

## **Trust Fact Sheet**

30 October 2020



#### **Trust Facts**

**Ordinary Shares**Share Price

 Share Price
 226.00p

 NAV per share
 260.26p

 Premium

 Discount
 -13.16%

 Capital
 121,270,000 shares of 25p

**ZDP Shares** 

 Share Price
 107.50p

 NAV per share
 110.47p

 Premium

 Discount
 -2.69%

 Capital
 32,128,437 shares of 1p

Assets & Gearing 2

Total Gross Assets £347.8m
Total Net Assets £315.6m
AIC Gearing Ratio 4.49%
AIC Net Cash Ratio 0.00%

Historic Yield (%) 0.93

Historic Yield (%)

## Dividends (p/share)

August 2020 (paid)	1.00
February 2020 (paid)	1.10
August 2019 (paid)	1.00
February 2019 (paid)	1.00
rebradily 2013 (paid)	1.0

#### **Benchmark**

MSCI All Country World Index / Healthcare (Sterling)

#### Fees 3

Management			0.75%
Performance	10%	over	performance hurdle
Ongoing Charg	jes		1.01%

#### **Risk Warning**

Your capital is at risk. You may not get back the full amount you invested. Please note the Important Information at the end of this document and the Investment Policy and full Risk Warnings set out in the Prospectus, Annual Report and/or Investor Disclosure Document.

#### **Discount Warning**

The shares of investment trusts may trade at a discount or a premium to Net Asset Value for a variety of reasons including market sentiment and market conditions. On a sale you could realise less than the Net Asset Value and less than you initially invested.

## Company Profile

#### **Investment Objective**

The Company's investment objective is to generate capital growth by investing in a global portfolio of healthcare stocks.

#### **Investment Policy**

The Company seeks to achieve this objective by investing in a diversified global portfolio consisting primarily of listed equities issued by healthcare companies involved in pharmaceuticals, medical services, medical devices and biotechnology. The portfolio is expected to be diversified by factors such as geography, industry sub-sector and investment size.

#### Dividends

The Company pays two dividends a year.

#### Life of Company

The Company will propose a special resolution for voluntary winding up at its 14th AGM expected to be held around 1 March 2025.

#### **Zero Dividend Preference Shares (ZDPs)**

Through its wholly owned subsidiary, PCGH ZDP plc, the Company issued 32,128,437 ZDP shares, which entitles ZDP shareholders to a pre-determined redemption value of 122.99p per ZDP share on 19 June 2024.

#### Performance

### **Performance Since Launch** (%)<sup>5</sup>



	1 month	3 month	YTD	1 year	20/06/17 <sup>5</sup>	Launch	
Ordinary Share Price (TR) <sup>1</sup>	-3.00	-6.62	-4.22	7.78	8.79	173.14	
NAV per Share (TR) <sup>4</sup>	-2.92	-1.61	2.71	12.54	23.75	237.97	_
MSCI ACWI / Healthcare TR	-4.67	-2.85	4.46	10.32	28.98	296.12	_
NYSE Arca Pharmaceutical CR	-7.04	-4.67	-1.39	3.66	22.87	244.65	

#### Financial Year Performance (%)<sup>6</sup>

	YTD	30.09.19 30.09.20	28.09.18 30.09.19	29.09.17 28.09.18	30.09.16 29.09.17
Ordinary Share Price (TR) <sup>1</sup>	-3.00	7.81	-1.35	13.72	3.41
NAV per Share (TR) <sup>4</sup>	-2.92	14.14	-1.26	19.83	0.60
MSCI ACWI / Healthcare TR	-4.67	15.95	3.14	17.24	8.60
NYSE Arca Pharmaceutical CR	-7.04	10.47	7.75	15.43	6.35

Source: Bloomberg & HSBC Securities Services (UK) Limited, percentage growth, Net of Fees in GBP terms. Past performance is not indicative or a guarantee of future results.

