

# Worldwide Healthcare Trust PLC

Portfolio Manader

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#### Information as at 30 September 2019

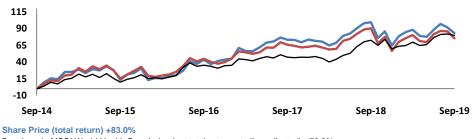
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#### Investment Objective

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).

### Five Year Performance (%)

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Benchmark: MSCI World Health Care Index (net total return; sterling adjusted) +79.8% Net Asset Value per share (total return) +75.4% Source: Morningstar, Benchmark - Bloomberg

# Commentary

In September, the NAV per share was down 5.6%, the share price was down 4.4% and the MSCI World Health Care Index was down 1.1%.

Whilst broad market volatility subsided in September, other forces were in play that were disruptive for healthcare stocks, and biotechnology stocks. News around U.S. healthcare reform continued in the month, coming from both sides of the political spectrum. One was the disclosure of a U.S. House of Representatives drug pricing bill from House Speaker, Nancy Pelosi, that contained some controversial aspects, the most notable being a proposal around direct drug price negotiation. We also had a much-anticipated speech by President Trump on healthcare, which was surprisingly sparse on drug pricing rhetoric. We view both events to be more "politics" than "policy" and continue to expect little legislative progress on drug price reform in the U.S. whilst headlines may persist. Another issue that impacted the markets significantly in September was a non-fundamental price action fuelled by an historic unwind of the "momentum factor", which resulted in a steep sell-off in stocks that had outperformed year-to-date, coinciding with a jump in value stocks. Fundamentals became momentarily irrelevant as the effects of this factor unwind reverberated in the markets. As quantitative funds and active managers scrambled to reduce their exposure to this factor, several of the Company's largest holdings were caught in the unwind and sold off significantly. This had a profoundly adverse effect on the Company's performance, given our relative positioning to the benchmark, built around a clear preference for growth over value. Finally, an idiosyncratic but distinct sell-off in biotechnology stocks, especially small and mid-caps, in the back half of September saw those stocks sell off nearly 900 basis points in the last two trading weeks of the month. Again, this had an adverse impact on the Company's performance, given our material overweight positioning in biotechnology stocks. Japanese equites were mostly immune to the above issues and as a result, top contributors in September included Takeda Pharmaceutical and Chugai Pharmaceutical. Also resilient were some of the recent Hong Kong IPO's the Company has participated in, including Frontage Holdings and Jinxin Fertility Group. Looking ahead, October will bring another quarterly results period. Similar to the second quarter, we generally expect robust results across the industry.

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Any return you receive depends on future market performance and is uncertain. The Company does not seek any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment. For information on the principal risks the Company is exposed to please refer to the Company's Annual Report or Investor Disclosure Document available at <u>www.worldwidewh.com</u>.

Shares in the Company are bought and sold on the London Stock Exchange. The price you pay or receive, like other listed shares, is determined by supply and demand and may be at a discount or premium to the underlying net asset value of the Company. Usually, at any given time, the price you pay for a share will be higher than the price you could sell it.

The Company has increased its exposure to investments via the use of an overdraft facility and derivatives, and this could potentially magnify any losses or gains made by the Company. The Annual Report and Investor Disclosure Document, available on the Company's website, include further details on the use of, and exposure to, derivatives.

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#### Biographies

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

Trevor M. Polischuk, Ph.D., is a Partner at OrbiMed focused on the global pharmaceutical industry. Trevor joined OrbiMed in 2003 and became a Partner in 2011. Previously, he worked at Lehman Brothers as a Senior Research Analyst covering the U.S. pharmaceutical industry. Trevor began his career at Warner Lambert as a member of the Global Marketing Planning team within Parke-Davis. Trevor holds a Doctorate in Neuropharmacology & Gross Human Anatomy and an M.B.A. from Queen's University, Canada.

#### Portfolio Manager Profile

OrbiMed Capital LLC (OrbiMed) is owned by six principals, including 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 80 investment professionals who carry out extensive research, involving company visits and evaluating 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 policy 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. Unquoted securities will not exceed 10% of the portfolio at the time of acquisition.

