

## October 2017 Factsheet

# Key details as at 31 October 2017

Net Assets £1,069.8m Inception Date 26 October 2012 NAV Total Return Since Inception 76.78% NAV Per Share (Pence) 162.10 Share Price (Mid Market) (Pence) 184.40 Ex-Div (20 July 2017) 2.3p Annual Donation (% of NAV) 0.3% Financial Year End 31 March B8P59C0 **SEDOL** GG00B8P59C08 ISIN Bloomberg Ticker SYNC:LN

### **Company Information**

Closed End Investment Company Domicile Guernsey Listing London Stock Exchange Website www.synconaltd.com Investment Manager BACIT (UK) Limited Administrator Northern Trust International Custodian Northern Trust (Guernsey) Ltd Registrar Capita Registrars (Guernsey) Limited Corporate Broker J.P. Morgan Cazenove/Numis Securities

#### **NAV Performance Analysis**

| 1 Month Return                                     | 3.64%  |
|--|--------|
| 3 Month Return                                     | 17.42% |
| YTD Return   | 25.92% |
| Last 12 Months Return                              | 26.65% |
| NAV Total Return Since Inception                   | 76.78% |
| Annualised Return Since Inception                  | 12.07% |
| Best Month   | 11.94% |
| Worst Month  | -2.56% |
| % Positive Months                                  | 70%    |
| Annualised Vol. of Funds Portfolio Since Inception | 5.37%  |
| Sharpe Ratio of Funds Portfolio                    | 1.6    |

# **Company Description**

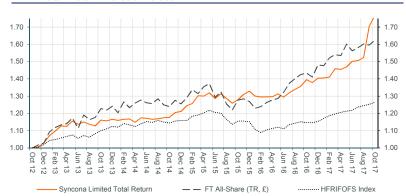
Syncona is a leading FTSE250 healthcare company focused on investing in and building global leaders in life science. Our vision is to deliver transformational treatments to patients in truly innovative areas of healthcare while generating superior returns for shareholders. Our current investment portfolio consists of seven high quality companies in life science and a leading range of fund investments.

We seek to partner with the best, brightest and most ambitious minds in science to build globally competitive businesses. We are established leaders in gene therapy, cell therapy and advanced diagnostics, and focus on delivering dramatic efficacy for patients in areas of birth unmet need

Our market leading funds portfolio seeks to generate superior returns by investing in long only and alternative investment funds. This represents a productively deployed evergreen funding base which enables us to take a long term approach to investing in life sciences as we target the best new opportunities and support our existing portfolio companies to grow and succeed.

Syncona is aligned with two of the premium charitable funders in UK science, the Wellcome Trust, original founder of Syncona, and Cancer Research UK, both of which are significant shareholders in our business. We make a donation of 0.3% of Net Asset Value to a range of charities each year.

#### NAV Total Return Versus Indices



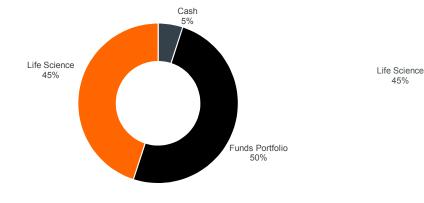
## Performance (NAV % Total Return)

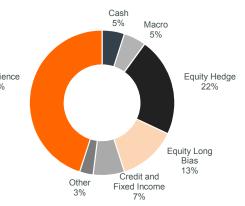
|      | Jan   | Feb   | Mar  | Apr   | May  | Jun   | Jul   | Aug   | Sep   | Oct  | Nov   | Dec  | YTD   |
|------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|
| 2017 | 0.08  | 0.40  | 3.39 | -0.25 | 1.00 | 2.18  | 0.27  | 1.21  | 11.94 | 3.64 | -     | -    | 25.92 |
| 2016 | -2.19 | -0.41 | 0.08 | 0.08  | 1.30 | -1.46 | 2.01  | 1.51  | 1.32  | 2.79 | -1.18 | 1.78 | 5.64  |
| 2015 | 2.73  | 1.01  | 3.58 | -0.16 | 1.53 | -2.56 | 2.15  | -2.07 | -2.13 | 1.60 | 2.39  | 1.44 | 9.69  |
| 2014 | -0.55 | 0.58  | 0.13 | -1.64 | 2.18 | -0.20 | -0.51 | 0.26  | 0.58  | 0.17 | 2.36  | 0.55 | 3.91  |
| 2013 | 4.12  | 2.55  | 2.58 | -0.16 | 2.69 | -1.57 | 1.24  | -1.23 | -0.78 | 2.94 | -0.42 | 0.82 | 13.32 |
| 2012 | -     | -     | -    | -     | -    | -     | -     | -     | -     | -    | 0.53  | 2.34 | 2.89  |

