H&Q HEALTHCARE INVESTORS Form N-Q February 29, 2008

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QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number

H&Q Healthcare Investors

811-04889

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

30 Rowes Wharf, Boston, MA (Address of principal executive offices)

02110 (Zip code)

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 617-772-8500

Date of fiscal year end: September 30

Date of reporting period: 12/31/07

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Item 1. Schedule of Investments.

H&Q HEALTHCARE INVESTORS

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2007

(Unaudited)

CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES AND WARRANTS 15.4% of Net Assets

SHARES		VALUE
	Convertible Preferred (Restricted) (e) 15.2%	
	Drug Discovery Technologies 1.1%	
2,380,953	Agilix Corporation Series B (a) (b)	\$ 141,809
375,000	Ceres, Inc. Series C (a)	2,437,500
32,193	Ceres, Inc. Series C-1 (a)	209,255
280,105	Ceres, Inc. Series D (a)	1,820,682
40,846	Ceres, Inc. Series F (a)	265,499
8,170	Ceres, Inc. warrants (expiration 9/05/15) (a)	0
300,000	Zyomyx, Inc. Series A New (a)	30,000
300	Zyomyx, Inc. Series B New (a)	30
	Emerging Biopharmaceuticals 4.4%	
1,117,381	Agensys, Inc. Series C (a)	10,165,932
198,961	Agensys, Inc. Series D (a)	1,810,147
	Raven biotechnologies, Inc. Series B (a)	377,273
2,809,157	Raven biotechnologies, Inc. Series C (a)	582,900
4,083,022	Raven biotechnologies, Inc. Series D (a)	300,102
2,123,077	TargeGen, Inc. Series C (a)	1,840,007
586,871	TargeGen, Inc. Series D (a)	508,624
4,001,078	Xanthus Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Series B (a)	4,001,078
	Healthcare Services 4.4%	
1,577,144	CardioNet, Inc. Series C (a)	5,520,004
928	CardioNet, Inc. Mandatorily Cvt. Pfd. (a)	966,841
52,882	CardioNet, Inc. warrants (expiration 5/01/11) (a)	0
2,085	CardioNet, Inc. warrants (expiration 8/29/11) (a)	0
484,829	CytoLogix Corporation Series A (a) (b)	4,848
227,130	CytoLogix Corporation Series B (a) (b)	713,188
160,000	I-trax, Inc. Series A (a)	6,893,370
5,384,615	PHT Corporation Series D (a) (b)	4,200,000
1,204,495	PHT Corporation Series E (a) (b)	939,506
	Medical Devices and Diagnostics 5.3%	
4,852,940	Concentric Medical, Inc. Series B (a) (b)	6,794,116
1,744,186	Concentric Medical, Inc. Series C (a) (b)	2,441,860
683,000	Concentric Medical, Inc. Series D (a) (b)	956,200
222,222	EPR, Inc. Series A (a)	2,222
	FlowCardia, Inc. Series C (a)	2,458,333
	Labcyte Inc. Series C (a)	1,920,000
	Magellan Biosciences, Inc. Series A (a)	2,950,000
	OmniSonics Medical Technologies, Inc. Series A-1 (a)	1,171,827
1,263,099	OmniSonics Medical Technologies, Inc. Series B-1 (a)	956,166
65,217	TherOx, Inc. Series H (a)	251,803
149,469	TherOx, Inc. Series I (a)	577,100
4,220	TherOx, Inc. warrants (expiration 1/26/10) (a)	0

8,141 TherOx, Inc. warrants (expiration 6/09/09) (a)

SHARES				VALUE
		Convertible Preferred (Restricted) (e)	continued	
	921,875	Xoft, Inc. Series D (a)		\$ 2,950,000
				\$ 67,158,222

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT

AMOUNT			
		Convertible Notes (Restricted) (e) 0.2%	
		Emerging Biopharmaceuticals 0.1%	
	44,651	Raven biotechnologies Convertible Note, 5.00% due 2009	44,651
	300,426	Xanthus Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Promissory Note, 8.00% due 2008	300,426
		Healthcare Services 0.1%	
\$	507,842	CytoLogix Corporation Subordinated Promissory Note, 6.24% due 2010 (b)	507,842
			852,919
		TOTAL CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES AND WARRANTS	
		(Cost \$66,780,340)	\$ 68,011,141

