

# Worldwide Healthcare Trust PLC





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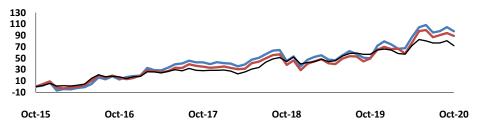
# **Worldwidewh**

#### **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) +89.0%

Share Price (total return) +97.2%

Benchmark: MSCI World Health Care Index (net total return; sterling adjusted) +71.6%

Source: Morningstar, Benchmark - Bloomberg

#### Commentary

In October, the NAV per share was down 2.7%, the share price was down 3.5% and the MSCI World Health Care Index was down 5.1%.

September investor worries continued into October. Volatility edged higher and spiked towards the end of the month, as measured by the VIX Index. Global markets were negative in the month, as investor angst was heightened by a litany of items: surging COVID-19 infections across the world, lack of progress on stimulus talks in the U.S., no news on a coronavirus vaccine, and the looming Presidential election. Healthcare stocks were not defensive in the period, underperforming the MSCI World Index by nearly 200 basis points (sterling; total return).

The top contributor to performance in October was once again the emerging biotechnology company, Mirati Therapeutics. The company presented new data in the treatment of lung cancer for their lead oncology pipeline asset which surpassed investor expectations. The stock rerated an additional +30% (local currency). The share price in Theravance Biopharma partially rebounded in October after some tumultuous months. Positive prescription trends for Yupelri (revefenacin), their drug for chronic obstruction pulmonary disease, and a broker upgrade helped moved the shares higher. Burning Rock Biotech is a China-based diagnostics company that focuses on the application of next generation sequencing technology in the field of precision oncology. Share price momentum has continued since the IPO in June 2020. The largest detractor in October was Vertex Pharmaceuticals. The stock fell sharply after a Phase II pipeline asset failed in a proof-of-concept study. We believe the magnitude of the sell-off was excessive. Shares in Takeda Pharmaceutical sold off in the month, in-line with the rest of Japanese pharmaceutical stocks (as measured by the TOPIX Pharmaceutical Index). Finally, the glucose-monitoring company, DexCom, reported weaker than expected earnings in the month and made some cautionary statements about a key upcoming product launch. The share price declined in sympathy.

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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**

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 October 2020\*

Name	Region	Total
Bristol-Myers Squibb	North America	4.7
Alexion Pharmaceuticals	North America	4.7
Mirati Therapeutics	North America	4.5
Merck & Co	North America	4.2
Horizon Therapeutics	North America	3.8
Takeda Pharmaceutical	Asia	3.4
Boston Scientific	North America	3.4
Biogen	North America	3.3
Novartis	Europe	3.1
Vertex Pharmaceuticals	North America	3.1
Total		38.2

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

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Biotechnology	38.9	North America	65.3	Equities	92.6
Pharmaceutical	27.2	<b>Emerging Markets</b>	19.3	<b>Equity Swaps</b>	3.8
Healthcare Equipment/Supplies	13.5	Europe	12.0	Unquoteds	2.6
Healthcare Providers/Services	11.8	Asia	3.4	Liquidity	1.0
Life Sciences/Tools & Services	6.2	Total	100.0	Total	100.0
Liquidity	1.0				
Healthcare Technology	0.9				
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	11.2
Share Price	13.9	10.1	20.7	-5.0	32.3	9.8
Benchmark	12.7	11.2	9.4	8.8	18.4	3.6

#### Standardised Discrete Performance (%)

Percentage Growth 12 Month Return	Oct15- Oct 16	Oct 16- Oct 17	Oct 17- Oct 18	Oct 18- Oct 19	Oct 19- Oct 20
NAV	15.4	17.1	2.3	8.2	26.4
Share Price	12.6	26.7	1.7	3.2	31.8
Benchmark	16.8	9.8	12.5	8.8	9.4

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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 October 2020

AIC Sector	Biotechnology & 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			
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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	60,229,278 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	86
Net Assets (£m)	2056.3
Market Capitalisation (£m)	2059.8
Dividends	Provisional payment
Dividends	dates: January & July
Indicative Yield	0.7%
Gearing	0.0%
Leverage**	Gross 105.0%
Leverage	Commitment 105.0%
Share Price (p)	3420.00
NAV(p) (cum income)	3414.18
Premium / (Discount)	0.2%
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<sup>\*\*</sup> 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.