

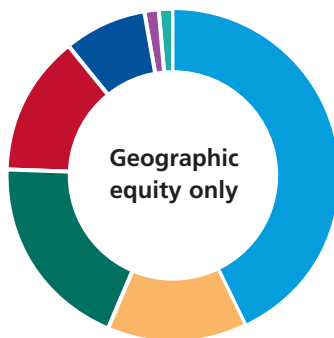
# Interim Management Statement

for Quarter ending 30 April 2008

## Material developments

- Over the first quarter, NAV excluding income rose 4.4%, which reflected a strong rally in equity markets from their March lows.
- The financial effects of the US sub-prime crisis peaked in March with the near collapse of Bear Stearns. Its subsequent rescue and massive financial support for the market by the Fed calmed fears of systemic collapse and created the platform for a strong recovery in equities.
- For regional portfolios, North America and the UK benefited from good stock selection and outperformed the relevant market indices. Asia Pacific ex Japan underperformed over the period.
- With the strength of the Euro starting to cause real pain in some of the Eurozone's economies, we reduced our European equity exposure from 15.7% of net assets to 11.1% by the end of the quarter.
- Following concerns over weak economic growth and rising inflation we made equity sales in other regions, leaving equities representing 85.9% of net assets compared with 93.5% at the start of the quarter. In addition, we moved from a position of £130m net borrowings to £43m net cash.
- Private equity investment was increased, taking its weighting to 6.1% of net assets from 5.4% previously. There was no trading activity in property.

## Equity portfolio distribution



	%
UK (Large & Mid)	43.0
Europe (Large & Mid)	13.4
N America	19.3
Asia Pacific Ex Japan	13.7
UK (Small)	8.0
Japan	1.4
Rest of the World	1.2



	%
Financials	26.0
Oil & Gas	16.3
Basic Materials	12.3
Consumer Goods	10.0
Industrials	8.7
Consumer Services	6.7
Telecommunications	5.9
Health Care	5.1
Utilities	4.8
Technology	4.2

## Key facts

**Total Net Assets:** £2,817.2m

**Total Return from 31/01/08 to 30/04/08:** +2.54%

**NAV:** 416.60p

The NAV is published daily on our website  
www.alliancetrust.co.uk

**Share price\*:** 344.25p

**Discount:** 17.4%

**Total Expense Ratio (year to 31/01/08):** 0.56%

**Year End:** 31 January 2008

**Date of Incorporation:** 21 April 1888

**Dividend:** Dividends are paid quarterly on or around the last day of January, April, July and October. The total dividend payable for the year to 31 January 2008 was 7.9p

**Capital:** 671,909,760 shares of 2.5p

**ISIN:** GB00B11V7W98

\* Source: Factset

## Asset allocation

	%
Equities	85.9
Private Equity	6.1
Preference Shares	0.8
Subsidiaries	1.6
Property	3.3
Cash	4.3
Other Net Assets	0.8
<b>Gross Assets</b>	<b>102.8</b>
Gearing	(2.8)
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## Objective

Alliance Trust is a self-managed investment company with investment trust status. Alliance Trust has the objective of being a core investment for investors seeking a long term store of increasing value.

We allocate our capital across a broad range of asset classes to enhance and preserve total returns and to provide shareholders with real growth over the medium to long term.

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## 5 year performance overview

	YTD	1 year*	3 years*	5 years*
Alliance Trust Total Return	2.5%	-5.6%	32.5%	81.4%
RPI + 3%	2.7%	7.1%	20.3%	33.5%
FTSE All Share Total Return	4.9%	-3.6%	35.3%	105.3%

\* to year end 31 January 2008

## Top 20 investments (includes preference holdings)

Rank	Move-ment	Rank last qtr	Name	Value £m
1	-	(1)	Royal Dutch Shell 'B'	94.1
2	-	(2)	Alliance Trust Real Estate Partnership	80.1
3	▲	(6)	HSBC	79.5
4	-	(4)	BP	77.7
5	▼	(3)	Vodafone	69.3
6	▲	(9)	Xstrata	42.5
7	▲	(10)	Premier Alliance Trust Asia Pacific Fund	41.5
8	▲	(14)	Anglo American	39.4
9	★(new)		Barclays	38.5
10	▲	(13)	BG	38.2
11	▼	(7)	Rio Tinto	36.4
12	▲	(15)	Premier Alliance Trust Japan Fund	33.4
13	▼	(11)	Tesco	33.0
14	▲	(18)	Exxon Mobil	31.7
15	▼	(8)	Lloyds TSB	29.8
16	▲	(17)	Ashmore Global Opportunities	29.5
17	▲	(20)	Prudential	29.1
18	▼	(16)	British American Tobacco	28.7
19	★(new)		Aviva	27.8
20	▼	(12)	GlaxoSmithKline	27.7