<sup>\*</sup> Returns are inclusive of dividend distributions

### Portfolio Allocation (% of NAV)

## Syncona Strategy Allocation (% of NAV)





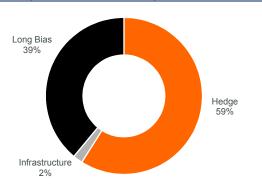


# **Funds Portfolio**

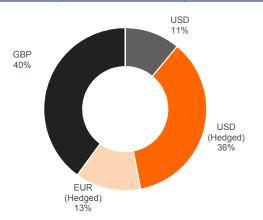
#### Top 10 Fund Holdings

| Fund                                | Strategy  | Asset Class | % of NAV |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|----------|
| Polar Capital Japan Alpha           | Long Bias | Equities    | 4.0%     |
| Polygon European Equity Opportunity | Hedge     | Equities    | 3.7%     |
| The SFP Value Realization Fund      | Long Bias | Equities    | 3.5%     |
| Polar UK Absolute Equity Fund       | Hedge     | Equities    | 3.3%     |
| Majedie UK Equity                   | Long Bias | Equities    | 3.1%     |
| Parity Value                        | Hedge     | Macro       | 3.0%     |
| Maga Smaller Companies UCITS        | Hedge     | Equities    | 2.9%     |
| AKO Global UCITS Fund               | Hedge     | Equities    | 2.7%     |
| Sinfonietta                         | Hedge     | Macro       | 2.4%     |
| Portland Hill                       | Hedge     | Equities    | 2.2%     |
| TOTAL:                              | _         |             | 30.8%    |

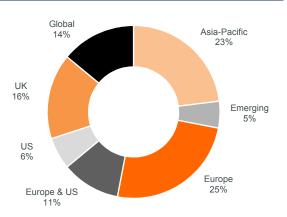
### Fund Asset Allocation (% of Fund Investments\*)



#### Currency Denomination (% of Fund Investments\*)



### Geographical Focus (% of Fund Investments\*)



# Key Investments in Life Science Portfolio - Monthly Movement

| Company                | Description   | Fully diluted ownership | Follow on<br>Investment | Valuation change | Current valuation | % of<br>NAV |
|------------------------|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Established            |   |                         |                         |                  |                   |             |
| Blue Earth Diagnostics | A molecular imaging agent company addressing areas of high unmet need | 90%                     | -                       | -                | £116.9m           | 10.9%       |
| Maturing               |   |                         |                         |                  |                   |             |
| Nightstar              | Developing gene therapy for inherited retinal dystrophies             | 42%                     | -                       | £27.1m           | £201.7m           | 18.9%       |
| Autolus                | Developing Advanced CAR-T therapies to treat a range of cancers       | 38%                     | -                       | £0.9m            | £89.9m            | 8.4%        |
| TOTAL:                 |   |                         | -                       | £28.0m           | £408.5m           | 38.2%       |

# Corporate Social Responsibility

Syncona makes a significant charitable donation to charities each year, much of which supports the healthcare space in recognition of our vision to deliver transformational treatments to patients. This charitable donation is equivalent of 0.3 per cent of the Net Asset Value of Syncona, valued monthly, with a commitment that we will donate at least £4.75 million in the financial year 2018. 50 per cent of the annual donation goes to the Institute of Cancer Research, one of the world's most influential cancer research institutes and UK's leading academic research centre today.

The remaining 50% is distributed amongst a range of charities including: Alzheimer's Research UK, The Alzheimer's Society, Beating Bowel Cancer, Butterfly Thyroid Cancer Trust, Cancer Research UK, Child Bereavement UK, Cure Leukaemia, Downside Up, The Egmont Trust, Fight for Sight, The Institute Of Cancer Research, The James Wentworth-Stanley Memorial Fund, JDRF (The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation), The Louis Dundas Centre For Children's Palliative Care, Maggie's, Marie Curie Cancer Care, NSPCC, The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity, The Rwanda Hope Foundation, Scope, SSAFA Forces Help, Supporting Wounded Veterans (Skiing With Heroes), and Women For Women International.

#### DATA SOURCES

Data has been sourced from Bloomberg, Northern Trust, the Company's administrator, and the underlying funds

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<sup>\*</sup>excludes rebates earned and hedging