

# MONTHLY FACTSHEET

## 30 NOVEMBER 2017

## KEY STATISTICS

Share Price Net Asset Value<sup>1</sup> (NAV) per Share Premium (Discount)

734.0p

777.1p

(5.5%)

## INVESTMENT STRATEGY

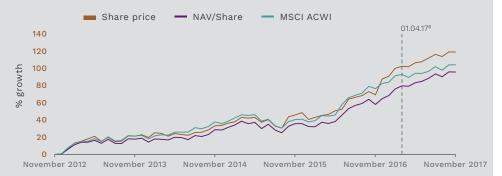
The equity portfolio brings together an alliance of best-in-class<sup>2</sup> equity managers and their best ideas - all at a competitive cost. It provides access to eight managers from around the world each investing only in their top stock selections. Most of these managers are not otherwise available to individual UK investors. The equity portfolio target is to outperform the MSCI All Country World Index by 2% per year after costs over rolling three year periods. Alliance Trust has a progressive dividend policy and has increased its dividend every year for 50 years.

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

Alliance Trust is an investment company with investment trust status. The Trust's objective is to generate a real return for our shareholders over the medium to long term by a combination of capital growth and a rising dividend. The Trust has no fixed asset allocation benchmark, although it mainly invests in global equities, but can use a range of asset classes throughout the world to achieve its objective. The Trust aims to be a core holding for investors seeking to increase the value of their investments over the long term.

## INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

#### ABSOLUTE PERFORMANCE (TOTAL RETURN IN STERLING)



## CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (%)

To 30 November 2017	Month	YTD		3 Years	5 Years	Since 01.04.17 <sup>6</sup>
Total shareholder return	-0.1	16.7	29.3	64.3	119.2	8.1
NAV total return	-0.1	17.9	22.9	50.9	94.5	8.1
Equity portfolio return	0.1	14.1	20.2	50.6	98.1	8.2
MSCI ACWI total return	0.0	11.9	15.7	48.2	104.4	5.8

## DISCRETE PERFORMANCE (%)

From To	30-Nov-16 30-Nov-17	30-Nov-15 30-Nov-16		30-Nov-13 30-Nov-14	
Total shareholder return	29.3	16.2	9.4	10.0	21.2
NAV total return	22.9	16.5	5.4	9.4	17.8
Equity portfolio return	20.2	19.7	4.6	9.8	19.8
MSCI ACWI total return	15.7	25.6	2.0	13.6	21.4

## KEY FACTS

Market Total Assets<sup>3</sup> Net Assets<sup>3</sup> Gearing<sup>4</sup> Net Yield⁵ Year End Incorporated

Shares in Issue Buybacks in November

Dividend Paid

AIC Sector Next AGM

£2,555.1M £2.955.5M

£2,721.7M 8.6%

1.9%

31 December 21 April 1888 Mar, Jun, Sep,

Dec 348.111.136

at a cost of £9.6M (0.37% of the issued share capital)

**ATST** GB00B11V7W98 Global

April 2018



Alliance Trust has been awarded the AIC's Dividend Hero award and is proud to have increased its dividend every year for 50 years.

## CHARGES

Targeted Ongoing Charges Ratio (OCR) OCR Year

to 31 Dec 2016

0.65%

Please remember, past performance is not a guide to future performance, and the value of shares and the income from them can rise and fall, so investors may not get back the amount originally invested. Net Asset Value ("NAV") performance is not the same as share price performance and investors may not realise returns the same as NAV

Notes: All data is provided as at 30 November 2017 unless otherwise stated. All figures may be subject to rounding errors. Sources: Investment Performance data is provided by BNY Mellon Performance & Risk Analytics Europe Limited, Morningstar and MSCI Inc; Key Statistics, Key Facts and Charges data is provided by BNYM Fund Services (Ireland) Limited. NAV Total Return is net of management fees. In order to report the long-term record of the equity portfolio, the returns of the portfolio prior to its restructure early in April 2017 have been combined with the returns to date of the current portfolio. Equity portfolio return is the return achieved by the eight equity managers and so includes the effect of any of their cash holdings (gross of their fees). Returns are quoted net of withholding taxes (some of which are potentially recovered at a later date) and therefore potentially underestimate the managers' relative performance. Total NAV returns are after all manager fees (including WTW's fees) and allow for any tax reclaims when they are achieved.

- 1. NAV includes income with debt at fair value.
- - Assets valued with debt at par.
    Annual dividend per share divided by share price.
- 2. As rated by Willis Towers Watson.
- Total borrowings at par divided by net assets. Performance since Willis Towers Watson assumed responsibility for management of the portfolio. 6.

