

Worldwide Healthcare Trust PLC



Portfolio Manager



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Investment Objective and Benchmark Index

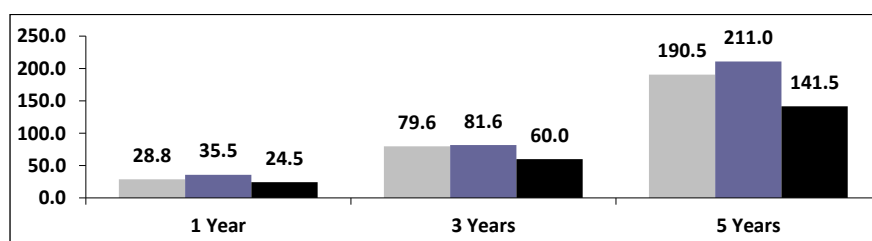
To invest in the global healthcare sector with the objective of achieving a high level of capital growth. In order to achieve its investment objective, the Company invests worldwide in a diversified portfolio of shares in pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies and related securities in the healthcare sector. It uses gearing, and derivative transactions to enhance returns and mitigate risk. Performance is measured against the MSCI World Health Care Index (net total return, sterling adjusted).

Cumulative Performance (%)

Trust: Worldwide Healthcare Trust PLC – NAV (total return; fully diluted)

Trust: Worldwide Healthcare Trust PLC – Share Price (total return)

Benchmark: MSCI World Health Care Index (net total return; £ adjusted)



Discrete Performance – Calendar Years (%)

Percentage Growth	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	YTD
NAV	13.1	44.3	38.8	19.1	5.2	10.3
Share Price	20.3	47.1	39.6	13.9	10.1	8.8
Benchmark	12.2	33.6	25.6	12.7	11.2	6.7

Source: NAV (total return; fully diluted) & Share Price (total return) – Morningstar. Index - Bloomberg. Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Commentary

In March the NAV per share was down 1.1%, the share price was down 3.0%, and the MSCI World Health Care Index was down 0.7%.

After a very strong start to the year, and a particularly strong February, March saw some profit taking in healthcare equities. A combination of a dearth of catalysts and renewed rumblings out of Washington D.C. about U.S. drug pricing reform were to blame for the broader weakness. Modest underperformance relative to the benchmark was almost exclusively driven by allocation, specifically, an overweight in emerging biotechnology stocks (which underperformed) and an underweight in large-cap pharmaceutical stocks (which outperformed). This was partially exacerbated by stock picking in emerging biotechnology stocks. The main offset was medical devices, due to stock picking.

The largest single contributor was Wright Medical. Rotation in the stock continued after the device maker posted a solid quarter in the previous month and takeover speculation increased. Another important contributor was the large cap biotechnology company, Vertex Pharmaceuticals. The company reported positive late stage data for their novel dual combination therapy for the treatment of cystic fibrosis. The stock was up 20% as investor enthusiasm grew over the potential for even better data for triple combination therapy, expected later in 2017.

The share price of the emerging biotech stock, Newlink Genetics was up more than 50% in March as investor excitement grew in anticipation of new data to be presented for the company's late-stage cancer compound, indoximod, to be showcased at an oncology conference in April.

The largest detractor to performance, both in absolute and relative negative contribution, was Array Biopharma. The emerging biotech company dropped over 20% after management decided to withdraw its new drug application for their novel treatment of melanoma, a form of skin cancer, from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Biographies

Samuel D. Isaly is the Managing Partner of OrbiMed. Mr. Isaly is one of the world's foremost healthcare fund managers and has been active in global healthcare investing and analysis since 1968 when he joined Chase Manhattan Bank in New York. During his career, Mr. Isaly has been a pharmaceutical analyst with Chase Manhattan Bank, Merrill Lynch, Legg Mason, and S.G. Warburg. Mr. Isaly launched OrbiMed's asset management business in 1989. Mr. Isaly has a B.A. in Economics from Princeton University and an M.Sc. (Econ.) from The London School of Economics.

Sven H. Borho CFA, is a founding Partner of OrbiMed. Mr. Borho heads the public equity team and he is the portfolio manager for OrbiMed's public equity and hedge funds. Mr. Borho has played an integral role in the growth of OrbiMed's asset management activities. Mr. Borho started his career in 1991 when he joined OrbiMed's predecessor firm as a Senior Analyst covering European pharmaceutical firms and biotechnology companies worldwide. In 1993, Mr. Borho was promoted to portfolio manager. Mr. Borho studied business administration at Bayreuth University in Germany and received an M.Sc. (Econ.), Accounting and Finance, from The London School of Economics; he is a citizen of both Germany and Sweden.

Portfolio Manager Profile

OrbiMed Capital LLC (OrbiMed) is owned by six principals, including Samuel D. Isaly, and Sven Borho who have between them many years' experience of investing in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and healthcare sectors. The U.S. based company has over 90 investment professionals who carry out extensive research, involving company visits and developing an understanding of the commercial and scientific prospects for individual drugs. OrbiMed is registered as an investment adviser under the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). SEC registration does not imply a certain level of skill or training.

