

PRICE: 504.0p
NAV (inc Income): 555.6p
DISCOUNT: 9.3%

Alliance Trust PLC Monthly Factsheet

31 October 2015

Objective

Alliance Trust is a self-managed investment company with investment trust status. Our objective is to be a core investment for investors seeking increasing value over the long term. 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.

Commentary for October 2015

Market Commentary

Despite concerns over slower economic growth in the US, China and other major economies, global equity markets rebounded strongly in October. The US stock market led the way with the MSCI US Index rallying 6.2% and the MSCI All Country World Index 5.8% in Sterling terms. A combination of strong earnings and the US rate hike being postponed triggered strong inflows into equities. The market expects the Fed to raise rates in December but, if that does not happen, then it is unlikely to happen before March 2016. Global sector returns showed marked divergence, mainly driven by some unexpectedly good earnings numbers from US companies. The best performers in October were Energy (+8.8%), Materials (+8.2%) and Information Technology (+8.2%). Worst performers were Utilities (+1.8%), Health Care (+4.1%) and Consumer Staples (+4.2%).

Portfolio and Performance Update

Gross gearing fell from 14.9% to 14.1% and the total net exposure to global equities has risen from 99.6% to 100.4 of net assets. We continue to work towards having a greater focus on global equities, as described in our statement on 1 October and, as part of a phased withdrawal from Fixed Income, we have reduced our bond exposure from 4.9% to 3.7%. This has been achieved by raising £30m from our holding in the Alliance Trust Dynamic Bond Fund. We have also taken the opportunity of the market rally to sell three holdings; Qualcomm, Praxair and Petrofac and add to existing higher conviction holdings. The discount narrowed sharply over the month from 12.4% to 9.3%. We are committed to keeping the discount in single figures through consistent performance and share buy backs if required. Total Shareholder Return remains ahead of MSCI All Country World Index over 1, 3 and 5 years. NAV performance has significantly outperformed the index over the past year.

Outlook

The Trust's portfolio continues to be positioned to benefit from long-term structural themes. We continue to look for opportunities to invest in high quality, well-managed companies with strong sustainable fundamentals. Our investment approach achieves this through greater understanding of how the businesses operate and close links to management. This allows us to value companies on their own merits, with particular emphasis on their ability to generate above average returns over the long term. We remain convinced that the investment process and the portfolio are well positioned to deliver what our shareholders expect – increasing the value of their investments through capital growth and a progressively rising dividend.

Buy Backs

During the month we bought back 4,121,861 shares (0.75%) of the issued share capital at the cost of £20.4m.

Asset Allocation

Assets	% of Net Assets
Net Equity Exposure	100.4
Fixed Income	3.7
Private Equity	4.2
Operating Subsidiaries	2.0
Property	0.2
Cash and other Net Assets	3.6
Gross Assets	114.1
Gearing	(14.1)
Net Assets Inc Income	100.0

Source: Alliance Trust

Key Information

Market Capital:	£2,763.0m
Total Assets:	£3,470.7m
Net Assets:	£3,040.7m
Total Borrowings:	£430.0m
Ongoing Charges Ratio (year to December 2014):	0.60%
Net Yield on Ordinary Dividend:	2.0%
Year End:	31 December
Date of Incorporation:	21 April 1888
Dividend Paid:	April, June, September, December
Issued Share Capital:	548,212,285

Source: Alliance Trust

Performance

Cumulative Performance (%)

To 31 October 2015	One Month	Six Months	One Year	Three Years	Five Years
Total Shareholder Return	10.0	1.0	11.7	47.7	63.8
NAV Total Return	6.1	-2.3	7.7	35.8	45.4
Equity portfolio gross return*	6.2	-2.6	7.0	37.5	N/A
MSCI ACWI Total Return (£)	5.8	-5.0	4.1	40.8	53.9

