

# Alliance Trust PLC Factsheet

as at 31 August 2007

## Key highlights

- Banks were increasingly reluctant to lend money to each other in August because of ongoing uncertainty about the level of exposure to subprime mortgage loans in the US. Deposit light mortgage banks (such as Northern Rock) which depend on money markets for funding face very challenging trading conditions and their shares were sold off – we have no exposure to this sub-sector.
- Government bond markets were seen as the safe place to be, as expectations for economic growth declined and forecasters anticipated cuts in interest rates.
- August was an extremely difficult and volatile time for equity markets. We took advantage of market weakness to add to equity holdings in all regions except Japan. Acquisitions were well timed and have boosted returns - in the short term at least. We do not expect a quick return to previous market levels though do see good medium-term value in equities.

## Key facts

<b>Net Assets:</b> £2,891.5m
<b>Total Expense Ratio (year to 31/01/07):</b> 0.35%
<b>Year End:</b> 31 January 2007
<b>Date of Incorporation:</b> 21 April 1888
<b>Dividend paid:</b> Quarterly beginning on or around 31 Jan 2007
<b>Capital:</b> 671,909,760 shares of 2.5p
<b>ISIN:</b> GB00B11V7W98

## Asset allocation

	% of Gross Assets
Equities	91.5
Private Equity	4.8
Preference Shares	0.9
Subsidiaries	1.6
Real Estate	3.5
Cash	2.4
Other Net Assets	0.4
<b>Gross Assets</b>	<b>105.0</b>
Gearing	(5.0)
<b>Net Assets Incl Income</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.

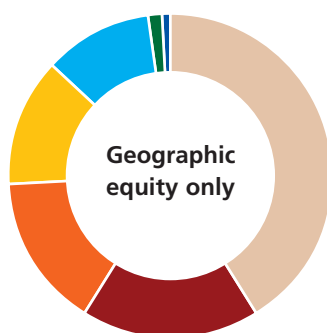
## Investment policy

The Company can use investment techniques such as gearing and hedging to enhance returns and reduce risks within its portfolio. We do not benchmark against any equity index as we retain the freedom to move not only between equity markets as opportunities arise but also to invest in other asset classes.

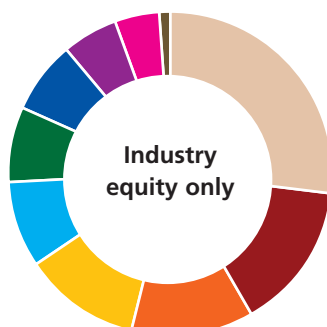
We pursue our objective by:

- investing in quoted and unquoted equities across the globe in different sectors and industries;
- investing internationally in preference shares and in debt securities including government and corporate bonds;
- investing in other assets, including property, cash and other financial instruments and investment vehicles;
- retaining the ability to borrow, from time to time, and thereby to gear our portfolio; and
- investing in subsidiary and associated businesses which allows us to expand into other related activities with the objective of enhancing shareholder value.

## Equity portfolio distribution



	%
UK Large Cap	41.3
Europe ex UK Large	17.7
N America Large Cap	15.3
Asia Pacific ex Japan	12.7
UK Small Cap	11.0
Japan	1.3
Global Resources	0.7



	%
Financials	27.0
Oil & Gas	14.8
Consumer Goods	12.1
Industrials	11.8
Basic materials	8.6
Consumer Services	7.6
Health Care	7.2
Technology	5.5
Utilities	4.5
Telecommunications	0.9

## 5 year performance overview

	YTD	1 year*	3 years*	5 years*
ATST	-2.34%	7.48%	51.75%	43.85%
RPI + 3	3.72%	7.24%	19.38%	32.26%
FTSE All Share	3.98%	13.16%	61.77%	51.44%

\* to year end 31 January 2007

## Top 20 investments

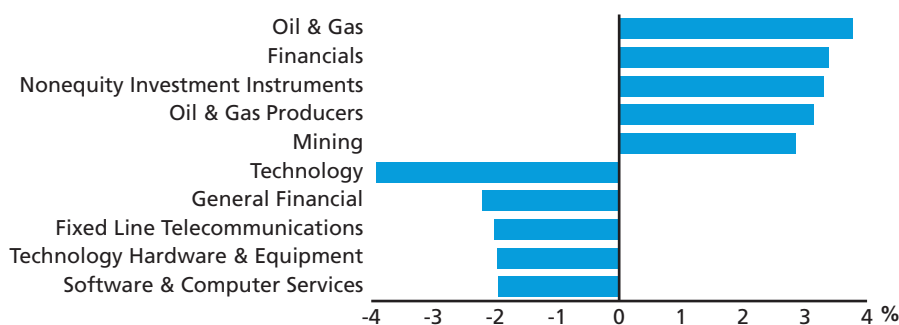
	£m		£m
Alliance Trust Real Estate Partnership	91.2	Tesco	35.6
Royal Dutch Shell 'B'	83.2	Rio Tinto	33.5
BP	72.6	Premier Alliance Trust (Japan)	33.3
Vodafone	63.7	Barclays	31.3
HSBC	59.9	Anglo American	30.2
Royal Bank of Scotland	51.0	Reckitt Benckiser	29.5
BHP Billiton	49.5	Prudential	28.7
GlaxoSmithKline	46.4	Exxon Mobil	28.3
Premier Alliance Trust (Asia Pacific)	41.5	British American Tobacco	27.5
Lloyds TSB	41.3	BG	26.3

The top 10 holdings currently make up 20.3% of equity portfolio.

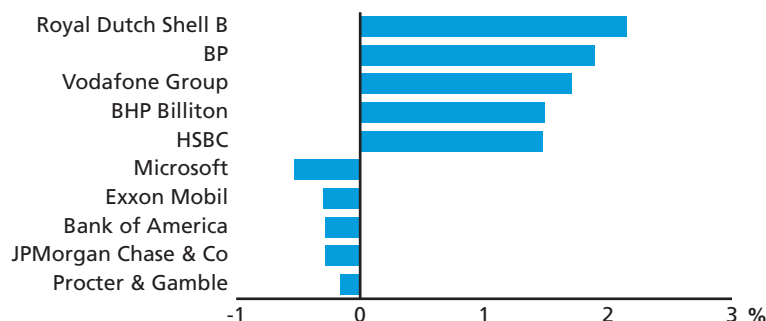
The top 20 holdings currently make up 30.6% of equity portfolio.

## 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

## Important information

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