

### Investment Objective and Benchmark Index

The Biotech Growth Trust PLC (the “Company”) seeks capital appreciation through investment in the worldwide biotechnology industry. Performance is measured against its benchmark index, the NASDAQ Biotechnology Index (net, total return, sterling adjusted).



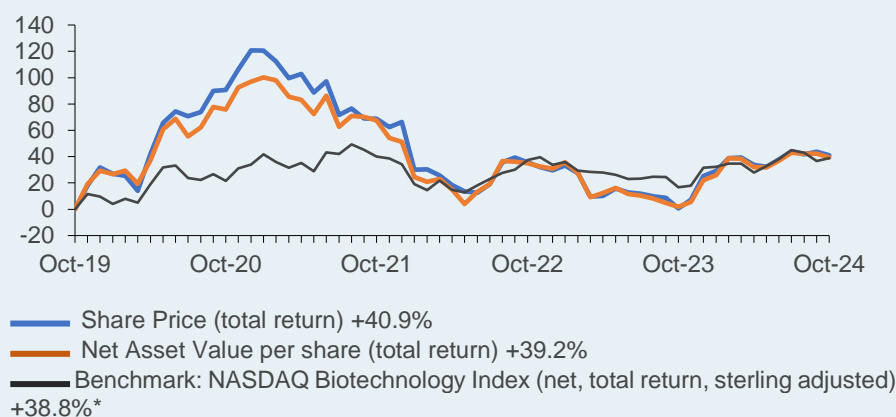
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### Five Year Performance (%)

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments and the income from them may fall as well as rise and is not guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than the original amount invested.



Source: Morningstar, \* Index – Bloomberg, with effect from 01.10.2024, the index is has changed to net total return, prior to this date it was capital return.

### Ten Largest Holdings as at 31 October 2024 (% of total investments)

Name	Total
Amgen	7.6
QuantumPharm	6.5
Argenx	5.2
Sarepta Therapeutics	4.7
Ionis Pharmaceuticals	4.5
Alnylam Pharmaceuticals	3.2
CG oncology	3.0
Gilead Sciences	2.8
Xenon Pharmaceuticals	2.8
Avidity Biosciences	2.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>43.0</b>

Fast Facts	As at 31 October 2024
<b>Launch Date</b>	June 1997
<b>AIC Sector</b>	Biotechnology & Healthcare
	Date of Appointment of OrbiMed 19 May 2005
<b>Annual Management Fee (payable by the Company)</b>	0.65% of net assets plus 0.30% per annum on the Company's market capitalisation up to £500m, 0.20% on market capitalisation above £500m to £1bn and 0.10% on market capitalisation over £1bn
<b>Performance fee</b>	See Annual Report for details
<b>Ongoing Charges Ratio (OCR) *</b>	1.2%
<b>Continuation Vote</b>	2025 AGM and every 5th AGM thereafter
<b>Year / interim end</b>	31 March / 30 September
<b>Capital Structure</b>	31,644,676 Ordinary Shares of 25p

### Trust Characteristics

<b>Number of Holdings</b>	66
<b>Net Assets (£m)</b>	£343.5m
<b>Market Capitalisation (£m)</b>	£318.3m
<b>Dividend Policy</b>	It is not anticipated that the Company will pay a dividend
<b>Gearing (AIC basis)</b>	7.6%
<b>Leverage**</b>	Gross 110.5% Commitment 109.7%
<b>Share Price (p)</b>	1,006.00
<b>NAV (p)</b>	1,085.60
<b>(Discount) / Premium</b>	(7.3%)
<b>Portfolio Turnover p.a.</b>	132.5%
<b>Active Share***</b>	69.7%

### Geographical Breakdown as at 31 October 2024 (%)†

North America	72.8%
China (quoted)	16.8%
Continental Europe	9.8%
Unquoted ‡	0.6%

**Total** **100.0%**

† Calculation based on economic exposure and expressed as a % of the total economic exposure. This includes all derivatives as an economically equivalent position in the underlying holding.

‡ No more than 10% of gross assets will be invested in unquoted investments at the time of acquisition. This limit includes any investment or commitment to invest in private equity funds managed by OrbiMed or an affiliate thereof. Investments or commitments to invest in such private equity funds will be limited to US\$15m, after the deduction of proceeds of disposal and other returns of capital. Of the 0.6% unquoted investments, 0.3% was in China and 0.3% was in Asia.

