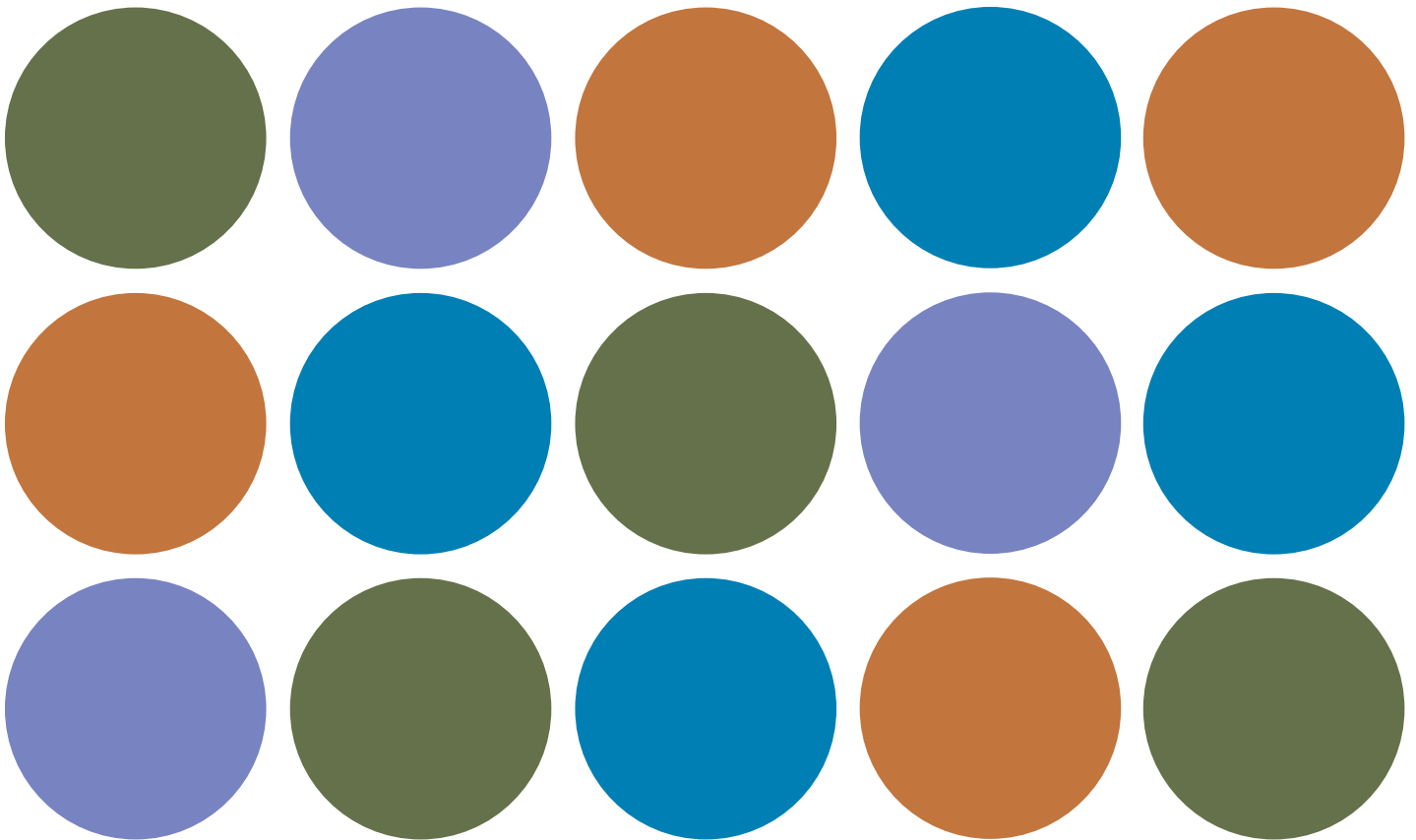