1. The ordinary share price has been adjusted for dividends paid in the period in GBP and reinvested at the

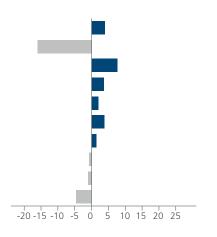
- The ordinary share price has been adjusted for dividends paid in the period in GBP and reinvested at the ex-dividend date.
- 2. Gearing calculations are exclusive of current year Revenue/Loss.
- 23. All fees, with the exception of performance fees, are allocated 80% to capital and 20% to income. Performance fees are allocated 100% to capital. The management fee is based on the lower of the Group Market Capitalisation or Adjusted NAV (which includes all assets referable to the ZDP Shares). The performance fee hurdle is equal to the relaunch NAV multiplied by the benchmark total return plus 1.5% compounded annually. Ongoing charges are calculated at the latest published year end date, excluding any performance fees.
- 4. The NAV per share is adjusted to show dividends reinvested on the payment date in ordinary shares at their Net Asset Value; to remove the dilution of the exercise of the subscription rights and, to remove any effects from any issuance or repurchase of ordinary shares. This is the metric used by the Company when assessing the investment manager's performance.
- 5. The Company was restructured on 20 June 2017; represented by the grey dotted line on the performance graph.
- 1-5. For further detail please refer to the Annual Report.
- 6. The end of the financial year for the Company is 30 September each year.

## Portfolio Exposure

As at 30 October 2020

#### **Sector Exposure** (%)

	Fund (%)	Relative (%)
Healthcare Equipment	24.6	3.9
Pharmaceuticals	22.4	-16.1
Biotechnology	21.5	7.6
Life Sciences Tools & Service	s 11.8	3.6
Managed Healthcare	9.5	2.0
Healthcare Distributors	5.1	3.8
Healthcare Technology	3.9	1.5
Healthcare Services	2.8	-0.7
Other	2.8	-1.0
Cash	-4.5	-4.5



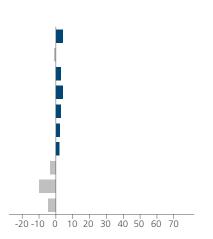
#### **Top 10 Holdings** (% of net assets)

Roche	5.7
Medtronic	5.1
UnitedHealth Group	4.8
Sanofi	4.2
Amgen	3.9
Eli Lilly & Co	3.8
Becton Dickinson	3.7
Avantor	3.6
Amerisourcebergen	3.4
Baxter International	3.4
Total	41.6

**Total Number of Positions** 43

## **Geographic Exposure** (%)

	Fund (%)	Relative (%)
United States	67.7	4.1
Switzerland	7.2	-1.0
Ireland	5.5	3.1
Netherlands	5.3	4.3
Germany	5.1	3.1
Denmark	5.0	2.3
France	4.2	2.2
Japan	2.8	-3.4
Other	1.8	-10.1
Cash	-4.5	-4.5



#### **Market Capitalisation Exposure** (%)

<b>Active Share</b>	76.88%
Cash	-4.5
Small Cap (<\$1bn)	4.1
Mid Cap (\$1bn - \$5bn)	7.7
Large Cap (>\$5bn)	92.7

The column headed "Fund (%)" refers to the percentage of the Fund's net assets invested in each sector. The column headed "Relative (%)" refers to the extent to which the Fund is overweight or underweight in each sector compared (relative) to the index.

## Investing in the Trust and Shareholder Information

#### **Trust Characteristics**

Launch Date	15 June 2010
Year End	30 September
Results Announced	Mid December
Next AGM (10th)	February 2021
Listed	London Stock Exchange

#### **Market Purchases**

The ordinary shares are listed and traded on the London Stock Exchange. Investors may purchase shares through their stockbroker, bank or other financial intermediary.

#### **Corporate Contacts**

### Registered Office and Website

16 Palace Street, London SW1E 5JD www.polarcapitalhealthcaretrust.co.uk

#### Custodian

HSBC Plc is the Depositary and provides global custody of all the company's investments

#### Registrar

Equiniti Limited, Aspect House, Spencer Road, Lancing, West Sussex, BN99 6DA www.shareview.co.uk

### Codes

Ordinary Shares	
ISIN	GB00B6832P16
SEDOL	B6832P1
London Stock Exchange	PCGH
ZDP Shares	

ISIN GB00BDHXP963
SEDOL BDHXP96
London Stock Exchange PGHZ

The entire investment portfolio is published in the annual and semi annual reports and as part of the interim management statement. It should not be assumed that recommendations made in future will be profitable or will equal performance of the securities in this list. A list of all recommendations made within the immediately preceding 12 months is available upon request. Note: Totals may not sum due to rounding.



