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**TEKLA LIFE SCIENCES INVESTORS**

We would like to make you aware that your clients that hold shares in Tekla Life Sciences Investors (the Fund ) as of the record date of April 19, 2017 have received proxy materials regarding the Annual Meeting of Shareholders slated for June 15, 2017.

The materials include a proxy statement with detailed information about the proposal and a proxy card that shareholders can sign and return in a postage paid envelope. The materials will also provide instructions on how shareholders can vote by telephone or through the Internet. You can access the materials by visiting [www.okapivote.com/HQL](http://www.okapivote.com/HQL). Shareholders will be asked to vote on the following proposals:

PROPOSAL SUMMARY	RECOMMENDED VOTE
1. The election of Trustees of the Fund;	FOR
2. The ratification or rejection of the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the independent registered public accountants of the Fund for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017; and	FOR
3. Take action on a shareholder proposal requesting that the Fund take the steps necessary to reorganize the Board of Trustees into one class with each Trustee subject to election each year, if properly presented at the meeting.	AGAINST

*The Board of Trustees of the Fund recommends that shareholders vote FOR the election of all nominees for election as Trustees, FOR the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the independent registered accountants of the Fund and AGAINST the shareholder proposal.*

**Please note that your clients may receive a telephone solicitation in connection with this Annual Meeting from Okapi Partners, the Fund's proxy solicitor.** However, we are committed to helping you maintain your client relationships while we carry out our solicitation process. To that end, we are asking for your support and assistance in answering any questions you may receive from your clients on this matter. **We encourage you to speak to your clients about voting their proxies.**

- **Please ask your clients to vote as soon as possible.** Instructions on how they can vote, over the phone, by internet or by mail will be detailed on the proxy card they received.
- **Explain that their vote is critical no matter how many shares they own.**
- **To vote, or if you or your clients have any questions, please provide this toll-free number for more information: 1-855-208-8902.** Agents with the proxy solicitor, Okapi Partners, are available to answer questions or to record voting instructions Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The voting process is

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**Thank you for your support.**

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