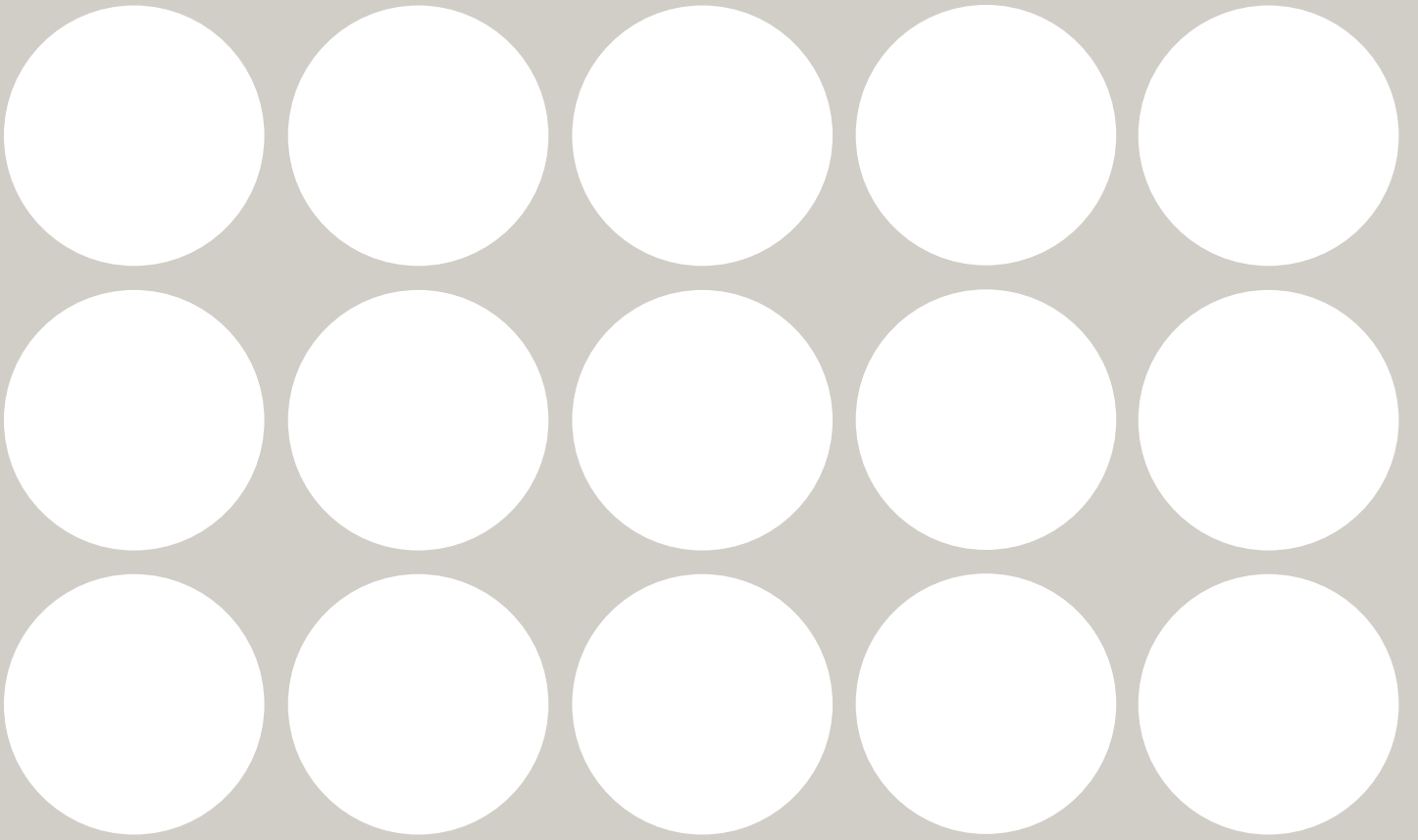


