AB International Health Care Portfolio

Market Overview

- Global equities climbed in July despite an increase in market volatility. Favorable inflation and mixed economic newsflow raised hopes that the US Federal Reserve would begin to cut interest rates as soon as September. Meanwhile, investors were unsettled by the second-quarter earnings results from several US technology giants. In turn, this prompted a shift from growth-oriented stocks to smaller and value-focused companies.
- The MSCI All Country World Index rose by 1.61% in July, bringing year-to-date gains to 13.1%.
- Global healthcare stocks also edged higher, with the MSCI World Health Care Index rising by 3.3% during the month, bringing year-to-date gains to 11.5% (all returns in US-dollar terms). Subsector performance was mostly positive. Life sciences tools and services and industrial conglomerates rallied, while healthcare equipment and supplies and pharmaceuticals lagged.

Portfolio Performance (as of 31/7/2024) #

	Month to Date	Year to Date	Since Inception 05/07/1995 (Annualized)
Class A USD (NAV)	1.10%	9.23%	8.13%
Charges Applied (4%)	-2.95%	4.86%	7.98%

- During the month, major detractors from performance at the stock level included **Edwards Lifesciences**, which declined when investors reacted negatively to disappointing earnings numbers. The share price of **Merck** was dented by news of weak vaccine sales, while **Novo Nordisk** dipped when analysis showed that a competitor's drug was delivering better results than its own medicine.
- Major contributors to performance included Swiss pharmaceutical **Roche**, which revealed positive Phase 1 clinical trials for its experimental obesity drug. **Genmab** added value when it secured approval from the US Food and Drug Administration for some of its treatments. At the same time, better-than-expected second-quarter earnings results boosted **UnitedHealth Group**.

Market Outlook

- The healthcare sector outperformed the broader MSCI World Index in July, which is encouraging since much of the market's performance in the first half of the year was concentrated in select artificial intelligence (AI) exposed technology and communication-services companies.
- From a fundamental standpoint, profitability across the healthcare sector remains solid, growth opportunities abound, and the political environment is still manageable.
- As valuations have increased in AI-related tech companies, the risk/reward skew points further toward healthcare as an attractive investment. AI can potentially improve healthcare efficiency—by speeding up clinical trials, reducing administrative burdens and improving outcomes through reductions of medical errors—which we believe is not reflected in the valuations of many companies in the segment.
- Although the economy's strength may affect some healthcare subsectors, we continue to believe that the economic sensitivity of healthcare overall remains low compared to other market segments. At the same time, the innovation potential is high.

Past performance is not indicative of future results. Performance calculations are based on a single pricing basis, include the change in Net Asset Value and reinvestment of any distributions paid on Portfolio shares for the period shown, net of assumed front-end load (FEL) 4% for Class A shares. For Class A shares, maximum front-end load (FEL): Up to 5%. Accordingly, these figures do not represent actual returns to an investor.

Investment risks to consider. These and other risks are described in the Portfolio's prospectus.

Investment in the Portfolio entails certain risks. Investment returns and principal value of the Portfolio will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Some of the principal risks of investing in the Portfolio include: **Concentration/Focus Risk:** To the extent that the Portfolio invests a large portion of its assets in a limited number of industries, sectors or issuers, or within a limited geographical area, it can be riskier and subject to greater volatility than a Portfolio that invests more broadly. **Currency Risk:** To the extent that the Portfolio holds assets that are denominated in currencies other than its Base Currency, any changes in currency exchange rates could reduce investment gains or income, or increase investment losses, in some cases significantly. Hedging may reduce but not eliminate currency risk. **Derivatives Risk:** The Portfolio is entitled to use derivative instruments for hedging and/or EPM purposes which may involve additional risks different from, and, in certain cases, greater than, the risks presented by more traditional investments. **Liquidity Risk:** The risk that arises when adverse market conditions affect the ability to sell assets when necessary. Reduced liquidity may have a negative impact on the price of the assets.

Important Information

The Portfolio is part of AB SICAV I (referred to as "AB"). AB is an open-ended investment company with variable capital (société d'investissement à capital variable) under the laws of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

Investment involves risk. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

The information contained here reflects the views of AllianceBernstein L.P. or its affiliates and sources it believes are reliable as of the date of this publication. AllianceBernstein L.P. makes no representations or warranties concerning the accuracy of any data. There is no guarantee that any projection, forecast or opinion in this material will be realized. Past performance does not guarantee future results. The views expressed here may change at any time after the date of this publication. This document is for informational purposes only and does not constitute investment advice. AllianceBernstein L.P. does not provide tax, legal or accounting advice. It does not take an investor's personal investment objectives or financial situation into account; investors should discuss their individual circumstances with appropriate professionals before making any decisions. This information should not be construed as sales or marketing material or an offer of solicitation for the purchase or sale of, any financial instrument, product or service sponsored by AllianceBernstein or its affiliates.

Investment in the Fund entails certain risks. Investment returns and principal value of the Fund will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. The Fund is meant as a vehicle for diversification and does not represent a complete investment program. Some of the principal risks of investing in the Fund (risks typically associated with ordinary market conditions) include concentration/focus risk, currency risk, derivatives risk, emerging/frontier markets risk, equity securities risk, hedging risk, market risk, and securities lending risk. The Portfolio is entitled to use derivative instruments for hedging and/or EPM purposes which may involve additional risks different from, and, in certain cases, greater than, the risks presented by more traditional investments. These and other risks are described in the Fund's prospectus. Prospective investors should read the prospectus and Product Highlights Sheet carefully and discuss risk and the fund's fees and charges with their financial adviser to determine if the investment is appropriate for them.

This information is directed solely at persons in jurisdictions where the funds and relevant share class are registered or who may otherwise lawfully receive it. Before investing in AllianceBernstein funds, investors should review the fund's full prospectus, together with the fund's Product Highlights Sheet and the most recent financial statements. Copies of these documents, including the latest annual report and, if issued thereafter, the latest semi-annual report, may be obtained free of charge from www.abfunds.com / www.alliancebernstein.com or by contacting the local distributor in the jurisdictions in which the funds are authorized for distribution.

References to specific securities are presented for the purpose of providing information regarding a particular investment sector, or to illustrate the application of AllianceBernstein's investment philosophy, and are not to be considered recommendations by AllianceBernstein. The specific securities identified and described above may or may not be held by the Portfolio at any given time.

The transactions sumarized herein represent those securities for which positions were initiated, eliminated or traded by the Portfolio, and are provided for informational purposes only. The specific securities listed do not represent all the securities purchased or sold by the Portfolio. Opinions and estimates expressed are AllianceBernstein's present opinions only, reflecting information currently available to AllianceBernstein as well as prevailing market conditions. Such opinions involve a number of assumptions which may not prove valid, and are subject to change without notice. Not all investments in the securities identified should be assumed to be profitable and future investments may not be profitable. A list of the Portfolio's holdings is available at www.alliancebernstein.com

MSCI makes no express or implied warranties or representations and shall have no liability whatsoever with respect to any MSCI data contained herein. The MSCI data may not be further redistributed or used as a basis for other indices or any securities or financial products. This report is not approved, reviewed or produced by MSCI.

This document has been issued by AllianceBernstein (Singapore) Ltd. ("ABSL", Company Registration No. 199703364C). AllianceBernstein (Luxembourg) S.à r.l. is the management company of the portfolio and has appointed ABSL as its agent for service of process and as its Singapore representative. AllianceBernstein (Singapore) Ltd. is regulated by the Monetary Authority of Singapore. This advertisement has not been reviewed by the Monetary Authority of Singapore.