



# **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) +17.3%

Share Price (total return) +9.4%

Benchmark: MSCI World Health Care Index (net total return; sterling adjusted)
 +40.9%

Source: Frostrow Capital LLP

## Ten Largest Holdings as at 31 October 2025

Name	Region	Sector	Total
Biotech M&A Target Swap	North America	Swap Baskets	10.5
Eli Lilly	North America	Pharmaceuticals	9.8
Boston Scientific	North America	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	8.4
AstraZeneca	Europe	Pharmaceuticals	6.9
Intuitive Surgical	North America	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	5.4
Edwards Lifesciences	North America	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	4.8
Jiangsu Hengrui Pharmaceuticals	China	Pharmaceuticals	4.2
Stryker	North America	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	4.1
Argenx	Europe	Biotechnology	4.0
Alnylam Pharmaceuticals	North America	Biotechnology	3.5
Total			61.6





Portfolio Manager Trevor Polischuk

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<b>Fast Facts</b>	As at 31 October 2025	
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 (OCR)*	0.8%
Continuation Vote	2029 AGM and every 5 <sup>th</sup> AGM thereafter
Year / Half Year	31 March / 30 September
Capital Structure	396,791,547 shares# 204,873,653 (treasury)

# excludes shares held in treasury

Trust Characteristics		
Number of Holdings 4		49
Net Assets (£m	)	1,530.9
Market Capitalis	sation (£m)	1,426.5
Dividends	Provisional	payment dates: January & July
Indicative Yield		0.7%
Net Cash		0.2%
Leverage**	Comi	Gross 119.3% mitment 116.3%
Share Price (p)		359.50
NAV per share (p) income)	(cum	385.81
(Discount) / Pre	mium	(6.8%)
Portfolio Turno	ver p.a.	66.0%
Active Share***		70.6%





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

Pharmaceutical	26.1	North America	72.1	Listed Equities	80.5
Healthcare Equipment / Supplies	26.0	Europe	12.6	Equity Swaps	15.7
Biotechnology	19.4	China / Hong Kong	11.5	Unquoteds	3.8
Swap Baskets	10.5	Japan	2.5	Total	100.0
Life Sciences Tools & Services	9.5	India	1.3		
Healthcare Providers / Services	8.5	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	5.7
Share Price	19.9	-2.6	-9.8	-2.6	2.1	14.8
Index	10.3	20.8	5.8	-1.6	3.1	2.1

# **Standardised Discrete Performance (%)**

Percentage Growth 12 Month Return	Oct 20 - Oct 21	Oct 21 - Oct 22	Oct 22 - Oct 23	Oct 23 - Oct 24	Oct 24 - Oct 25
NAV	11.0	-2.7	-10.1	18.1	2.3
Share Price	8.1	<b>-</b> 9.5	-11.9	18.7	6.9
Index	23.0	11.9	-7.4	13.3	-2.4

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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 Ide	entifier (LEI) 5493003YBCY4W1IMJU04	
Global Intermediary Identification Number (GIIN)		
	FIZWRN.99999.SL.826	
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 October, the NAV per share total return was +8.6%, the share price total return was +9.6% and the MSCI World Health Care Index was +5.7%, on a net total return, sterling adjusted basis.

Global markets continued their unassailable ascent in October, reaching yet another all-time high for the 6th month in a row, coming after the April low. Technology stocks continued to lead the way and investor trade sentiment improved, notably between the U.S. and China. The MSCI World Index reflected this, returning +4.6%. in the month

Healthcare stocks did even better. A key catalyst on 30 September 2025 brought some welcome respite to the year-long overhang to the sector – tariffs and drug pricing. In an unexpected event, President Trump and Pfizer CEO, Dr. Albert Bourla, struck a deal on drug pricing that was arguably a "win" for both sides, triggering a massive two-day share price correction for pharmaceutical stocks that spilled into October.

Pfizer agreed to increased U.S. investment (R&D and manufacturing), lower drug prices for Medicaid patients, dramatically lower prices for U.S. patients paying out-of-pocket, and higher global drug prices for new products going forward. In return, Pfizer received a stay on any tariffs plus only a modest impact to the P&L, by our estimates. A similar deal was struck 10 days later with AstraZeneca (and again in early November with Eli Lilly and Novo Nordisk). We expect this type of deal to recur with additional pharmaceutical companies in the coming weeks. We believe this to be a clearing event for the entire bio-pharma industry.

As a result, absolute and relative performance was robust in October with nearly all sub-sectors contributing to returns. The largest contributor (both absolute and relative) was Biotechnology, a mix of allocation and stock picking, including Avidity Biosciences (acquired by Novartis), Argenx (stellar commercial execution), and our proprietary M&A swap basket (the pace of M&A more than doubled in October with 9 deals announced, totaling over \$21 billion). Contribution of import also came from rebounds in Medical Technology (including Intuitive Surgical, Boston Scientific, and Edwards Lifesciences), and Pharmaceuticals (Eli Lilly and AstraZeneca).

The only detractor of note was Emerging Markets, notably China Biotechnology stocks. After nine months of strong performance, the sector saw profit taking in October. Some of our core investments, such as Jiangsui Hengrui Pharmaceuticals, Akeso, and Sino Biopharmaceuticals sold off as a result.

Looking ahead, we are encouraged by the constructive efforts of the biopharmaceutical industry in working with the current U.S. administration. The year-long negotiations are now yielding positive results with respect to tariff avoidance and certainty around drug pricing. With these headwinds turning to tailwinds, we are bullish on the sector into the calendar year-end and beyond.

#### **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 possible for the discount to be greater than 6% for extended periods of time, particularly when sentiment towards the Company, the sector and/or to investment trusts generally remains poor.

While buybacks 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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## **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.

#### **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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