# **Fund Manager Comments**

As at 30 October 2020

Equity markets were indecisive in October, with the healthcare sector underperforming the broader markets. Not too dissimilar to September, the strength early in the month and subsequent weakness thereafter appeared to be closely tied to any optimism and/or pessimism surrounding a potential stimulus package in the US.

Looking at the healthcare subsectors, healthcare supplies and life sciences and tools were strong, driven by the dental names on the supply side and by buoyant end markets on the tools side. The biotechnology and pharmaceuticals subsectors struggled, driven by an underwhelming financial reporting season coupled with concerns that a 'Blue Wave' will sweep the US election, raising the possibility of a tougher stance on drug pricing. The Company's NAV declined 2.9% in October, which was ahead of the benchmark (Morgan Stanley Global Healthcare Index) which was down 4.7% for the month.

At the time of writing, we still have no clarity on who will be the US President for the next four years, nor do we have clarity on the make-up of Congress. It is not too controversial, however, to offer the view that a blue wave is unlikely, that Donald Trump is once again defying the odds and that the Senate may well be in legislative gridlock for some time. What does this mean for healthcare? First, it is reasonable to argue that the more draconian and far-reaching policies on drug pricing might well be off the table for the time being. Secondly, ongoing Republican influence in the Senate could represent a roadblock for a public option on the healthcare insurance side and for tax reform. Focussing on individual subsectors, the biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies could see recent pressure on their valuations reverse. On the managed care side, the absence of a public option would be a positive, as would the absence of tax reform. It would be an oversight, however, to ignore the upcoming Supreme Court hearing. As a reminder, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) could be deemed unconstitutional in a case the Supreme Court will hear oral arguments for on 10 November. We view the likelihood of the ACA being overturned as a low probability event but a potentially high impact one.

Positive relative contributors from active positions in October were Align Technology, Bio-Rad Laboratories and Acadia Pharmaceuticals. Align Technology produced a simply stunning set of 3Q20 financial results, with revenues coming in some 40% ahead of consensus expectations. Importantly, the drivers of performance (a switch to clear aligners from traditional wires and brackets coupled with reduced dentist visits and a digital workflow) are durable and accelerating. Further, the momentum witnessed in Q3 continued into October. Bio-Rad's upwards trajectory reflects strong execution operationally, both from the base business and from the COVID-19 tailwind. The stock's valuation also benefitted from the appreciation of its equity investment in Sartorius which was up strongly during the reporting period. There was no material newsflow from Acadia Pharmaceuticals during the month.

Detractors to performance from active positions in the reporting period were Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Exelixis and Amgen. Vertex disappointed the market by discontinuing a Phase II asset targeting something known as alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency, a genetic disorder that can lead to lung and liver disease. While we believe the loss of market capitalisation to be excessive (nearly \$15bn on the day), the market is concerned about Vertex's pipeline, terminal value and a perceived need to pursue M&A. There was no newsflow in the period for Exelixis, suffering with the general turmoil in the biotechnology space. The catalyst for Amgen's underperformance was the top-line data for heart failure agent omecamtiv mecarbil. While the trial hit statistical significance for the primary endpoint, (reducing cardiovascular death or heart failure events) the magnituide was underwhelming. Further, there was no reduction in the secondary endpoint of cardiovascular death. The omecamtiv readout was one of several important catalysts from Amgen, with the Phase III data from asthma asset tezepelumab the final major event that could positively rerate the stock before the year end.

We believe the medium-term outlook for the healthcare industry continues to be positive, and potential legislative paralysis in the Senate is also a perceived positive for the sector, but near-term caution is warranted. The COVID-19 virus is still here, the Phase III results of the various vaccines in development are yet to be disclosed and there is a risk that the outcome of the Presidency is contested, putting any stimulus packages on hold. Updates from the aforementioned events may well create uncertainty, but it is that uncertainty that could create investment opportunities. Fascinating times.

