

Monthly Factsheet

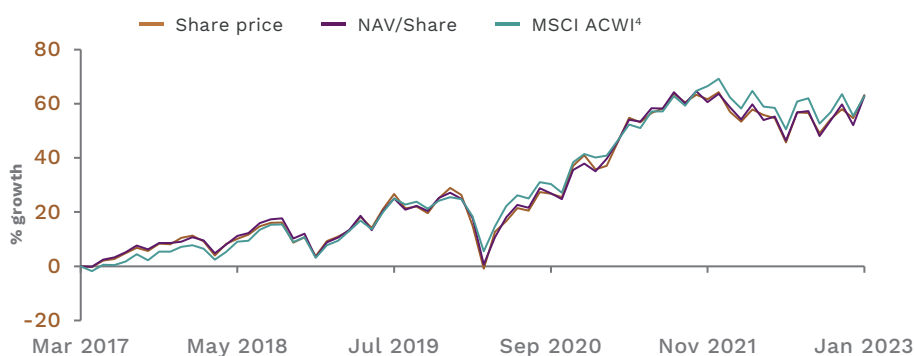
HOW WE INVEST

Alliance Trust aims to be a core equity holding for investors that delivers a real return over the long term through a combination of capital growth and a rising dividend. The Company invests primarily in global equities across a wide range of industries and sectors to achieve its objective.

The Company's investment manager, WTW, has appointed a number of Stock Pickers with different styles, who each ignore the benchmark and only buy a small number of stocks in which they have strong conviction. Therefore, we believe investors get the benefit of both highly focused stock picking to increase potential outperformance versus the benchmark and manager diversification which should reduce risk and volatility. We believe that the Company's diversified but highly active multi-manager portfolio is competitively priced.

INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

CUMULATIVE ABSOLUTE PERFORMANCE (TOTAL RETURN IN STERLING SINCE 01-APR-17⁵)



CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (%)

To 31 January 2023	Since 01-Apr-17 ⁵	5 Years	3 Years	1 Year	YTD	Month
Total shareholder return	63.2	46.6	29.2	3.9	5.5	5.5
NAV total return	62.8	47.1	30.3	2.6	7.1	7.1
MSCI ACWI total return ⁴	62.8	51.2	30.5	0.3	4.7	4.7

DISCRETE PERFORMANCE (%)

From To	31-Jan-22 31-Jan-23	31-Jan-21 31-Jan-22	31-Jan-20 31-Jan-21	31-Jan-19 31-Jan-20	31-Jan-18 31-Jan-19
Total shareholder return	3.9	15.7	7.5	15.6	-1.8
NAV total return	2.6	17.4	8.2	14.8	-1.7
MSCI ACWI total return ⁴	0.3	15.9	12.3	15.8	0.0

Note: All data is provided as at 31 January 2023 unless otherwise stated.

Past performance does not predict future returns and the value of shares and the income from them can rise and fall, so investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

KEY STATISTICS

Share Price	1,000.0p
Net Asset Value (NAV) per Share	1,059.5p
Premium (Discount)	(5.6%)
OCR Year to 31 Dec 2021 ⁷	0.60%

KEY FACTS

Total number of stocks	194
Market Capitalisation	£2,921.3m
Total Assets	£3,308.1m
Net Assets	£3,095.3m
Gross Gearing ¹	7.3%
Net Gearing ²	3.7%
Yield ³	2.4%
Year End	31 December
Incorporated	21 April 1888
Dividend Paid	Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec
Shares in Issue	292,134,600
Buybacks in January	0.15% of shares in issue
TIDM	ATST
ISIN	GB00B11V7W98
AIC Sector	Global
Next AGM	April 2023



