

As of 12/31/2023 | Class K: SHSKX | Class R: BHSRX | Institutional: SHSSX | Investor A: SHSAX | Investor C: SHSCX | Service: SHISX

Access to innovative healthcare equities

Investment expertise enhanced by scientific experience

Seeks diversified returns with lower volatility



Morningstar has awarded the Fund a BRONZE medal (Effective 11/30/2023).† Rated against 158 Health Funds, as of 12/31/2023 based on risk adjusted total return. Overall Ratings are determined monthly and subject to change. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a fund is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its 3-, 5- and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics.††

## ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE

With Sales Charge	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Investor A	-1.87	1.06	9.09	10.83
Without Sales Charge	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Investor A	3.57	2.89	10.27	11.43
Benchmark	2.87	4.63	10.79	10.92
Morningstar Average	3.22	-2.35	8.65	8.95

## CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE

Without Sales Charge	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD	4Q2023
Investor A	25.28	19.47	11.80	-5.91	3.57	3.57	5.79
Benchmark	22.11	19.34	18.60	-6.10	2.87	2.87	6.96
Morningstar Average	26.23	27.63	6.88	-15.16	3.22	3.22	9.77

Performance data shown represents past performance which is no guarantee of future results. Investment returns and principal values may fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than that shown. All returns assume reinvestment of all dividend and capital gain distributions. Refer to blackrock.com for current month-end performance. Index performance is shown for illustrative purposes only. It is not possible to invest directly in an unmanaged index. Returns with sales charge reflect the deduction of current maximum initial sales charge of 5.25%. The calendar year performance shown does not reflect the deduction of the sales load. If reflected, the performance would have been lower. Please see the fund prospectus for more details.

## MORNINGSTAR RANKINGS

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Morningstar Ranking	102/176	52/158	59/135	9/113
Quartile Rank	2	2	2	1

Rankings based on total return excluding sales charges, independently calculated and not combined to create an overall ranking. For periods not shown, Morningstar does not provide rankings based on synthetic performance.

**KEY RISKS:** The fund is actively managed and its characteristics will vary. Stock and bond values fluctuate in price so the value of your investment can go down depending on market conditions. International investing involves special risks including, but not limited to currency fluctuations, illiquidity and volatility. These risks may be heightened for investments in emerging markets. The fund may use derivatives to hedge its investments or to seek to enhance returns. Derivatives entail risks relating to liquidity, leverage and credit that may reduce returns and increase volatility. Investing in small- and mid-cap companies may entail greater risk than large-cap companies, due to shorter operating histories, less seasoned management or lower trading volumes. Investments in health services industries may be affected by changes in regulations, advancing technological developments and product liability lawsuits. Performance may be attributable to unusually high IPO profits. There is no guarantee this level of performance will be repeated. IPO securities have no trading history and the price may be volatile.

## KEY FACTS

Size of Fund (Millions)	\$8,105.9M
Fund Launch Date	12/21/1999
Share Class Launch Date	12/21/1999
Morningstar Category	Health
Number of Holdings	118
Benchmark	Russell 3000 HealthCare Index

## ANNUAL EXPENSES

Gross Expense Ratio	1.09%
Net Expense Ratio	1.09%

The Net Expense Ratio excluding Investment Related Expenses is 1.09% Investment Related Expenses include acquired fund fees of 0.00%, and interest expense (cost of borrowing securities to seek to enhance return or reduce risk) of 0.00%, and certain other expenses, if applicable. Expenses stated as of the fund's most recent prospectus. The difference between gross and net expense ratios are due to contractual and/or voluntary waivers, if applicable. This share class has a contractual waiver with an end date of 06/30/2025 terminable upon 90 days' notice. BlackRock may agree to voluntarily waive certain fees and expenses, which the adviser may discontinue at any time without notice.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

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TOP HOLDINGS (%)<sup>2</sup>

UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INC	9.22
ELI LILLY AND COMPANY	8.09
ABBVIE INC	4.51
BOSTON SCIENTIFIC CORPORATION	4.46
MERCK & CO INC	4.31
AMGEN INC	3.73
ABBOTT LABORATORIES	3.55
DANAHER CORPORATION	3.10
STRYKER CORPORATION	2.50
INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC	2.48
<b>Total of Portfolio</b>	<b>45.95</b>

## TOP SECTORS (%)<sup>2</sup>

	Fund	Benchmark	Active
Biotechnology	25.1	20.1	4.9
Health Care Equip. & Supplies	22.6	20.6	2.0
Health Care Providers & Services	21.5	18.6	2.9
Pharmaceuticals	19.7	28.6	-8.9
Life Sciences Tools & Services	8.4	11.2	-2.8
Cash and/or Derivatives	2.5	0.0	2.5
Health Care Technology	0.2	0.8	-0.6
Chemicals	0.0	0.1	-0.1
Specialty Retail	0.0	0.0	-0.0
Commercial Services & Supplies	0.0	0.0	-0.0
Electronic Equipment, Instruments & Components	0.0	0.0	0.0

## MARKET CAPITALIZATION (%)<sup>2</sup>

	Fund	Benchmark	Active
Cash and Derivatives	2.5	0.0	2.5
Large Cap ->\$10bn	89.8	88.9	0.9
Mid Cap - \$2-\$10bn	5.7	8.3	-2.7
Small Cap -<\$2bn	1.8	2.8	-1.0
Other	0.2	0.0	0.2

## RISK STATISTICS (3 YEARS)

	Fund	Benchmark
Alpha	-0.12	-
Beta	0.94	-

<sup>2</sup> % of net assets represents the Fund's exposure based on the economic value of securities and is adjusted for futures, options, swaps, and convertible bonds. Allocations subject to change.