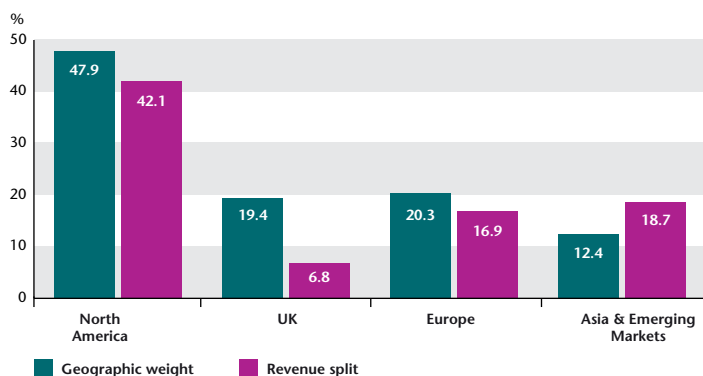
Discrete Performance – Total Return (%)

12 months to October 2015	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Total Shareholder Return	11.7	5.9	24.8	11.4	-0.4
NAV Total Return	7.7	4.2	20.9	10.0	-2.7
Equity portfolio gross return*	7.0	4.8	22.6	N/A	N/A
MSCI ACWI Total Return (£)	4.1	8.8	24.3	9.4	0.0

Source: FactSet and Morningstar

* The equity portfolio was restructured in December 2011 and equity portfolio returns prior to December 2012 are not comparable.

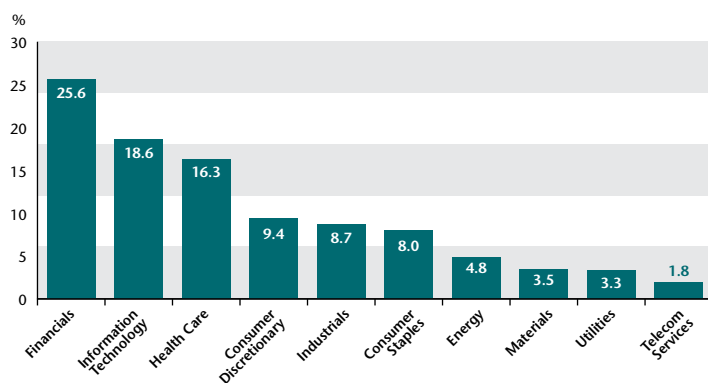
Regional Allocation & Revenue†



Source: Alliance Trust and FactSet

- Geographic weight is based on the region in which the company is listed.
- Revenue split analyses the segmental reporting of revenue by the companies in which Alliance Trust invests.
- Analysis excludes segmental non-specific income such as "Rest of the World" (15.6%) as the definition varies from company to company.

Sector Allocation†



Source: Alliance Trust

Full Portfolio Breakdown

A full breakdown of the Trust's portfolio can be viewed at: investor.alliancetrust.co.uk/ati/investorrelations/list-of-stock-holdings.htm

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Top 20 Equity Investments†

Rank	Name	£m	% Quoted equities
1	Visa	123.2	4.0%
2	Pfizer	102.1	3.4%
3	Walt Disney	96.1	3.2%
4	Accenture	89.1	2.9%
5	Prudential	88.7	2.9%
6	CVS Caremark	85.4	2.8%
7	Amgen	73.6	2.4%
8	Wells Fargo	73.6	2.4%
9	National Grid	65.9	2.2%
10	Legal & General	64.4	2.1%
11	Blackstone	61.8	2.0%
12	American Tower	60.6	2.0%
13	Intesa Sanpaolo	58.8	1.9%
14	NASDAQ	57.6	1.9%
15	Sanofi	57.2	1.9%
16	Reckitt Benckiser	55.3	1.8%
17	Danaher	52.0	1.7%
18	Vodafone	51.7	1.7%
19	Swedbank	51.6	1.7%
20	Continental	51.6	1.7%

Source: Alliance Trust

The top 10 holdings currently make up 28.3% of quoted equities.

The top 20 holdings currently make up 46.6% of quoted equities.

Key Trades

Largest New Holdings

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No longer Held

Qualcomm, Praxair, Petrofac

Source: Alliance Trust

Important Information

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

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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.

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