Source: All portfolio information sourced from Frostrow Capital LLP

### Discrete Performance – Calendar Years (%)

Percentage Growth 12 Month Return	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD
NAV	47.4	52.4	-23.1	-13.6	-7.2	14.5
Share Price	48.5	67.7	-24.6	-22.1	-3.5	12.5
Index	19.6	22.1	0.2	-0.3	-1.7	5.6

### Standardised Discrete Performance (%)

Percentage Growth 12 Month Return	Oct 19- Oct 20	Oct 20- Oct 21	Oct 21- Oct 22	Oct 22- Oct 23	Oct 23- Oct 24
NAV	75.7	-4.8	-19.5	-24.4	36.8
Share Price	90.8	-11.6	-19.6	-25.8	40.1
Index	21.6	15.2	-1.9	-15.0	18.9

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Source: NAV (total return; fully diluted) & Share Price (total return) – Morningstar. Index - Bloomberg.

\*Calculated at the financial year end, includes management fees and all other operating expenses, excludes performance fees.

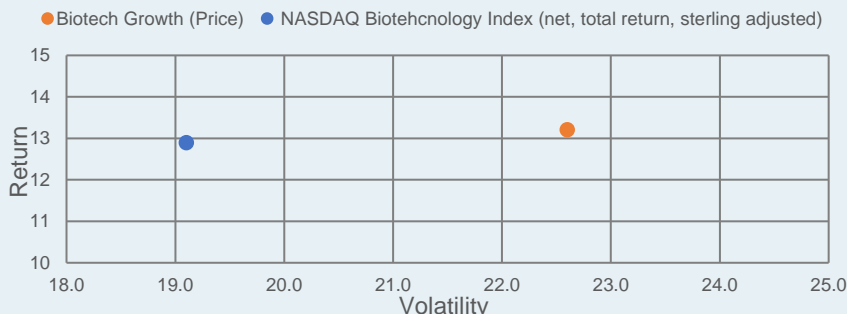
\*\*The Board has set the leverage limit for both the Gross and the Commitment basis at 130% of the Company's Net Asset Value.

\*\*\*Active Share is expressed as a percentage and shows the extent to which a fund's holdings and their weightings differ from those of the fund's benchmark index. A fund that closely tracks its index might have a low Active Share of less than 20% and be considered passive, while a fund with an Active Share of 60% or higher is generally considered to be actively managed.

### Investment Policy

In order to achieve its investment objective, the Company invests in a diversified portfolio of shares and related securities in biotechnology companies on a worldwide basis. The Company will not invest more than 15% of the value of its gross assets in any one individual stock at the time of acquisition. No more than 10% of gross assets will be invested in unquoted investments at the time of acquisition. This limit includes any investment or commitment to invest in private equity funds managed by OrbiMed or an affiliate thereof. Investments or commitments to invest in such private equity funds will be limited to US\$15m, after the deduction of proceeds of disposal and other returns of capital. The Company's borrowing policy is that borrowings will not exceed 20% of value of the Company's net assets. The Company may be unable to invest directly or efficiently in certain countries or share classes. In these circumstances, the Company may gain exposure by investing indirectly through swaps or other derivative instruments. Exposure to these financial instruments will count towards and be subject to the following limits: Derivative transactions (excluding equity swaps) can be used to mitigate risk and/or enhance return and will be restricted to an aggregate net exposure of 5% of the value of the gross assets measured at the time of the relevant transaction; Equity swaps may be used for efficient portfolio management purposes and aggregate net counterparty exposure through a combination of derivatives and equity swap transactions is restricted to 12% of the value of the gross assets of the Company at the time of the transaction.

### Return vs Volatility (Annualised since Date of Appointment of OrbiMed) – Chart (%)



#### Commentary

In October, the NAV per share was down 2.0%, the share price was down 1.9% and the benchmark NASDAQ Biotechnology Index (net, total return, sterling adjusted) was up 1.6%.

