticsMD, Inc. <sup>(b)</sup>                                  | 2,688,922     |
| 2,850,811     | Zogenix, Inc. <sup>(b)</sup>   | 3,905,611     |
|               |  | 31,259,838    |
|               | <b>TOTAL COMMON STOCKS<br/>AND WARRANTS</b>                          |               |
|               | (Cost \$231,792,783)   | 453,785,824   |
|               | <b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS BEFORE<br/>MILESTONE INTERESTS - 94.0%</b>      |               |
|               | (Cost \$271,220,254)   | 493,767,768   |
|               | <b>MILESTONE INTEREST<br/>(Restricted) <sup>(a) (b)</sup> - 0.0%</b> |               |
|               | <i>Biotechnologies/Biopharmaceuticals - 0.0%</i>                     |               |
| 1             | Targegen Milestone Interest  | 0             |
|               | <b>TOTAL MILESTONE INTEREST</b>                                      |               |
|               | (Cost \$2,962,363)   | 0             |
|               | <b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS - 94.0%</b>                                     |               |
|               | (Cost \$274,182,617)   | 493,767,768   |
|               | <b>OTHER ASSETS IN EXCESS<br/>OF LIABILITIES - 6.0%</b>              |               |
|               |  | 31,307,284    |
|               | <b>NET ASSETS - 100%</b>   | \$525,075,052 |

(a) Security fair valued. See Investment Valuation and Fair Value Measurements.

(b) Non-income producing security.

(c) Affiliated issuers in which the Fund holds 5% or more of the voting securities (total market value of \$20,568,107).

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**SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS**

*MARCH 31, 2015*

*(Unaudited)*

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(d) Number of warrants to be determined at a future date.

(e) American Depository Receipt

(f) Foreign security.

(g) Security exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers.

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**TEKLA LIFE SCIENCES INVESTORS**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

*MARCH 31, 2015*

*(Unaudited)*

|  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| <b>ASSETS:</b>   |                      |
| Investments in unaffiliated issuers, at value<br>(cost \$250,812,372)  | \$473,199,661        |
| Investments in affiliated issuers, at value<br>(cost \$20,407,882)   | 20,568,107           |
| Milestone interest, at value (cost \$2,962,363)  | 0                    |
| <b>Total Investments</b>   | <b>493,767,768</b>   |
| Cash   | 35,747,022           |
| Dividends and interest receivable  | 142,454              |
| Receivable for investments sold  | 2,812,301            |
| Prepaid expenses   | 41,428               |
| Other assets (see Note 1)  | 115,527              |
| <b>Total assets</b>  | <b>532,626,500</b>   |
| <b>LIABILITIES:</b>  |                      |
| Payable for investments purchased  | 6,858,230            |
| Accrued advisory fee   | 414,811              |
| Accrued shareholder reporting fees   | 38,209               |
| Accrued trustee fees   | 9,830                |
| Accrued other  | 230,368              |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>   | <b>7,551,448</b>     |
| Commitments and Contingencies (see Notes 1 and 5)  |                      |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>  | <b>\$525,075,052</b> |
| <b>SOURCES OF NET ASSETS:</b>  |                      |
| Shares of beneficial interest, par value \$.01 per<br>share, unlimited number of shares authorized,<br>amount paid in on 19,321,063 shares issued and<br>outstanding | \$271,399,624        |
| Accumulated net investment loss  | (5,236,932)          |
| Accumulated net realized gain on investments,<br>milestone interest and foreign currencies   | 39,327,209           |
| Net unrealized gain on investments and<br>milestone interest   | 219,585,151          |
| <b>Total net assets (equivalent to \$27.18 per share<br/>based on 19,321,063 shares outstanding)</b>   | <b>\$525,075,052</b> |

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**TEKLA LIFE SCIENCES INVESTORS****STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS***SIX MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2015**(Unaudited)*

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| <b>INVESTMENT INCOME:</b>                               |               |
| Dividend income (net of foreign tax of \$20,365)        | \$ 269,699    |
| Interest and other income                               | 218,101       |
| Total investment income                                 | 487,800       |
| <b>EXPENSES:</b>  |               |
| Advisory fees   | 2,506,496     |
| Legal fees  | 126,532       |
| Trustees' fees and expenses                             | 91,311        |
| Administration and auditing fees                        | 90,529        |
| Custodian fees  | 44,674        |
| Shareholder reporting                                   | 43,902        |
| Transfer agent fees                                     | 27,819        |
| Other (see Note 2)                                      | 73,046        |
| Total expenses  | 3,004,309     |
| Less: Management fee waiver (see Note 2)                | (133,509)     |
| Net expenses  | 2,870,800     |
| Net investment loss                                     | (2,383,000)   |
| <b>REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS):</b>             |               |
| Net realized gain (loss) on:                            |               |
| Investments in unaffiliated issuers                     | 42,539,053    |
| Investments in affiliated issuers                       | 1,033         |
| Foreign currency transactions                           | 7,512         |
| Net realized gain                                       | 42,547,598    |
| Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)        |               |
| Investments in unaffiliated issuers                     | 51,834,007    |
| Investments in affiliated issuers                       | (943,752)     |
| Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)        | 50,890,255    |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)                 | 93,437,853    |
| Net increase in net assets<br>resulting from operations | \$ 91,054,853 |

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**TEKLA LIFE SCIENCES INVESTORS**

**STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**

|   | Six months ended<br>March 31, 2015<br>(Unaudited) | Year ended<br>September 30,<br>2014 |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| <b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN<br/>NET ASSETS RESULTING<br/>FROM OPERATIONS:</b>   |   |                                     |
| Net investment loss   | (\$ 2,383,000)                                    | (\$ 3,765,777)                      |
| Net realized gain   | 42,547,598  | 29,303,846                          |
| Change in net unrealized<br>appreciation  | 50,890,255  | 63,729,188                          |
| Net increase in net assets<br>resulting from operations   | 91,054,853  | 89,267,257                          |
| <b>DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS<br/>FROM:</b>  |   |                                     |
| Net realized capital gains  | (18,514,317)                                      | (27,402,925)                        |
| Total distributions   | (18,514,317)                                      | (27,402,925)                        |
| <b>CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS:</b>  |   |                                     |
| Reinvestment of distributions<br>(315,157 and 626,859 shares,<br>respectively)  | 8,447,300   | 13,439,253                          |
| Net Proceeds of shares issued in<br>connection with the Fund's rights<br>offering (0 and 3,384,155 shares,<br>respectively) |   | 66,494,456                          |
| Total capital share transactions  | 8,447,300   | 79,933,709                          |
| Net increase in net assets  | 80,987,836  | 141,798,041                         |
| <b>NET ASSETS:</b>  |   |                                     |
| Beginning of period   | 444,087,216                                       | 302,289,175                         |
| End of period   | \$ 525,075,052                                    | \$ 444,087,216                      |
| Accumulated net investment<br>loss included in net assets at<br>end of period   | (\$ 5,236,932)                                    | (\$ 2,853,932) <sup>(a)</sup>       |

(a) Reflects reclassifications to the Fund's capital accounts to reflect income and gains available for distribution under income tax regulations.

