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PORTLAND LIFE SCIENCES ALTERNATIVE FUND
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Management Discussion of Fund Performance Portland Life Sciences Alternative Fund

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Securityholders may also contact us using one of these methods to request a copy of the investment fund's proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record, or quarterly portfolio disclosure.

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INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGIES

The Fund's objective is to provide positive long-term total returns by investing primarily in a portfolio of securities focused on companies active in the healthcare sector. The Fund seeks to provide capital growth by primarily investing in a portfolio of equities/American Depository Receipts and may also invest in exchange traded funds (ETFs). The Fund's investments currently focus on the area of precision oncology. The Fund may also engage in borrowing for investment purposes.

The Fund is considered an "alternative mutual fund" according to National Instrument 81-102, meaning it is permitted to use strategies generally prohibited by conventional mutual funds, such as the ability to invest up to 20% of its net asset value in securities of a single issuer (rather than 10% for conventional mutual funds); the ability to invest up to 100% or more of its net asset value in physical commodities either directly or through the use of specified derivatives; borrow, up to 50% of its net asset value, cash to use for investment purposes; sell, up to 50% of its net asset value, securities short (the combined level of cash borrowing and short selling is limited to 50% in aggregate); and aggregate exposure up to 300% of its net asset value.

RISK

Investors should be able to accept a medium level of risk and plan to hold for the medium to long term.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The Fund's net asset value at September 30, 2021 was \$0.6 million. Asset mix at September 30, 2021 was cash and other net assets (liabilities), 79.2%, and health care, 20.8%. By geography, assets were invested in securities of issuers based in Australia, 12.6%; the United States, 8.2%; and cash and other net assets (liabilities), 79.2%. There has been no borrowing in the Fund since its inception date on April 15, 2021.

As expected, given the Fund's focused mandate, the performance is mainly driven by company specific developments. During the period since inception, key relative performance contributors were Telix Pharmaceuticals Limited, Amgen Inc. and Fate Therapeutics,

Inc., whereas the key relative performance detractors were Relay Therapeutics, Inc. and Bridgebio Pharma, Inc.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

The investable universe is global, with a focus on innovative healthcare companies active in the area of precision oncology or supporting the broader effort towards improving cancer care. The Manager leverages its existing track record of private placements in companies active in precision oncology as well as its network of industry contacts in making its investment selection. Investment decisions incorporate fundamental analysis and apply to a value discipline. Investments are managed with a long-term focus.

An aging population (driven by baby boomers demographic trends) is more susceptible to cancer and requires better care and better access. At the same time, nations are straining under the burden of increased healthcare costs. Major recent advances in healthcare-related technology bear the promise of better efficacy, better quality of life and lower costs through precision/personalized medicine. Companies central to the development of precision oncology solutions, therefore, stand to benefit commercially and attract investor interest. The Manager is leveraging its private investment experience and its industry network in the sector in its investment decision making process. The Fund is a transparent, liquid and focused investment fund with the goal to invest in companies that work towards improving outcomes for both patients and investors.

In pursuing potential investee companies, the Manager seeks companies that place patient benefits first. A unrelenting focus on medical outcomes needs to be the starting point of any successful oncology company. The company will seek to satisfy well-defined medical needs effectively, humanely, economically and socially responsible. In other words, the company needs to be "seeking a solution to a defined problem/indication, rather than finding the problem/indication for a solution/asset it owns." The Manager also seeks companies where there is a meaningful concentration of ownership or "skin in the game" and where the founder(s) is still active in running the business. Yet, another trait that the Manager finds as potentially indicative of future success is the investee company's ability to leverage core competencies (e.g. engineering, operations, logistics, M&A, relevant clinical development expertise, and so on) beyond single assets and into the realm of reliably repeatable commercial success for adjacent indications and technologies, i.e. the ability to deliver "platform value." Equally important, the Manager believes, is the investee company's ability to leverage its network connections in accelerating development of its oncology solutions towards a first-in-class and/or best-in-class commercially successful therapeutic or diagnostic.

