

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).



Portfolio Manager

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OrbiMed
Healthcare Fund Management

Fast Facts

As at 28 February 2022

AIC Sector	Biotechnology & Healthcare
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
Ongoing Charges Ratio (OCR)*	0.9%
Continuation Vote	2024 AGM and every 5 th AGM thereafter
Year / Half Year	31 March / 30 September
Capital Structure	65,537,755 shares

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

Ten Largest Holdings as at 28 February 2022

Name	Region	Sector	Total
AstraZeneca	Europe	Pharmaceuticals	5.2
Roche	Europe	Pharmaceuticals	4.6
Bristol-Myers Squibb	North America	Pharmaceuticals	4.5
Boston Scientific	North America	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	4.2
AbbVie	North America	Pharmaceuticals	3.9
Horizon Therapeutics	North America	Pharmaceuticals	3.9
Intuitive Surgical	North America	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	3.7
Humana	North America	Health Care Providers & Services	3.7
UnitedHealth	North America	Health Care Providers & Services	3.4
Stryker	North America	Health Care Equipment & Supplies	3.2
Total			40.3

Trust Characteristics

Number of Holdings	87
Net Assets (£m)	2,174.1
Market Capitalisation (£m)	2,054.6
Dividends	Provisional payment dates: January & July
Indicative Yield	0.7%
Gearing	1.8%
Leverage**	Gross 108.9% Commitment 106.6%
Share Price (p)	3135.00
NAV per share (p) (cum income)	3317.25
(Discount) / Premium	(5.5%)
Portfolio Turnover p.a.	75.9%
Active Share***	69.0%

Sector, Region & Asset Class*** Breakdown at 28 February 2022* (%)**

Pharmaceutical	32.7	North America	69.5	Listed Equities	87.5
Biotechnology	22.2	China / Hong Kong	13.2	Unquoteds	8.6
Healthcare Equipment / Supplies	20.4	Europe	10.7	Equity Swaps	3.9
Healthcare Providers / Services	17.0	Japan	3.7	Total	100.0
Life Sciences Tools & Services	7.5	India	2.9		
Variable Interest	0.2	Total	100.0		
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*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	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	YTD
NAV	16.5	-3.8	31.9	20.0	-0.4	-8.8
Share Price	20.7	-5.0	32.3	19.9	-2.6	-13.0
Index	11.2	9.4	8.8	18.4	10.3	-6.8

Standardised Discrete Performance (%)

Percentage Growth 12 Month Return	Feb 17-Feb 18	Feb 18-Feb 19	Feb 19-Feb 20	Feb 20-Feb 21	Feb 21-Feb 22
NAV	3.7	8.8	15.2	22.2	-9.1
Share Price	5.8	8.4	9.5	29.0	-15.2
Index	0.7	13.2	9.7	11.2	17.0

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) – Morningstar. Benchmark - Bloomberg.

** 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	0338530
ISIN	GB0003385308
Legal Entity Identifier (LEI)	5493003YBCY4W1IMJU04
Global Intermediary Identification Number (GIIN)	FIZWRN.99999.SL.826
Bloomberg	WWH LN
EPIC	WWH

Investment Policy

The Company offers a superior UK-listed opportunity for capital appreciation through a diversified portfolio of worldwide pharmaceutical, biotechnology, healthcare equipment, and healthcare services companies. The Portfolio Manager seeks to reduce risk through extensive fundamental research, worldwide exposure, position limits, and balanced market capitalisations. 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.

Discount / Premium Control Mechanism

The Directors have adopted an active discount management policy through the use of share buybacks, with a view to limiting the discount to the cum 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 a premium to the prevailing cum income net asset value per share. Any shares left in treasury are cancelled around the time of

Return vs Volatility (5 Years Annualised) – Chart (%)



Commentary

In February, the NAV per share total return was +0.2%, the share price total return was +0.3% and the MSCI World Health Care Index was -0.1%, on a net total return, sterling adjusted basis.

The world's focus in February turned to Eastern Europe and the invasion by Russia of Ukraine, raising global geopolitical tensions and volatility of equity markets. The VIX spiked above 35 into month end, as broader markets sold off in the month, with the MSCI World Index falling over -250 bps (sterling). Healthcare stocks overall were modestly defensive, with the MSCI World Health Care Index falling only -0.1% in the same period. Otherwise, industry news flow for healthcare was mostly quiet in the month.

Positive performance drivers were very diverse in the February. Sub-sectors that generated absolute and relative positive returns included large cap pharma, health care services, medical devices, as well as China/India/Japan. The main source of negative contribution was emerging biotechnology stocks, a combination of allocation effect and a single stock selection with some negative news.

On an individual basis, the largest positive contributor was the managed care company, Humana Inc. The stock reacted positively after the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Service (in the U.S.) released higher than expected revenue growth rates for Medicare programs for 2023. Other notable contributions came from large cap pharma, with AbbVie Inc., Bristol-Myers Squibb Co., and AstraZeneca PLC each among the top five contributors, with each stock responding well to 2022 guidance during their quarterly reports earlier in the month, following strong momentum moves observed in January.

The largest detractor in February was the small-cap biotechnology company, Mirati Therapeutics, Inc. Despite confirmation of the regulatory filing for their lead asset, adagrasib (for the treatment of patients with lung cancer (with the KRASG12 mutation)), the FDA granted a "regular" review rather than the expected "priority" review, delaying a potential approval by 6 months. The stock's sell off was exacerbated by a broad sell-off in biotechnology in the month. Another detractor of import was Pfizer Inc. The stock sold off in the month with other "COVID-vaccine" stocks as omicron fueled infections waned in the U.S and as investor attention has moved past these names.

Looking ahead, near-term abatement of geopolitical risk looks unlikely. Pharmaceutical markets in Russia and Ukraine are small (typically 1% or less of revenues for a typical global multinational pharmaceutical company). Continued rising inflation and recession/stagflation fears may keep healthcare stocks defensive. We continue to look for the turn in biotechnology stocks. Possible catalysts include M&A, as many large cap pharma executives talked-up business development priorities during the quarterly reporting period. In terms of U.S. drug price reform, Democratic support continues fall for President Biden's "Build Back Better" bill. The collapse of this bill – and with it, drug price reform – could help buoy investor sentiment for the group.

the AGM. In order to help prevent 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.

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Risk Warnings

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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 2024).

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