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TOP 20 HOLDINGS

Name	£m	%
Alphabet	125.2	3.8
Microsoft	112.7	3.4
Visa	101.7	3.1
Amazon	82.3	2.5
Exxon Mobil	50.4	1.5
Mastercard	49.7	1.5
UnitedHealth Group	49.5	1.5
HDFC Bank	47.0	1.4
Petroleo Brasileiro SA	46.6	1.4
Vale	39.4	1.2
Interpublic Group	38.8	1.2
MercadoLibre	38.1	1.2
Safran	36.5	1.1
Bureau Veritas	33.5	1.0
TotalEnergies	33.0	1.0
AstraZeneca	32.2	1.0
DBS	31.8	1.0
British American Tobacco	31.2	0.9
Vinci	30.3	0.9
Canadian Pacific	30.2	0.9

Top 10 holdings 21.3%

Top 20 holdings 31.5%

The 20 largest stock positions, given as a percentage of the total assets. Each Stock Picker selects up to 20 stocks.⁸ A full breakdown of the portfolio can be viewed at www.alliancetrust.co.uk

[View all holdings](#)

RESPONSIBLE INVESTING

As long-term investors, we embed environmental, social and governance factors into every stage of our investment process.

Incorporating these factors has the dual benefit of reducing risk while increasing the sustainability of returns. Read more about this at www.alliancetrust.co.uk/how-we-invest

[Find out more](#)

INDIVIDUAL HOLDINGS:

Our portfolio looks very different to the benchmark.

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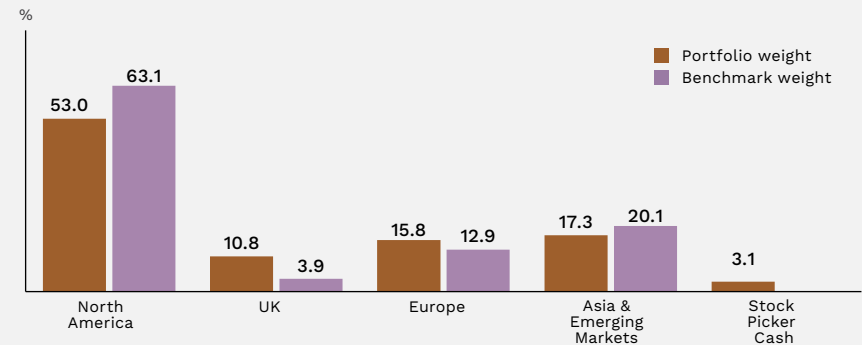
The measure of how different the portfolio is to the benchmark.

79%

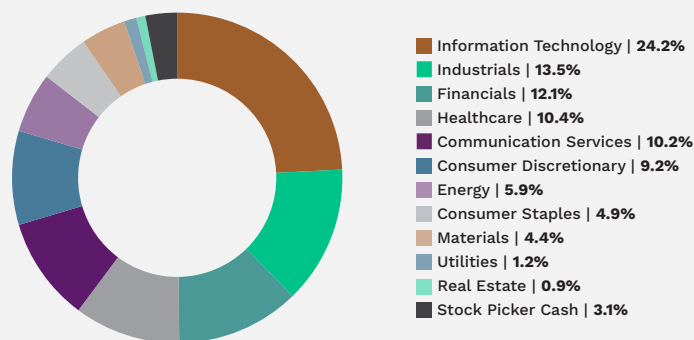
ACTIVE SHARE

PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION SIMILAR TO BENCHMARK BY DESIGN

BY GEOGRAPHY



BY SECTOR



INVESTMENT COMMENTARY

Global stock markets got off to a strong start in January, driven higher by new year optimism and growing anticipation that a recession may be avoided in the US, as inflation falls, and interest rates may be close to peaking. Although global economic growth is widely expected to slowdown in 2023 due to the lagged effect of last year's rapid tightening of monetary policy, market participants increasingly expect a soft-landing which could inflict limited damage on corporate profitability. This optimism might prove to be misplaced if interest rates remain stubbornly high, but avoiding a deep global recession remains a plausible scenario. Against this "risk-on" backdrop, the Company's NAV total return over the month was 7.1%, and the share price total return was 5.5%. These both compare very favourably with the benchmark's total return of 4.7%.

