

#### Worldwide Healthcare Trust PLC





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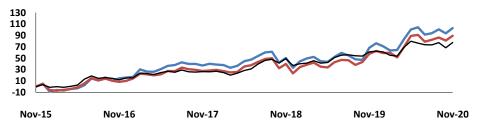
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#### **Investment Objective**

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) +89.3%

Share Price (total return) +102.8%

Benchmark: MSCI World Health Care Index (net total return; sterling adjusted) +77.5%

Source: Morningstar, Benchmark - Bloomberg

#### Commentary

In November, the NAV per share was up 4.6%, the share price was up 4.9% and the MSCI World Health Care Index was up 5.6%.

October jitters gave way to November exuberance and the outcome was a historic month for a multitude of reasons. President Trump lost his bid to become a two-term President, stunning efficacy data was announced for two COVID-19 vaccines, and the broad equity markets rallied over 10% in the period. The split U.S. Congress election outcome was one trigger, with investors determining that the incoming Biden administration would have a much more difficult time pushing through stiffer regulations and higher taxes. The better-than-expected vaccines outcome gave investors increased confidence that a return to normal was in the offing and with it, a rebound in the economy. These factors combined to push the market to all-time highs in the month. But with investors bargain shopping ahead of the holidays, it was healthcare that was left behind, trailing the major indices such as the S&P 500 up 11.0% (USD total return) and the FTSE All Share up 12.7% (GBP total return).

Top contributors in the month were all larger positions in the portfolio. The share price for the diagnostics company, Natera, rallied on positive fundamentals and the belief that a COVID-19 vaccine should allow for other parts of the healthcare utilization spectrum, such as routine diagnostic testing, to rebound. Two large cap pharmaceutical stocks, Takeda Pharmaceutical and Novartis, rebounded on no specific news after selling off in October. Top detractors in November were more idiosyncratic. Horizon Pharmaceuticals has executed on the best new drug launch in 2020 with Tepezza (teprotumumab) for thyroid eye disease. However, a deceleration in monthly sales prompted some profit taking by investors. Shares in the specialty pharmaceutical company, Thereavance Biopharma sold off after the company announced mixed results for their next generation asthma pipeline program. For device maker Boston Scientific, weak share price performance was due to an unexpected voluntary recall and discontinuation of its transcatheter aortic heart valve product and a subsequent hit to management credibility.

Looking ahead, we expect the Trump-to-Biden succession debate to subside and scrutiny over President-elect Biden's "First 100 Days" policies to increase. Additionally, the leadup to the Georgia Senator election run-off in early January will be closely watched. Of course, we expect COVID-19 to remain in the headlines, both from a global case number perspective and also from the continued impressive response from the healthcare industry. The worldwide roll-out of the early vaccines and additional therapeutic responses should keep a positive spotlight on 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 <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 30 November 2020\*

Name	Region	Total
Bristol-Myers Squibb	North America	4.3
Alexion Pharmaceuticals	North America	4.3
Mirati Therapeutics	North America	4.2
Merck & Co	North America	4.0
Boston Scientific	North America	3.4
Takeda Pharmaceutical	Japan	3.3
Novartis	Europe	3.1
Horizon Therapeutics	North America	3.0
Natera	North America	3.0
Pfizer	North America	2.9
Total		35.5

#### Sector, Geographical\*\* & Asset Class\*\*\* Breakdown at 30 November 2020\*

Biotechnology	35.2	North America	68.6	Equities	93.6
Pharmaceutical	29.6	<b>Emerging Markets</b>	17.0	<b>Equity Swaps</b>	3.3
Healthcare Providers/Services	15.2	Europe	11.0	Unquoteds	3.1
Healthcare Equipment/Supplies	12.6	Asia	3.4	Total	100.0
Life Sciences/Tools & Services	7.0	Total	100.0		
Variable Interest	0.4				
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	16.4
Share Price	13.9	10.1	20.7	-5.0	32.3	15.2
Benchmark	12.7	11.2	9.4	8.8	18.4	9.4

#### Standardised Discrete Performance (%)

Percentage Growth 12 Month Return	Nov15- Nov 16	Nov 16- Nov 17	Nov 17- Nov 18	Nov 18- Nov 19	Nov 19- Nov 20
NAV	8.4	17.6	9.8	12.7	20.1
Share Price	14.4	19.7	9.6	12.1	20.6
Benchmark	12.0	12.7	18.0	8.1	10.3

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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 November 2020

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Launch Date & appointment of Portfolio Manager April 1995		
Annual Management Fee (paya	ble by the	
Company): 0.65% of net assets pl	us 0.30% of	
market can up to £150m; in the range	ae £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	61,349,778 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	88
Net Assets (£m)	2186.9
Market Capitalisation (£m)	2196.3
Dividends	Provisional payment
Dividends	dates: January & July
Indicative Yield	0.7%
Gearing	6.3%
Leverage**	Gross 109.1%
Leverage	Commitment 108.9%
Share Price (p)	3580.00
NAV(p) (cum income)	3564.72
Premium / (Discount)	0.4%
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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.