

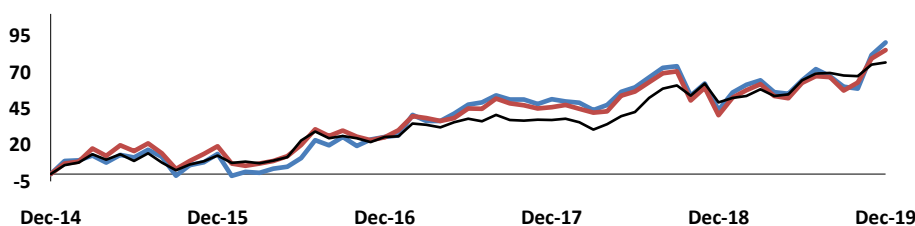


## Investment Objective

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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Net Asset Value per share (total return) +85.1%

Share Price (total return) +90.4%

Benchmark: MSCI World Health Care Index (net total return; sterling adjusted) +76.6%

Source: Morningstar, Benchmark - Bloomberg

## Commentary

In December, the NAV per share was up 3.2%, the share price was up 4.7% and the MSCI World Health Care Index was up 0.8%.

While December benchmark performance slowed considerably month-over-month, healthcare stocks mostly closed the quarter – and the calendar year – in a similar trend that we observed throughout the past three months. That is with investors squarely focused on industry fundamentals, dismissing geopolitical concerns, and buying healthcare stocks as the risk of near-term healthcare reform in the U.S. diminishes.

The top contributor in the month is emblematic of the above. The emerging biotechnology company, **ArQule**, was acquired by **Merck & Co** for a 100% premium in a nearly \$3 billion transaction. The acquisition will add to Merck's industry-leading oncology efforts. This investment netted over 140 basis points of contribution in the month. Similarly, another significant contributor was also an emerging biotechnology company in the cancer space. The share price of **Mirati Therapeutics** ran-up during the month in anticipation of new data to be presented early in 2020 and in sympathy with recent M&A activity. Finally, shares in the gene therapy company, **uniQure**, rebounded in the month after the FTC approved the Roche acquisition of fellow gene therapy player, **Spark Therapeutics**, after months of speculation that the deal may be denied. Principle detractors in the month included **Takeda Pharmaceutical** which saw investors take some profits after an impressive share performance in November. Shares in the insulin pump company, **Tandem Diabetes Care**, fell after investor concerns increased over fourth quarter financial performance. Finally, the share price of **Alexion Pharmaceuticals** was pressured after new data was presented in the rare diseases space from some of the company's competitors. As we look ahead into the new year, we see no reason to change our current tactics. The innovation cycle is still high, the FDA remains aligned with the industry, and imminent U.S. drug price reform is unlikely. Whilst headlines around the U.S. presidential election will no doubt bring volatility in the coming months, we remain convinced that industry-altering legislation is a low probability event. Moreover, continued M&A news and a sector that was otherwise a S&P 500 laggard in 2019 has created a tailwind into 2020.

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## Risk Warnings

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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 [www.worldwidewh.com](http://www.worldwidewh.com).

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.

## 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, 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 31 December 2019\*

Name	Region	Total
Takeda Pharmaceutical	Japan	7.6
Boston Scientific	North America	4.7
Merck & Co	North America	4.2
Novartis	Europe	4.2
Alexion Pharmaceuticals	North America	3.5
Humana	North America	3.4
Mirati Therapeutics	North America	3.1
Bristol-Myers Squibb	North America	2.7
Vertex Pharmaceuticals	North America	2.6
Edwards Lifesciences	North America	2.3
<b>Total</b>		<b>38.3</b>

## Sector, Geographical\*\* & Asset Class\*\*\* Breakdown at 31 December 2019\*

Pharmaceutical	33.7	North America	63.0	Equities	95.8
Biotechnology	29.6	Europe	14.1	Equity Swaps	3.3
Healthcare Equipment/Supplies	18.5	Emerging Markets	13.7	Unquoteds	0.9
Healthcare Providers/Services	12.9	Asia	9.2	<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Life Sciences/Tools & Services	4.8	<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>		
Fixed & Variable Interest	0.5				
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>				

\*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	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
NAV	19.1	5.2	16.5	-3.8	31.9
Share Price	13.9	10.1	20.7	-5.0	32.3
Benchmark	12.7	11.2	9.4	8.8	18.4

## Standardised Discrete Performance (%)

Percentage Growth 12 Month Return	Dec 14- Dec 15	Dec 15- Dec 16	Dec 16- Dec 17	Dec 17- Dec 18	Dec 18- Dec 19
NAV	19.1	5.2	16.5	-3.8	31.9
Share Price	13.9	10.1	20.7	-5.0	32.3
Benchmark	12.7	11.2	9.4	8.8	18.4

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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 31 December 2019

<b>AIC Sector</b>	Biotechnology & Healthcare
<b>Launch Date &amp; appointment of Portfolio Manager</b>	April 1995
<b>Annual Management Fee</b> (payable by the Company): 0.65% of net assets plus 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	
<b>Performance Fee</b>	See Annual Report for details
<b>Ongoing charges*</b>	0.9%
<b>Continuation Vote</b>	2024 AGM and every 5 <sup>th</sup> AGM thereafter
<b>Year / Half Year</b>	31 March / 30 September
<b>Capital Structure</b>	53,255,278 shares

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

## Trust Characteristics

<b>Number of Holdings</b>	68
<b>Net Assets (£m)</b>	1,643.3
<b>Market Capitalisation (£m)</b>	1,666.9
<b>Dividends</b>	Provisional payment dates: January & July
<b>Indicative Yield</b>	0.8%
<b>Gearing</b>	11.5%
<b>Leverage**</b>	Gross 114.5% Commitment 114.2%
<b>Share Price (p)</b>	3130.00
<b>NAV(p) (cum income)</b>	3085.76
<b>Premium / (Discount)</b>	1.4%

\*\* 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

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