# Worldwide Healthcare Trust PLC



Portfolio Manager





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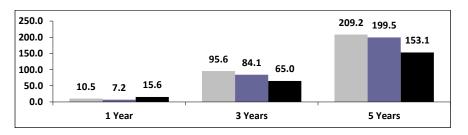
# **Investment Objective and Benchmark Index**

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).

# **Cumulative Performance (%)**

Trust: Worldwide Healthcare Trust PLC – NAV (ex income, total return; fully diluted) Trust: Worldwide Healthcare Trust PLC – Share Price (total return)

## Benchmark: MSCI World Health Care Index (net total return; £ adjusted)



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

Percentage Growth	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	YTD
NAV	7.3	14.4	44.6	38.9	19.1	5.8
Share Price	6.5	20.3	47.1	39.6	13.9	5.1
Benchmark	10.7	12.2	33.6	25.6	12.7	10.5
Source: NAV (ex income total return; fully diluted) & Share Price (total return) - Morningstar. Index - Bloomberg. Past						

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# Commentary

In August the NAV per share was down 3.5%, the share price was down 2.9%, and the MSCI World Health Care Index which was down 3.5%.

The turn of the calendar into August saw a divergence in the global markets, with the broad market holding steady while healthcare stocks mostly retreated during the period. Positive contribution, both absolute and relative came from a number of subsectors, most notably medical devices, health care services and life science tools. Positive relative (but negative absolute) contribution came from large cap pharmaceuticals, due to a mix of stock picking offset by sector positioning. Detractors came primarily from specialty pharmaceuticals, mostly due to stock picking. The top contributor in August was Wright Medical Group. Share price momentum continued for this orthopeadic device maker after the company announced better than expected second quarter results and raised full year guidance. The stock rose more than 10% in response. The other key contributor in the month was Medivation, the oncology biotechnology company was acquired by Pfizer for US \$14 billion, representing more than 20% premium to the previous close but more than 200% premium to the 52-week low of February of this year.

The two most noteworthy detractors in August, Ono Pharmaceutical and Bristol-Myers Squibb, shared the same negative catalyst, that is the complete failure of their already blockbuster cancer drug, Opdivo (nivolumab), in a late stage clinical trial for the treatment of front line lung cancer. The failure of this trial was completely unexpected. Opdivo had already garnered 9 distinct FDA approvals, including two in lung cancer (second line), and had never failed in any previous pivotal clinical trials. Both stocks collapsed in response, but in our opinion, also reached oversold levels.

#### Biographies

Samuel D. Isaly

Samuel D. Isaly is the Managing Partner of OrbiMed. Mr. Isaly is one of the world's foremost healthcare fund managers and has been active in global healthcare investing and analysis since 1968 when he joined Chase Manhattan Bank in New York. During his career, Mr. Isaly has been a pharmaceutical analyst with Chase Manhattan Bank, Merrill Lynch, Legg Mason, and S.G. Warburg. Mr. Isaly launched OrbiMed's asset management business in 1989. Mr. Isaly has a B.A. in Economics from Princeton University and a M.Sc. (Econ.) from The London School of Economics.

Sven H. Borho CFA, is a founding Partner of OrbiMed. Mr. Borho heads the public equity team and he is the portfolio manager for OrbiMed's public equity and hedge funds. Mr. Borho has played an integral role in the growth of OrbiMed's asset management activities. Mr. Borho started his career in 1991 when he joined OrbiMed's predecessor firm as a Senior Analyst covering European pharmaceutical firms and biotechnology companies worldwide. In 1993, Mr. Borho was promoted to portfolio manager. Mr. Borho studied business administration at Bayreuth University in Germany and received a M.Sc. (Econ.), Accounting and Finance, from The London School of Economics; he is a citizen of both Germany and Sweden.

# **Portfolio Manager Profile**

OrbiMed Capital LLC (OrbiMed) is owned by six principals, including Samuel D. Isaly, and 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. developina an understanding of 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 technology and healthcare services companies. The Portfolio Manager seeks to reduce risk through extensive fundamental research, worldwide exposure, position limits, and balanced market The Company's capitalisations. investment objective also 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.

#### **Discount 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.

#### Worldwide Healthcare Trust PLC conducts its affairs so that its shares can be recommended by independent financial advisers ("IFAs") to retail private investors. The shares are excluded from the Financial Conduct Authority's ("FCA's") restrictions which apply to non-mainstream investment products because they are shares in a UK-listed investment trust.

# Worldwide Healthcare Trust PLC

# 10 Largest Holdings as at 31 August 2016\*

Name	Region	Total
Boston Scientific	North America	4.8
AbbVie	North America	4.3
Intuitive Surgical	North America	4.1
Amgen	North America	3.3
HCA Holdings	North America	3.0
Wright Medical Group	Europe	2.9
Alexion Pharmaceuticals	North America	2.9
Biogen	North America	2.8
Allergan	Europe	2.7
Ono Pharmaceutical	Japan	2.5
Total		33.3

All data in the above includes any derivative, convertible or fixed bond exposures as an economically equivalent position in the underlying asset.