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Important information

This Key Features booklet provides information about your investment through the investment trust savings schemes ('the trust schemes').

In this booklet, references to 'Plan' refer to the Select Pension, the Select PEP, the Select ISA, the Select Investment Plan and First Steps - investing for children. In each of the Plans, you can purchase shares in Alliance Trust PLC.

Shares in Alliance Trust PLC or any investment trust otherwise promoted by us (Trust shares) are held in an investment trust savings scheme under Financial Services Authority (FSA) rules.

Under FSA rules, Key Features must be provided for schemes. If you choose to purchase Trust shares, it is important that you read this document.

'We', 'us' and 'Alliance Trust Savings' means Alliance Trust Savings Limited.

Aims, your commitment and risk factors

Aims of the Plans

Each Plan is a vehicle to trade in investments ('a wrapper') through which you can buy Trust shares. It may also hold other investments and cash.

Select PEP

- To provide a low cost, tax efficient and flexible means of consolidating your existing PEPs.
- To enable you to tailor your PEP to suit your own risk and return requirements.

Select ISA

- To allow you to subscribe to an ISA on a maxi basis or on a mini basis. An explanation of the differences between maxi and mini ISAs can be found in the Select Plans Important Information and Terms and Conditions brochure (Terms and Conditions).
- To provide you with a choice of a cash component and/or a stocks and shares component.
- In the cash component, to provide a tax free account for cash savings.
- In the stocks and shares component, to provide a low cost, tax efficient means of building up and holding a portfolio of investments through regular or lump sum subscriptions and to enable you to tailor your ISA to suit your own risk and return requirements.

Select Investment Plan and First Steps

- To provide a low cost means of building up and holding a portfolio of investments through regular or lump sum subscriptions or by the transfer of existing investments.
- To enable you to tailor your portfolio to suit your own risk and return requirements.
- There are no tax advantages with these plans.

Select Pension

The aims of the Select Pension can be found in the Key Features of the Select Pension.

Information on how the Select Pension operates and details on how investments are administered can be found in the Select Pension Handbook (Handbook).

Aim of the Trust shares scheme

The aim of the Trust shares scheme is to allow you to purchase Trust shares within the Plans.

Your commitment

You do not have to invest in Alliance Trust PLC or any other investment trust in any of the Plans.

Risk factors

- Investment trusts may also invest in other investment companies where direct investment would be inefficient.
- Investment trusts may have exposure to currencies other than sterling. Where investment trusts invest in overseas securities, market movements and changes in the rates of exchange may also cause the value of your investment, and any income from it, to go down or up.
- The price of shares of investment trusts will be affected by supply and demand for them on the London Stock Exchange and may not represent the underlying value of the assets of each investment trust. The price generally stands below the net asset value of the Trust ('at a discount') but it may also stand above it ('at a premium'). The growth of your capital will depend upon the movement of the discount/premium over the period you own the shares, as well as the growth of the assets of the trust.

- 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 rise. It may be subject to sudden large falls in value and you may get back nothing at all. Inflation can erode the real value of capital.
- Investment trusts can make use of derivatives. Derivatives are most often used to offset possible adverse currency and market movements. As a result, there is a risk that potential gains may be restricted in a rising market. If derivatives were ever used for speculative purposes there would be a high risk of loss to the trust because of the highly volatile nature of these financial instruments.
- Investment trusts can borrow money to make further investments. This is commonly referred to as gearing. The risk is that when this money is repaid by the trust, the value of these investments may not be enough to cover the borrowing and interest costs, and the trust makes a loss. If the trust's investments fall in value, gearing will increase the amount of the loss in value to investors. The more highly geared the trust, the greater this effect will be.
- Taxation may change in the future. This may result in a change to the tax advantages of a Plan (e.g., a pension, ISA or PEP) and/or the taxation rules applying to an investment in it and/or in your own particular taxation circumstances.
- Our charges and/or the expenses of investment trusts may increase in the future.
- You have no cancellation rights in respect of purchases of Trust shares.

