

# Worldwide Healthcare Trust PLC



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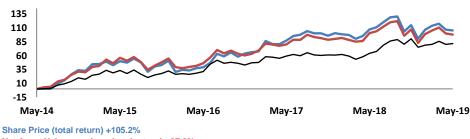
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#### **Investment Objective**

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) +97.9%

Benchmark: MSCI World Health Care Index (net total return; sterling adjusted) +81.7%

Source: Morningstar, Benchmark - Bloomberg

#### Commentary

In May, the NAV per share was down 1.0%, the share price was down 0.8% and the MSCI World Health Care Index was up 0.8%.

After retreating in January, volatility spiked again in May as geopolitics captured the spotlight once again and pushed the broader equity markets significantly lower. Renewed tariff "war" rhetoric coming from U.S. President Donald Trump roiled the markets; the MSCI World Index total return in the month was -5.7% (\$) and -2.6% (£). Healthcare was partially defensive; the MSCI World Health Care Index total return was -2.3% (\$) and +0.8% (£). The Company underperformed in May due to some idiosyncratic reasons. First, one of our largest positions, Alexion Pharmaceuticals sold off in the month after rumours and news of the company's #1 shareholder was reducing its position in the company. The stock sold off 16% as a result. Second, news on opioid litigation in the U.S. resumed in May, sparking extreme selling pressure across a host of generic and specialty drug companies that have been directly or indirectly implicated in exacerbating the opioid crisis. The share price of Mylan was down nearly 40% as a result. Finally, the share price of biotechnology company, Puma Biotechnology was cut in half after the company reported disappointing first quarter sales and lowered guidance for their breast cancer drug, Nerlynx (neratinib).

Top contributors in May were equally diverse in nature. The share price of the specialty pharmaceutical company, **Neurocrine Biosciences** rebounded in the month after the company reported a modestly disappointing first quarter result in April. Second, increased visibility on two key overhangs helped drive shares higher in medical technology company **Boston Scientific**. Specifically, rising investor enthusiasm for the company's late June biennial Investor Day, and more generally an improved outlook for growth in the second half of 2019 and 2020 bolstered the share price. Finally, **Novartis'** stock price appreciated in May for a troika of reasons, the most important being the approval of a novel gene therapy – called Zolgensma (onasemnogene abeparvovec) – for the treatment of a devasting, rare disease called spinal muscular atrophy that is characterized by the loss of motor neurons leading to progressive muscle weakness and paralysis in new-born and infant babies.

Looking ahead, near-term news flow may come from a variety of sources, including medical meetings, clinical catalysts, and broker conferences all ahead of the second quarter earnings period that will commence in earnest in mid-July.

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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 <u>www.worldwidewh.com</u>.

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

Trevor M. Polischuk, Ph.D., is a Partner at OrbiMed focused on the global pharmaceutical industry. Trevor joined OrbiMed in 2003 and became a Partner in 2011. Previously, he worked at Lehman Brothers as a Senior Research Analyst covering the U.S. pharmaceutical industry. Trevor began his career at Warner Lambert as a member of the Global Marketing Planning team within Parke-Davis. Trevor holds a Doctorate in Neuropharmacology & Gross Human Anatomy and an M.B.A. from Queen's University, Canada.

#### 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 company visits and evaluating 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 investment capitalisations. 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. Unquoted securities will not exceed 10% 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 to the NAV per share, 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 May 2019\*

Name	Region	Total
Takeda Pharmaceutical	Japan	8.0
Boston Scientific	North America	6.3
Merck & Co	North America	5.4
Alexion Pharmaceuticals	North America	4.8
Novartis	Europe	4.1
Novo Nordisk	Europe	3.5
Wright Medical	North America	3.3
Bristol-Myers Squibb	North America	3.2
Edwards Lifesciences	North America	3.0
Neurocrine Biosciences	North America	3.0
Total		44.6

## Sector, Geographical\*\* & Asset Class\*\*\* Breakdown at 31 May 2019\*

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Pharmaceutical	35.5	North America	64.6	Equities	89.3
Biotechnology	26.6	Emerging Markets	14.5	Equity Swaps	8.5
Healthcare Equipment/Su	pplies 19.5	Europe	11.4	Unquoteds	2.0
Healthcare Providers/Ser	vices 7.9	Asia	9.5	Options	0.2
Life Sciences/Tools & Sei	rvices 5.8	Total	100.0	Total	100.0
Emerging Markets Baske	ts 3.4				
Fixed & Variable Interest	1.3				
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 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.

## Discrete Performance – Calendar Years (%)

Percentage Growth	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	YTD
NAV	38.8	19.1	5.2	16.5	-3.8	8.3
Share Price	39.6	13.9	10.1	20.7	-5.0	7.7
Benchmark	25.6	12.7	11.2	9.4	8.8	3.8

## Standardised Discrete Performance (%)

Percentage Growth 12 Month Return	May 14- May 15	May 15- May 16	May 16- May 17	May 17- May 18	May 18- May 19
NAV	55.9	-6.2	23.2	11.1	-1.2
Share Price	49.9	-7.3	34.7	10.6	-0.9
Benchmark	33.3	-1.6	21.4	3.1	10.8

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

## 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 July 2019).

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Fast Facts	as at 31	May 2019	
AIC Sector	Biotechnology 8	Healthcare	
Launch Date & appo Portfolio Manager	ointment of	April 1995	
Annual Manageme	ent Fee (paya	ble by the	
Company): 0.65% o	f net assets plu	us 0.30% of	
market cap. up to £1	50m, in the rand	ge £150m to	
	£500m 0.2%; in the range £500m to £1bn 0.15%;		
in the range £1bn to	n 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*		0.9%	
Continuation Vote	2019 AGM	and every 5 <sup>th</sup>	
	AGM therea	after	
Year / Half Year	31 March /		
	30 Septeml	ber	

Capital Structure 52.840.278 shares \*Calculated at the financial year end, includes management fees and all other operating expenses, and excludes performance fees.

## **Trust Characteristics**

Number of Holdings	68	
Net Assets (£m)	1,353.2	
Market Capitalisation (£m)	1,360.6	
Dividends	Provisional payment dates: January & July	
Indicative Yield	1.0%	
Gearing	0.0%	
Leverage**	Gross 111.1% Commitment 107.3%	
Share Price (p)	2575.00	
NAV(p) (cum income)	2560.85	
Premium / (Discount) 0.6		
** 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			
Legal Entity Identifier (LEI)				
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Global Intermediary Identification Number				
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