#### **James Douglas & Gareth Powell**

5 November 2020

#### **Fund Managers**



James Douglas Fund Manager

James has co-managed the Trust since 2018, he joined Polar Capital in 2015 and has 21 years of industry experience.



Gareth Powell
Co-head of Healthcare

Gareth has co-managed the Trust since launch, he joined Polar Capital in 2007 and has 22 years of industry experience.

It should not be assumed that recommendations made in future will be profitable or will equal performance of the securities in this document. A list of all recommendations made within the immediately preceding 12 months is available upon request.



## Important Information

Important Information This document is provided for the sole use of the intended recipient and is not a financial promotion it shall not and does not constitute an offer or solicitation of an offer to make an investment into any Fund or Company managed by Polar Capital. It may not be reproduced in any form without the express permission of Polar Capital. The law restricts distribution of this document in certain jurisdictions; therefore, it is the responsibility of the reader to inform themselves about and observe any such restrictions. It is the responsibility of any person/s in possession of this document to inform themselves of, and to observe, all applicable laws and regulations of any relevant jurisdiction. Polar Capital Global Healthcare Trust plc and its subsidiary, PCGH ZDP plc are investment companies with investment trust status and as such their shares are excluded from the FCA's (Financial Conduct Authority's) restrictions which apply to non-mainstream investment products. The Companies conduct their affairs and intend to continue to do so for the foreseeable future so that the exclusion continues to apply. It is not designed to contain information material to an investor's decision to invest in Polar Capital Global Healthcare Trust plc or PCGH ZDP plc, Alternative Investment Funds under the Alternative Investment Manager. In relation to each member state of the EEA (each a "Member State") which has implemented the AlFMD, this document may only be distributed and shares may only be offered or placed in a Member State to the extent that (1) the Fund is permitted to be marketed to professional investors in the relevant Member State in accordance with the AlFMD, or (2) this document may otherwise be lawfully distributed and the shares may otherwise be lawfully offered or placed in that Member State (including at the initiative of the investor's in any other member state of the EEA. Howev

**Statements/Opinions/Views** All opinions and estimates constitute the best judgment of Polar Capital as of the date hereof, but are subject to change without notice, and do not necessarily represent the views of Polar Capital. This material does not constitute legal or accounting advice; readers should contact their legal and accounting professionals for such information. All sources are Polar Capital unless otherwise stated.

**Third-party Data** Some information contained herein has been obtained from third party sources and has not been independently verified by Polar Capital. Neither Polar Capital nor any other party involved in or related to compiling, computing or creating the data makes any express or implied warranties or representations with respect to such data (or the results to be obtained by the use thereof), and all such parties hereby expressly disclaim all warranties of originality, accuracy, completeness, merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose with respect to any data contained herein.

**Holdings** Portfolio data is "as at" the date indicated and should not be relied upon as a complete or current listing of the holdings (or top holdings) of the Companies. The holdings may represent only a small percentage of the aggregate portfolio holdings, are subject to change without notice, and may not represent current or future portfolio composition. Information on particular holdings may be withheld if it is in the Companies' best interest to do so. It should not be assumed that recommendations made in future will be profitable or will equal performance of the securities in this document. A list of all recommendations made within the immediately preceding 12 months is available upon request. This document is not a recommendation to purchase or sell any particular security. It is designed to provide updated information to professional investors to enable them to monitor the Companies.

Benchmarks The following benchmark index is used: MSCI All Country World Index/Healthcare. This benchmark is generally considered to be representative of the Healthcare Equity universe. This benchmark is a broad-based index which is used for comparative/illustrative purposes only and has been selected as it is well known and is easily recognizable by investors. Please refer to www.mscibarra. com for further information on this index. Comparisons to benchmarks have limitations as benchmarks volatility and other material characteristics that may differ from the Companies. Security holdings, industry weightings and asset allocation made for the Companies may differ significantly from the benchmark. Accordingly, investment results and volatility of the Companies may differ from those of the benchmark. The indices noted in this document are unmanaged, unavailable for direct investment, and are not subject to management fees, transaction costs or other types of expenses that the Companies may incur. The performance of the indices reflects reinvestment of dividends and, where applicable, capital gain distributions. Therefore, investors should carefully consider these limitations and differences when evaluating the comparative benchmark data performance. Information regarding indices is included merely to show general trends in the periods indicated and is not intended to imply that the Companies was similar to the indices in composition or risk. The benchmark used to calculate the performance fee is provided by an administrator on the ESMA register of benchmarks which includes details of all authorised, registered, recognised and endorsed EU and third country benchmark administrators together with their national competent authorities.