# Sector, Geographical\* & Asset Class Breakdown at 31 August 2016\*\*

Large Caps	69.3%	North America	63.5%	Equities	87.8%
Small Caps	30.7%	Europe	15.0%	Equity Swaps	10.0%
Total	100.0%	Emerging Markets	14.1%	Variable Bonds	1.2%
		Asia	7.4%	Convertible Bonds	0.7%
		Total	100.0%	Options	0.3%
				Total	100.0%

Source: All portfolio information sourced from Frostrow Capital LLP.

\*Geographical analysis based on country of incorporation

\*\*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 asset.

# Share Price Total Return on £100 as at 31 August 2016 (£)

1 year	107.2
3 years	184.1
5 years	299.5

Source: Morningstar. Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

# **Standardised Discrete Performance (%)**

Percentage Growth 12 Month Return	Aug 11- Aug 12	Aug 12- Aug 13	Aug 13- Aug 14	Aug 14- Aug 15	Aug 15- Aug 16
NAV	22.3	29.3	35.0	31.1	10.5
Share Price	17.7	38.3	27.4	34.9	7.2
Benchmark	18.6	29.4	20.3	18.8	15.6

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#### Awards

Highly Commended: Money Observer Trust Awards 2014, 2015 Best Large Trust Rated Fund: Money Observer Rated Funds 2015 Winner: What Investment Trust Awards 2014 Best Sector Specialist Investment Trust

# Important Information

Worldwide Healthcare Trust PLC (the "Company") is a UK investment trust premium listed on the London Stock Exchange and is a member of the Association of Investment Companies. As this Company may implement a gearing policy investors should be aware that the share price movement may be more volatile than movements in the price of underlying investments. 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 not get back the original amount invested. Changes in the rates of exchange between currencies may cause the value of investments to fluctuate. Fluctuation may be particularly marked in the case of a higher volatility fund and the value of an investment may fall suddenly and substantially. Shares in the biotechnology sector can prove volatile and above average price movements can be expected. There can be no assurance that the Company's investment objective will be achieved and investment results may vary substantially over time. This document is for information purposes only and does not constitute an offer or invitation to purchase shares in the Company and has not been prepared in connection with any such offer or invitation. Investment trust share prices may not fully reflect underlying net asset values. There may be a difference between the prices at which you may purchase ("the offer price") or sell ("the bid price") a share on the stock market which is known as "bid-offer" or "dealing" spread. This is set by the market makers and varies from share to share. This spread typically averages 1-2% each way on the mid-market price (the price halfway between the bid and offer prices), and can fluctuate and at times be higher than average. The net asset value per share is calculated in accordance with the guidelines of the Association of Investment Companies. Net assets are stated inclusive of income received. Any opinions on individual stocks are those of the Company's Portfolio Manager and no reliance should be given on any such views. Any research in this document has been procured and may have been acted upon by OrbiMed Capital LLC for its own purposes. The results are being made available to you only incidentally. The views expressed herein do not constitute investment or any other advice and are subject to change. They do not necessarily reflect the views of Frostrow Capital LLP and no assurances are made as to their accuracy.

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# Fast Facts as at 31 August 2016

Launch Date	April 1995
•	nt Fee (payable by the
Company)	
	plus 0.30% of market cap. up to
£150m, 0.20% > £	150m and 0.125% > £500m plus
	£57,500
Performance Fee	See Annual Report for details
Ongoing charges*	0.9%
Continuation Vote*	* At AGM in 2014: every 5 years

Year / Half Year	31 March / 30 September
Capital Structure	46,528,088 Ordinary Shares
-	1,310,932 Treasury Shares
*Calculated at the financi	ial vear end includes management

fees and all other operating expenses, and excludes performance fees. \*Next vote to be held on AGM in 2019.

# **Trust Characteristics**

Number of Holdings	79
Net Assets (£m)	1,009.3
Market	
Capitalisation (£m)	943.1
Dividend Policy	Provisional payment dates:
	January & July
Indicative Yield	0.8%
Gearing	8.0%
L average***	Gross 119.2%
Leverage***	Commitment 116.8%
Share Price (p)	2027.00
NAV(p) (cum income)	2169.14
Undiluted	2109.14
(Discount) / Premium	(6.6%)
NAV(p) (cum income)	2165.25
Diluted for treasury shares	2105.25
(Discount) / Premium	(6.4%)
*** The Board has set the mather	aximum leverage limit for both

e Gross and the Commitment basis at 140% of the Company's Net Asset Value.

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