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# Worldwide Health Sciences Fund (C)

A diversified global fund concentrating in health sciences companies.

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Share Class

**ECHSX**

Symbol

**\$13.60** \$-0.06

NAV as of Apr 24, 2024

**Fact Sheet**

Mar 31, 2024

## The Fund

The Fund invests worldwide in companies principally engaged in the discovery, development, production or distribution of products (or services) related to scientific advances in health care, including biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, diagnostics, managed health care, and medical equipment and supplies.

## The Approach

The portfolio managers seek to purchase stocks that are reasonably priced in relation to their fundamental value and that the portfolio managers believe will grow in value over time regardless of short-term market fluctuations. The stock selection process is based on numerous factors, including the potential to increase market share (for larger companies), and the potential of research and development projects (for smaller companies). The team is based in Boston and London.

## The Features

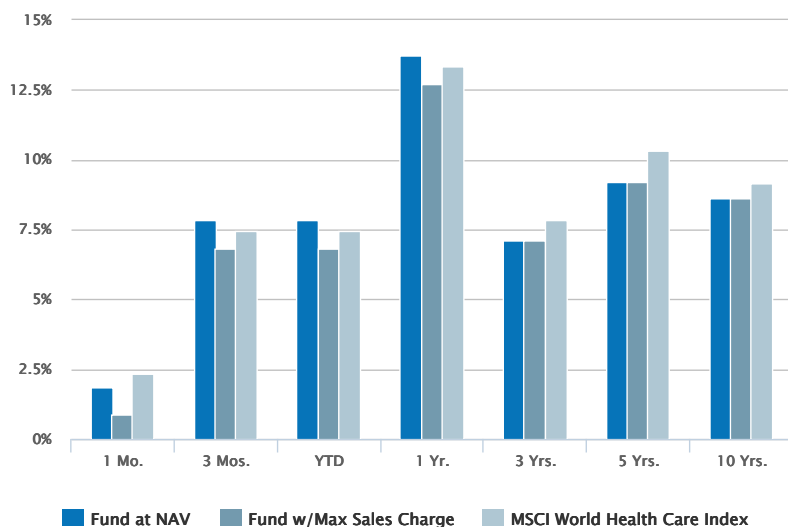
Growth in the health care sector is led by aging demographics, innovation and rising global incomes. As the global population ages and becomes wealthier, we believe health care spending is likely to continue to rise. Innovation drives growth in the sector, as increased scientific understanding leads to new breakthroughs.

## Overview

## Historical Returns (%)

as of Mar 31, 2024

03/31/2024



Fund at NAV

1.87

7.82

7.82

13.73

7.09

9.22

8.62

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Fund w/Max Sales Charge	0.87	6.82	6.82	12.73	7.09	9.22	8.62
MSCI World Health Care Index <sup>1</sup>	2.35	7.47	7.47	13.32	7.84	10.32	9.18

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## Fund Facts

as of Mar 31, 2024

Performance Inception	07/26/1985
Investment Objective	Long-term capital growth
Total Net Assets	\$1.0B
Expense Ratio (Gross) <sup>2</sup>	1.93%
Expense Ratio (Net) <sup>2,3</sup>	1.89%
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## Top 10 Holdings (%)<sup>4,5</sup>

as of Mar 31, 2024

Eli Lilly & Co	9.60
Novo Nordisk A/S	6.97
UnitedHealth Group Inc	6.82
AbbVie Inc	5.54
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc	4.94
AstraZeneca PLC	4.55
Intuitive Surgical Inc	3.92
Danaher Corp	3.78
Boston Scientific Corp	3.56
Roche Holding AG	3.48
Total	53.16

## Portfolio Management

[Jason Kritzer, CFA](#)

[Managed Fund since 2016](#)

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## RISK CONSIDERATIONS

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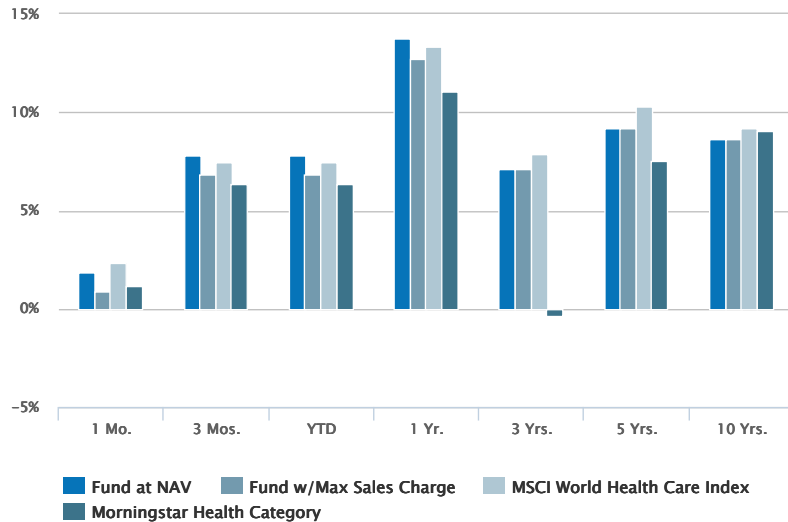
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4. Top 10 Holdings excludes cash and equivalents.
5. Percent of total net assets.

