

## Worldwide Healthcare Trust PLC

Portfolio Manader

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#### Information as at 30 September 2020

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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) +104.5% Share Price (total return) +119.0%

Benchmark: MSCI World Health Care Index (net total return; sterling adjusted) +87.9% Source: Morningstar, Benchmark - Bloomberg

#### Commentary

In September, the NAV per share was up 1.9%, the share price was up 3.5% and the MSCI World Health Care Index was up 2.2%.

Market volatility returned to the equity markets in early September as investor angst over a potential second wave of coronavirus pressured global equity markets. Whilst this angst (and volatility) did partially subside in the latter half of September, most indices finished modestly down. With the pandemic back in the headlines, healthcare stocks were defensive in the period.

The top contributor to performance in September was the emerging biotechnology company, **Mirati Therapuetics**. Additional data disclosures for their lead oncology asset were positive, not only in support of their novel antibody, but for the entire class of "KRAS"-directed therapies for the treatment of lung cancer. The momentum continued for the novel diagnostics player, **Natera**. The company received several pipeline updates, including final Medicare coverage for its Signatera liquid biopsy test for colorectal cancer minimal residual disease. Additionally, the Signatera diagnostic also received tentative approval for "general" cancer testing, a broader and earlier than expected outcome that accelerates launches of future indications for Signatera. Finally, the share price for the Indiabased hospital operator, **Apollo Hospitals Enterprise**, moved significantly in the month as hospital occupancy trends were recovering earlier than expected.

Detractors from performance in September were diverse in nature. The share price for **Shanghai Kindly Medical Instruments** sold off with the broader Chinese healthcare sector in the month. Shares in the specialty pharmaceutical company, **Neurocrine Biosciences**. were weak due to investor concerns about a possible earnings miss for the third quarter. Finally, **Theravance Biopharma** shares pulled back after an FDA Advisory Committee voted against recommending an approval for a mortality claim for Trelegy, an already approved triple-combination inhaler for the treatment of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

Looking ahead, the political rhetoric will likely continue to dominate the healthcare headlines as we are less than a month from the U.S. Presidential election. Thus far, two televised debates have done little to boost the Trump administration in the polls. The announcement of President Trump testing positive for COVID-19 should also put the pandemic, and perhaps healthcare, back in the forefront of investors' minds.

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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, 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 2020\*

Name	Region	Total
Bristol-Myers Squibb	North America	4.9
Alexion Pharmaceuticals	North America	4.7
Merck & Co	North America	4.6
Mirati Therapeutics	North America	4.0
Horizon Therapeutics	North America	3.9
Takeda Pharmaceutical	Japan	3.9
Boston Scientific	North America	3.8
Biogen	North America	3.7
Novartis	Europe	3.5
Vertex Pharmaceuticals	North America	3.0
Total		40.0

Sector, Geographical** &	Asset	Class*** Break	down a	t 30 Septemb	er 2020*
Biotechnology	38.0	North America	64.0	Equities	91.5
Pharmaceutical	29.7	Emerging Markets	19.4	Equity Swaps	3.6
Healthcare Equipment/Supplies	13.4	Europe	12.7	Unquoteds	2.5
Healthcare Providers/Services	11.4	Asia	3.9	Liquidity	2.4
Life Sciences/Tools & Services	3.7	Total	100.0	Total	100.0
Liquidity	2.4				
Variable Interest	0.5				
Healthcare Technology	0.9				
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. Analysis excludes cash and cash equivalents, including liquidity funds.

#### **Discrete Performance – Calendar Years (%)**

Percentage Growth	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	YTD
NAV	19.1	5.2	16.5	-3.8	31.9	14.3
Share Price	13.9	10.1	20.7	-5.0	32.3	13.9
Benchmark	12.7	11.2	9.4	8.8	18.4	9.2

Standardised	Discrete	Performance	(%)
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Percentage Growth 12 Month Return	Sep15- Sep 16	Sep 16- Sep 17	Sep 17- Sep 18	Sep 18- Sep 19	Sep 19- Sep 20
NAV	25.6	14.5	14.8	-7.8	34.5
Share Price	26.7	20.7	15.1	-8.2	35.6
Benchmark	22.9	8.8	17.3	4.2	15.0

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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 September 2020	
AIC Sector	Biotechnology & Healthcare	

Launch Date & appointment of April 1995 Portfolio Manager Annual Management Fee (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

Performance Fee	See Annual Report for details		
Ongoing charges*	0.9%		
Continuation Vote	2024 AGM and every 5 <sup>th</sup> AGM thereafter		
Year / Half Year	31 March / 30 September		
Capital Structure	59,204,778 shares		
*Calculated at the financial year end, includes management fees			

and all other operating expenses, and excludes performance fees

#### **Trust Characteristics**

Number of Holdings	82	
Net Assets (£m)	2076.5	
Market Capitalisation (£m)	2098.8	
Dividends	Provisional payment dates: January & July	
Indicative Yield	0.7%	
Gearing	0.0%	
Leverage**	Gross 103.6% Commitment 103.6%	
Share Price (p)	3545.00	
NAV(p) (cum income)	3507.31	
Premium / (Discount)	1.1%	
** 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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