



## **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) -7.0%

Share Price (total return) -12.9%

Benchmark: MSCI World Health Care Index (net total return; sterling adjusted)
+19.4%

Source: Frostrow Capital LLP

#### Ten Largest Holdings as at 31 May 2025

Name	Region	Sector	Total
Boston Scientific	North America	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	10.0
Eli Lilly	North America	Pharmaceuticals	9.3
Biotech M&A Target Swap	North America	Swap Baskets	8.8
AstraZeneca	Europe	Pharmaceuticals	6.5
Intuitive Surgical	North America	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	5.5
Stryker	North America	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	4.9
Jiangsu Hengrui Pharmaceuticals	China	Pharmaceuticals	4.0
UnitedHealth	North America	Health Care Providers & Services	3.9
Edwards Lifesciences	North America	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	3.6
Daiichi Sankyo	Japan	Pharmaceuticals	3.2
Total			59.7





Portfolio Manager Trevor Polischuk

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<b>Fast Facts</b>	As at 31 May 2025
AIC Sector	Biotechnology & Healthcare
Launch Date & appointment of Portfolio Manager April 199	
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	for details
Ongoing Charges (OCR)*	0.8%
Continuation Vote	2029 AGM and every 5 <sup>th</sup> AGM thereafter
Year / Half Year	31 March / 30 September
Capital Structure	487,312,489 shares# 114,352,711 (treasury)

# excludes shares held in treasury

Trust Characteristics		
Number of Holdings 4		
Net Assets (£m)	-	1,564.3
Market Capitalis	ation (£m)	1,452.2
Dividends	Provisional	payment dates: January & July
Indicative Yield		0.8%
Net Cash		4.2%
Leverage**	Com	Gross 114.9% mitment 111.2%
Share Price (p)		298.00
NAV per share (p) income)	(cum	321.00
(Discount) / Prer	mium	(7.2%)
Portfolio Turnov	er p.a.	59.1%
Active Share***		69.2%





#### Sector, Region\*\* & Asset Class\*\*\* Breakdown at 31 May 2025\* (%)

Healthcare Equipment / Supplies	29.2	North America	72.5	Listed Equities	80.6
Pharmaceutical	25.5	China / Hong Kong	12.0	Equity Swaps	13.7
Biotechnology	17.6	Europe	11.1	Unquoteds	5.7
Healthcare Providers / Services	11.9	Japan	3.2	Total	100.0
Swap Baskets	8.8	India	1.2		
Life Sciences Tools & Services	7.0	Total	100.0		
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<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.

Source: All portfolio information sourced from Frostrow Capital LLP. Analysis excludes cash and cash equivalents, including liquidity funds.

## Discrete Performance - Calendar Years (%)

Percentage Growth 12 Month Return	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	YTD
NAV	20.0	-0.4	-3.3	0.4	6.4	-12.5
Share Price	19.9	-2.6	-9.8	-2.6	2.1	-5.4
Index	10.3	20.8	5.8	-1.6	3.1	-7.6

## **Standardised Discrete Performance (%)**

Percentage Growth 12 Month Return	May 20- May 21	May 21- May 22	May 22- May 23	May 23- May 24	May 24- May 25
NAV	2.5	-11.4	11.4	8.9	-15.6
Share Price	4.7	-17.2	5.5	9.4	-12.9
Index	2.2	17.0	1.6	9.6	-10.3

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Source: NAV (total return; fully diluted) & share price (total return) - Frostrow Capital LLP.

\*Calculated at the financial year end, includes management fees and all other operating expenses, and excludes performance fees.

\*\* 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		
Sedol	BN455J5	
ISIN	GB00BN455J50	
Legal Entity Identi	fier (LEI) 493003YBCY4W1IMJU04	
Global Intermedia	ry	
Identification Number (GIIN)		
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Bloomberg	WWH LN	
EPIC	WWH	

### **Investment Policy**

The healthcare sector is global and accessing this market as a UK investor can be difficult. The Company offers an opportunity to gain exposure to pharmaceutical, biotechnology and related companies in the healthcare sector on a global scale. The Company invests in large companies with market capitalisations of over U.S.\$10bn, smaller companies below that size, as well as unquoted companies. The portfolio ranges from large multinational pharmaceutical companies with multiple products to unquoted emerging biotechnology companies. 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.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Geographical analysis based on country of primary listing.

