

# Worldwide Healthcare Trust PLC





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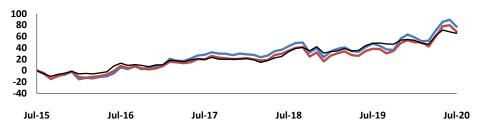
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## **Investment Objective**

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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#### Net Asset Value per share (total return) +68.2%

Share Price (total return) +77.1%

Benchmark: MSCI World Health Care Index (net total return; sterling adjusted) +65.2%

Source: Morningstar, Benchmark - Bloomberg

### Commentary

In July, the NAV per share was down 6.3%, the share price was down 6.4% and the MSCI World Health Care Index was down 1.6%.

Market volatility subsided in July and the broad equity markets performed reasonably well in the month despite increasing COVID-19 infection rates across the southern United States. Technology stocks were an important driver in leading indices higher. However, sterling was very strong in July, especially the last week of the month, resulting in negative returns in GBP terms for both the broad and healthcare equity indices. Relative underperformance by the Company was primarily driven by a series of idiosyncratic negative events for a varied set of our investments. The top contributor in July was the Chinese-vaccine manufacturer, CanSino Biologics, despite some volatility in the period. The stock made new highs at month-end after a series of data updates were disclosed related to their COVID-19 vaccine in development. Another top contributor was Intuitive Surgical, the robotic surgical suite maker. The share price approached an all time high after the company reported stronger than expected second quarter results despite investor concerns about hospital capital deployment during these pandemic times. Overall, the largest alpha generator in the month was stock selection across pharmaceutical stocks, including large caps, specialty pharma, and Japan. The largest detractor in the month was the large cap biotech stock, **Alexion** Pharmaceuticals. After securing a biosimilar settlement in late June, investors took profits ahead of a lack of catalysts and second quarter results due at month end. Another material detractor was Passage Bio, which had recently undergone IPO. The gene therapy company was pressured after the company announced a delay to the start of clinical trials for their lead pipeline asset. The share price move was further exacerbated after the stock was downgraded by a sell side analyst. Finally, the share price for eHealth, the internet health insurance retailer, gapped lower after a disappointing second quarter result in which the company lowered long term revenue guidance. Overall, the largest alpha detractor in the month was exposure to small cap biotechnology and emerging market stocks, two sectors that were leading contributors on a financial year-to-date basis.

Looking ahead, whilst August is often a slow month for news, the remainder of the calendar year should be witness to plenty of catalysts. Certainly, headlines will continue on the pandemic front, both in terms of infection rates and clinical breakthroughs, and certainly the political rhetoric will heat up into the November Presidential election. But we also expect a bevy of clinical catalysts across several therapeutic categories to also continue to buoy investor interest in the healthcare sector.

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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 <a href="https://www.worldwidewh.com">www.worldwidewh.com</a>.

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**

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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 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.

10 Largest Holdings as at 31 July 2020\*

Name	Region	Total
Merck & Co	North America	4.8
Alexion Pharmaceuticals	North America	4.5
Takeda Pharmaceutical	Japan	4.2
Bristol-Myers Squibb	North America	4.1
Boston Scientific	North America	4.1
Biogen	North America	3.8
Novartis	Europe	3.6
Horizon Therapeutics	North America	3.3
Vertex Pharmaceuticals	North America	3.2
Mirati Therapeutics	North America	3.1
Total		38.7

## Sector, Geographical\*\* & Asset Class\*\*\* Breakdown at 31 July 2020\*

Biotechnology	37.5	North America	62.1	Equities	94.6
Pharmaceutical	30.5	<b>Emerging Markets</b>	20.8	Equity Swaps	4.1
Healthcare Equipment/Supplies	13.7	Europe	12.6	Unquoteds	1.3
Healthcare Providers/Services	12.7	Asia	4.5	Total	100.0
Life Sciences/Tools & Services	5.1	Total	100.0		
Variable Interest	0.5				
Total	100.0				

<sup>\*</sup>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.

Discrete Performance - Calendar Years (%)

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Percentage Growth	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	YTD
NAV	19.1	5.2	16.5	-3.8	31.9	9.9
Share Price	13.9	10.1	20.7	-5.0	32.3	8.6
Benchmark	12.7	11.2	9.4	8.8	18.4	6.9

### Standardised Discrete Performance (%)

Percentage Growth 12 Month Return	Jul15- Jul 16	Jul 16- Jul 17	Jul 17- Jul 18	Jul 18- Jul 19	Jul 19- Jul 20
NAV	8.0	10.8	12.7	2.4	21.8
Share Price	5.7	20.9	11.5	3.4	20.1
Benchmark	13.0	5.4	11.8	11.0	11.8

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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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Launch Date & appointment of Portfolio Manager April 1995						
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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

Performance Fee	See Annual Report for	
	details	
Ongoing charges*	0.9%	
Continuation Vote	2024 AGM and every 5th	
	AGM thereafter	
Year / Half Year	31 March /	
	30 September	
Capital Structure	57,938,778 shares	

<sup>\*</sup>Calculated at the financial year end, includes management fees and all other operating expenses, and excludes performance

### **Trust Characteristics**

Number of Holdings	77
Net Assets (£m)	1,954.6
Market Capitalisation (£m)	1,958.3
Dividends	Provisional payment
Dividends	dates: January & July
Indicative Yield	0.7%
Gearing	0.0%
Leverage**	Gross 109.0%
Leverage	Commitment 108.3%
Share Price (p)	3380.00
NAV(p) (cum income)	3373.61
Premium / (Discount)	0.2%
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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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<sup>\*\*</sup>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. Analysis excludes cash and cash equivalents, including liquidity funds.