SHARES

	COMMON STOCKS AND WARRANTS 80.9%	
	Biopharmaceuticals 24.5%	
115,950	Adams Respiratory Therapeutics, Inc. (a)	6,926,853
596,918	Akorn, Inc. (a)	4,381,378
202,223	Akorn, Inc. warrants (expiration 3/08/11) (a) (e)	392,313
134,443	Amgen Inc. (a)	6,243,533
115,465	Amylin Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (a)	4,272,205
69,800	Biogen Idec Inc. (a)	3,973,016
102,986	Cubist Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (a)	2,112,243
118,000	Forest Laboratories, Inc. (a)	4,301,100
34,330	Genentech, Inc. (a)	2,302,513
108,718	Genzyme Corporation (a)	8,092,968
362,550	Gilead Sciences, Inc. (a)	16,680,925
98,352	Hologic, Inc. (a)	6,750,881
146,888	Inspire Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (a)	878,390
5,385	Intuitive Surgical, Inc. (a)	1,747,433
120,395	Martek Biosciences Corporation (a)	3,561,284
202,400	Medarex, Inc. (a)	2,109,008
334,550	Medicines Company (a)	6,409,978
73,500	Mentor Corporation	2,873,850
116,350	Merck & Co., Inc.	6,761,099
112,105	Myriad Genetics, Inc. (a)	5,203,914
145,130	Omrix Biopharmaceuticals, Inc. (a)	5,041,816
100,700	Schering-Plough Corporation	2,682,648
210,275	Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (a)	4,884,688
		108,584,036

SHARES		VALUE
	COMMON STOCKS AND WARRANTS continued	
	Biotechnology 1.2%	
472,000	Athersys, Inc. (a) (e)	\$ 1,854,016
118,000	Athersys, Inc. warrants (expiration 6/08/12) (a) (e)	132,160
489,250	Momenta Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (a)	3,493,245
		5,479,421
	Drug Delivery 3.5%	
327,450	Alkermes, Inc. (a) (f)	5,104,946
256,000	0 CVS Caremark Corporation	10,176,000
		15,280,946
	Drug Discovery Technologies 4.1%	
243,432	3 Avalon Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (a)	771,683
127,320	Celgene Corporation (a)	5,883,457
87,562	2 Cougar Biotechnology, Inc. (a)	2,863,278
42,950	O Shire Plc (d)	2,961,403
58,600	0 United Therapeutics Corporation (a)	5,722,290
300,000	D Zyomyx, Inc. (Restricted) (a) (e)	3,000
		18,205,111
	Emerging Biopharmaceuticals 3.5%	
752,79	8 ACADIA Pharmaceuticals Inc. (a)	8,333,474
170,693	⁸ DOV Pharmaceutical,Inc. warrants (expiration 12/31/09) (a) (e)	3,414
	D Exelixis, Inc. (a)	6,765,057
	8 NitroMed, Inc. (a)	458,619
-)		15,560,564
	Generic Pharmaceuticals 7.1%	, ,
135,70) Barr Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (a)	7,205,670
386,014	4 Impax Laboratories, Inc. (a)	4,188,252
) Mylan Inc.	6,695,372
291,46	9 Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd. (d)	13,547,479
		31,636,773
	Healthcare Services 12.3%	
40,000) Aetna Inc.	2,309,200
118,800) Allergan, Inc.	7,631,712
222,222	2 Aveta, Inc. (Restricted) (a) (e)	2,222,220
	Centene Corporation (a)	2,590,336
45,719	9 Dako A/S (Restricted) (c) (e)	1,319,450
227,900	D Eclipsys Corporation (a)	5,768,149
) HealthExtras, Inc. (a)	4,502,973
	D ICON Plc (a) (d)	5,905,156
	Medco Health Solutions, Inc. (a)	7,371,780
) PAREXEL International Corporation (a)	3,443,790
) Pharmaceutical Product Development, Inc.	4,097,555
	8 Syntiro Healthcare Services (Restricted) (a) (e)	306
	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	2,386,200

SHARES		VALUE
	COMMON STOCKS AND WARRANTS continued	
	Healthcare Services continued	
57,750	WellPoint, Inc. (a)	5,066,407
		54,615,234
	Medical Devices and Diagnostics 24.7%	
180,040	Align Technology, Inc. (a)	\$ 3,003,067
189,910	Applera Corporation- Applied Biosystems Group	6,441,747
117,950	Baxter International Inc.	6,846,997
127,660	Becton, Dickinson and Company	10,669,823
	BioForm Medical, Inc. (a)	757,447
114,454	IDEXX Laboratories, Inc. (a)	6,710,438
142,057	Inverness Medical Innovations, Inc. (a)	7,980,762
103,950	Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings (a)	7,851,343
	Masimo Corporation	1,163,775
480,000	Masimo Corporation (Restricted) (e)	17,989,200
	Masimo Laboratories, Inc. (Restricted) (a) (e)	41,472
,	Medwave, Inc. (a) (b) (e)	0
207,573	Medwave, Inc. warrants (expiration 8/21/11) (a) (b) (e)	0
93,008	OmniSonics Medical Technologies, Inc. (Restricted) (a) (e)	930
	Patterson Companies, Inc. (a)	2,542,516
	PerkinElmer, Inc.	3,718,258
	Phase Forward Inc. (a)	2,446,875
	Quest Diagnostics, Inc.	5,686,750
	ResMed Inc. (a)	4,675,170
68,400	Respironics, Inc. (a)	4,478,832
208		139
	Stryker Corporation	4,727,908
	Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc. (a)	9,180,349
164,667	VNUS Medical Technologies, Inc. (a)	2,390,965
		109,304,763
	TOTAL COMMON STOCKS AND WARRANTS	
	(Cost \$298,561,461)	\$ 358,666,848