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#### Commentary

In May, the NAV per share total return was -3.4%, the share price total return was +2.1% and the MSCI World Health Care Index was -4.5%, on a net total return, sterling adjusted basis.

Global equity markets rallied over the course of the month, posting their strongest monthly gain in two years. Easing trade tensions and progress on de-escalating tariffs improved investor sentiment and sent stocks higher in May and back into positive territory for the year.

Healthcare stocks dramatically underperformed during the month. A rebound in global equities overwhelmed the defensive qualities of healthcare. This was exacerbated by continued rhetoric from the Trump administration on both pharmaceutical tariffs and U.S. drug pricing, which created incremental selling in bio-pharma stocks in May.

Against this difficult backdrop, the Company was able to outperform the Benchmark. The most notable contribution came from Medical Technology\* investments – through both stock picking and overweight allocation combined with a backdrop of strong healthcare utilization trends and a relative absence of federal policy threats. Small cap device maker SI-BONE was the largest contributor in the month after operational excellence led to a strong quarterly report that was ahead of expectations, fueling a near +40% return (local currency) in the month. Notable relative performance over the benchmark came from other non-therapeutic subsectors, namely Healthcare Services and Life Science Tools.

The largest detractor in the month was Eli Lilly. Whilst 2025 has been volatile for all pharmaceutical stocks, it has been especially so with Eli Lilly, with multiple market cap swings in excess of \$100 billion in the first five months of the year. May was no exception as the stock declined for a multitude of reasons, the largest being an unexpected deal by Novo Nordisk to be the sole formulary provider for weight loss medicines for a portion of CVS managed care customers. This "exclusivity deal" spooked investors that a price war was brewing in the GLP-1 space and the stock fell in response. A negative backdrop for pharma in the month conspired to push the stock even lower as did profit taking after the stock experienced impressive April returns.

Near term, our focus moves to fundamental news flow, perhaps from the American Diabetes Association meeting in June where additional obesity data sets will be presented. However, investor focus may still reside with news flow on U.S. policy initiatives, as investors wait for pertinent updates (if any) on specific pharmaceutical tariffs and/or U.S. drug pricing.

#### **DISCOUNT/PREMIUM CONTROL**

It is the Board's policy to buy back the Company's shares if the share price discount to the net asset value per share exceeds 6% on an ongoing basis. Shares repurchased are held as treasury shares. Treasury shares can be sold back to the market at a later date at a premium to the cum income net asset value per share. Shareholders should note, however, that it remains very possible for the discount to be greater than 6% for extended periods of time particularly when sentiment towards the Company, the sector and to investment trusts generally remains poor.

While buy backs may prove unable to prevent the discount from widening, they also enhance the net asset value per share for remaining shareholders and go some way to dampening discount volatility which can adversely affect investors' risk adjusted returns.

At times when there are unsatisfied buying orders for the Company's shares in the market, the Company has the ability to issue new shares or to re-issue treasury shares at a small premium to the cum income net asset value per share. This acts as an effective share price premium management tool.

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<sup>\*</sup> Healthcare Equipment and Supplies





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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.

#### **Target Market**

The Company is suitable for investors seeking an investment that aims to deliver total returns over the longer term (at least five years), is compatible with the needs for retail clients, professional clients and eligible counterparties, and is eligible for all distribution channels.

The Company may not be suitable for investors who are concerned about short-term volatility and performance, have low or no risk tolerance or are looking for capital protection, who are seeking a guaranteed or regular income, or a predictable return profile. The Company does not offer capital protection.

#### **Value Assessment**

Frostrow Capital LLP has conducted an annual Value Assessment on the Company in line with Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) rules set out in the Consumer Duty regulation. The Assessment focuses on the nature of the product, including benefits received and its quality, limitations that are part of the product, expected total costs to clients and target market considerations.

Within this, the assessment considers quality of services, performance of the Company (against both benchmark and peers), total fees (including management fees and entry and exit fees as applicable to the Company), and also considers whether vulnerable consumers are able to receive fair value from the product.

Frostrow Capital LLP concluded that the Company is providing value based on the above assessment.

### **Important Information**

Worldwide Healthcare Company PLC (the Company) is a public limited company whose shares are listed on the London Stock Exchange (LSE) and is registered with HMRC as an investment Company. 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 2029). This financial promotion is issued by Frostrow Capital LLP which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA").

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