

### 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).



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**OrbiMed**  
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### Fast Facts

As at 31 October 2021

**AIC Sector** Biotechnology & Healthcare

**Launch Date & appointment of Portfolio Manager** April 1995

**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 Ratio (OCR)\*** 0.9%

**Continuation Vote** 2024 AGM and every 5<sup>th</sup> AGM thereafter

**Year / Half Year** 31 March / 30 September

**Capital Structure** 65,432,755 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>	92
<b>Net Assets (£m)</b>	2,464.3
<b>Market Capitalisation (£m)</b>	2,404.7
<b>Dividends</b>	Provisional payment dates: January & July
<b>Indicative Yield</b>	0.6%
<b>Gearing</b>	8.1%
<b>Leverage**</b>	Gross 117.7% Commitment 115.2%
<b>Share Price (p)</b>	3675.00
<b>NAV per share (p) (cum income)</b>	3766.17
<b>(Discount) / Premium</b>	(2.4%)
<b>Portfolio Turnover p.a.</b>	75.9%
<b>Active Share***</b>	74.0%

### Five Year Performance (%)

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments and the income from them may fall as well as rise and is not guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than the original amount invested.



— Share Price (total return) +89.4%  
 — Net Asset Value per share (total return) +81.8%  
 — Benchmark: MSCI World Health Care Index (net total return; sterling adjusted) +80.8%

Source: Morningstar, Index - Bloomberg.

### Ten Largest Holdings as at 31 October 2021

Name	Region	Sector	Total
Merck & Co	North America	Pharmaceuticals	5.8
Bristol-Myers Squibb	North America	Pharmaceuticals	4.7
AstraZeneca	Europe	Pharmaceuticals	4.7
Horizon Therapeutics	North America	Biotechnology	4.1
Boston Scientific	North America	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	4.0
Mirati Therapeutics	North America	Biotechnology	3.6
AbbVie	North America	Pharmaceuticals	3.2
UnitedHealth	North America	Health Care Providers & Services	3.1
SPDR S&P Biotech ETF	North America	Biotechnology	2.9
Stryker	North America	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	2.6
<b>Total</b>			<b>38.7</b>

**Sector, Region\*\* & Asset Class\*\*\* Breakdown at 31 October 2021\* (%)**

Biotechnology	31.4	North America	74.7	Equities	86.4
Pharmaceutical	25.0	China / Hong Kong	15.1	Unquoteds	7.5
Healthcare Equipment / Supplies	19.2	Europe	7.0	Equity Swaps	6.1
Healthcare Providers / Services	16.5	India	2.0	<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Life Sciences Tools & Services	6.7	Japan	1.2		
Health Care Technology	1.0	<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>		
Fixed / Variable Interest	0.2				
<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. Analysis excludes cash and cash equivalents, including liquidity funds.

\*\* 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.

\*\*\* Active Share is expressed as a percentage and shows the extent to which a fund's holdings and their weightings differ from those of the fund's benchmark index. A fund that closely tracks its index might have a low Active Share of less than 20% and be considered passive, while a fund with an Active Share of 60% or higher is generally considered to be actively managed.

**Codes**

<b>Sedol</b>	0338530
<b>ISIN</b>	GB0003385308
<b>Legal Entity Identifier (LEI)</b>	5493003YBCY4W1IMJU04
<b>Global Intermediary Identification Number (GIIN)</b>	FIZWRN.99999.SL.826
<b>Bloomberg</b>	WWH LN
<b>EPIC</b>	WWH

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

Percentage Growth 12 Month Return	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	YTD
NAV	5.2	16.5	-3.8	31.9	20.0	2.9
Share Price	10.1	20.7	-5.0	32.3	19.9	-0.9
Index	11.2	9.4	8.8	18.4	10.3	15.5

**Standardised Discrete Performance (%)**

Percentage Growth 12 Month Return	Oct 16- Oct 17	Oct 17- Oct 18	Oct 18- Oct 19	Oct 19- Oct 20	Oct 20- Oct 21
NAV	17.1	2.3	8.2	26.4	11.0
Share Price	26.7	1.7	3.2	31.8	8.1
Index	9.8	12.5	8.8	9.4	23.0

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Source: NAV (total return; fully diluted) & share price (total return) – Morningstar. Benchmark - Bloomberg.

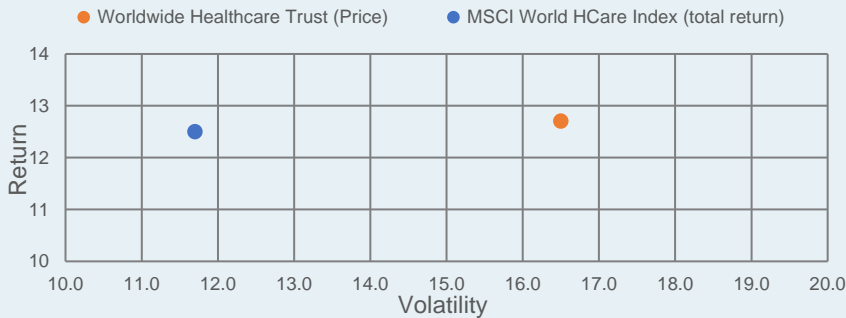
**Investment Policy**

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 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 a premium to the prevailing cum income net asset value per share. Any shares held in treasury are cancelled around the time of the AGM. In order to help prevent the share

**Return vs Volatility (5 Years Annualised) – Chart (%)**



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.

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**Commentary**

In October, the NAV per share total return was +1.8%, the share price was +1.4% and the MSCI World Health Care Index +2.6%, on a net total return, sterling adjusted basis.

Global equities were higher in October, with the S&P 500 and the MSCI World Index erasing their September slides and logging the strongest monthly returns in the year. Both indices ended October at record highs.

The modest underperformance reported in the month was largely due to Life Sciences Tools (stock selection) and Emerging Markets (allocation). Specifically, in China, investor sentiment continues to be wary over lingering concerns over putative government intervention into the healthcare industry. The Hang Seng Healthcare Index fell for the third time in four months, marking a 52-week low, in stark contrast to broad market indices.

The top contributor in October was Merck & Co. The company announced new data for their novel oral antiviral, molnupiravir for the treatment of COVID-19. Topline data showed a reduced risk of hospitalization or death by approximately 50% for unvaccinated patients with mild or moderate COVID-19. The subsequent share price rise was the largest monthly move for the stock in years. Other important contributors were UnitedHealth Group and Humana. Quarterly earnings reports from these and other managed care companies demonstrated better than expected medical cost ratios, allaying fears of profit shortfalls from the summer surge of COVID-19 infections due to the delta variant in parts of the U.S.

The largest detractor in the month was the small cap biotechnology company, Turning Point Therapeutics. The share price fell more than 25% following a disappointing data update for repotrectinib, the company’s lead oncology pipeline asset for the treatment of a specific form of lung cancer. The share price for the diagnostics company, Guardant Health, was volatile in October after rumors emerged about their potential acquisition of another diagnostics company, NeoGenomics. Volatility partially subsided after management rebuffed the rumor.

Looking ahead, we continue to digest corporate earnings, drug price reform headlines, potential for new U.S. FDA commissioner, and additional clinical data catalysts. As we draw closer to the end of the calendar year, we expect some investor focus to increasingly shift towards 2022 guidance, events, and catalysts.

**Risk Warnings**

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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.

### 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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