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**TEKLA LIFE SCIENCES INVESTORS****STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS***SIX MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2015**(Unaudited)*

|   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>  |                      |
| Purchases of portfolio securities   | (\$ 86,707,324)      |
| Net maturities of short-term investments  | 4,132,000            |
| Sales of portfolio securities   | 130,369,231          |
| Interest income received  | 193,820              |
| Dividend income received  | 277,726              |
| Other operating receipts (expenses paid)  | (2,453,755)          |
| Net cash provided from operating activities   | 45,811,698           |
| <b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>  |                      |
| Cash distributions paid   | (10,067,017)         |
| Net cash used for financing activities  | (10,067,017)         |
| <b>NET INCREASE IN CASH</b>   | <b>35,744,681</b>    |
| <b>CASH AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD</b>  | <b>2,341</b>         |
| <b>CASH AT END OF PERIOD</b>  | <b>\$ 35,747,022</b> |
| <b>RECONCILIATION OF NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS<br/>RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS TO NET CASH<br/>PROVIDED FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b> |                      |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations  | \$ 91,054,853        |
| Purchases of portfolio securities   | (86,707,324)         |
| Net maturities of short-term investments  | 4,132,000            |
| Sales of portfolio securities   | 130,369,231          |
| Net realized gain on investments and foreign<br>currencies  | (42,547,598)         |
| Increase in net unrealized appreciation<br>(depreciation) on investments  | (50,890,255)         |
| Increase in dividends and interest receivable   | (16,254)             |
| Increase in accrued expenses  | 79,284               |
| Decrease in prepaid expenses and other assets   | 337,761              |
| Net cash provided from operating activities   | \$ 45,811,698        |
| Noncash financing activities not included herein consist of reinvested distributions to shareholders of \$8,447,300.                  |                      |

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**TEKLA LIFE SCIENCES INVESTORS**

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

|   | Six months<br>ended<br>March 31, 2015<br>(Unaudited) | 2014      | 2013    | Years ended September 30, |           |           |
|---|--|-----------|---------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|   |  |           |         | 2012                      | 2011      | 2010      |
| <b>OPERATING PERFORMANCE FOR A SHARE<br/>OUTSTANDING THROUGHOUT EACH PERIOD</b> |  |           |         |                           |           |           |
| Net asset<br>value per<br>share,<br>Beginning<br>of period                      | \$ 23.37   | \$20.16   | \$15.74 | \$11.70                   | \$11.51   | \$11.32   |
| Net<br>investment<br>loss (1)   | (0.12)   | (0.23)    | (0.22)  | (0.09)(2)                 | (0.19)(3) | (0.09)(4) |
| Net<br>realized<br>and<br>unrealized<br>gain                                    | 4.90   | 5.71      | 5.94    | 5.54                      | 1.26      | 0.53      |
| Total<br>increase<br>(decrease)<br>from<br>investment<br>operations             | 4.78   | 5.48      | 5.72    | 5.45                      | 1.07      | 0.44      |
| Distributions to shareholders from:   |  |           |         |                           |           |           |
| Net<br>realized<br>capital<br>gains   | (0.97)   | (1.70)    | (1.30)  | (1.49)                    | (1.01)    | (0.29)    |
| Total<br>distributions  | (0.97)   | (1.70)    | (1.30)  | (1.49)                    | (1.01)    | (0.29)    |
| Increase<br>resulting<br>from<br>shares<br>repurchased                          |  |           |         | 0.08                      | 0.13      | 0.04      |
| Change<br>due to<br>rights<br>offering  |  | (0.57)(5) |         |                           |           |           |
| Net asset<br>value per<br>share,<br>end of                                      | \$ 27.18   | \$23.37   | \$20.16 | \$15.74                   | \$11.70   | \$11.51   |

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|  |           |          |          |            |            |            |
|--|-----------|----------|----------|------------|------------|------------|
| period                                     |           |          |          |            |            |            |
| Per share market value, end of period      | \$ 27.57  | \$ 22.10 | \$ 19.25 | \$ 15.39   | \$ 10.46   | \$ 9.59    |
| Total investment return at market value    | 29.31%*   | 24.20%   | 34.96%   | 64.66%     | 19.15%     | 7.05%      |
| Total investment return at net asset value | 20.55%*   | 25.40%   | 38.19%   | 50.56%     | 11.05%     | 4.76%      |
| <b>RATIOS</b>                              |           |          |          |            |            |            |
| Expenses to average net assets             | 1.24%**   | 1.34%    | 1.47%    | 1.72%      | 1.77%      | 1.52%      |
| Expenses to average net assets with waiver | 1.18%**   | 1.32%    |          |            |            |            |
| Net investment loss to average net assets  | (0.98%)** | (1.07%)  | (1.26%)  | (0.64%)(2) | (1.54%)(3) | (0.79%)(4) |
| <b>SUPPLEMENTAL DATA</b>                   |           |          |          |            |            |            |
| Net assets at end of period (in millions)  | \$ 525    | \$ 444   | \$ 302   | \$ 227     | \$ 171     | \$ 251     |
| Portfolio turnover rate                    | 17.97%*   | 30.62%   | 42.23%   | 77.70%     | 93.57%     | 57.45%     |

\* Not Annualized.

\*\* Annualized.

(1) Computed using average shares outstanding.

(2) Includes special dividends from three issuers in the aggregate amount of \$0.13 per share. Excluding the special dividends, the ratio of net investment loss to average net assets would have been (1.58%).

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(3) Includes a special dividend from an issuer in the amount of \$0.02 per share. Excluding the special dividend, the ratio of net investment loss to average net assets would have been (1.66%).

(4) Includes a special dividend from an issuer in the amount of \$0.06 per share. Excluding the special dividend, the ratio of net investment loss to average net assets would have been (1.28%).

(5) See Note 1. The rights offering shares were issued at a subscription price of \$19.750 which was less than the fund NAV of \$22.78 on June 27, 2014 thus creating a dilution effect on the NAV.

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**TEKLA LIFE SCIENCES INVESTORS**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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*(1) Organization and Significant Accounting Policies*

Tekla Life Sciences Investors (the Fund) is a Massachusetts business trust registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 as a diversified closed-end management investment company. The Fund's investment objective is long-term capital appreciation through investment in companies in the life sciences industry (including biotechnology, pharmaceutical, diagnostics, managed healthcare and medical equipment, hospitals, healthcare information technology and services, devices and supplies), agriculture and environmental management. The Fund invests primarily in securities of public and private companies that are believed by the Fund's Investment Adviser, Tekla Capital Management LLC (the Adviser), to have significant potential for above-average growth. Effective October 15, 2014, the name of the Fund changed from H&Q Life Sciences Investors to Tekla Life Sciences Investors.

