

# Worldwide Healthcare Trust PLC

Portfolio Manager





### Information as at 31 January 2018

# www.worldwidewh.com

# **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) +169.3%

Benchmark: MSCI World Health Care Index (net total return; sterling adjusted) +111.2% Source: Morningstar, Index - Bloomberg

Source. Morningstal, index - bloomberg

### Commentary

In January the NAV per share was up 0.9%, the share price was down 1.1%, and the MSCI World Health Care Index was up 0.7%.

January proved to be an eventful start to start the calendar year. The MSCI World Health Care Index rose with abandon in January, only to see returns materially clipped in sterling terms due to a decline in the U.S. dollar and month-end turbulence in global equity markets.

Importantly for healthcare, M&A emphatically returned to the sector in January after a sleepy 2017 with no less than seven notable transactions in the month. Whilst not the biggest acquisition, the highest profile take-out was in the biotechnology space, with **Celgene** acquiring **Juno Therapeutics** for \$9 billion in cash, representing nearly a 100% premium to the unaffected share price. Juno is one of the innovation leaders in the development of novel cell therapy techniques for the treatment of cancer.

Other contributors of import included **Intuitive Surgical**, the California-based manufacturer of state-of-theart surgical robotics. The company pre-announced a "blow-out" quarter which sent shares soaring to a new 52-week high. And yet again, the China-based (but U.S. listed) biotechnology company, **BeiGene**, was a top contributor to performance in the month. Momentum in the share price continued from multiple tailwinds, including M&A speculation, further advancement of their drug pipeline, and a growing appreciation for the commercial opportunity in China.

The largest detractor in the month was **Puma Biotechnology**. In 2017, the company received U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval (FDA) for their novel breast cancer drug, Nerlynx (neratinib). However, the European regulatory authorities, the European Medicines Agency, unexpectedly voted against approval in January. The surprise decision caused the shares to drop over 25% in response.

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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.

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## **Biographies**

Sven H. Borho CFA, is a founding Partner of OrbiMed. Mr. Borho is a senior member of the public equity team and he is a portfolio manager for OrbiMed's public equity and hedge funds. 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. Mr. Borho studied business administration at Bayreuth University in Germany and received an 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 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 90 investment professionals who carry out extensive research, involving visits developing company and 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 biotechnology, healthcare pharmaceutical, equipment, healthcare technology and healthcare services companies. The Portfolio Manager seeks to reduce risk through extensive fundamental research, worldwide exposure, limits, position and balanced market capitalisations. The Company's 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) / Premium 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. In order to stop the share price trading at a significant premium, the Company has the ability to issue new shares at a 0.7% premium to the cum income NAV per share.

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.

# 10 Largest Holdings as at 31 January 2018\*

Name	Region	Total
Merck & Co	North America	4.3
Novo Nordisk	Europe	3.8
Wright Medical	Europe	3.2
Regeneron Pharmaceuticals	North America	3.2
Boston Scientific	North America	3.2
Alexion Pharmaceuticals	North America	2.9
Celgene	North America	2.9
Biogen	North America	2.9
Intuitive Surgical	North America	2.7
Cigna	North America	2.6
Total		31.7

# Sector, Geographical\*\* & Asset Class Breakdown at 31 January 2018\*

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Biotechnology	33.6	North America	64.9	Equities	86.9
Pharmaceutical	30.4	Europe	15.6	Equity Swaps	10.0
Healthcare Equipment/Suppl	lies 15.4	Emerging Markets	12.2	Variable Interest	2.2
Healthcare Providers/Service	es 8.1	Asia	7.3	Options	0.5
Emerging Markets	5.8	Total	100.0	Fixed Interest	0.4
Life Sciences/Tools & Servic	es 4.1			Total	100.0
Fixed & Variable Interest	2.6				
Total	100.0				

\*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 incorporation.

Source: All portfolio information sourced from Frostrow Capital LLP.

## Discrete Performance – Calendar Years (%)

Percentage Growth	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
NAV	44.3	38.8	19.1	5.2	16.5
Share Price	47.1	39.6	13.9	10.1	20.7
Benchmark	33.6	25.6	12.7	11.2	9.4

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

Percentage Growth 12 Month Return	Jan 13- Jan 14	Jan 14- Jan 15	Jan 15- Jan 16	Jan 16- Jan 17	Jan 17- Jan 18
NAV	38.5	41.5	-0.2	21.5	13.2
Share Price	41.3	48.1	-9.5	28.1	18.4
Benchmark	23.4	31.5	1.4	17.0	9.7

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

#### Awards

Winner: Investment Week, Investment Company of the Year 2016, Specialist (including Hedge Funds) Category

#### 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 2019).

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# Fast Facts as at 31 January 2018

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	AIC Sector	Biotechnology & I	Healthcare		
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	Performance Fee		Report for		

Ongoing charges*	0.9%		
Continuation Vote	2019 AGM and every 5 <sup>th</sup>		
	AGM thereafter		
Year / Half Year	ar 31 March /		
30 September			
Capital Structure 49,561,278 shares			
*Calculated at the financial y	vear end, includes management fees		

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# **Trust Characteristics**

Number of Holdings	94	
Net Assets (£m)	1,238.0	
Market Capitalisation (£m)	1,241.5	
Dividends	Provisional payment dates: January & July	
Indicative Yield	0.9%	
Gearing	5.8%	
Leverage**	Gross 115.4% Commitment 114.0%	
Share Price (p)	2505.00	
NAV(p) (cum income)	2498.00	
Premium / (Discount) 0.39		
** 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.		

#### Codes

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ISIN	GB0003385308	
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