Regulatory Status Polar Capital LLP is a limited liability partnership number OC314700. It is authorised and regulated by the UK Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA") and is registered as an investment adviser with the US Securities & Exchange Commission ("SEC"). A list of members is open to inspection at the registered office, 16 Palace Street, London, SW1E 5JD. FCA authorised and regulated managers are expected to write to investors in funds they manage with details of any side letters they have entered into. The FCA considers a side letter to be an arrangement known to the Investment Manager which can reasonably be expected to provide one investor with more materially favourable rights, than those afforded to other investors. These rights may, for example, include enhanced redemption rights, capacity commitments or the provision of portfolio transparency information which are not generally available. The Companies and the Investment Manager are not aware of, or party to, any such arrangement whereby an investor has any preferential redemption rights. However, in exceptional circumstances, such as where an investor seeds a new fund or expresses a wish to invest in the Companies over time, certain investors have been or may be provided with portfolio transparency information and/or capacity commitments which are not generally available. Investors who have any questions concerning side letters or related arrangements should contact the Polar Capital Desk at the Registrar on 0800 876 6889. The Companies are prepared to instruct the custodian of the Companies, upon request, to make available to investors portfolio custody position balance reports monthly in

**Information Subject to Change** The information contained herein is subject to change, without notice, at the discretion of Polar Capital and Polar Capital does not undertake to revise or update this information in any way.

**Forecasts** References to future returns are not promises or estimates of actual returns Polar Capital may achieve. Forecasts contained herein are for illustrative purposes only and does not constitute advice or a recommendation. Forecasts are based upon subjective estimates and assumptions about circumstances and events that have not and may not take place.

**Performance/Investment Process/Risk** Performance is shown net of fees and expenses and includes the reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions. Factors affecting the Companies' performance may include changes in market conditions (including currency risk) and interest rates and in response to other economic, political, or financial developments. The Companies' investment policy allows for it to enter into derivatives contracts. Leverage may be generated through the use of such financial instruments and investors must be aware that the use of derivatives may expose the Companies to greater risks, including, but not limited to, unanticipated market developments and risks of illiquidity, and is not suitable for all investors. Those in possession of this document must read the Companies Investment Policy and Annual Report for further information on the use of derivatives. Past performance is not a guide to or indicative of future results. Future returns are not guaranteed and a loss of principal may occur. Investments are not insured by the FDIC (or any other state or federal agency), or guaranteed by any bank, and may lose value. No investment process or strategy is free of risk and there is no guarantee that the investment process or strategy described herein will be profitable.

**Allocations** The strategy allocation percentages set forth in this document are estimates and actual percentages may vary from time-to-time. The types of investments presented herein will not always have the same comparable risks and returns. Please see the private placement memorandum or prospectus for a description of the investment allocations as well as the risks associated therewith. Please note that the Companies may elect to invest assets in different investment sectors from those depicted herein, which may entail additional and/or different risks. Performance of the Companies is dependent on the Investment Manager's ability to identify and access appropriate investments, and balance assets to maximize return to the Companies while minimizing its risk. The actual investments in the Companies may or may not be the same or in the same proportion as those shown herein.

Country Specific Disclaimers The Companies have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Investment Company Act") and the holders of its shares will not be entitled to the benefits of the Investment Company Act. In addition, the offer and sale of the Securities have not been, and will not be, registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). No Securities may be offered or sold or otherwise transacted within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of U.S. Persons (as defined in Regulation S of the Securities Act). In connection with the transaction referred to in this document the shares of the Companies will be offered and sold only outside the United States to, and for the account or benefit of non U.S. Persons in "offshore- transactions" within the meaning of, and in reliance on the exemption from registration provided by Regulation S under the Securities Act. No money, securities or other consideration is being solicited and, if sent in response to the information contained herein, will not be accepted. Any failure to comply with the above restrictions may constitute a violation of such securities laws.