### Discount / Premium 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. In order to stop the share price trading at a significant premium to the NAV per share, the Company has the ability to issue new shares at a 0.7% premium to the cum income NAV per share.

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.

### 10 Largest Holdings as at 30 September 2019\*

Name	Region	Total
Takeda Pharmaceutical	Japan	8.9
Boston Scientific	North America	5.9
Merck & Co	North America	5.3
Alexion Pharmaceuticals	North America	4.0
Novo Nordisk	Europe	3.8
Novartis	Europe	3.3
Edwards Lifesciences	North America	3.3
Intuitive Surgical	North America	2.9
Abbott Laboratories	North America	2.8
Neurocrine Biosciences	North America	2.8
Total		43.0

Sector, Geographical** &	Asset	Class*** Break	down a	t 30 Septemb	ber 2019*
Pharmaceutical	32.3	North America	63.2	Equities	90.5
Biotechnology	27.2	Emerging Markets	16.0	Equity Swaps	7.3
Healthcare Equipment/Supplies	20.3	Asia	10.9	Unquoteds	2.0
Healthcare Providers/Services	10.9	Europe	9.9	Options	0.2
Life Sciences/Tools & Services	5.6	Total	100.0	Total	100.0
Emerging Markets Baskets	2.6				
Fixed & Variable Interest	1.1				
Total	100.0				

\*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 holding.

\*\*Geographical analysis based on country of primary listing.
\*\*\*Unquoted securities will not exceed 10% of the portfolio at the time of acquisition. Source: All portfolio information sourced from Frostrow Capital LLP

# Discrete Performance – Calendar Years (%)

Percentage Growth	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	YTD
NAV	38.8	19.1	5.2	16.5	-3.8	12.0
Share Price	39.6	13.9	10.1	20.7	-5.0	11.1
Benchmark	25.6	12.7	11.2	9.4	8.8	12.4

# Standardised Discrete Performance (%)

Percentage Growth 12 Month Return	Sep 14- Sep 15	Sep 15- Sep 16	Sep 16- Sep 17	Sep 17- Sep 18	Sep 18- Sep 19
NAV	15.4	25.6	14.5	14.8	-7.8
Share Price	13.3	26.7	20.7	15.1	-8.2
Benchmark	10.0	22.9	8.8	17.3	4.2

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Source: NAV (total return; fully diluted) & share price (total return) - Morningstar. Benchmark - Bloomberg.

# Important Information

Worldwide Healthcare Trust PLC (the Company) is a public limited company whose shares are premium listed on the London Stock Exchange (LSE) and is registered with HMRC as an investment trust.

The Company has an indeterminate life, although shareholders consider and vote on the continuation of the Company every five years (the next such vote will be held in 2024).

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Fast Facts	as at 30 Septe	mber 2019
AIC Sector	Biotechnology &	A Healthcare
Launch Date & appointment of Portfolio Manager April 1995		
Annual Management Fee (payable by the Company): 0.65% of net assets <u>plus</u> 0.30% of market cap. up to £150m; in the range £150m to £500m 0.2%; in the range £500m to £1bn 0.15%; in the range £1bn to £1.5bn 0.125%; over £1.5bn 0.075% plus £57,500		
Performance Fe	e See Annual details	Report for
Ongoing charge	s*	0.9%
Continuation Vo	2024 AGM	and every 5th
	AGM there	after

	AGM thereafter	
Year / Half Year	31 March /	
	30 September	
Capital Structure 53,180,278 share		
*Calculated at the financial year end, includes management fees		

and all other operating expenses, and excludes performance fees

# **Trust Characteristics**

Number of Holdings	64	
Net Assets (£m)	1,397.1	
Market Capitalisation (£m)	1,401.3	
Dividends	Provisional payment dates: January & July	
Indicative Yield	1.0%	
Gearing	-	
Leverage**	Gross 110.3% Commitment 108.4%	
Share Price (p)	2635.00	
NAV(p) (cum income) 2627.1		
Premium / (Discount) 0.3%		
** 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.		

#### Codes

Sedol	0338530		
ISIN	GB0003385308		
Legal Entity Identifier (LEI)			
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Global Intermediary Identification Number			
(GIIN)	FIZWRN.99999.SL.826		
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