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## **BioShares Biotechnology ETFs Complete Semi-Annual Rebalance and Recomposition (Nasdaq: BBC, BBP)**

**New York**, June 16, 2017 — LifeSci Index Partners, LLC, an affiliate company of [LifeSci Advisors](#), and a New York City-based investment advisor and index provider, today announced the completion of its semi-annual rebalancing and recomposition for its BioShares Biotechnology exchange-traded funds (ETFs), which trade under the symbols BBC and BBP on Nasdaq. These passively-managed funds are designed to track their respective, rules-based indexes.

The BioShares Biotechnology Funds are the only ETFs to separate Clinical Trials stage companies and Products stage companies into two distinct funds. The BioShares Biotechnology Clinical Trial Fund (BBC) and BioShares Biotechnology Product Fund (BBP) offer investors exposure to these two distinct segments of the biotechnology sector while diversifying some of the risks associated with any single company.

In addition, BBC and BBP are the only ETFs to offer pure biotechnology exposure without allocations to specialty pharmaceutical, medical device and diagnostics, and generic drug companies.

“The LifeSci Biotechnology indexes performed strongly<sup>1</sup> in the first half of 2017 with our Biotechnology Clinical Trials Index up 20% year-to-date through June 15<sup>th</sup> and our Biotechnology Products Index up 13%,” stated [Andrew McDonald](#), PhD, CEO of LifeSci Advisors. “Across our affiliated investor relations, public relations and capital markets advisory business units at [LifeSci Partners](#) which serve more than 90 corporate clients across the life sciences industry, we are seeing strong business and scientific trends that should continue to drive innovations in the healthcare sector.”

“Our rules-driven BioShares portfolios continue to evolve in response to the dynamic biotechnology market environment,” added Paul Yook, Founder of LifeSci Index Partners.

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“During the past six months, our funds had 4 companies receive FDA approvals on their lead drugs and as a result are moving out of the BBC clinical trials fund and into the BBP products fund. And although the biotechnology IPO market was quiet in 2016, it has picked up this year and we have added two recent IPO stocks to our BBC fund – Jounce Therapeutics (JNCE) and AnaptysBio (ANAB).”

The BBC fund has increased its number of holdings to 74 stocks (previously 69), with a weighted average market capitalization of \$1.1 billion. 14 stocks have been added by meeting the inclusion criteria. 5 stocks have been removed as they no longer meet the fund’s market cap and trading volume criteria, and 4 stocks are moving to the BBP fund upon receiving FDA approval and entering the Product stage for their lead drugs – Clovis Oncology (CLVS), Neurocrine Biosciences (NBIX), Radius Health (RDUS) and Synergy Pharmaceuticals (SGYP).

The BBP fund has increased its holdings to 36 stocks (previously 34), with a weighted average market cap of \$16 billion. In addition to the 4 previously mentioned stocks which are moving in from BBC fund, 2 stocks have been deleted for no longer meeting the BBP fund’s inclusion criteria.

#### Summary of Portfolio Changes

BBC Additions: AKBA, ANAB, ARNA, CALA, CTMX, DVAX, GLYC, IMGN, JNCE, RGNX, RXDX, SGMO, TTPH, VSAR

BBC Deletions: CEMP, CLVS, NBIX, NLNK, OMED, PTI, RDUS, SGYP, TRVN

BBP Additions: CLVS, NBIX, RDUS, SGYP

BBP Deletions: ARNA, MACK

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understand our clients' R&D, regulatory, and commercial strategy, and our team of financial services, investor relations, and public relations specialists help our clients effectively communicate to the marketplace. This combination of life sciences, financial services, and investor relations competencies allows us to provide a valuable and unique service offering to our clients.

BBC Performance as of 6/30/17	1 Month (Jun-17)	Q2 2017	2017 Year-to-Date	1 Year	Annualized Since Inception
NAV	14.48 %	3.58 %	30.23 %	32.73 %	-(1.42)%
Market Price	14.44 %	3.56 %	30.19 %	32.86 %	-(1.44)%
Index Performance	14.89 %	3.90 %	30.82 %	33.89 %	-(0.81)%

  

BBP Performance as of 6/30/17	1 Month (Jun-17)	Q2 2017	2017 Year-to-Date	1 Year	Annualized Since Inception
NAV	11.52 %	4.84 %	20.56 %	46.00 %	20.37 %
Market Price	11.92 %	5.04 %	20.74 %	46.29 %	20.45 %
Index Performance	11.61 %	4.84 %	20.70 %	47.38 %	21.41 %

Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses: 0.85% (BBC & BBP)

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NAV returns are calculated using the Fund's daily 4:00 p.m. NAV, and include the reinvestment of all dividends and other distributions (reinvested at the Fund's NAV on distribution ex-date). Market price returns are calculated using the 4:00 pm midpoint between the bid and offer, and include the reinvestment of all dividends and other distributions (reinvested at the 4:00pm bid/offer midpoint on distribution ex-date). Market price returns do not represent the return you would receive if you traded at other times.

## DISCLOSURE

**Carefully consider the respective investment objectives, risk factors and charges and expenses of the BioShares™ Biotechnology Clinical Trials Fund and the BioShares™ Biotechnology Products Fund (the "Funds") before investing. This and additional information can be found in the Funds' prospectuses, available at [www.bioshares.com](http://www.bioshares.com) or by calling 1-(888) 383-4184. Read the prospectuses carefully before investing.**

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**Exchange Traded Funds:** The value of an ETF may be more volatile than the underlying portfolio of securities the ETF is designed to track. The costs of owning the ETF may exceed the cost of investing directly in the underlying securities.

**Industry/Sector Concentration:** A fund that focuses its investments in a particular industry or sector will be more sensitive to conditions that affect that industry or sector than a non-concentrated fund.

**Market Price/NAV:** At the time of purchase and/or sale, an investor's shares may have a market price that is above or below the fund's NAV, which may increase the investor's risk of loss.

**Correlation to Index:** The performance of the fund and its index may vary somewhat due to factors such as fund flows, transaction costs, and timing differences associated with additions to and deletions from its index.

**Non-Diversified:** The fund is non-diversified and may be more susceptible to factors negatively impacting its holdings to the extent that each security represents a larger portion of the fund's assets.

**No Guarantee:** There is no guarantee that the portfolio will meet its objective.

**Prospectus:** For additional information on risks, please see the fund's prospectus.

BioShares™ Biotechnology Clinical Trials Fund may be subject to greater sector risk than a more broad-based biotechnology fund because it focuses on a narrower category of the biotechnology sector consisting of issuers with a primary product offering or product candidate that is in a Phase 1, Phase 2 or Phase 3 clinical trial stage of development.

BioShares™ Biotechnology Products Fund may be subject to greater sector risk than a more broad-based biotechnology fund because it focuses on a narrower category of the biotechnology sector consisting of issuers with a primary product offering or product candidate that has received U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval.

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