Biotech underperformed the general markets in October due to a rise in 10-year government yields. Yields increased as a strong employment report and a higher-than-expected inflation reading for September suggested continued strength in the U.S. economy. In light of these indicators, investors reduced their expectations for the pace of future interest rate cuts by the Federal Reserve, sending 10-year yields higher. Underperformance of the Company versus the benchmark during the month was due to profit-taking in some of the Company's holdings, including a large retracement in the share price of QuantumPharm. While the speed at which the Federal Reserve continues to reduce interest rates may be unclear, we continue to expect a decline in rates over the next several months. We are optimistic that further interest rate cuts in the months ahead will be constructive for the biotech sector.

Scholar Rock Holding, Argenx, and Longboard Pharmaceuticals were the largest positive contributors to performance during the month. Scholar Rock outperformed after the successful readout of the company's Phase 3 clinical readout of apitegromab in spinal muscular atrophy in October. Argenx's stock price rose in October after reporting better-than-expected Vyvgart sales in its third quarter earnings report. Longboard's stock price appreciated in October after Lundbeck agreed to acquire the company for \$2.6 billion, a 54% premium to the stock's last trading price, to gain access to bexicaserin, a drug being developed to treat seizures associated with certain pediatric epilepsies.

QuantumPharm, Tyra Biosciences, and Innovent Biologics were the largest negative contributors to performance during the month. QuantumPharm underperformed in October on no fundamental news, after posting substantial gains from its IPO price. Tyra's share price underperformed after the company released data from its FGFR3 selective inhibitor, TYRA-300, in metastatic bladder cancer. The stock had appreciated significantly in recent months in anticipation of the data and on the data release, some investors took advantage of increased liquidity to realize profits. The share price of Innovent fell after the company announced that a 20% stake of its previously wholly owned overseas subsidiary, Fortvita, was being sold to certain members of management, which Innovent investors deemed was not in shareholders' best interest. In early November, Innovent announced the termination of this transaction in response to investor feedback.

#### Codes

<b>Sedol</b>	0038551
<b>ISIN</b>	GB0000385517
<b>Legal Entity Identifier (LEI)</b>	549300Z41EP32MI2DN29
<b>Global Intermediary Identification Number (GIIN)</b>	U1MQ70.99999.SL.826
<b>Bloomberg</b>	BIOG LN
<b>EPIC</b>	BIOG

#### Discount / Premium Control Mechanism

The Directors have adopted an active discount management policy to establish and support an improved rating in the Company's shares through the use of share buybacks, with a view to limiting the discount to NAV per share at which the shares trade to no more than 6%. Shares bought back will be cancelled.

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### Risk Warnings

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Any return you receive depends on future market performance and is uncertain. The Company does not seek any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment. Shares of the Company are bought and sold on the London Stock Exchange (LSE). The price you pay or receive, like other listed shares, is determined by supply and demand and may be at a discount or premium to the underlying net asset value of the Company. Usually, at any given time, the price you pay for a share will be higher than the price you could sell it. For further information on the principal risks the Company is exposed to please refer to the Company's Annual Report or Investor Disclosure Document available at [www.biotechgt.com](http://www.biotechgt.com). The Company can borrow to purchase investments, this could potentially magnify any losses or gains made by the Company.

### Target Market

The Company is suitable for investors seeking an investment that aims to deliver total returns over the longer term (at least five years), is compatible with the needs for retail clients, professional clients and eligible counterparties, and is eligible for all distribution channels.

The Company may not be suitable for investors who are concerned about short-term volatility and performance, have low or no risk tolerance or are looking for capital protection, who are seeking a guaranteed or regular income, or a predictable return profile. The Company does not offer capital protection.

### Value Assessment

Frostrow Capital LLP has conducted an annual Value Assessment on the Company in line with Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) rules set out in the Consumer Duty regulation. The Assessment focuses on the nature of the product, including benefits received and its quality, limitations that are part of the product, expected total costs to clients and target market considerations.

Within this, the assessment considers quality of services, performance of the Company (against both benchmark and peers), total fees (including management fees and entry and exit fees as applicable to the Company), and also considers whether vulnerable consumers are able to receive fair value from the product.

Frostrow Capital LLP concluded that the Company is providing value based on the above assessment.

### Important Information

The Biotech Growth Trust PLC is a public limited company whose shares are listed on the LSE and is registered with HMRC as an investment trust. The Company has an indeterminate life, although shareholders consider and vote on the continuation of the Company every five years (the next such vote will be held in 2025).

This financial promotion is issued by Frostrow Capital LLP which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA").

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