

# Trust Fact Sheet

30 April 2021



#### **Trust Facts**

**Ordinary Shares** Share Price 263.00p NAV per share 291.88p Premium Discount -9.89% 121,270,000 shares of 25p

**ZDP Shares** 

Capital

112.50p Share Price NAV per share 112.10p 0.36% Premium Discount 32,128,437 shares of 1p Capital

Assets & Gearing 2

**Total Gross Assets** £386.1m Total Net Assets f354 0m AIC Gearing Ratio 6.67% AIC Net Cash Ratio n/a

0.76

# Dividends (p/share)

**Historic Yield** (%)

February 2021 (Paid)	1.00
August 2020 (Paid)	1.00
February 2020 (Paid)	1.10
August 2019 (Paid)	1.00

#### **Benchmark**

MSCI All Country World Index / Healthcare (Sterling)

### Fees 3

Management			0.75%
Performance	10%	over	performance hurdle
Ongoing Charg	ges		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	Since 20.06.17 <sup>5</sup>	
Ordinary Share Price (TR) <sup>1</sup>	8.68	5.62	8.67	11.40	27.12	219.13
NAV per Share (TR) <sup>4</sup>	5.53	6.87	8.13	15.48	39.31	280.46
MSCI ACWI / Healthcare TR	3.70	2.52	3.12	10.50	41.73	335.30
NYSE Arca Pharmaceutical CR	1.36	0.88	2.04	2.91	33.98	275.80

### **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>	13.33	7.81	-1.35	13.72	3.41
NAV per Share (TR) <sup>4</sup>	9.28	14.14	-1.26	19.83	0.60
MSCI ACWI / Healthcare TR	4.76	15.95	3.14	17.24	8.60
NYSE Arca Pharmaceutical CR	1.30	10.53	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

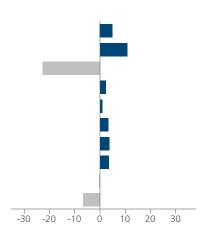
- ex-dividend date.
- 2. Gearing calculations are exclusive of current year Revenue/Loss.
- All fees, with the exception of performance fees, are allocated 80% to capital and 20% to income. Performance fees are allocated 100% to capital. The management fee is based on the lower of the Group Market Capitalisation 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.
- 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 April 2021

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

	Fund (%)	Relative (%)
Healthcare Equipment	26.0	5.0
Biotechnology	24.5	10.7
Pharmaceuticals	13.9	-22.6
Managed Healthcare	10.5	2.3
Life Sciences Tools & Service	es 9.6	1.0
Healthcare Supplies	6.0	3.4
Healthcare Distributors	5.1	3.7
Healthcare Facilities	4.9	3.5
Other	6.1	-0.3
Cash	-6.5	-6.5



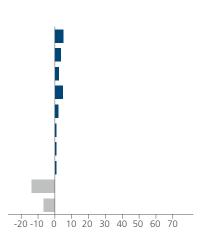
### **Top 10 Holdings** (% of net assets)

UnitedHealth Group	5.1
Medtronic	4.6
AstraZeneca	4.5
Bio-Rad Laboratories	4.4
Bristol Myers Squibb	4.3
Sanofi	4.1
Baxter International	3.7
Koninklijke Philips	3.5
Boston Scientific Corp	3.5
Siemens Healthineers AG	3.1
Total	40.8

**Total Number of Positions** 50

### **Geographic Exposure** (%)

	Fund $(\%)$	Relative (%)
United States	69.6	5.1
Ireland	6.1	3.6
United Kingdom	5.9	2.4
Netherlands	5.7	4.7
France	4.1	2.1
Denmark	3.7	1.0
Germany	3.1	0.8
Australia	2.5	0.8
Other	5.8	-13.9
Cash	-6.5	-6.5



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

Active Share	84.63%
Cash	-6.5
Small Cap (<\$5bn)	14.4
Mid Cap (\$5bn - \$10bn)	13.8
Large Cap (>\$10bn)	78.4

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 (11th)	January 2022
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**

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#### 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 PGH7

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# **Fund Manager Comments**

As at 30 April 2021

Global equity markets drifted higher in April, with healthcare a modest underperformer. Defining market characteristics for the period appeared to be modest declines in the US 10-year, low levels of volatility and relatively low trading volumes. Looking at the healthcare subsectors, facilities and managed healthcare continued to perform strongly, with medical devices also enjoying a period of strong performance. By contrast, the biotechnology and pharmaceuticals subsectors struggled, as did the distributors. The Company's NAV increased 5.5% in April, which was ahead of the benchmark (MSCI AC World Daily TR Net Health Care Index) which increased 3.7% for the month.