The preparation of these financial statements requires the use of certain estimates by management in determining the Fund's assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Actual results could differ from these estimates and such differences could be material. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Fund, which are in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). Events or transactions occurring after March 31, 2015, through the date that the financial statements were issued, have been evaluated in the preparation of these financial statements.

*Investment Valuation*

Shares of publicly traded companies listed on national securities exchanges or trading in the over-the-counter market are typically valued at the last sale price, as of the close of trading, generally 4 p.m., Eastern time. The Board of Trustees of the Fund (the "Trustees") have established and approved fair valuation policies and procedures with respect to securities for which quoted prices may not be available or which do not reflect fair value. Shares of publicly traded companies for which market quotations are not readily available, such as stocks for which trading has been halted or for which there are no current day sales, or whose quoted price may otherwise not reflect fair value, are valued in good faith by the Adviser using a fair value process pursuant to policies and procedures approved by the Trustees described below. Restricted securities of companies that are publicly traded are typically valued based on the closing market quote on the valuation date adjusted for the impact of the restriction as determined in good faith by the Adviser also using fair valuation policies and procedures approved by the Trustees described below. Non-exchange traded warrants of publicly traded companies are typically valued using the Black-Scholes model, which incorporates both observable and unobservable inputs. Short-term investments with a maturity of 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost, which approximates fair value.

Convertible preferred shares, warrants or convertible note interests in private companies, milestone interests, other restricted securities, as well as shares of publicly traded companies for which market quotations are not available or which do not reflect fair value, are typically valued in good faith, based upon the recommendations made by the Adviser pursuant to fair valuation policies and procedures approved by the Trustees. The Adviser has a Valuation Sub-Committee comprised of senior management which reports to the Valuation Committee of the Board at least quarterly. Each fair value determination is based on a consideration of relevant factors, including both observable and unobservable inputs. Observable and unobservable inputs the Adviser considers may include (i) the existence of any

contractual restrictions on the disposition of securities; (ii) information obtained from the company, which may include an analysis of the company's financial statements, the company's products or intended

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markets or the company's technologies; (iii) the price of the same or similar security negotiated at arm's length in an issuer's completed subsequent round of financing; (iv) the price and extent of public trading in similar securities of the issuer or of comparable companies; or (v) a probability and time value adjusted analysis of contractual term. Where available and appropriate, multiple valuation methodologies are applied to confirm fair value. Significant unobservable inputs identified by the Adviser are often used in the fair value determination. A significant change in any of these inputs may result in a significant change in the fair value measurement. Due to the uncertainty inherent in the valuation process, such estimates of fair value may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the investments existed, and differences could be material. Additionally, changes in the market environment and other events that may occur over the life of the investments may cause the gains or losses ultimately realized on these investments to be different from the valuations used at the date of these financial statements.

*Options on Securities*

An option contract is a contract in which the writer (seller) of the option grants the buyer of the option, upon payment of a premium, the right to purchase from (call option) or sell to (put option) the writer a designated instrument at a specified price within a specified period of time. Certain options, including options on indices, will require cash settlement by the Fund if the option is exercised. The Fund enters into option contracts in order to hedge against potential adverse price movements in the value of portfolio assets, as a temporary substitute for selling selected investments to lock in the purchase price of a security or currency which it expects to purchase in the near future as a temporary substitute for purchasing selected investments, or to enhance potential gain.

The Fund's obligation under an exchange traded written option or investment in an exchange-traded purchased option is valued at the last sale price or in the absence of a sale, the mean between the closing bid and asked prices. Gain or loss is recognized when the option contract expires, is exercised or is closed.

If the Fund writes a covered call option, the Fund foregoes, in exchange for the premium, the opportunity to profit during the option period from an increase in the market value of the underlying security above the exercise price. If the Fund writes a put option it accepts the risk of a decline in the market value of the underlying security below the exercise price. Over-the-counter options have the risk of the potential inability of counterparties to meet the terms of their contracts. The Fund's maximum exposure to purchased options is limited to the premium initially paid. In addition, certain risks may arise upon entering into option contracts including the risk that an illiquid secondary market will limit the Fund's ability to close out an option contract prior to the expiration date and that a change in the value of the option contract may not correlate exactly with changes in the value of the securities or currencies hedged.

All options on securities and securities indices written by the Fund are required to be covered. When the Fund writes a call option, this means that during the life of the option the Fund may own or have the contractual right to acquire the securities subject to the option or may maintain with the Fund's custodian in a segregated account appropriate liquid securities in an amount at least equal to the market value of the securities underlying the option. When the Fund writes a put option, this means that the Fund will maintain with the Fund's custodian in a segregated account appropriate liquid securities in an amount at least equal to the exercise



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price of the option. The Fund may use option contracts to gain or hedge exposure to financial market risk.

*Milestone Interest*

The Fund holds a financial instrument which reflects the current value of future milestone payments the Fund may receive as a result of contractual obligations from other parties. The value of such payments are adjusted to reflect the estimated risk based on the relative uncertainty of both the timing and the achievement of individual milestones. A risk to the Fund is that the milestone will not be achieved and no payment will be received by the Fund. The milestone interest was received as part of the proceeds from the sale of one private company. Any payments received are treated as a reduction of the cost basis of the milestone interest with payments received in excess of the cost basis treated as a realized gain. The contractual obligations with respect to the TargeGen Milestone Interest provide for payments at various stages of the development of TargeGen's principal product candidate as of the date of the sale.

The following is a summary of the impact of the milestone interest on the financial statements as of and for the six months ended March 31, 2015:

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| Statement of Assets and Liabilities, Milestone interest, at value                                     | \$ 0          |
| Statement of Assets and Liabilities, Net unrealized gain (loss) on investments and milestone interest | (\$2,962,363) |
| Statement of Operations, Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on milestone interest       | \$ 0          |

*Other Assets*

Other assets in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities consists of amounts due to the Fund at various times in the future in connection with the sale of investments in five private companies.

*Investment Transactions and Income*

Investment transactions are recorded on a trade date basis. Gains and losses from sales of investments are recorded using the "identified cost" method. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis, adjusted for amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date, less any foreign taxes withheld. Upon notification from issuers, some of the dividend income received may be redesignated as a reduction of cost of the related investment if it represents a return of capital.

The aggregate cost of purchases and proceeds from sales of investment securities (other than short-term investments) for the six months ended March 31, 2015 totaled \$83,940,781 and \$119,211,062, respectively.

*Repurchase Agreements*

In managing short-term investments the Fund may from time to time enter into transactions in repurchase agreements. In a repurchase agreement, the Fund's custodian takes possession of the underlying collateral securities from the

counterparty, the market value of which is at least equal to the principal, including accrued interest, of the repurchase transaction at all times. In the event of default or bankruptcy by the other party to the agreement, realization and/or retention of the collateral by the Fund may be delayed.