- You should not use a Plan to achieve a target benefit. You must remember that a Plan may not be able to provide you with the investment return you expect, even where contributions are maintained.

Alliance Trust PLC specific risk factors can be found on page 8.

Your questions answered - general

What services are provided by you?

We are the provider, trustee and scheme administrator of the Select Pension and are the manager of the Select PEP, ISA, Investment Plan and First Steps. You should be aware of the following:

- The Select Pension is not a stakeholder pension. Further details on stakeholder pensions can be found in the Key Features of the Select Pension.
- In the Select ISA, you can subscribe to the stocks and shares component and/or the cash component. Your maximum subscription depends on whether you subscribe on a maxi basis or on a mini basis. Further information can be found in the relevant Terms and Conditions.
- The Select ISA is not a stakeholder ISA. This is primarily because the charging structure is transaction based rather than being based on the value of the investments.
- To terminate your Select PEP and/or ISA or transfer it to another manager, you must give us written notice on the appropriate form. Further details and the transfer charges are in the relevant Terms and Conditions and the Charges Schedule.

Where is uninvested money held?

We are a bank. We hold your uninvested cash and any cash which you place on deposit. Interest is not paid on uninvested cash but is paid on cash held on deposit.

Current interest rates are available from us.

Further information on the Deposit Account is contained in the relevant Terms and Conditions or Handbook which applies to your Plan.

In whose name are investments registered?

In the name of Alliance Trust Savings Nominees Limited, our nominee company.

Will I get acknowledgements and a certificate?

Your initial application for a Plan and instructions will be acknowledged. Every time you make a sale or purchase we will send you a contract note. If the sale or purchase is done online the contract note will be emailed to you. Certificates are not issued.

When will I get statements and valuations?

You will receive quarterly statements and valuations. You can also get up-to-date valuations using Alliance Trust Online at any time.

Can I reinvest income?

Yes. We make a charge to reinvest income. Please refer to the relevant Terms and Conditions or Handbook which applies to your Plan, and the Charges Schedules for details.

Can I withdraw income?

Income may be withdrawn, subject to the relevant Terms and Conditions of the Plan and charges in the Charges Schedule. In the Select Pension, income must be retained until you take pension benefits.

Can I withdraw my application or cancel an instruction?

If you are applying for a Select PEP or ISA and indicate on the application form that a professional adviser has recommended the Plan to you, you have seven days after we receive your application to change your mind and withdraw. There is

no cooling off if you apply for a Select PEP or ISA if you do not indicate that you have received professional advice. No contract comes into being and no investments will be purchased, until the expiry of the cooling off period.

There is no cooling off in the Select Investment Plan and First Steps, so your contract comes into being when we accept and process your application form.

There are no cancellation rights in respect of instructions to purchase Trust shares.

Select Pension

Full details of new cancellation rights applicable from 6 April 2007 are available in the Key Features of the Select Pension.

There are no cancellation rights applicable to applications prior to that date.

What are the taxation details of the Plans?

Select Pension

Basic rate income tax relief on contributions is credited to your plan when received. Higher rate taxpayers can claim higher rate relief from HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC). No tax credits can be claimed on dividend income but tax can be reclaimed on interest payments received net. Deposit interest is credited gross. No capital gains tax liability arises in the pension. When you decide to take pension benefits, you may be able to take a tax free lump sum of up to 25%. When you take your benefits the pension payments you receive may be subject to income tax depending on your personal circumstances.

Select PEP

There is no income tax liability in a PEP. No tax credits can be claimed on dividend income, but tax can be reclaimed on interest payments received net. Interest on deposits is paid gross, but is subject to

income tax if withdrawn (only if in excess of £180). No capital gains tax liability arises in the PEP.