**Price to Earnings Ratio:** The price-to-earnings ratio is used to assess a company's valuation. To compute this ratio, the latest closing price is divided by the company's last fiscal year's Earnings Per Share. The ratio represents a weighted harmonic mean of the price-to-earnings ratios of its holdings with negative values being excluded from the calculation. **Price to Book Ratio:** represents the ratio of the current closing price of the share to the latest quarter's book value per share. **Average Market Cap:** The average size of the securities the fund invests in. **Alpha:** A measure of performance on a risk-adjusted basis. Alpha takes the volatility (price risk) of a mutual fund and compares its risk-adjusted performance to a benchmark index. The excess return of the fund relative to the return of the benchmark index is a fund's alpha. **Beta:** Beta measures the funds sensitivity to market movements beta greater than 1 is more volatile than the market beta less than 1 is less volatile than the market. **R-Squared:** R-Squared reflects the percentage of a funds movements that are explained by movements in its benchmark, showing the degree of correlation between the fund and benchmark. This figure is helpful in assessing how likely it is that beta is statistically significant. **Standard Deviation:** Standard Deviation measures the volatility of the funds returns. Higher deviation represents higher volatility. **Sharpe Ratio:** Sharpe Ratio uses a funds standard deviation and its excess return (difference between the funds return and the risk-free return of 90-day Treasury Bills) to determine reward per unit of risk.

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## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Price to Earnings	26.23x
Forward Price to Earnings	22.59x
Price to Book Ratio	5.13x
Average Market Capitalization (millions)	\$189,978.6M

## RISK STATISTICS (3 YEARS)

	Fund	Benchmark
R-Squared	97.10	-
Standard Deviation	13.93%	14.65%
Sharpe Ratio	0.12	0.24

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**This fund does not seek to follow a sustainable, impact or ESG investment strategy.** The metrics do not change the fund's investment objective or constrain the fund's investable universe, and there is no indication that a sustainable, impact or ESG investment strategy will be adopted by the fund. For more information regarding the fund's investment strategy, please see the fund's prospectus.

MSCI ESG Fund Rating (AAA-CCC)	A	MSCI ESG Quality Score (0-10)	6.87
MSCI ESG Quality Score - Peer Percentile	66.34%	MSCI ESG % Coverage	98.47%
Fund Lipper Global Classification	Equity Sector Healthcare	MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (Tons CO2E/\$M SALES)	14.72
Funds in Peer Group	517	MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity % Coverage	95.70%

All data is from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings as of **21 Dec 2023**, based on holdings as of **30 Jun 2023**. As such, the fund's sustainable characteristics may differ from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings from time to time.

To be included in MSCI ESG Fund Ratings, 65% (or 50% for bond funds and money market funds) of the fund's gross weight must come from securities with ESG coverage by MSCI ESG Research (certain cash positions and other asset types deemed not relevant for ESG analysis by MSCI are removed prior to calculating a fund's gross weight; the absolute values of short positions are included but treated as uncovered), the fund's holdings date must be less than one year old, and the fund must have at least ten securities.

## ESG GLOSSARY:

**MSCI ESG Fund Rating (AAA-CCC):** The MSCI ESG Rating is calculated as a direct mapping of ESG Quality Scores to letter rating categories (e.g. AAA = 8.6-10). The ESG Ratings range from leader (AAA, AA), average (A, BBB, BB) to laggard (B, CCC).

**MSCI ESG Quality Score - Peer Percentile:** The fund's ESG Percentile compared to its Lipper peer group.

**Fund Lipper Global Classification:** The fund peer group as defined by the Lipper Global Classification.

**Funds in Peer Group:** The number of funds from the relevant Lipper Global Classification peer group that are also in ESG coverage.

**MSCI ESG Quality Score (0-10):** The MSCI ESG Quality Score (0 - 10) for funds is calculated using the weighted average of the ESG scores of fund holdings. MSCI rates underlying holdings according to their exposure to industry specific ESG risks and their ability to manage those risks relative to peers.

**MSCI ESG % Coverage:** Percentage of the fund's holdings for which the MSCI ESG ratings data is available. The MSCI ESG Fund Rating, MSCI ESG Quality Score and MSCI ESG Quality Score - Peer Percentile metrics are displayed for funds with at least 65% coverage (or 50% for bond funds and money market funds).

**MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (Tons CO2E/\$M SALES):** Measures a fund's exposure to carbon intensive companies. This figure represents the estimated greenhouse gas emissions per \$1 million in sales across the fund's holdings. This allows for comparisons between funds of different sizes.

**MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity % Coverage:** Percentage of the fund's holdings for which MSCI Carbon Intensity data is available. The MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity metric is displayed for funds with any coverage. Funds with low coverage may not fully represent the fund's carbon characteristics given the lack of coverage.

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