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*Distribution Policy*

Pursuant to a Securities and Exchange Commission exemptive order, the Fund may make periodic distributions that include capital gains as frequently as 12 times in any one taxable year in respect of its common shares, and the Fund has implemented a managed distribution policy (the Policy) providing for quarterly distributions at a rate set by the Board of Trustees. Under the current Policy, the Fund intends to make quarterly distributions at a rate of 2% of the Fund's net assets to shareholders of record. The Fund intends to use net realized capital gains when making quarterly distributions, if available, but the Policy would result in a return of capital to shareholders if the amount of the distribution exceeds the Fund's net investment income and realized capital gains. If taxable income and net long-term realized gains exceed the amount required to be distributed under the Policy, the Fund will at a minimum make distributions necessary to comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. The Policy has been established by the Trustees and may be changed by them without shareholder approval. The Trustees regularly review the Policy and the frequency and rate of distribution considering the purpose and effect of the Policy, the financial market environment, and the Fund's income, capital gains and capital available to pay distributions. The Trustees initially adopted a distribution policy in May, 1999, and since then the Fund has made quarterly distributions at a rate of 2.00% of the Fund's net assets, except for the periods from August 4, 2009, to April 5, 2010 (during which distributions were suspended) and from April 5, 2010, to November 1, 2010 (during which the Fund made distributions at a rate of 1.25% of the Fund's net assets).

The Fund's policy is to declare quarterly distributions in stock. The distributions are automatically paid in newly-issued full shares of the Fund unless otherwise instructed by the shareholder. Fractional shares will generally be settled in cash, except for registered shareholders with book entry accounts of the Fund's transfer agent who will have whole and fractional shares added to their accounts. The Fund's transfer agent delivers an election card and instructions to each registered shareholder in connection with each distribution. The number of shares issued will be determined by dividing the dollar amount of the distribution by the lower of net asset value or market price on the pricing date. If a shareholder elects to receive a distribution in cash, rather than in shares, the shareholder's relative ownership in the Fund will be reduced. The shares reinvested will be valued at the lower of the net asset value or market price on the pricing date. Distributions in stock will not relieve shareholders of any federal, state or local income taxes that may be payable on such distributions. Additional distributions, if any, made to satisfy requirements of the Internal Revenue Code may be paid in stock, as described above, or in cash.

*Share Repurchase Program*

In March 2015, the Trustees approved the renewal of the repurchase program to allow the Fund to repurchase up to 12% of its outstanding shares in the open market for a one year period beginning July 11, 2015. Prior to this renewal, in March 2014, the Trustees approved the renewal of the share repurchase program to allow the Fund to repurchase up to 12% of its outstanding shares for a one year period beginning July 11, 2014. The share repurchase program is intended to enhance shareholder value and potentially reduce the discount between the market price of the Fund's shares and the Fund's net asset value.

During the six months ended March 31, 2015, the Fund did not repurchase any shares through the repurchase program.





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During the year ended September 30, 2014, the Fund did not repurchase any shares through the repurchase program.

*Rights Offering*

On June 27, 2014, the Fund issued 3,384,276 common shares in connection with a rights offering of the Fund's shares. Shareholders of record on May 30, 2014 were issued one non-transferable right for each share held on that date. The rights entitled the shareholder to purchase one new common share for every three rights held. These shares were issued at a subscription price of \$19.750. Proceeds to the Fund were \$66,839,451 after deducting the rights offering costs of \$344,995.

*Federal Taxes*

It is the Fund's policy to comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute to its shareholders substantially all of its taxable income and its net realized capital gains, if any. Therefore, no Federal income or excise tax provision is required.

As of March 31, 2015, the Fund had no uncertain tax positions that would require financial statement recognition or disclosure. The Fund's federal tax returns are subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service for a period of three years.

*Distributions*

The Fund records all distributions to shareholders on the ex-dividend date. Such distributions are determined in conformity with income tax regulations, which may differ from GAAP. These differences include temporary and permanent differences from losses on wash sale transactions, installment sale adjustments and ordinary loss netting to reduce short term capital gains. Reclassifications are made to the Fund's capital accounts to reflect income and gains available for distribution under income tax regulations.

*Statement of Cash Flows*

The cash amount shown in the Statement of Cash Flows is the amount included in the Fund's Statement of Assets and Liabilities and represents cash on hand at March 31, 2015.

*Commitments and Contingencies*

Under the Fund's organizational documents, its officers and Trustees may be indemnified against certain liabilities and expenses arising out of the performance of their duties to the Fund. Additionally, in the normal course of business, the Fund enters into agreements with service providers that may contain indemnification clauses. The Fund's maximum exposure under these agreements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Fund that have not yet occurred. However, based on experience, the Fund expects the risk of loss to be remote.

*(2) Investment Advisory and Other Affiliated Fees*

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The Fund has entered into an Investment Advisory Agreement (the Advisory Agreement) with the Adviser. Pursuant to the terms of the Advisory Agreement, the Fund pays the Adviser a monthly fee at the rate when annualized of (i) 2.50% of the average net assets for the month of its venture capital and other restricted securities up to 25% of net assets and (ii) for all other net assets, 0.98% of the average net assets up to \$250 million, 0.88% of the average net assets for the next \$250 million, 0.80% of the average net assets for the next \$500 million and 0.70%

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of the average net assets thereafter. The aggregate fee would not exceed a rate when annualized of 1.36%.

The adviser has contractually agreed to waive a portion of management fees for a one-year period following the completion of the rights offering. During the one-year period ended June 27, 2015, the Adviser will waive its fees such that the Fund will pay a monthly fee at the rate when annualized of (i) 2.50% of the average net assets for the month of its venture capital and other restricted securities up to 25% of net assets and (ii) for all other net assets, 0.98% of the average net assets up to \$250 million, 0.75% of the average net assets for the next \$250 million, 0.75% of the average net assets for the next \$500 million and 0.70% of the average net assets thereafter.

The Fund has entered into a Services Agreement (the Agreement) with the Adviser. Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, the Fund reimburses the Adviser for certain services related to a portion of the payment of salary and provision of benefits to the Fund's Chief Compliance Officer. During the six months ended March 31, 2015, these payments amounted to \$21,958 and are included in the other category in the Statement of Operations, together with insurance and other expenses incurred to unaffiliated entities. Expenses incurred pursuant to the Agreement as well as certain expenses paid for by the Adviser are allocated to the Fund in an equitable fashion as approved by the Trustees of the Fund.

The Fund pays compensation to Independent Trustees in the form of a retainer, attendance fees, and additional compensation to Board and Committee chairpersons. The Fund does not pay compensation directly to Trustees or officers of the Fund who are also officers of the Adviser.