Select ISA

No income tax relief is available on subscriptions but there is no income tax liability on withdrawals. No tax credits can be claimed on dividend income but tax can be reclaimed on interest payments received net. Interest paid on deposits in the cash component is paid gross. Interest paid on cash deposits in the stocks and shares component is subject to a 20% 'deduction' paid to HMRC. This is not reclaimable. No capital gains tax liability arises in the Select ISA.

Select Investment Plan

There are no tax advantages to this plan. You may be subject to income tax and/or to capital gains tax. Income on dividends is credited net of the tax credit (which cannot be reclaimed). Deposit interest is credited net of basic rate tax. Gilt interest and interest on most fixed interest securities is credited gross. If you are required to complete a self-assessment return, you will have to declare your Select Investment Plan income to HMRC.

First Steps

There are no tax advantages to this plan. Income on dividends is credited net of the tax credit (which cannot be reclaimed). Deposit interest is credited net of basic rate tax. Gilt interest and interest on most fixed interest securities is credited gross.

Taxation may change in the future. This may result in a change to the tax advantages of a Plan (e.g., a pension, ISA or PEP) and/or the taxation rules applying to an investment in it and/or in your own particular taxation circumstances.

What happens if you alter or terminate a Plan?

If changes are required by law or regulation, we need not give you notice

but will inform you within a reasonable time. You will receive at least 14 days written notice of any other changes to be made.

How do I stop subscribing or making contributions and make withdrawals or leave?

You may stop subscribing or making contributions at any time at no charge. Except in the case of the Select Pension, where you can withdraw investments and cash or close your Plan subject to the charges required at any time.

How are complaints dealt with?

If you have a complaint you should, in the first instance, contact the Customer Services Manager (in writing, by fax, by email, by telephone or in person).

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PO Box 164, Meadow House
64 Reform Street
Dundee DD1 9YP

Tel: 01382 201900

Fax: 01382 202250

Email: contact@alliancetrust.co.uk

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of our investigation, you may be entitled to refer your complaint to:

Financial Ombudsman Service
South Quay Plaza
183 Marsh Wall
London, E14 9SR

Tel: 0845 080 1800

In the Select Pension, you may also be entitled to refer your complaint to the Pensions Advisory Service. Further information on this service is given in the Select Pension Handbook.

Making a complaint will not affect your right to take legal proceedings. A leaflet giving details of how we handle complaints is available on request.

Where can I find further information on compensation arrangements?

If there is a shortfall in the assets held in a Plan, and we are unable to meet our liabilities, you may be able to seek compensation from the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). Further information is available in the relevant Terms and Conditions or Handbook.

Further details of the scheme are available from us or from the FSCS at www.fscs.org.uk or by phone on 020 7892 7300.

How much will any advice cost?

We do not give advice. Our staff will not advise you on the suitability or otherwise of your investment. You may wish to consider seeking the advice of a professional adviser.

If you wish to take the advice of a professional adviser, they will give you details of the cost of their advice. We do not pay commission to your adviser.

Where can I get further information?

Further information is available by telephoning 01382 201900 or from www.alliancetrust.co.uk or by writing to:

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Your questions answered about Trust shares

What is an investment trust?

An investment trust is a public company whose shares are listed on the London Stock Exchange. It invests its assets in accordance with its objectives and seeks to deliver returns to its shareholders.

An investment trust normally has no taxation to pay on its capital gains or income. It does not engage in trade.

You can buy Trust shares through your stockbroker and through us in one or more of the Plans provided by us.

When are Trust shares purchased?

All purchases are carried out in accordance with the purchase options in the Plans, which are detailed in the relevant Terms and Conditions or Handbook.

How can I sell my Trust shares?

The various dealing options and charges can be found in the relevant Terms and Conditions or Handbook, and Charges Schedules respectively.

How are the sale proceeds determined?

The sale proceeds are determined by the price of the Trust shares on the market at the time of sale, less the costs of the sale.

When will the sale proceeds be credited to my Plan?

The sale proceeds will be credited to your Plan by us on the day of sale. If you are withdrawing the proceeds, these will not be released by us until we have actually received settlement.