Our outperformance was due to strong stock selection by eight of our nine managers across a variety of countries and sectors. Only GQG's positions in aggregate detracted value, although Rajiv Jain was the best performing stock picker last year.

The breadth of returns from stock pickers with different styles is encouraging. Through most of the last few years, market returns have come from a small number of large-cap US growth stocks, mostly technology related. As such, our growth-style managers did very well. But such concentrated returns were generally a headwind for our diversified approach to investing. Although past market leaders, such as Apple and Tesla, neither of which we own, joined in January's strong market rally, it was spread across a much broader range of stocks. ►



Our investment manager, WTW, is responsible for manager selection, portfolio construction and risk management.

Its Investment Committee comprises: Craig Baker, Mark Davis and Stuart Gray.

STOCK PICKERS % OF PORTFOLIO MANAGED

14%	11%
 BLACK CREEK INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD. Unique Insights. Proprietary Ideas™	 JUPITER
Bill Kanko, Heather Peirce	Ben Whitmore
7%	19%
 LYRICAL ASSET MANAGEMENT LTD.	 GQG PARTNERS
Andrew Wellington	Rajiv Jain, Brian Kersman, Sudarshan Murthy ^a
10%	14%
 Metropolis Capital FOCUSSED VALUE INVESTMENT	 Veritas — Asset Management
Jonathan Mills, Simon Denison-Smith	Andy Headley
8%	11%
 VULCAN VALUE PARTNERS	 SGA Sustainable Growth Advisors
C.T Fitzpatrick	HK Gupta, Kishore Rao, Rob Rohn
6%	
 SANDS CAPITAL	
Dave Levanson, Sunil Thakor	

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► This bodes well for our investment strategy, which focuses on individual stock selection, as opposed to style, sector or country calls. If corporate fundamentals start to drive share prices, as opposed to style or sector trends, we expect to perform strongly.

Notable contributors to the Company's outperformance last month included Mercardo Libre, the Argentina-based online marketplace company, often described as Latin America's Amazon. Our stake in Amazon itself also added value. The cement giant HeidelbergCement and sportswear manufacturer Adidas, both headquartered in Germany, were key contributors, along with dozens of other positions, such as Visa (digital payments) and Skyworks (wireless networking company) in the US, Safran (aircraft and defence equipment) in France, Baidu (internet services) in China, and Dublin-based ICON (clinical research and services). All these stocks added incremental value which, when combined, meant our return was well ahead of the benchmark.

The main detractors from relative performance included our lack of exposure to Tesla, NVIDIA (artificial intelligence) and Apple, which all benefitted from the rebound in growth stocks after last year's dramatic declines.

There was little trading activity in the portfolio last month, though Vulcan took profits in General Electric and Black Creek purchased Essity, the Swedish health and hygiene company whose products include baby and feminine care, toilet paper, facial tissue, and soap.

Despite January's strong gains, we remain cautious about the near-term economic outlook and have, therefore, kept the gross level of gearing just below the lower end of the typical 7.5-12.5% range to reduce any potential negative impact from volatility of share prices in the short term. We do, however, remain confident that the portfolio has exposure to a wide range of attractive companies and is well positioned for long-term gains.

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1. Total borrowings at par value divided by net assets with debt at par.
2. Total borrowings at par value minus total cash and equivalents, divided by net assets with debt at par.
3. Annual dividend per share divided by share price.
4. MSCI All Country World Index Net Dividends Reinvested.

5. 1 April 2017 was the date that WTW was appointed investment manager.
6. <https://www.theaic.co.uk/income-finder/dividend-heroes>
7. The OCR for year to 31 December 2021 was calculated in line with the industry standard using the average of net asset values at each NAV calculation date.
8. GQG manages an emerging markets mandate of up to 60 stocks as well as a global equity mandate of up to 20 stocks.