During the period since inception, the Fund delineated its portfolio of precision oncology companies by initiating investments in a number of companies active in the space, such as Telix Pharmaceuticals Limited, of Australia, a company dedicated to developing and commercializing cancer imaging and treatment solutions centered on the innovative approach of molecularly targeted therapies; POINT Biopharma Global Inc., a Canadian late-stage clinical precision oncology company; Relay Therapeutics, Inc., a U.S. clinical-stage precision medicine company using insights into protein motion to drive the drug discovery process;

Fate Therapeutics, Inc., a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company with expertise in harnessing the power of the natural killer (NK) cells; RadNet, Inc., a company engaged in providing fixed-site outpatient diagnostic imaging services in the U.S.; Bridgebio Pharma, Inc., a U.S. company engage in discovering and developing medicines that target well-characterized genetic diseases, centered on oncology; Schrodinger, Inc., a U.S. provider of computational software solutions for drug discovery to the biopharmaceutical industry; Amgen Inc., a large capitalization U.S. biotechnology company which is focused on developing therapeutics for oncology; Lantheus Holdings, Inc., a U.S. provider of imaging diagnostics and targeted therapeutics; and Guardant Health, Inc., a precision oncology company focused on helping conquer cancer through use of its blood-based tests, data sets and advanced analytics.

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Manager is responsible for the day-to-day operation of and for providing investment management services to the Fund. The Manager receives a fee for providing these services. This is calculated daily based on the net asset value of the Fund and paid monthly. During the period ended September 30, 2021, the Manager received \$1,016 in management fees from the Fund, net of applicable taxes.

The Manager is entitled to receive a performance fee, calculated and accrued on each business day and paid monthly. The performance fee is equal to 10% of the amount by which the net asset value of the series of units on that business day exceeds the high water mark. During the period ended September 30, 2021, the Manager received \$669 in performance fees from the Fund, net of applicable taxes.

Any administrative services paid for or provided by the Manager are charged to the Fund and are grouped and presented by expense type in the statements of comprehensive income. Depending on their nature, some expenditures are allocated to the Fund based on a variety of methods including net asset value or actual costs incurred. During the period ended September 30, 2021, the Manager was reimbursed \$457 for operating expenses incurred on behalf of the Fund, including amounts paid to affiliates, net of applicable taxes. The Manager absorbed \$50,022 of operating expenses during the period ended September 30, 2021, net of applicable taxes. Affiliates of the Manager provide administrative services associated with the day-to-day operations of the Fund. These affiliates of the Manager were reimbursed \$nil during the period ended September 30, 2021 by the Fund for such services.

The Manager and/or its affiliates and key management personnel of the Manager and their family (collectively referred to as Related Parties) may invest in units of the Fund from time to time in the normal course of business. Transactions to purchase or redeem units are made at net asset value per unit. Standing instructions from the independent review committee were not required or obtained for such transactions. As at September 30, 2021, Related Parties owned 15,000 shares of the Fund.

The Board of Directors of the Manager is responsible for reviewing and approving the financial statements and overseeing management's performance of its financial reporting responsibilities.

Notes

Certain statements included in this Management Discussion of Fund Performance constitute forward-looking statements, including those identified by the expressions "anticipate," "believe," "plan," "estimate," "expect," "intend" and similar expressions to the extent they relate to the Fund. These forward-looking statements are not historical facts, but reflect the current expectations of the portfolio management team regarding future results or events of the Fund. These forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from current expectations. The portfolio management team has no specific intention of updating any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by securities legislation.

Certain research and information about specific holdings in the Fund, including any opinion, is based upon various sources believed to be reliable, but it cannot be guaranteed to be current, accurate or complete. It is for information only, and is subject to change without notice.