Where can I get information about Trust share prices, yields, discounts, net asset values and latest dividends?

Information is available from newspapers such as The Financial Times, The Times and The Daily Telegraph. It is also available from websites, for which we take no responsibility, such as www.trustnet.com/it or www.ft.com

What are my options if there is a corporate action?

If there is a corporate action, such as a rights issue, we will act on your instructions.

Who is the administrator of the Trust shares scheme?

We are the administrator. Our address, contact details and telephone number are shown on page 5.

What are the aims of Trust shares?

The aims of Trust shares are detailed in their annual report or website.

Where can I obtain the report and accounts?

The report and accounts of Alliance Trust PLC is available at www.alliancetrust.co.uk or from

Meadow House, 64 Reform Street, Dundee DD1 1TJ.

You can also telephone 01382 201900 or email contact@alliancetrust.co.uk

If you wish to receive the Report and Accounts of a company, you can obtain them by:

- Using free services such as The Financial Times service available on 020 8391 6000 or at www.ftannualreports.com Not all companies make these available through this type of service.
- Downloading them from the website of the company.
- Writing to the company to request a copy - address details of companies are available from Companies House on 0870 333636 or at www.companieshouse.gov.uk
- Asking us to obtain a copy and send it out to you (this service is subject to the report and accounts service charge for each report you request).

Charges and expenses

What charges and expenses affect my investment?

We charge for Trust shares scheme transactions

We levy our own transaction charges within each Plan.

These charges include stamp duty of 0.5% on purchases of Trust shares. This is separately identified on your transaction statements and contract notes.

Further information is in the Charges Schedule.

Pricing of investment trust shares

The price of Trust shares bought or sold by us on your behalf depends on whether you wish to buy or sell them. The difference between the two prices is called the 'spread', which varies according to the number of shares being dealt and the availability of the shares on the market. Up-to-date information on the prices can be found in newspapers such as the Financial Times, The Times and The Daily Telegraph. It is also available from websites, for which we take no responsibility, such as www.trustnet.com/it or www.ft.com

There are also charges incurred by investment trusts relating to the management and administration of their portfolios. These are detailed in the trust specific information.

These charges and expenses will affect your investment returns.

Alliance Trust PLC - trust specific information

Investment objective and policy

Alliance Trust PLC has the investment objective of being a core investment for investors seeking a long-term store of increasing value.

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

Alliance Trust PLC pursues its objective by:

- investing in both 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 its portfolio; and
- investing in subsidiary and associated businesses which allow it to expand into other related activities with the objective of enhancing shareholder value.

Alliance Trust PLC specific risk factors

Some of Alliance Trust PLC is directly invested in property and this may be difficult to sell. Valuations of property are only estimates based on the valuer's opinion rather than fact. These estimates may not be achieved when the property is sold and this would have the effect of

reducing the value of Alliance Trust PLC. Property values are affected by such factors as the level of interest rates, fluctuations in property yields and tenant default.

Investment trust expenses reduce the trust's income. The risk is that where income is low, expenses may exceed the total income received, so the trust would not pay a dividend and the capital value would be reduced. When expenses are charged to capital, as a matter of policy, this will also reduce the capital value of the trust.

Investment in unlisted securities can be high risk and they may be difficult to sell. They may be subject to sudden and large falls in value and the company could get back nothing at all.

Investment manager

Alliance Trust PLC is a self-managed investment company with investment trust status.

About the Alliance Trust PLC

AIC Sector:	Global growth
Code:	ATST
Eligibility:	PEP / ISA / Pension / Investment Plan / First Steps
Dividend:	Jan / Apr / July / Oct
Share Class:	Ordinary shares of 2.5p

Trust specific charges

Based on Alliance Trust PLC at 31 January 2006

Total expense ratio*:	0.32%
Charges levied against:	Income and capital

* Total expenses divided by year end net asset value.

How will charges and expenses affect my investment?