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT

	SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS 4.0%	
\$ 13,259,000	American Express Corporation; 4.00% 4.15% due 01/03/08 01/04/08	13,255,033
4,486,000	General Electric Capital Corporation; 3.70% due 01/07/08	4,483,233
	TOTAL SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS	
	(Cost \$17,738,266)	\$ 17,738,266

	VALUE
TOTAL INVESTMENTS 100.3%	
(Cost \$383,080,067)	\$ 444,416,255
OTHER LIABILITIES IN EXCESS OF ASSETS - (0.3%)	\$ (1,306,852)
NET ASSETS - 100%	\$ 443,109,403

(a) Non-income producing security.

(b) Affiliated issuers in which the Fund holds 5% or more of the voting securities (Total Market Value of \$16,699,369).

(c) Foreign Security.

(d) American Depository Receipt.

(e) Security fair valued by the Valuation Committee of the Board of Trustees.

(f) A portion of security is pledged as collateral for call options written.

SCHEDULE OF WRITTEN OPTIONS

NUMBER OF				
CONTRACTS				
(100 SHARES		EXPIRATION	CURRENT	
EACH)	CALL OPTION WRITTEN	DATE	VALUE	
88	Alkermes, Inc., strike @ 17.5	Jan - 2008	\$	(1,320)
			\$	(1,320)

Investment Valuation - Investments traded on national securities exchanges or in the over-the-counter market that are National Market System securities are valued at the last sale price or, lacking any sales, at the mean between the last bid and asked prices. Other over-the-counter securities are valued at the most recent bid prices as obtained from one or more dealers that make markets in the securities. Publicly-traded investments for which market quotations are not readily available or whose quoted price may otherwise not reflect fair value are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by the Trustees of the Fund. The fair value of venture capital and other restricted securities is determined in good faith by the Trustees of the uncertainty of fair valuations these estimated values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market for these securities existed, and the differences could be material. Each such fair value determination is based on a consideration of relevant factors. Factors the Trustees consider may include (i) the existence of any contractual restrictions on the disposition of securities; (ii) information obtained from the issuer which may include an analysis of the company s financial condition, the company s products or intended markets or the company s technologies; and (iii) the price of a security negotiated at arm s length in an issuer s completed subsequent round of financing. Short-term investments with maturity of 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost.

Venture Capital and Other Restricted Securities - The Fund may invest in venture capital and other restricted securities if these securities would currently comprise of 40% or less of net assets. The value of the securities respresents 20% of the Fund s net assets at December 31, 2007. The following table details the acquisition date, cost, carrying value per unit, and value of the Fund s venture capital and other restricted securities at December 31, 2007, as determined by the Trustees of the Fund. The Fund on its own does not have the right to demand that such securities be registered.

			Carrying	
a	Acquisition	~	Value	
Security (g)	Date	Cost	per Unit	Value
Agensys, Inc.				
Series C Cvt. Pfd.	2/14/02, 9/27/05 \$	3,307,024 \$	9.10 \$	10,165,932
Series D Cvt. Pfd.	6/28/07	716,665	9.10	1,810,147
Agilix Corporation				
Series B Cvt. Pfd.	11/8/01	2,495,500	0.06	141,809
Aveta, Inc.				
Restricted Common	12/21/05	3,004,604	10.00	2,222,220
CardioNet, Inc.				
Series C Cvt. Pfd.	5/3/01 - 3/25/03	5,553,977	3.50	5,520,004
Mandatorily Cvt. Pfd.	8/15/05 - 3/7/07	930,304	1,041.85	966,841
Warrants (expiration 5/01/11)	5/1/06	0	0.00	0
Warrants (expiration 8/29/11)	8/29/06	0	0.00	0
Ceres, Inc.				
Series C Cvt. Pfd.	12/23/98	1,502,732	6.50	2,437,500
Series C-1 Cvt. Pfd.	3/31/01	111,508	6.50	209,255
Series D Cvt. Pfd.	3/14/01	1,668,294	6.50	1,820,682
Series F Cvt. Pfd.	9/5/07	268,136	6.50	265,499
Warrants (expiration 9/05/15)	9/5/07	0	0.00	0
Concentric Medical, Inc.				
Series B Cvt. Pfd.	5/7/02, 1/24/03	3,330,309	1.40	6,794,116
Series C Cvt. Pfd.	12/19/03	1,500,289	1.40	