Investment Policy

The Company offers a superior UK-listed opportunity for capital appreciation through a diversified portfolio of worldwide pharmaceutical, biotechnology, healthcare equipment, healthcare technology and healthcare services companies. The Portfolio Manager seeks to reduce risk through extensive fundamental research, worldwide exposure, position limits, and balanced market capitalisations. The Company's investment objective also allows gearing, through borrowing, of up to 20% of net assets and a net exposure to derivative investments (excluding swaps) of up to 5% of the portfolio. Equity swaps may also be used, counterparty exposure here is limited to 12% of the portfolio at the time of acquisition.

Discount Control Mechanism

The Directors have adopted an active discount management policy to establish and support an improved rating in the Company's shares through the use of share buybacks, with a view to limiting the discount to the ex income NAV per share at which the shares trade to no more than 6%. Shares bought back may be held in treasury for reissue at later dates at not more than the discount at which they were purchased, and in any event at a discount no greater than 5% to the prevailing cum income net asset value per share. Any shares left in treasury are cancelled around the time of the AGM.

Worldwide Healthcare Trust PLC conducts its affairs so that its shares can be recommended by independent financial advisers ("IFAs") to retail private investors. The shares are excluded from the Financial Conduct Authority's ("FCA's") restrictions which apply to non-mainstream investment products because they are shares in a UK-listed investment trust.

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10 Largest Holdings as at 31 March 2017*

Name	Region	Total
Wright Medical Group	Europe	5.2
Merck & Co	North America	4.3
Boston Scientific	North America	4.3
Ely Lilly & Co	North America	3.7
Biogen	North America	3.7
Alexion Pharmaceuticals	North America	3.7
Regeneron Pharmaceuticals	North America	3.4
Incyte	North America	3.2
Roche	Europe	3.2
HCA	North America	3.2
Total		37.9

All data in the above includes any derivative, convertible or fixed bond exposures as an economically equivalent position in the underlying asset.

Sector, Geographical* & Asset Class Breakdown at 31 March 2017**

Large Caps	70.9%	North America	64.8%	Equities	86.4%
Small Caps	29.1%	Europe	15.4%	Equity Swaps	9.1%
Total	100.0%	Emerging Markets	13.3%	Fixed Bonds	2.0%
		Asia	6.5%	Variable Bonds	1.6%
		Total	100.0%	Options	0.9%
				Total	100.0%

Source: All portfolio information sourced from Frostrow Capital LLP.

*Geographical analysis based on country of incorporation.

**Calculation based on economic exposure and expressed as a % of the total economic exposure. This includes all derivatives as an economically equivalent position in the underlying asset.

Share Price Total Return on £100 as at 31 March 2017 (£)

1 year	135.5
3 years	181.6
5 years	311.0

Source: Morningstar. Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Standardised Discrete Performance (%)

Percentage Growth 12 Month Return	Mar 12- Mar 13	Mar 13- Mar 14	Mar 14- Mar 15	Mar 15- Mar 16	Mar 16- Mar 17
NAV	28.8	25.6	52.7	-8.7	28.8
Share Price	30.9	30.8	49.8	-10.5	35.5
Benchmark	31.4	14.9	35.9	-5.4	24.5

Source: NAV (total return; fully diluted) & Share Price (total return) – Morningstar. Index - Bloomberg. Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Awards

Winner: Investment Week, Investment Company of the Year 2016, Specialist (including Hedge Funds) Category

Winner: What Investment Trust Awards 2014 Best Sector Specialist Investment Trust

Highly Commended: Money Observer Trust Awards 2014, 2015 Best Large Trust

Rated Fund: Money Observer Rated Funds 2015

Important Information

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Fast Facts as at 31 March 2017

Launch Date	April 1995
Portfolio Management Fee (payable by the Company) [^]	0.65% of net assets <u>plus</u> 0.30% of market cap. up to £150m, 0.20% > £150m and 0.125% > £500m <u>plus</u> £57,500
Performance Fee [^]	See Annual Report for details
Ongoing charges [*]	0.9%
Continuation Vote ^{**}	At the AGM every 5 years
Year / Half Year	31 March / 30 September
Capital Structure	46,506,278 Ordinary Shares

^{*}Calculated at the financial year end, includes management fees and all other operating expenses, and excludes performance fees.

^{**}Next vote to be held at the AGM in 2019.

[^] Under new fee arrangements which will become effective on 1 April 2017, Frostrow Capital will not receive a performance fee and their annual management fee will be amended. Further details can be found in the 2016 Half Year Report. This can be found on the Company's website.

Trust Characteristics

Number of Holdings	81
Net Assets (£m)	1,099.5
Market Capitalisation (£m)	1,071.5
Dividends	Provisional payment dates: January & July
Indicative Yield	0.7%
Gearing	8.4%
Leverage ^{***}	Gross 119.1% Commitment 117.1%
Share Price (p)	2304.00
NAV(p) (cum income)	2364.11
(Discount) / Premium	(2.5%)

^{***} The Board has set the maximum leverage limit for both the Gross and the Commitment basis at 140% of the Company's Net Asset Value.

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