## Performance

### Historical Returns (%)

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Morningstar Health Category <sup>6</sup>	1.19	6.33	6.33	11.04	-0.38	7.51	9.04

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### Calendar Year Returns (%)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Fund at NAV	26.43	7.59	-15.59	15.42	5.25	24.90	12.15	21.19	-10.17	4.91
MSCI World Health Care Index <sup>1</sup>	18.10	6.60	-6.81	19.80	2.51	23.24	13.52	19.80	-5.41	3.76

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### Risk Measures (3 Year) <sup>7</sup>

as of Mar 31, 2024

Alpha (%)	-1.08
Beta	1.07
R-Squared (%)	96.89

Distribution Frequency	Annually	Standard Deviation (%)	15.34
		Sharpe Ratio	0.29

## Morningstar Rating™

as of Mar 31, 2024

Time Period	Rating	Funds in Health Category
Overall	★★★★	159
3 Years	★★★★★	159
5 Years	★★★★	136
10 Years	★★★★	114

The Morningstar Rating™ for funds, or "star rating", is calculated for managed products (including mutual funds and exchange-traded funds) with at least a three-year history. Exchange-traded funds and open-ended mutual funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes. It is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star.

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## NAV History

Date	NAV	NAV Change
Apr 24, 2024	\$13.60	-\$0.06
Apr 23, 2024	\$13.66	\$0.24
Apr 22, 2024	\$13.42	\$0.10
Apr 19, 2024	\$13.32	\$0.00
Apr 18, 2024	\$13.32	-\$0.05
Apr 17, 2024	\$13.37	-\$0.02
Apr 16, 2024	\$13.39	\$0.00
Apr 15, 2024	\$13.39	-\$0.05
Apr 12, 2024	\$13.44	-\$0.21
Apr 11, 2024	\$13.65	-\$0.02

## Distribution History<sup>8</sup>

Ex-Date

Distribution

Reinvest NAV

No records in this table indicates that there has not been a distribution greater than .0001 within the past 3 years.

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## Capital Gain History<sup>8</sup>

Ex-Date

Short-Term

Long-Term

Reinvest NAV

Dec 07, 2023

\$0.30770

Dec 08, 2022

\$0.53510

Dec 09, 2021

\$0.14750

\$0.93850

\$14.13

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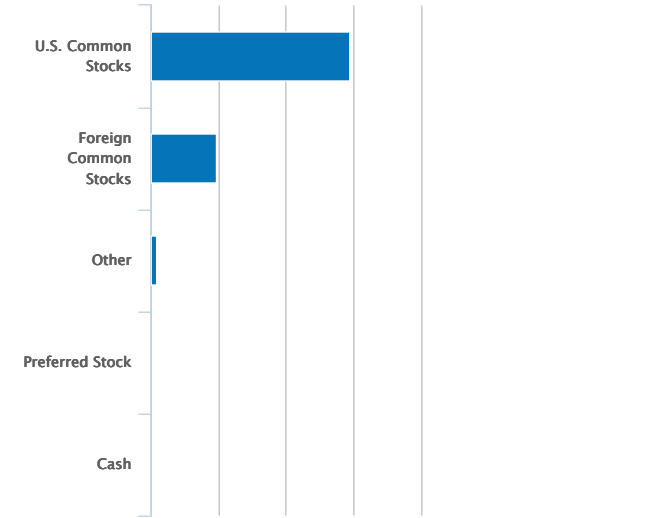
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6. The Morningstar Health Category includes funds that invest in companies in the medical and health-care industries.
7. Alpha measures risk-adjusted performance, showing excess return delivered at the same risk level as the benchmark. Beta measures the volatility of a fund relative to the overall market. R-Squared represents the percentage of the portfolio's movement that can be explained by the general movement of the market. Standard deviation measures the historic volatility of a fund. Sharpe Ratio uses standard deviation and excess return to determine reward per unit of risk.
8. A portion of the Fund's returns may be comprised of return of capital or short term capital gains. The Fund will determine the tax characteristics of all Fund distributions after the end of the calendar year and will provide shareholders such information at that time. Please consult your tax advisor for further information.