*(3) Other Transactions with Affiliates*

An affiliate company is a company in which the Fund holds 5% or more of the voting securities. Transactions with such companies during the six months ended March 31, 2015 were as follows:

| Issuer                                  | Value on<br>September 30, 2014 | Purchases    | Sales     | Income | Value on<br>March 31, 2015 |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------|----------------------------|
| EBI Life Sciences, Inc.                 | \$ 13,102                      |              |           |        | \$ 13,102                  |
| Euthymics Biosciences, Inc.             | 1,099,991                      |              |           |        | 1,099,991                  |
| Insightra Medical, Inc.                 | 2,170,000                      | \$ 775,000   |           |        | 2,945,000                  |
| IntelliPharmaceutics International Inc. | 1,937,349                      |              | \$ 11,357 |        | 1,776,883                  |
| Neurovance, Inc.                        | 1,500,553                      | 543,714      |           |        | 2,043,520                  |
| Palyon Medical Corporation              | 663,105                        | 130,024      |           |        | 3,493                      |
| PHT Corporation                         | 7,846,470                      |              |           |        | 7,846,470                  |
| Veniti, Inc.                            | 4,019,649                      | 819,999      |           |        | 4,839,648                  |
|   | \$ 19,250,219                  | \$ 2,268,737 | \$ 11,357 | \$ 0   | \$ 20,568,107              |



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*(4) Fair Value Measurements*

The Fund uses a three-tier hierarchy to prioritize the assumptions, referred to as inputs, used in valuation techniques to measure fair value. The three-tier hierarchy of inputs is summarized in the three broad levels. Level 1 includes quoted prices in active markets for identical investments. Level 2 includes prices determined using other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments, interest rates, credit risk, etc.). Level 3 includes prices determined using significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments). These inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of March 31, 2015 to value the Fund's net assets. For the six months ended March 31, 2015, there were no transfers between Levels 1 and 2. The Fund accounts for transfers between levels at the beginning of the period.

| Assets at Value                    | Level 1              | Level 2             | Level 3             | Total                |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Convertible Preferred and Warrants |                      |                     |                     |                      |
| Biotechnologies/Biopharmaceuticals |                      |                     | \$ 3,156,613        | \$ 3,156,613         |
| Healthcare Services                |                      |                     | 7,846,470           | 7,846,470            |
| Medical Devices and Diagnostics    |                      |                     | 17,885,382          | 17,885,382           |
| Convertible Non-Convertible Notes  |                      |                     |                     |                      |
| Biotechnologies/Biopharmaceuticals |                      | \$ 2,929,163        |                     | 2,929,163            |
| Drug Discovery Technologies        |                      |                     | 0                   | 0                    |
| Medical Devices and Diagnostics    |                      |                     | 775,129             | 775,129              |
| Pharmaceuticals                    |                      | 7,389,187           |                     | 7,389,187            |
| Common Stocks and Warrants         |                      |                     |                     |                      |
| Biotechnologies/Biopharmaceuticals | \$ 3,110,001         |                     | 69,358              | 311,170,359          |
| Drug Delivery                      | 5,386,080            |                     | 1,061,653           | 6,447,733            |
| Drug Discovery Technologies        | 23,823,809           |                     |                     | 23,823,809           |
| Generic Pharmaceuticals            | 63,368,886           |                     |                     | 63,368,886           |
| Healthcare Services                |                      |                     | 629,629             | 629,629              |
| Medical Devices and Diagnostics    | 16,977,220           |                     | 108,350             | 17,085,570           |
| Pharmaceuticals                    | 31,259,838           |                     |                     | 31,259,838           |
| Other Assets                       |                      |                     | 115,527             | 115,527              |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>\$451,916,834</b> | <b>\$10,318,350</b> | <b>\$31,648,111</b> | <b>\$493,883,295</b> |



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The following is a reconciliation of Level 3 assets for which significant unobservable inputs were used to determine fair value.

| Level 3 Assets   | Balance as of September 30, 2014 | Net realized gain (loss) and change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) | Cost of purchases and conversions | Proceeds from sales and conversions | Net transfers in (out of) Level 3 | Balance as of March 31, 2015 |
|--|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Convertible Preferred and Warrants                             |                                  |   |                                   |                                     |                                   |                              |
| Biotechnologies/<br>Biopharmaceuticals/<br>Healthcare Services | \$ 2,118,646                     | \$ (2,641)  | \$ 545,608                        |                                     | \$                                | \$ 3,156,613                 |
| Medical Devices and Diagnostics                                | 7,846,470                        |   |                                   |                                     |                                   | 7,846,470                    |
| Convertible and Non-Convertible Notes                          |                                  |   |                                   |                                     |                                   |                              |
| Drug Discovery Technologies                                    | 16,119,664                       | (661,233)   | 2,426,951                         |                                     |                                   | 17,885,382                   |
| Medical Devices and Diagnostics                                | 251,153                          | (129,896)   | 905,026                           | \$(251,154)                         |                                   | 775,129                      |
| Common Stocks and Warrants                                     |                                  |   |                                   |                                     |                                   |                              |
| Biotechnologies/<br>Biopharmaceuticals/<br>Drug Delivery       | 25,046                           | 44,311  | 1                                 |                                     |                                   | 69,358                       |
| Drug Discovery Technologies                                    | 632,059                          | 429,594   |                                   |                                     |                                   | 1,061,653                    |
| Healthcare Services  | 11                               | (11)  |                                   |                                     |                                   |                              |
| Medical Devices  | 777,777                          | (148,379)   | 231                               |                                     |                                   | 629,629                      |
|  | 76,069                           | 32,281  |                                   |                                     |                                   | 108,350                      |

|   |              |              |             |              |              |
|---|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| and<br>Diagnostics<br>Other   |              |              |             |              |              |
| Assets  | 468,897      |              | 4,965       | (358,336)    | 115,527      |
| Total   | \$28,810,792 | (\$ 435,974) | \$3,882,782 | (\$ 609,488) | \$ 0         |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) from investments still held as of March 31, 2015   |              |              |             |              | (\$ 435,965) |
| The following is a quantitative disclosure about significant unobservable inputs used in the determination of the fair value of Level 3 assets. |              |              |             |              |              |

|                                | Fair Value at<br>3/31/2015 | Valuation Technique                        | Unobservable Input         | Range<br>(Weighted<br>Average) |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Private Companies<br>and Other |                            |  |                            |                                |
| Restricted Securities          | 1,239,268                  | Public market price                        | None                       | N/A                            |
|                                | 19,496,828                 | Adjusted Capital<br>asset<br>pricing model | Discount Rate              | 14%-39%<br>(21.57%)            |
|                                |                            |  | Price to sales<br>multiple | 1.7-4.8<br>(2.7)               |
|                                | 10,794,963                 | Independent<br>valuation                   | None                       | N/A                            |
|                                | 117,052                    | Probability adjusted<br>value              | Probability of events      | 20%-100%<br>(26.22%)           |
|                                |                            |  | Timing of events           | 0-2.83<br>(1.97) years         |
|                                | \$ 31,648,111              |  |                            |                                |



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*(5) Private Companies and Other Restricted Securities*

The Fund may invest in private companies and other restricted securities if these securities would currently comprise 40% or less of net assets. The value of these securities represents 3% of the Fund's net assets at March 31, 2015.