The effect of charges and expenses is shown in the following tables. They do not take account of the dealing costs of the underlying trust. The representative investment levels and assumed FSA growth rates are shown.

The figures are not guaranteed and serve only to demonstrate the effect of charges and expenses on an investment.

Please refer to the relevant Terms and Conditions or Handbook as the tables assume the Plans are used as follows:

Purchasing online

- Purchases and sales made online (£12.50 charge) take place at the time you confirm the trades online.
- Assumes income is automatically reinvested using the online income redirection facility.
- Income payments received are reinvested within the relevant Plan using the Weekly Purchase Option. The default minimum purchase levels have been used.
- There is no dealing commission on purchases and sales online.
- An investment dealing spread has been included, together with stamp duty of 0.5% on purchases (See page 7).

Purchasing by post or telephone

- Purchases are made using the Weekly Purchase Option (£2.50 charge - and takes place the week after the lump sum payment is allocated for investment).
- The Weekly Sale Option applies to the sale of units (£15 charge).
- Income payments received are reinvested within the relevant Plan using the Weekly Purchase Option. The default minimum purchase levels have been used.
- There is no dealing commission on purchases and sales of Alliance Trust PLC shares within the Plans.
- An investment dealing spread has been included, together with stamp duty of 0.5% on purchases (See page 7).

Purchasing online

Investment Plan and First Steps

The effect of charges and expenses on an investment of £2,000 assuming growth of 6.0% a year is set out below:

at end of year	investment to date (£)	effect of deductions to date (£)	what you might get back (£)
1	2,000	51	2,060
3	2,000	82	2,300
5	2,000	118	2,550
10	2,000	243	3,330

The last line in the table shows that over 10 years the effect of total charges and expenses could amount to £243.

Putting it another way, this would have the same effect as bringing the investment growth from 6.0% a year down to 5.3% a year.

PEP, ISA and Pension

The effect of charges and expenses on an investment of £2,000 assuming growth of 7.0% a year is set out below:

at end of year	investment to date* (£)	effect of deductions to date** (£)	what you might get back (£)
1	2,000	52	2,080
3	2,000	84	2,360
5	2,000	123	2,680
10	2,000	263	3,670

* For the Select Pension, the effect of charges and expenses takes into account basic rate tax relief on a lump sum of £2,000 (£1,560 net + contribution and £440 tax relief).

** For the Select Pension this Column shows what the transfer value might be.

The last line in the table shows that over 10 years the effect of total charges and expenses could amount to £263.

Putting it another way, this would have the same effect as bringing the investment growth from 7.0% a year down to 6.3% a year.

Purchasing by post or telephone

Investment Plan and First Steps

The effect of charges and expenses on an investment of £2,000 assuming growth of 6.0% a year is set out below:

at end of year	investment to date (£)	effect of deductions to date (£)	what you might get back (£)
1	2,000	53	2,060
3	2,000	83	2,290
5	2,000	119	2,550
10	2,000	244	3,330

The last line in the table shows that over 10 years the effect of total charges and expenses could amount to £244.

Putting it another way, this would have the same effect as bringing the investment growth from 6.0% a year down to 5.3% a year.

PEP, ISA and Pension

The effect of charges and expenses on an investment of £2,000 assuming growth of 7.0% a year is set out below:

at end of year	investment to date* (£)	effect of deductions to date** (£)	what you might get back (£)
1	2,000	54	2,080
3	2,000	85	2,360
5	2,000	123	2,680
10	2,000	256	3,670

* For the Select Pension, the effect of charges and expenses takes into account basic rate tax relief on a lump sum of £2,000 (£1,560 net + contribution and £440 tax relief).

** For the Select Pension this Column shows what the transfer value might be.

The last line in the table shows that over 10 years the effect of total charges and expenses could amount to £256.

Putting it another way, this would have the same effect as bringing the investment growth from 7.0% a year down to 6.3% a year.

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