

# Alliance Trust PLC Factsheet

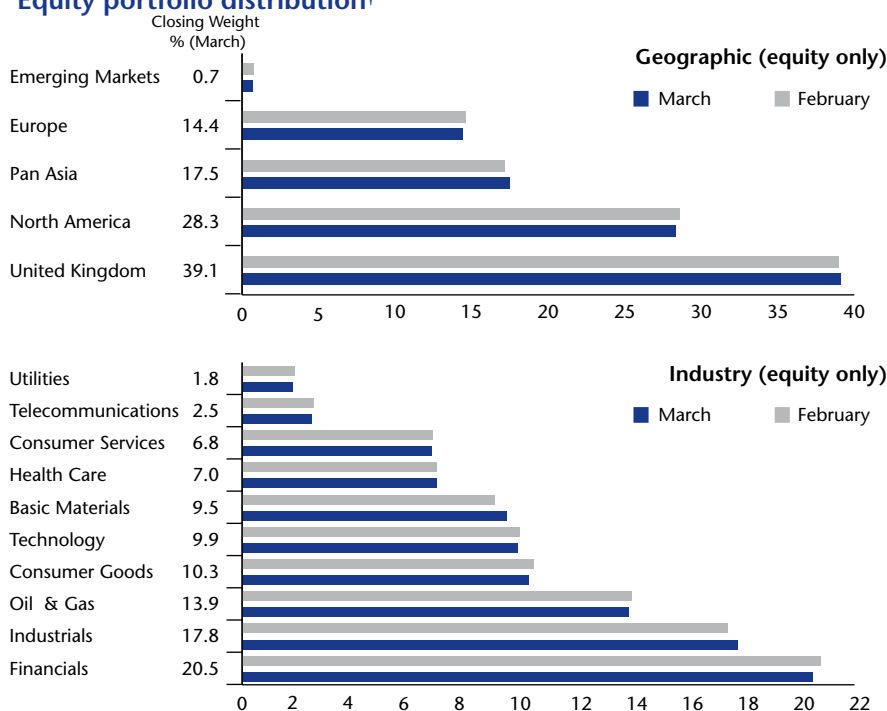
as at 31 March 2010

Price (XD): 341.5p  
 NAV (inc Income): 425.4p  
 Discount: 19.7%

## Key highlights

- Stock markets continued to rise in March with the FTSE All-World Index and the FTSE All-Share Index closing the month up 6.9% and 6.8% respectively. Despite the headwind of an impending election, investors in the UK continue to prefer equities to other assets. Yields on Government Bonds have continued to fall as the cessation of quantitative easing takes effect and, after recent weakness, Sterling has recovered some of its lost ground, particularly against the US\$.
- The Trust's equity exposure of 96% of Net Assets is largely unchanged; while net debt has increased to -5.3%. At a sector level, we remain overweight in Oil & Gas, Industrials and Basic Materials and underweight in Utilities, Telecoms and to discretionary consumer spending.
- We remain optimistic for global equities in 2010. We expect to see further short-term volatility in equities, bonds and currencies which may provide buying opportunities. We will continue seek investment opportunities by focusing our efforts on nearthing quality companies at realistic valuations.
- Alliance Trust bought back 6m shares (0.9%) costing £19.7m, at 1% below the opening price, which increased the NAV per share by 0.8p.

## Equity portfolio distribution†



## Key facts

**Announcement of Results:** 19th April 2010

**Net Assets:** £2,802.0m

**Total Expense Ratio**

**(year to 31/01/09):** 0.70%

**Year End:** 31 January 2010

**Date of Incorporation:** 21 April 1888

**Dividend paid:** Quarterly beginning on or around 31 Jan 2009

**Issued share capital:** 66,059,760 shares of 2.5p

**ISIN:** GB00B11V7W98

## Asset allocation

	% of Net Assets
Equities	96.3
Private Equity	3.1
Preference Shares	1.5
Operating Subsidiaries	0.5
Property	1.7
Other Investments	1.9
Cash	1.1
Other Net Assets	0.3
<b>Gross Assets</b>	<b>106.4</b>
Gearing	(6.4)
<b>Net Assets Incl Income</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: Internal