At March 31, 2015, the Fund had commitments of \$319,114 relating to additional investments in one private company.

The following table details the acquisition date, cost, carrying value per unit, and value of the Fund's private companies and other restricted securities at March 31, 2015. The Fund on its own does not have the right to demand that such securities be registered.

| Security (#)                             | Acquisition Date  | Cost         | Carrying Value per Unit | Value      |
|--|-------------------|--------------|-------------------------|------------|
| <b>AlterG, Inc.</b>                      |                   |              |                         |            |
| Series C Cvt. Pfd                        | 4/12/13           | \$ 1,427,310 | \$ 0.41                 | \$ 958,661 |
| <b>CardioKinetix, Inc.</b>               |                   |              |                         |            |
| Series C Cvt. Pfd                        | 5/22/08           | 1,653,315    | 14.07                   | 1,116,094  |
| Series D Cvt. Pfd                        | 12/10/10          | 545,940      | 3.81                    | 542,779    |
| Series E Cvt. Pfd                        | 9/14/11           | 1,253,611    | 2.85                    | 1,250,781  |
| Series F Cvt. Pfd                        | 12/04/14          | 1,377,518    | 3.42                    | 1,377,516  |
| Warrants (expiration 12/10/09, 12/11/19) | 12/10/09, 2/11/10 | 123          | 0.00                    | 0          |
| Warrants (expiration 6/03/10, 6/03/20)   | 6/03/10, 9/01/10  | 123          | 0.00                    | 0          |
| Warrants (expiration 8/15/24)            | 8/15/14           | 126          | 0.00                    | 0          |
| <b>Celladon Corporation</b>              |                   |              |                         |            |
| Warrants (expiration 10/10/18)           | 10/10/13          | 65           | 14.04                   | 69,358     |
| <b>Cercacor Laboratories, Inc.</b>       |                   |              |                         |            |
| Common                                   | 3/31/98           | 0            | 0.83                    | 108,257    |
| <b>Ceres, Inc.</b>                       |                   |              |                         |            |
| Warrants (expiration 9/05/15)            | 9/05/07           | 20           | 0.00                    | 0          |
| <b>Dynex Technologies, Inc.</b>          |                   |              |                         |            |
| Series A Cvt. Pfd                        | 1/03/12††         | 199,963      | 0.50                    | 1,080,545  |
| Warrants (expiration 4/01/19)            | 1/03/12††         | 60           | 0.00                    | 0          |
| Warrants (expiration 5/06/19)            | 1/03/12††         | 5            | 0.00                    | 0          |

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|   |            |           |        |           |
|---|------------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| EBI Life Sciences, Inc.                 |            |           |        |           |
| Series A Cvt. Pfd                       | 12/29/11†† | 13,597    | 0.01   | 13,102    |
| Euthymics Biosciences, Inc.             |            |           |        |           |
|   | 7/14/10 -  |           |        |           |
| Series A Cvt. Pfd                       | 5/21/12    | 2,635,558 | 0.38   | 1,099,991 |
| Heron Therapeutics, Inc.                |            |           |        |           |
| Warrants (expiration                    |            |           |        |           |
| 7/01/16)                                | 6/30/11    | 555       | 8.51   | 879,367   |
| IlluminOss Medical, Inc.                |            |           |        |           |
|   | 9/26/12 -  |           |        |           |
| Series C-1 Cvt. Pfd                     | 6/13/14    | 1,231,368 | 0.38   | 1,230,887 |
| InnovaCare Health, Inc.                 |            |           |        |           |
| Common                                  | 12/21/12†† | 643,527   | 4.25   | 629,629   |
| Insightra Medical, Inc.                 |            |           |        |           |
| Series C Cvt. Pfd                       | 4/29/13    | 2,173,707 | 0.42   | 2,170,000 |
| Cvt. Promissory Note                    | 12/8/14    | 775,000   | 100.00 | 775,000   |
| IntelliPharmaceutics International Inc. |            |           |        |           |
| Warrants (expiration                    |            |           |        |           |
| 2/01/16)                                | 1/31/11    | 115       | 0.57   | 182,286   |
| Labcyte, Inc.                           |            |           |        |           |
| Series C Cvt. Pfd                       | 7/18/05    | 1,283,959 | 0.71   | 1,743,765 |
| Series D Cvt. Pfd                       | 12/21/12   | 68,608    | 0.83   | 88,915    |

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| Security (#)                    | Acquisition Date        | Cost         | Carrying Value per Unit | Value        |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Magellan Diagnostics, Inc.      |                         |              |                         |              |
| Series A Cvt. Pfd               | 11/28/06 - 10/01/09     | \$ 1,010,827 | \$ 0.69                 | \$ 1,480,995 |
| Warrants (expiration 4/01/19)   | 4/03/09                 | 358          | 0.00                    | 0            |
| Warrants (expiration 5/06/19)   | 5/12/09                 | 28           | 0.00                    | 0            |
| Neurovance, Inc.                |                         |              |                         |              |
| Series A Cvt. Pfd               | 12/29/11†† - 10/11/12 - | 203,613      | 3.70                    | 199,867      |
| Series A-1 Cvt. Pfd             | 10/10/13                | 1,849,481    | 3.70                    | 1,843,653    |
| OncoGenex Pharmaceuticals, Inc. |                         |              |                         |              |
| Warrants (expiration 10/22/15)  | 10/22/10                | 0            | 0.00                    | 0            |
| Palyon Medical Corporation      |                         |              |                         |              |
| Series A Cvt. Pfd               | 4/28/09                 | 2,070,040    | 0.00†                   | 2,046        |
| Series B Cvt. Pfd               | 6/28/13                 | 1,314,671    | 0.00†                   | 1,318        |
| Cvt. Promissory Note            | 11/13/14                | 37,401       | 0.10                    | 37           |
| Cvt. Promissory Note            | 12/17/14                | 26,005       | 0.10                    | 26           |
| Cvt. Promissory Note            | 1/22/15                 | 30,339       | 0.10                    | 30           |
| Cvt. Promissory Note            | 2/17/15                 | 36,282       | 0.10                    | 36           |
| Warrants (expiration 4/26/19)   | 4/25/12                 | 21           | 0.00                    | 0            |
| PHT Corporation                 |                         |              |                         |              |
| Series D Cvt. Pfd               | 7/23/01 - 9/12/03 -     | 2,804,181    | 1.70                    | 6,102,565    |
| Series E Cvt. Pfd               | 10/19/04                | 627,548      | 1.82                    | 1,461,453    |
| Series F Cvt. Pfd               | 7/21/08                 | 81,729       | 2.84                    | 282,452      |
| Songbird Hearing, Inc. Common   | 12/14/00                | 2,003,239    | 0.67                    | 93           |
| Targegen Milestone Interest     | 7/20/10                 | 2,962,363    | 0.00                    | 0            |
| TherOx, Inc.                    |                         |              |                         |              |
| Series H Cvt. Pfd               | 9/11/00 - 8/21/07       | 2,001,787    | 0.01                    | 435          |
| Series I Cvt. Pfd               | 7/08/05                 | 386,639      | 0.01                    | 997          |

