

# Worldwide Healthcare Trust PLC

Portfolio Manager





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### Information as at 28 February 2018

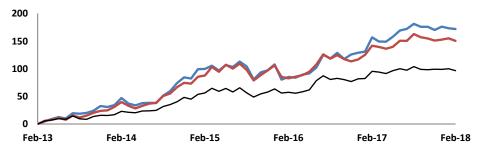
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#### **Investment Objective**

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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#### Share Price (total return) +171.7%

Net Asset Value per share (total return) +150.5%

Benchmark: MSCI World Health Care Index (net total return; sterling adjusted) +96.6%

Source: Morningstar, Index - Bloomberg

#### Commentary

In February the NAV per share was down 1.7%, the share price was down 0.6%, and the MSCI World Health Care Index was down 1.7%.

Volatility was certainly the hallmark of February, with global equity markets plummeting and volatility spiking at the start of the month. A bounce in the latter half of the month reduced some of the losses but markets closed in the red. A mix of economic news and speculation around interest rates were to blame.

Given the heavy macro-laden backdrop to share price moves, only a few stocks in the portfolio stood out. Xencor, a small biotech company out of California, was re-rated higher as investor enthusiasm over the company's late stage pipeline increased materially in the period. Bristol-Myers Squibb finished up after the company announced positive interim data for their immuno-oncology cocktail for the treatment of frontline lung cancer. Finally, share price momentum continued for Array BioPharma, after the company announced additional data for their own oncology cocktail for the treatment of skin cancer.

Negative contribution came from several large cap biotech stocks, each of which experienced some incremental yet negative news flow in addition to the early month share price declines. Shares in Biogen traded lower after a company spokesperson said they were enrolling additional patients in the company's high-profile, late stage, Alzheimer's disease trial. Investors angst over the outcome of the trial increased with that announcement. Celgene was lower after the company unexpectedly received a "refusal to file" letter from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for their key pipeline drug (ozanimod for the treatment of multiple sclerosis) despite positive phase 3 data that was presented earlier. Finally, share price weakness continued for Regeneron Pharmacuticals. Investors brushed off a solid quarterly report and remained skittish ahead of a major medical meeting in March at which the company was expected to present final outcomes data for the company's lipid lowering agent, Praluent (evolocumab).

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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.

# @Worldwidewh 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 and developing company 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 healthcare services companies. The Portfolio Manager seeks to reduce risk through extensive fundamental research, worldwide exposure, limits, position and balanced capitalisations. The Company's investment objective also allows through gearing, 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.

# 10 Largest Holdings as at 28 February 2018\*

Name	Region	Total
Merck & Co	North America	4.0
Boston Scientific	North America	3.9
Novo Nordisk	Europe	3.7
Alexion Pharmaceuticals	North America	3.4
Bristol-Myers Squibb	North America	3.2
Wright Medical	Europe	2.9
Vertex Pharmaceutical	North America	2.9
Biogen	North America	2.9
Regeneron Pharmaceuticals	North America	2.9
Celgene	North America	2.6
Total		32.4

## Sector, Geographical\*\* & Asset Class Breakdown at 28 February 2018\*

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Biotechnology	35.3	North America	65.2	Equities	87.6
Pharmaceutical	29.2	Europe	16.4	Equity Swaps	9.1
Healthcare Equipment/Supplies	15.1	<b>Emerging Markets</b>	11.3	Variable Interest	2.4
Healthcare Providers/Services	7.9	Asia	7.1	Options	0.6
Emerging Markets	5.8	Total	100.0	Fixed Interest	0.3
Life Sciences/Tools & Services	4.0			Total	100.0
Fixed & Variable Interest	2.7				
Total	100.0				

<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.

#### 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 (%)**

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Percentage Growth 12 Month Return	Feb 13- Feb 14	Feb 14- Feb 15	Feb 15- Feb 16	Feb 16- Feb 17	Feb 17- Feb 18
NAV	39.6	34.5	-2.7	32.3	3.7
Share Price	47.1	35.8	-7.3	38.6	5.8
Benchmark	23.1	27.1	0.7	24.1	0.7

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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 28 February 2018

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Annual Management Fee (payable by the Company): 0.65% of net assets <u>plus</u> 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% <u>plus</u> £57,500

Performance Fee	See Annual Report for	
	details	
Ongoing charges*	0.9%	
Continuation Vote	2019 AGM and every 5th	
	AGM thereafter	
Year / Half Year	31 March /	
	30 September	
Capital Structure	49.766.278 shares	

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

#### **Trust Characteristics**

Number of Holdings	96
Net Assets (£m)	1,221.6
Market Capitalisation (£m)	1,239.2
Dividends	Provisional payment
Dividends	dates: January & July
Indicative Yield	0.9%
Gearing	8.5%
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Leverage**	Commitment 117.3%
Share Price (p)	2490.00
NAV(p) (cum income)	2454.62
Premium / (Discount)	1.4%

<sup>\*\*</sup> 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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<sup>\*\*</sup>Geographical analysis based on country of incorporation.

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