## 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.

## 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 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.

## Trust Performance

	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Price	28.4%	3.8%	-6.6%	24.5%	11.7%
Total Return	33.0%	9.9%	1.1%	42.5%	45.3%
NAV Total Return	43.9%	12.0%	5.6%	46.5%	33.7%
FTSE All-World Index (£)-Price*	44.5%	11.6%	7.5%	39.8%	-12.5%
FTSE All-World Index (£)-Total Return*	48.4%	18.1%	16.5%	58.3%	20.3%

\* 10 year returns are based on the performance of the FTSE World Index (£)

\* Alliance Trust does not have a fixed benchmark

Source: FactSet/Fundamental Data

## Top 20 equity investments†

	£m	% Net Assets		£m	% Net Assets
BP	85.5	3.1	Prudential	34.4	1.2
HSBC	76.9	2.7	GlaxoSmithKline	34.3	1.2
Rio Tinto	63.7	2.3	Suncor Energy	33.3	1.2
BHP Billiton	60.5	2.2	Diageo	32.5	1.2
Royal Dutch Shell	59.9	2.1	Republic Services	32.1	1.1
InterOil	45.8	1.6	Scottish & Southern Energy	32.0	1.1
British American Tobacco	45.1	1.6	Standard Chartered	31.6	1.1
New York Community Bancorp	40.6	1.4	Canadian Pacific Railway	31.4	1.1
Philip Morris	39.3	1.4	Diamond Offshore Drilling	30.8	1.1
Vodafone	37.0	1.3	Weir Group	30.3	1.1

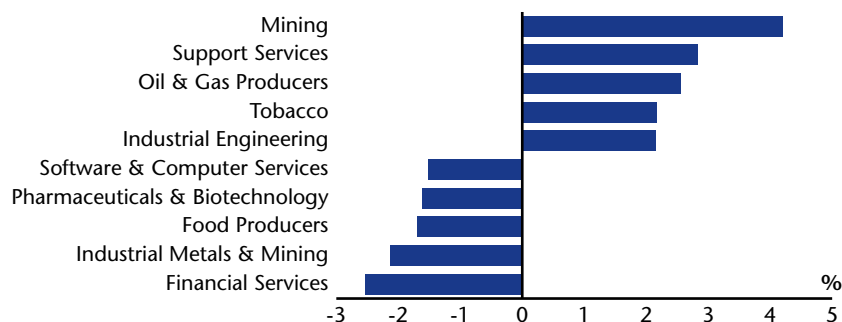
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The top 10 holdings currently make up 19.8% of net assets.

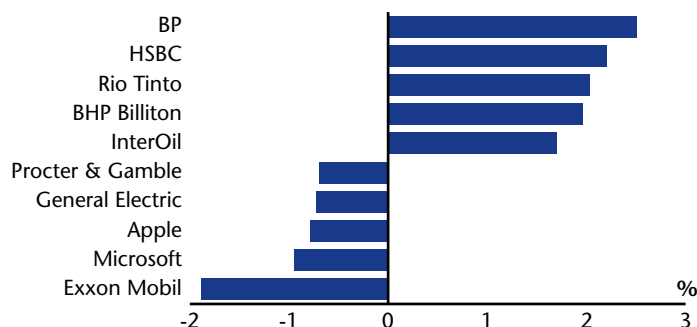
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## Sector weightings

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



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Source: Internal

Portfolio weight is calculated as a % of equity only

\* FTSE All-World Index used

† Weightings are calculated on a look through basis whereby the Trust's exposure is combined with that of its holdings in Alliance Trust Asset Management's funds in order to calculate total exposure.

## Important information

Alliance Trust PLC is a self-managed investment trust company, operating from 8 West Marketgait in Dundee.

The views, information and data in this publication should not be deemed as a financial promotion or recommendation. Alliance Trust PLC is not authorised to give financial advice.

Please remember past performance is not a guide to future performance. You may not get back the amount you invest. The value of your investment, and any income from it, may fall as well as increase.

For security and compliance monitoring purposes, telephone calls may be recorded.

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.

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