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|                                |          |              |      |              |
|--------------------------------|----------|--------------|------|--------------|
| Tibion Corporation             |          |              |      |              |
| Series B Cvt. Pfd              | 2/23/11  | 905,158      | 0.00 | 0            |
| Non-Cvt. Promissory Note       | 7/12/12  | 238,513      | 0.00 | 0            |
| Non-Cvt. Promissory Note       | 4/12/13  | 28,212       | 0.00 | 0            |
| Warrants (expiration 7/12/17)  | 7/12/12  | 0            | 0.00 | 0            |
| Warrants (expiration 10/30/17) | 10/30/12 | 0            | 0.00 | 0            |
| Warrants (expiration 11/28/17) | 11/28/12 | 0            | 0.00 | 0            |
| Veniti, Inc.                   |          |              |      |              |
| Series A Cvt. Pfd              | 2/28/11  | 2,272,029    | 1.01 | 2,633,396    |
| Series B Cvt. Pfd              | 5/24/13  | 1,197,448    | 1.06 | 1,386,253    |
| Series C Cvt. Pfd              | 12/12/14 | 819,999      | 1.14 | 819,999      |
|                                |          | \$38,192,084 |      | \$31,532,584 |

(#) See Schedule of Investments and corresponding footnotes for more information on each issuer.

† Carrying value per unit is greater than \$0.00 but less than \$0.01

†† Interest received as part of a corporate action for a previously owned security.



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### INVESTMENT ADVISORY AGREEMENT APPROVAL

The Investment Advisory Agreement (the Advisory Agreement) between the Fund and the Adviser provides that the Advisory Agreement will continue in effect so long as its continuance is approved at least annually by (i) the Trustees of the Fund or the shareholders by affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding shares and (ii) a majority of the Trustees of the Fund who are not interested persons (the Independent Trustees), by vote cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval.

After considering the matter in meetings held on March 19 and May 18, 2015, the Board, and the Independent Trustees voting separately, determined that the terms of the Advisory Agreement are fair and reasonable and approved the continuance of the Advisory Agreement as being in the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders. In making its determination, the Board considered materials that were specifically prepared by the Adviser at the request of the Board and Fund counsel for purposes of the contract review process, including comparisons of (i) the Fund's performance to its benchmark, the NASDAQ Biotech Index (NBI), and to other investment companies, (ii) the Fund's expenses and expense ratios to those of a peer group of other investment companies, and (iii) the Adviser's profitability with respect to its services for the Fund to the profitability of other investment advisers. The Trustees took into account that the Adviser presently provides investment management services only to the Fund and to Tekla Healthcare Investors and Tekla Healthcare Opportunities Fund and does not derive any benefit from its relationship with the Fund other than receipt of advisory fees pursuant to the Advisory Agreement. The Board also received and reviewed information throughout the year about the portfolio performance, the investment strategy, the portfolio management team and the fees and expenses of the Fund.

In approving the Advisory Agreement, the Board considered, among other things, the nature, extent, and quality of the services to be provided by the Adviser, the investment performance of the Fund and the Adviser, the costs of services provided and profits realized by the Adviser and its affiliates, and whether fee levels reflect economies of scale for the benefit of Fund shareholders and the extent to which economies of scale would be realized as the Fund grows. The Board reviewed information about the foregoing factors and considered changes, if any, in such information since its previous approval. The Board also evaluated the financial strength of the Adviser and the capability of the personnel of the Adviser, specifically the strength and background of its investment analysts. Fund counsel provided the Board with the statutory and regulatory requirements for approval and disclosure of investment advisory agreements. The Board, including the Independent Trustees, evaluated all of the foregoing and, considering all factors together, determined in the exercise of its business judgment that the continuance of the Advisory Agreement is in the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders. The following provides more detail on certain factors considered by the Trustees and the Board's conclusions with respect to each such factor.

The nature, extent and quality of the services to be provided by the Adviser. On a regular basis the Board considers the roles and responsibilities of the Adviser as a whole, along with specific portfolio management, support and trading functions the Adviser provides to the Fund. The Trustees considered the nature, extent and quality of the services provided by the Adviser to the Fund. The Trustees continue to be satisfied with the quality and value of the investment advisory services provided to the Fund by the Adviser, and, in particular, the management style and discipline followed by the Adviser and the quality of the Adviser's research, trading, portfolio management, compliance and administrative personnel. The Trustees also took into account the Adviser's significant enhancements to its infrastructure, including enhancements in number, experience and qualifications of its investment team in order to meet the future demands of the Fund (and Tekla Healthcare Investors and Tekla Healthcare Opportunities Fund) for investment management services.



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The investment performance of the Fund and the Adviser. On a regular basis the Board reviews performance information for the Fund and discusses the Fund's investment strategy with the Adviser. The Trustees reviewed performance information for the Fund for the current fiscal year to date and over the past one-, two-, three-, four-, five-, six-, seven-, eight-, nine-, and ten-year periods; comparisons of the Fund's performance to its benchmark, the NASDAQ Biotechnology Index (the NBI), the S&P 500 Index, the S&P 1500 Healthcare Index, and other investment companies; and information relating to the performance of the Fund's venture capital portfolio. The Trustees continue to be satisfied with the investment performance of the Fund and the Adviser. Although the NBI's performance generally exceeded the Fund's returns by net asset value and stock price over the reported periods, the returns by net asset value and by stock price of the Fund (including venture capital investments) were comparable to the performance of the NBI over the reported periods, considering that the NBI includes only public companies. In addition, the Fund's returns by NAV and by stock price generally met or exceeded the performance of the S&P 500 Index and the S&P 1500 Healthcare Index for the reported periods, and the Fund's performance compares well to a peer group of 34 healthcare funds for the reported periods.

The costs of services to be provided and profits to be realized by the Adviser from its relationship with the Fund. The Trustees considered the various services provided by the Adviser to the Fund and reviewed comparative information regarding the expenses and expense ratios of the Fund and a peer group of other investment companies. The Trustees noted that the Adviser's fees are within the range of fees presented in the comparative information and noted that a portion of the Fund's investment portfolio is invested in venture and restricted securities, a portfolio management service that can warrant higher management fees than those charged by the Adviser pursuant to the Advisory Agreement. The Trustees also considered financial information provided by the Adviser, including financial statements of the Adviser and a comparison of the Adviser's profitability with respect to its services for the Fund to the profitability of other investment advisers. Based on the information provided to and evaluated by the Trustees, the Trustees concluded that the fees charged by the Adviser are fair and reasonable in light of the quality and nature of the services provided by the Adviser and that the profitability of the Adviser's relationship with the Fund has not been excessive. The fees charged by the Adviser are within a reasonable range of fees as compared to fees charged by other investment advisers, and the services provided by the Adviser and the amounts paid under the Advisory Agreement are sufficiently favorable in comparison to the services rendered and fees charged by others for similar services to warrant a finding that fees to be paid by the Fund are fair.

