

PRICE: 489.7p
NAV (inc Income): 548.4p
DISCOUNT: 10.7%

Alliance Trust PLC Monthly Factsheet

31 January 2016

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 January 2016

Portfolio and Performance Update

Total Shareholder Return remains ahead of MSCI All Country World Index over 1, 3 and 5 years. NAV performance has been impacted by the recent market volatility but remains ahead of the index and the Global growth sector over the past year. The discount remained in a narrow range and closed January at 10.7%. Strong investment performance and share buy-backs allowed it to narrow significantly since our 1st October announcement when it stood at 12.4%. Month end gross gearing increased slightly to 13.4% from 13.0% at the end of December.

Portfolio turnover remains low with no significant changes. The equity portfolio is invested in 60 high conviction holdings - the top 20 making up 46.8%. Financials, Information Technology and Health Care are the three largest sector weights representing 59.6% of the overall equity exposure. The regional exposure remains unchanged.

Market Commentary

It has been a very volatile start to the year with global equity markets concerned about slowing growth in China, falling commodity prices and the impact interest rate policy may have on some emerging economies. The financial position of some European banks also emerged as a source of unease. The MSCI All Country World Index fell in 2.3% in January and is now down 11% since its peak last April. The valuation of stocks has also been under scrutiny with some commentators suggesting precipitous falls in valuations. We do not prescribe to this hypothesis and although there will be further volatility, we think there are many opportunities at a stock specific level.

Over the month the worst performers at Global sector level were Financials (-6.3%), Materials (-6.1%) and Health Care (-4.2%). Best performers were Utilities (+4.9%), Telecommunications (+3.9%) and Consumer Staples (+3.7%).

Outlook

2016 is likely to be a challenging year with political and economic uncertainty likely to cause further market volatility. The current divergence of sector returns has once again emphasised how important it is to focus on the factors that drive stock specific returns. Our bottom up analysis allows us to value companies on their own merits and we continue to see opportunities in well managed companies with sustainable fundamentals. The result is a quality portfolio well positioned to deliver what our shareholders expect – increased value in their investments through capital growth and a rising dividend. We will continue to actively manage the portfolio by focusing on the companies we want to invest in for the long term.

Buy Backs

In January we bought back 2.0m shares (0.4%) of the issued share capital at the cost of £9.4m.

Asset Allocation

Assets	% of Net Assets
Net Equity Exposure	101.5
Fixed Income	2.5
Private Equity	4.4
Operating Subsidiaries	2.6
Cash and other Net Assets	2.4
Gross Assets	113.4
Gearing	(13.4)
Net Assets Inc Income	100.0

Source: Alliance Trust

Key Information

Market Capital:	£2,567.9m
Total Assets:	£3,260.9m
Net Assets:	£2,870.9m
Total Borrowings:	£390.0m
Ongoing Charges Ratio (year to December 2014):	0.60%
Net Yield:	2.1%
Year End:	31 December
Date of Incorporation:	21 April 1888
Dividend Paid:	March, June, September, December
Issued Share Capital:	524,385,261

Source: Alliance Trust

Performance

Cumulative Performance (%)

To 31 January 2016	One Month	Six Months	One Year	Three Years	Five Years
Total Shareholder Return	-5.3	-0.1	2.7	30.6	52.3
NAV Total Return	-2.5	-2.3	0.2	23.9	38.6
Equity portfolio gross return*	-2.0	-1.3	1.5	26.5	N/A
MSCI ACWI Total Return (£)	-2.3	-2.3	-0.8	27.4	44.2

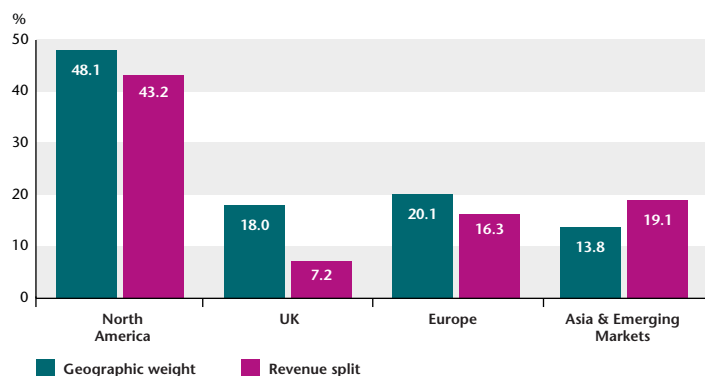
Discrete Performance – Total Return (%)

12 months to January	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Total Shareholder Return	2.7	14.2	11.3	16.6	-0.1
NAV Total Return	0.2	16.0	6.6	14.5	-2.3
Equity portfolio gross return*	1.5	14.5	8.8	N/A	N/A
MSCI ACWI Total Return (£)	-0.8	17.5	9.3	14.9	-1.5

Source: FactSet and Morningstar

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

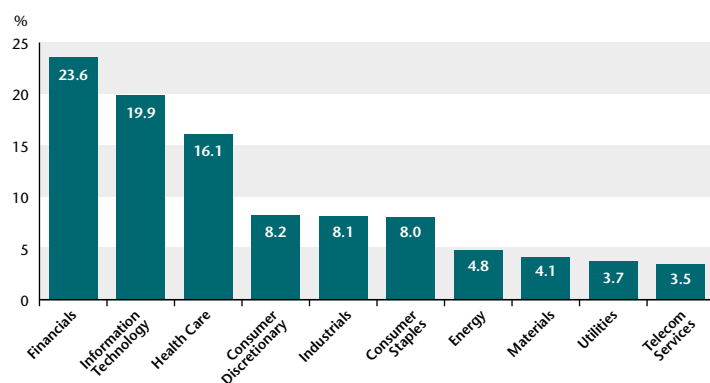
Regional Allocation & Revenue†



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" (14.2%) 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	115.8	4.0
2	Pfizer	97.1	3.3
3	Accenture	92.9	3.2
4	Prudential	77.7	2.7
5	CVS Caremark	75.6	2.6
6	Amgen	75.2	2.6
7	Wells Fargo	72.3	2.5
8	CSL	68.9	2.4
9	National Grid	68.4	2.4
10	NASDAQ	65.4	2.3
11	Roche	59.3	2.0
12	American Tower	59.3	2.0
13	Legal & General	58.3	2.0
14	Equinix	56.2	1.9
15	Reckitt Benckiser	54.1	1.9
16	Vodafone	52.6	1.8
17	SS&C Technologies	52.0	1.8
18	Blackstone	52.0	1.8
19	SAP AG	51.8	1.8
20	Daikin Industries	51.2	1.8

Source: Alliance Trust

The top 10 holdings currently make up 28.0% of quoted equities.
The top 20 holdings currently make up 46.8% of quoted equities.

Key Trades

Largest New Holdings

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No longer Held

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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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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.

† 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.