Financial earnings aside, April was relatively quiet in terms of news flow with the one exception being Thermo Fisher Scientific's (Thermo) proposed acquisition of clinical research organisation (CRO) PPD for \$17.4bn. Thermo believes the acquisition is a natural extension for the company, as it looks to provide its customers with reliable and cost-effective clinical research services. In our view, this is yet more evidence that outsourcing is a durable growth trend, with clinical trial organisations very well positioned to capitalise.

The dominant theme in April was financial earnings, with the healthcare sector producing mixed results. Within the biotech and pharma subsectors, the first quarter earnings season proved to be challenging as COVID-19 continues to impact demand for therapeutics and impact recruitment into clinical trials. Importantly, however, as global vaccination programs progress, we believe the industry should experience a return to more normal levels of activity. By contrast, the managed care industry has had a strong start to 2021, for the most part controlling medical costs while continuing to execute on top-line ambitions. Another subsector that appears to be recovering from the COVID-19 crisis is the medical devices sector, as patients re-enter the healthcare system, an observation that is especially relevant in regions that have appeared to be successfully rolling out COVID-19 vaccines. Life sciences tools and services are also experiencing a strong recovery in their base businesses but are challenged by the unknown that is the sustainability of COVID-19 testing revenues.

Positive contributors in the period were PPD, Bio-Rad Laboratories and Intelligent Ultrasound Group. CRO PPD continues to execute in buoyant endmarkets but the primary driver of the recent performance was a result of the proposed acquisition by Thermo on 15 April. Bio-Rad's performance reflects not only recovering end-markets but also positive business momentum and the ongoing appreciation of the company's stake in life sciences tools and services peer Sartorius. Intelligent Ultrasound announced the European approval of its ScanNav platform, a platform that uses Al technology to enhance the accuracy of ultrasound images.

Negative contributors in the period were AdaptHealth, Centene and Neurocrine Biosciences. Home health provider AdaptHealth announced that authorities in Denmark have formally charged Co-Chief Executive Officer Luke McGee with alleged tax fraud arising from private activity. The alleged personal conduct occurred between March 2014 and August 2015 and had no connection to AdaptHealth's business. This caused the stock to selloff as McGee was the main individual interacting with investors and he had generated excitement around the growth story through solid execution. Centene, a US-based managed care organisation focussed on government business, produced a Q1 2021 set of financial results that were broadly in line with expectations. The company did, however, modestly increase its 2021 guidance for medical costs which was the primary cause for concern. There was no material news flow for Neurocrine Biosciences during the reporting period.

In terms of portfolio changes, we took profits in PPD following the acquisition announcement by Thermo and recycled the proceeds into Boston Scientific and Hologic. The decision to invest in Boston Scientific is based on a number of factors, but the focus in the near term is on the launch trajectory for atrial fibrillation device WATCHMAN. If Boston can execute, then WATCHMAN could be a material driver for the company's interventional cardiology division. Looking further out, it is also worth noting that Boston's portfolio is well suited to procedures that are performed in ambulatory surgery centres, an area of the healthcare system that we believe will see greater, medium-term utilisation. Hologic has been a significant beneficiary of the COVID-19 testing dynamics and has judiciously invested some of the proceeds into devices and platforms that should accelerate group growth. If that acceleration does indeed come through, then Hologic's valuation has the potential to rerate once we move beyond the short-term benefits of COVID-19 testing.

We also participated in three IPOs during the period, all of which sit in the Innovation portfolio. PolyPeptide is a Contract Development and Manufacturing Organisation that focusses on GMP-grade peptides used in pharmaceuticals. Privia Health Group is a US-based service provider in the field of physician practice management, value-based care and data analytics. Finally, Treace Medical Concepts has developed a novel technology for the treatment of bunions and unstable foot joints.

April included, the first four months of 2021 have contained a number of updates that underpin our conviction that healthcare is an interesting and dynamic place to invest. The delivery of healthcare will continue to be disrupted, outsourcing trends feel durable and M&A is also likely to continue as companies looks to use their balance sheets to secure long-term growth. In the short term, however, we may witness a pause for breath in certain subsectors given the sharp, upward pressure we have witnessed in areas such as managed care, medical devices, facilities and the distributors. After a challenging start to the year from an operational perspective, perhaps we can look forward to a more constructive environment for biopharmaceuticals as COVID-19 vaccines roll out, confidence in healthcare systems improve and consumers address their medical needs.

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

11 May 2021

### **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.

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