Whether fee levels reflect economies of scale and the extent to which economies of scale would be realized as the Fund grows. The Trustees considered that the Advisory Agreement provides for breakpoints in the advisory fees so that the Fund will share the benefits of the economies of scale that would inure to the Adviser as the Fund's assets increase. Given the asset size of the Fund, and as economies of scale are still modest at current Fund asset levels, the Trustees determined that the Fund's breakpoint schedule is satisfactory and fair.



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### **PRIVACY NOTICE**

If you are a registered shareholder of the Fund, the Fund and Tekla Capital Management LLC, the Fund's investment adviser, may receive nonpublic personal information about you from the information collected by the transfer agent from your transactions in Fund shares. Any nonpublic personal information is not disclosed to third parties, except as permitted or required by law. In connection with servicing your account and effecting transactions, the information received may be shared with the investment adviser and non-affiliates, including transfer agents, custodians or other service companies. Access to your nonpublic personal information is restricted to employees who need to know that information to provide products or services to you. To maintain the security of your nonpublic personal information, physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards are in place that comply with federal standards. The policies and practices described above apply to both current and former shareholders.

If your Fund shares are held in "street name" at a bank or brokerage, we do not have access to your personal information and you should refer to your bank's or broker's privacy policies for a statement of the treatment of your personal information.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

A description of the Fund's proxy voting policies and procedures and information on how the Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available (i) without charge, upon request by calling 1-800-451-2597; (ii) by writing to Tekla Capital Management LLC at 100 Federal Street, 19th Floor, Boston, MA 02109; (iii) on the Fund's website at [www.Teklacap.com](http://www.Teklacap.com); and (iv) on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

The Fund's complete Schedule of Investments for the first and third quarters of its fiscal year will be filed quarterly with the SEC on Form N-Q. This Schedule of Investments will also be available on the Fund's website at [www.Teklacap.com](http://www.Teklacap.com), or the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. The Fund's Form N-Q may be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC or by calling 1-800-SEC-0330.

### **DISTRIBUTION POLICY**

The Fund has a fixed distribution policy as described in the Notes to Financial Statements. For more information contact your financial adviser.

### **SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAM**

In March 2015, the Trustees reauthorized the share repurchase program to allow the Fund to repurchase up to 12% of its outstanding shares for a one year period beginning July 11, 2015. In March 2014, the Trustees approved the renewal of the share repurchase program to allow the Fund to repurchase up to 12% of its outstanding shares for a one year period beginning July 11, 2014.

### **PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT**

Daniel R. Omstead, Ph.D., Jason C. Akus, M.D./M.B.A. Mark Charest, Ph.D., Christian Richard, M.B.A, M.S., Timothy Gasperoni, Ph.D., M.B.A, Amanda Birdsey-Benson, Ph.D., Alan Kwan, Ph.D., M.S., M.B.A., and William Hite are members of a team that analyzes investments on behalf of the Fund. Dr. Omstead exercises ultimate decision making authority with respect to investments.

**HOUSEHOLDING**

A number of banks, brokers and financial advisers have instituted "householding". Under this practice, which has been approved by the SEC, only one copy of shareholder documents may be delivered to multiple shareholders who share the same address and satisfy other conditions. Householding is intended to reduce expenses and eliminate duplicate mailings of shareholder documents. If you do not want the mailing of your shareholder documents to be combined with those of other members of your household, please contact your bank, broker or financial adviser.



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**Item 2. CODE OF ETHICS.**

Not applicable to this semi-annual filing.

**ITEM 3. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT.**

Not applicable to this semi-annual filing.

**ITEM 4. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES.**

Not applicable to this semi-annual filing.

**ITEM 5. AUDIT COMMITTEE OF LISTED REGISTRANTS.**

Not applicable to this semi-annual filing.

**ITEM 6. INVESTMENTS.**

The Registrant's Schedule of Investments is included as part of the Report to Shareholders filed under Item 1 of this form.

**ITEM 7. DISCLOSURE OF PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES.**

Not applicable to this semi-annual filing.

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**ITEM 8. PORTFOLIO MANAGERS OF CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES**

Not applicable to this semi-annual filing.

**ITEM 9. PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES BY CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY AND AFFILIATED PURCHASERS.**

| Period                                  | (a) Total No.<br>of Shares<br>Purchased (1) | (b) Average<br>Price Paid per<br>Share | (c) Total No.<br>of Shares<br>Purchased as<br>Part of<br>Publicly<br>Announced Plans<br>or Programs | (d) Maximum No.<br>of Shares that<br>May Yet Be<br>Purchased Under<br>the Plans or<br>Programs |
|---|---|--|---|--|
| Month #1 (Oct. 1, 2014 - Oct. 31, 2014) |   |  |   |  |
| Month #2 (Nov. 1, 2014 - Nov. 30, 2014) |   |  |   |  |
| Month #3 (Dec. 1, 2014 - Dec. 31, 2014) |   |  |   |  |
| Month #4 (Jan. 1, 2015 - Jan. 31, 2015) |   |  |   |  |
| Month #5 (Feb. 1, 2015 - Feb. 28, 2015) |   |  |   |  |
| Month #6 (Mar. 1, 2015 - Mar. 31, 2015) |   |  |   |  |
| Total                                   |   |  |   |  |

(1) On June 30, 2011, the share repurchase program was announced, allowing the Registrant to repurchase up to 12% of its outstanding shares for a one year period beginning July 11, 2011. On March 28, 2014, the share repurchase program was renewed, allowing the Registrant to repurchase up to 12% of its outstanding shares for a one year period beginning July 11, 2014. On March 19, 2015, the Trustees approved the renewal of the repurchase program to allow the Registrant to repurchase up to 12% of its outstanding shares in the open market for a one year period beginning July 11, 2015.

**ITEM 10. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS.**

There have been no material changes to the procedures by which the shareholders may recommend nominees to the Registrant's Board of Trustees, where those changes were implemented after the Registrant last provided disclosure in response to the requirements of Item 7(d)(2)(ii)(G) of Schedule 14A, or this Item.

**ITEM 11. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.**

(a) In the opinion of the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, based on their evaluation which took place within 90 days of this filing, the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures are adequately designed and are operating effectively to ensure (i) that material information relating to the Registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to them by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared; and (ii) that information required to be disclosed by the registrant on Form N-CSR is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time period specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's



rules and forms.

(b) There were no changes in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the Registrant's most recent second fiscal quarter that have materially affected or that are reasonably likely to materially affect the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

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**ITEM 12. EXHIBITS**

(a)(1) Code of Ethics - Not applicable to this semi-annual filing.

(a)(2) Certification of the Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 is attached hereto (Exhibit 1).

(a)(3) Certification of the Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 is attached hereto (Exhibit 2).

(b) Certifications pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are attached hereto (Exhibit 3).

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