Less than

0.43%

## TOP 20 HOLDINGS

Name	£m	%
Microsoft	45.6	1.7
UnitedHealth Group	44.3	1.7
Oracle	40.4	1.5
Alphabet	37.5	1.4
Charter Communications	36.6	1.4
Baidu -ADR	35.7	1.3
CVS Caremark	34.5	1.3
Western Union	32.0	1.2
Airbus	31.4	1.2
Ryanair	30.1	1.1
Comcast	27.7	1.0
Britvic	27.0	1.0
AIA	26.6	1.0
Anglo American	26.5	1.0
HDFC Bank	26.4	1.0
Samsung Electronics	26.3	1.0
Anthem	26.2	1.0
Tencent	26.1	1.0
Aetna	25.8	1.0
Novo-Nordisk	25.6	1.0

Top 10 holdings 13.8% **Top 20 holdings 23.8%** 

The 20 largest stock positions across the eight equity managers, given as a percentage of the total assets managed by those managers (including their cash holdings).

A full breakdown of the Trust's portfolio can be viewed at: www.alliancetrust.co.uk

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#### INVESTMENT COMMENTARY

Over November, the Trust's total shareholder return, NAV total return and equity portfolio return were -0.1%, -0.1% and 0.1% respectively. The equity portfolio slightly outperformed the MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI) which was flat over the same period.

Encouraged by higher UK inflation figures, the Bank of England raised rates for the first time in a decade. This, combined with the news that there was more certainty of arriving at a Brexit deal, led to a sterling rally in November. This meant that despite accelerated Eurozone economic momentum and US tax reforms which were promising news for equity investors globally, for a sterling investor the return on global equities was flat in November.

Since 1 April 2017\*, the Trust's equity portfolio has outperformed the MSCI ACWI by 2.4%, with stock selection remaining the most significant driver of relative outperformance, as intended. We expect volatility and dispersion in the markets to increase and believe that our portfolio managers are in a position to benefit from this scenario through superior stock selection. We retain a high degree of confidence in our underlying equity managers and have made no changes to equity manager allocations over the month.

During the month, the Trust's equity managers have reduced our portfolio's exposure to Safran and Nielsen, both having previously been in the top 20 holdings. These stocks have now been replaced by Anthem and Tencent, through strong relative performance of both. Notable additions to the Trust in November were Fleetcor Technologies and Nvidia, both US domiciled technology

\* Date Willis Towers Watson assumed responsibility for management of the portfolio

# EOUITY MANAGERS

% OF EQUITY PORTFOLIO MANAGED









**Hugh Sergeant 9%** 

Rajiv Jain<sup>7</sup> 15%

**Ben Whitmore 9%** 





EQUITY PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION

108.6

-8.6

100.0



Veritas Asset Management

**Andrew Wellington** 

Pierre Py, Greg Herr

George Fraise, Gordon Marchand, Rob Rohn 13%

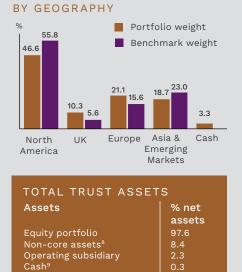
BY SECTOR

**Andy Headley 14%** 

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# Portfolio weight







Materials | 3.9% Utilities | 1.0% Telecoms | 0.2%

Cash | 3.3%

Energy | 4.0%

**ACTIVE SHARE** 

Health care | 11.1%

Active Share is a measure of the percentage of stock holdings in a manager's portfolio that differs from the benchmark index.

#### Important information

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Alliance Trust invests primarily in equities and aims to generate capital growth and a progressively rising dividend from its portfolio of investments. Alliance Trust currently conducts its affairs so that its shares can be recommended by Independent Financial Advisers (IFAs) to ordinary retail investors in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) rules in relation to non-mainstream investment products and intends to continue to do so for the foreseeable future. The shares are excluded from the FCA's restrictions which apply to non-mainstream investment products because they are shares in an investment trust. The shares in the Trust may also be suitable for institutional investors who seek a combination of capital and income return. Private investors should consider consulting an Independent Financial Adviser who specialises in advising on the acquisition of shares and other securities before acquiring shares. Investors should be capable of evaluating the risks and merits of such an investment and should have sufficient resources to bear any loss that may result.

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Gross assets

Total Net assets

Total borrowings at par

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- Manages both a global equity and an emerging markets equity portfolio.
- Includes private equity, mineral rights, funds, Liontrust Asset Management plc shares and other non-operating subsidiaries. Cash quoted is centrally held cash. The equity portfolio may also hold cash as a result of trading by the underlying managers.