Summary of Investment Portfolio as at September 30, 2021

Top 25 Investments*

	% of Net Asset Value
Cash & Cash Equivalents	79.2%
Telix Pharmaceuticals Limited	12.6%
Guardant Health, Inc.	1.0%
Schrodinger, Inc.	0.9%
Lantheus Holdings, Inc.	0.9%
Amgen Inc.	0.9%
RadNet, Inc.	0.9%
POINT Biopharma Global Inc.	0.9%
Bridgebio Pharma, Inc.	0.9%
Fate Therapeutics, Inc.	0.9%
Relay Therapeutics, Inc.	0.8%
Grand Total	99.9%

Total net asset value \$570,614

* Where the Fund holds less than 25 holdings, all investments have been disclosed. There may be other assets and liabilities which are not included, and therefore the summary may not add up to 100%.

The investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the investment fund. Quarterly updates are available within 60 days of each quarter end by visiting www.portlandic.com or contacting us at 1-888-710-4242.

Portfolio Composition

Sector

Cash & Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	79.2%
Health Care	20.8%

Geographic Region

Cash & Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	79.2%
Australia	12.6%
United States	8.2%

Other Net Assets (Liabilities) refers to cash on hand plus all other assets and liabilities in the Fund excluding portfolio investments

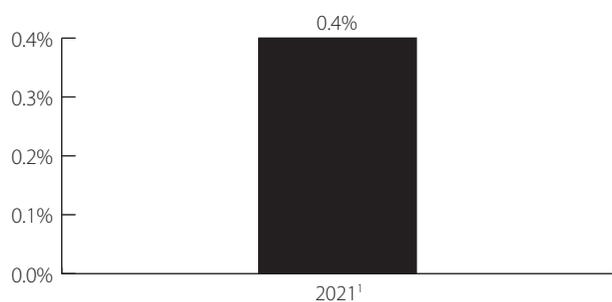
Past Performance

The past performance information shown in this section is calculated using the net asset value per unit and assumes that all distributions made by the Fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional securities of the Fund. The past performance information does not take into account sales, redemptions, distribution or other optional charges or income taxes payable by the unitholder that would have reduced returns or performance. Investment funds are not guaranteed, their values change frequently and past performance may not be repeated.

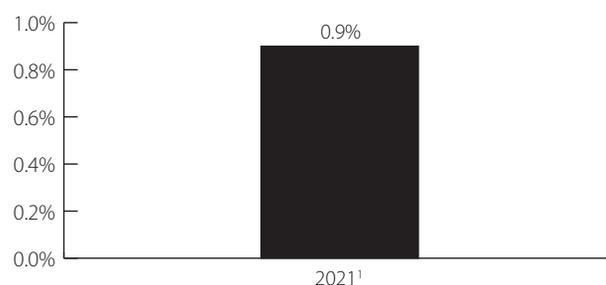
Year-By-Year Returns

The following bar charts show the performance of each series of the Fund for each of the financial years shown and illustrates how the investment fund's performance has changed from year to year. The charts show in percentage terms how an investment made on the first day of each financial year would have increased or decreased by the last day of each financial year.

Series A Units



Series F Units



1. Return for 2021 represents a partial year starting April 15, 2021 to September 30, 2021.

Annual Compound Returns

The table below shows the historical compound returns of the applicable series of units and MSCI World Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology and Life Sciences Index (the Index). The Index is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments across developed markets and are classified in the Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology and Life Sciences industry group (within the Health Care sector). Performance will vary by series largely due to the extent that fees and expenses may differ between series.

Series of Units	Inception Date	Since Inception	One Year	Three Year	Five Year	Ten Year
Series A	April 15, 2021	0.4%	-	-	-	-
Index		9.6%	-	-	-	-
Series F	April 15, 2021	0.9%	-	-	-	-
Index		9.6%	-	-	-	-

Comparison to the Index: Since the Fund does not necessarily invest in the same securities as the Index or in the same proportion, the performance of the Fund is not expected to equal that of the Index. Please refer to Management Discussion of Fund Performance - Results of Operations for additional discussion of the Fund's performance compared to the Index.