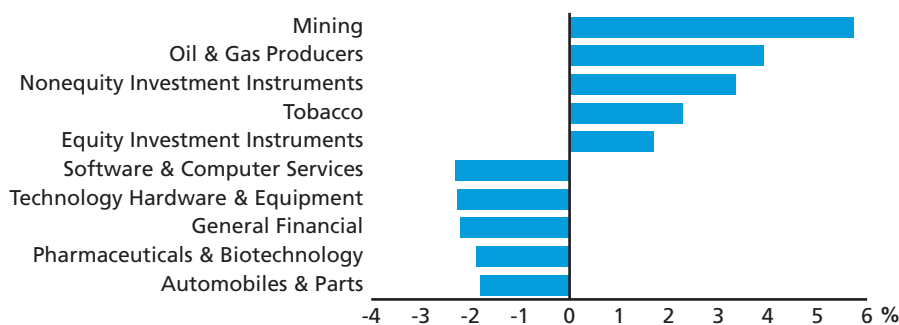
Royal Bank of Scotland and National Grid Transco have dropped out of the top 20

Total Investments (ex Cash): 2774.10

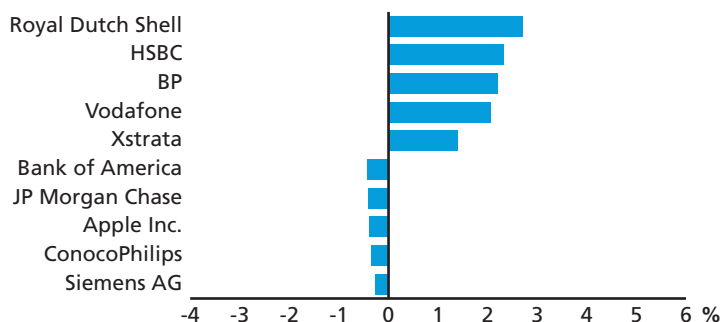
Top 10 as % of Total: 21.7%    Top 20 as % of Total: 32.7%

## Sector weightings

### Top 5 overweight/underweight sector holdings\*\*



### Top 5 active overweight/underweight holdings\*\*



Portfolio weight is calculated as a % of Net Asset Value less Cash and Other Net Assets

\*\* FTSE Global Equity Index Series All Cap used

## Investment policy

We have no fixed asset allocation benchmark and we invest in a wide range of asset classes throughout the world to achieve our objective. Our focus is to generate a real return for shareholders over the medium to long term by a combination of capital growth and a rising dividend.

We pursue our objective by:

- Investing in both quoted and unquoted equities across the globe in different sectors and industries;
- Investing internationally in fixed income securities;
- Investing in other asset classes and financial instruments, either directly or through investment vehicles; and
- Investing in subsidiaries and associated businesses which allow us to expand into other related activities.

We are prepared to invest any proportion of the total corporate capital in any of the above asset classes, subject only to the restrictions imposed on us by the regulatory or fiscal regime within which we operate. However, we would expect equities to comprise at least 50% of our portfolio. Changes to the asset allocation will be dependent upon attractive investment opportunities being available.

Where market conditions permit, we will use gearing of not more than 30% of our net assets at any given time.

We can use derivative instruments to hedge, enhance and protect positions, including currency exposures.

## Important information

Alliance Trust PLC is a self-managed investment trust company, operating from Meadow House in Dundee.

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Exchange rate changes may cause the value of overseas investments to go down as well as up.

Investment trusts may borrow to finance further investment (gearing). The use of gearing is likely to lead to volatility in the Net Asset Value (NAV) meaning that a relatively small movement, down or up, in the value of a trust's assets will result in a magnified movement, in the same direction, of that NAV. This may mean that you could get back nothing at all.