



## 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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<b>Fast Facts</b> As at 31 December 2025	
AIC Sector	Biotechnology & Healthcare
Launch Date & appointment of Portfolio Manager	April 1995
Annual Management Fees (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	387,832,132 shares# 213,833,068 (treasury)

# excludes shares held in treasury

## Trust Characteristics

<b>Number of Holdings</b>	50
<b>Net Assets (£m)</b>	1,568.8
<b>Market Capitalisation (£m)</b>	1,456.3
<b>Dividends</b>	Provisional payment dates: January & July
<b>Indicative Yield</b>	0.6%
<b>Net Cash</b>	0.2%
<b>Leverage**</b>	Gross 118.3% Commitment 116.0%
<b>Share Price (p)</b>	375.50
<b>NAV per share (p) (cum income)</b>	404.51
<b>(Discount) / Premium</b>	(7.2%)
<b>Portfolio Turnover p.a.</b>	68.4%
<b>Active Share***</b>	72.4%

Net Asset Value per share (total return) +14.2%  
Share Price (total return) +4.9%  
Benchmark: MSCI World Health Care Index (net total return; sterling adjusted) +38.6%

Source: Frostrow Capital LLP

## Ten Largest Holdings as at 31 December 2025

Name	Region	Sector	Total
Eli Lilly	North America	Pharmaceuticals	11.6
Biotech M&A Target Swap	North America	Swap Baskets	11.0
Boston Scientific	North America	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	7.6
AstraZeneca	Europe	Pharmaceuticals	7.5
Edwards Lifesciences	North America	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	5.2
Intuitive Surgical	North America	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	5.0
Stryker	North America	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	3.9
Jiangsu Hengrui Pharmaceuticals	China	Pharmaceuticals	3.8
Argenx	Europe	Biotechnology	3.3
Alnylam Pharmaceuticals	North America	Biotechnology	2.9
<b>Total</b>			<b>61.8</b>



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

Pharmaceutical	31.0	North America	74.2	Listed Equities	80.7
Healthcare Equipment / Supplies	23.7	Europe	12.5	Equity Swaps	15.7
Biotechnology	17.3	China / Hong Kong	10.1	Unquoteds	3.6
Swap Baskets	11.0	Japan	2.1	<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Life Sciences Tools & Services	8.5	India	1.1		
Healthcare Providers / Services	8.5	<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>		
<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.

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

Percentage Growth 12 Month Return	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
NAV	-0.4	-3.3	0.4	6.4	11.0
Share Price	-2.6	-9.8	-2.6	2.1	20.1
Index	20.8	5.8	-1.6	3.1	6.9

**Standardised Discrete Performance (%)**

Percentage Growth 12 Month Return	Dec 20 - Dec 21	Dec 21 - Dec 22	Dec 22 - Dec 23	Dec 23 - Dec 24	Dec 24 - Dec 25
NAV	-0.4	-3.3	0.4	6.4	11.0
Share Price	-2.6	-9.8	-2.6	2.1	20.1
Index	20.8	5.8	-1.6	3.1	6.9

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.

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 Identifier (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 multi-national 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.



### Return vs Volatility (Annualised since Launch Date & appointment of Portfolio Manager) – Chart (%)



### 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.

### Commentary

In December, the NAV per share total return was -3.4%, the share price total return was -4.6% and the MSCI World Health Care Index (Company's Benchmark) was -2.4%, on a net total return, sterling adjusted basis.

Global equity markets were largely flat in December. The U.S. Federal Reserve enacted its third interest rate cut of the year, by 25 basis points, bringing the target rate to 3.50%-3.75%. Otherwise, fundamental news was scant and a "Santa Claus Rally" did not materialize. Healthcare stocks underperformed in the month due to a mix of profit taking, modest news flow, a momentum shift (particularly in MedTech), and positioning ahead of the New Year. All benchmark healthcare sub-sectors declined in December, save for Pharmaceuticals (up de minimis).

Sources of positive absolute contribution were few. The largest contributor in the month was Structure Therapeutics, as investor enthusiasm for oral weight loss assets increased into year-end. The stock more than doubled after the company announced updated data for their lead pipeline asset that was very competitive, perhaps "best-in-class" for an oral small molecule.

The largest detractor in December was Boston Scientific, a mix of profit taking, momentum shift, and investor concern about share loss in the multi-billion dollar ablation business. Another detractor of import was Alnylam Pharmaceuticals. Share price weakness resulted from weaker than expected prescription volume metrics for their lead commercial asset, Amvuttra (vutrisiran), a medicine to treat a specific form of heart disease. On a sub-sector level, negative excess return of note come from Medical Technology, Emerging Markets, and Pharmaceuticals.

Despite the market lethargy of December, we enter 2026 with a very bullish outlook for healthcare. The resolution of any drug pricing overhang in the U.S. has been perhaps the largest catalyst in the healthcare space in over a decade. M&A in biotechnology continues to inflect to start January. Additional interest rate cuts are on the horizon. Innovation remains at all time highs. The set-up to start the year bodes well with the composition of the portfolio.

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### **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.

### **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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