Asset Mix (%)<sup>5,9</sup>

as of Mar 31, 2024

03/31/2024



U.S. Common Stocks	73.88
Foreign Common Stocks	24.05
Other	2.02
Preferred Stock	0.05
Cash	0.00
Total	100.00

Geographic Mix (%)<sup>5</sup>

as of Mar 31, 2024

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Portfolio Statistics

as of Mar 31, 2024

Number of Holdings	42
Active Share <sup>10</sup>	43.10%

Sector Breakdown (%)<sup>5</sup>

as of Mar 31, 2024

Sector	Fund	MSCI World Health Care Index <sup>1</sup>
Health Care Distributors	2.94	2.03
Health Care Equipment	14.32	16.11
Health Care Facilities	2.07	1.09
Health Care Services	0.00	3.57
Health Care Supplies	5.99	2.78
Health Care Technology	0.19	0.53
Life Sciences Tools & Services	11.74	9.58
Managed Health Care	8.06	8.83
Pharma	41.27	41.75
Other	0.62	0.05
Cash	0.00	0.00

Assets by Country (%)<sup>5</sup>

as of Mar 31, 2024

United States	75.94
Denmark	6.97
United Kingdom	4.55
Switzerland	4.08
France	3.23
Australia	2.08
Italy	0.86
Germany	0.83
Netherlands	0.83
Japan	0.63
Total	100.00

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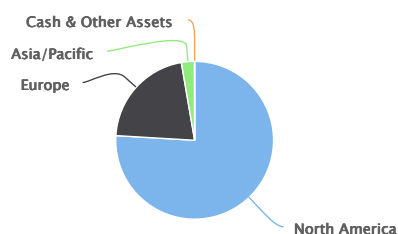
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as of Feb 29

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North America	75.94
Europe	21.35
Asia/Pacific	2.70
Cash & Other Assets	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>

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9. A delay in transaction settlement may result in a negative cash position.
10. Active Share is a measure of the differentiation of the holdings of a portfolio from the holdings of its appropriate benchmark index. It is calculated as one half of the sum of the absolute value of the differences found between the portfolio weights and the benchmark weights.
11. The following list reflects unaudited securities holdings (excluding derivatives positions). Holdings information may differ if presented as of trade date. Due to rounding, holdings of less than 0.005% may show as 0.00%. Portfolio information subject to change due to active management.

## Management



**Jason Kritzer, CFA**

Managing Director, Portfolio Manager,  
Analyst  
Joined Eaton Vance 2012

### Biography

Jason is a managing director of Morgan Stanley. He is a portfolio manager and an analyst on the Eaton Vance Value team. As a portfolio manager, he is responsible for buy and sell decisions, portfolio construction and risk management for health care portfolios. As an analyst, he is responsible for coverage of the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries. He joined Eaton Vance in 2012. Morgan Stanley acquired Eaton Vance in March 2021.

Jason began his career in the investment management industry in 1999. He was previously affiliated with BlackRock, Inc. as a director and equity analyst covering the health care sector, and Putnam Investments as an equity research analyst covering health care, technology and business services. Prior to the investment management industry, Jason worked in the computer industry for Digital Equipment Corporation.

Jason earned a B.S.B.A. from Boston University, School of Management and an MBA from Columbia University, School of Business. He is a member of the Columbia Business School Ambassador Program. He is a CFA charterholder.

### Education

- B.S.B.A. Boston University
- M.B.A. Columbia University

### Experience

- Managed Fund since 2016



**Samantha Pandolfi, CFA**

Managing Director, Portfolio Manager,  
Analyst  
Joined Eaton Vance 2015

### Biography

Samantha is a managing director of Morgan Stanley. She is a portfolio manager and an analyst on the Eaton Vance Global Equity team. As a portfolio manager, she is responsible for buy and sell decisions, portfolio construction and risk management for health care portfolios. She is primarily responsible for covering the health care sector for global large-cap and small-cap portfolios. She joined Eaton Vance in 2015. Morgan Stanley acquired Eaton Vance in March 2021.

Samantha began her career in the investment management industry in 2000. Before joining Eaton Vance, she was an executive director and European and global health care portfolio manager at Goldman Sachs Asset Management (GSAM) for 15 years. She has also covered apparel/luxury goods, support services, leisure and cosmetics.

Samantha earned a J.D. from Università degli Studi La Sapienza and an MBA from INSEAD. She is a CFA charterholder.

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