Management Fees

The Manager is responsible for the day-to-day management and administration of the Fund. The Manager monitors and evaluates the performance of the Fund, pays for the investment management services of the portfolio adviser and arranges for the administrative services required to be provided to the Fund. As compensation for its service, the Manager is entitled to receive a fee, payable monthly, calculated based on the average daily net asset value of the Fund.

Series of Units	Management Fee (%)	Expenses Paid Out of the Management Fee (%)		
		Dealer compensation	General administration, investment advice and profit	Absorbed expenses
Series A	1.75%	100%	-	-
Series F	0.75%	-	-	100%

Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the past five years or if shorter, since inception of the Fund. The information is provided as at September 30 of the year shown.

Series A Units - Net Assets per unit¹

For the periods ended	2021
Net assets, beginning of the period	\$10.00 [†]
Increase (decrease) from operations:	
Total revenue	-
Total expenses	(0.14)
Realized gains (losses)	(0.01)
Unrealized gains (losses)	(0.91)
Total increase (decrease) from operations ²	(1.06)
Distributions to unitholders:	
From income	-
From dividends	-
From capital gains	-
Return of capital	-
Total annual distributions ³	-
Net assets, end of period ⁴	\$10.04

Series A Units - Ratios/Supplemental Data

For the periods ended	2021
Total net asset value	\$419,889
Number of units outstanding	41,830
Management expense ratio ⁵	1.39% *
Management expense ratio excluding performance fees ⁵	1.17% *
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions ⁵	64.86% *
Trading expense ratio ⁶	0.09% *
Portfolio turnover rate ⁷	-
Net asset value per unit	\$10.04

Series F Units - Net Assets per unit¹

For the periods ended	2021
Net assets, beginning of the period	\$10.00 [†]
Increase (decrease) from operations:	
Total revenue	-
Total expenses	(0.11)
Realized gains (losses)	-
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.21
Total increase (decrease) from operations ²	0.10
Distributions to unitholders:	
From income	-
From dividends	-
From capital gains	-
Return of capital	-
Total annual distributions ³	-
Net assets, end of period ⁴	\$10.09

Series F Units - Ratios/Supplemental Data

For the periods ended	2021
Total net asset value	\$150,725
Number of units outstanding	14,942
Management expense ratio ⁵	1.12% *
Management expense ratio excluding performance fees ⁵	0.65% *
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions ⁵	64.33% *
Trading expense ratio ⁶	0.09% *
Portfolio turnover rate ⁷	-
Net asset value per unit	\$10.09

[†] Initial Offering Price

* Annualized

Explanatory Notes

1. a) The information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. The net assets per series presented in the financial statements may differ from the net asset value calculated for fund pricing purposes.
- b) The inception date of Series A and Series F units of the Fund was April 15, 2021.
2. Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted daily average number of units outstanding over the financial period.
3. Distributions are paid out in cash/reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both.
4. This is not a reconciliation of the beginning and ending net assets per unit.
5. The management expense ratio (MER) is based on total expenses (excluding foreign withholding taxes, commissions and other portfolio transaction costs but including management fee distributions paid to certain unitholders in the form of additional units) for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period. The Manager may absorb certain expenses otherwise payable by the Fund. The amount of expenses absorbed is determined annually at the discretion of the Manager.

The Fund may hold investments in ETFs and the MER is calculated taking into consideration the expenses of the Fund allocated to the series including expenses indirectly attributable to its investment in ETFs divided by the average daily net asset value of the series of the Fund during the period.

6. The trading expense ratio (TER) represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value of the Fund during the period.

The TER is calculated taking into consideration the costs attributable to its investment in ETFs.

7. The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio advisor manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to a fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the period. The higher a fund's portfolio turnover rate in a period, the greater the trading costs payable by the fund in the period, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the period. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a fund.

Portfolio turnover rate is calculated based on the lesser of the cumulative cost of purchases or cumulative proceeds of sales divided by the average market value of the portfolio, excluding short-term investments.



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