

MONTHLY FACTSHEET

31 OCTOBER 2017

KEY STATISTICS

Share Price Net Asset Value¹ (NAV) per Share Premium (Discount)

735.0p

777.1p

£2,568.2M

(5.4%)

INVESTMENT STRATEGY

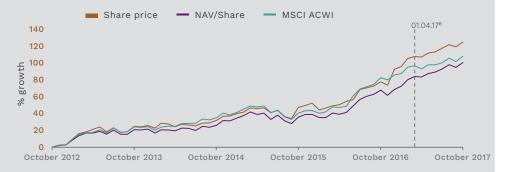
The equity portfolio brings together an alliance of best-in-class² equity managers and their best ideas - all at a competitive cost. It provides access to eight managers from around the world each investing only in their top stock selections. Most of these managers are not otherwise available to individual 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 31 October 2017	Month	YTD		3 Years	5 Years	Since 01.04.17 ⁶
Total shareholder return	2.6	16.8	26.6	70.5	125.0	8.3
NAV total return	2.2	18.1	18.6	58.0	99.2	8.2
Equity portfolio return	2.3	16.2	16.3	57.3	N/A	8.2
MSCI ACWI total return	3.2	11.9	13.9	53.9	108.1	5.8

DISCRETE PERFORMANCE (%)

From To	31-Oct-16 31-Oct-17	31-Oct-15 31-Oct-16	31-Oct-14 31-Oct-15	31-Oct-13 31-Oct-14	31-Oct-12 31-Oct-13
Total shareholder return	26.6	20.5	11.7	5.7	24.8
NAV total return	18.6	23.6	7.8	4.2	21.0
Equity portfolio return	16.3	26.4	7.0	4.8	N/A
MSCI ACWI total return	13.9	29.8	4.1	8.8	24.3

KEY FACTS

Market Total Assets³ Net Assets³ Gearing⁴ Net Yield⁵ Year End Incorporated Dividend Paid

Shares in Issue Buybacks in October

TIDM AIC Sector

£2.964.4M £2,731.4M 8.5% 1.9% 31 December 21 April 1888 Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec 349,413,298 118,665 shares at a cost of £0.9M (0.03% 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

Less than 0.65%

0.43%

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 31 October 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 returns prior to December 2012 are not comparable and have been excluded from the long-term record. 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.

- NAV includes income with debt at fair value.
- Assets valued with debt at par.
- Annual dividend per share divided by share price.
- 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.

TOP 20 HOLDINGS

Name	£m	%
Microsoft	46.0	1.7
Oracle	42.7	1.6
UnitedHealth	, 2	
Group	41.6	1.6
Charter		
Communications	38.2	1.4
Nielsen	34.4	1.3
Baidu - ADR	33.2	1.3
Western Union	31.9	1.2
Airbus	31.4	1.2
Alphabet	31.1	1.2
Safran	31.0	1.2
CVS Caremark	28.9	1.1
Ryanair	28.7	1.1
Samsung		
Electronics	28.2	1.0
Anglo American	27.4	1.0
Comcast	27.1	1.0
HDFC Bank	25.7	1.0
Britvic	25.4	1.0
AIA	25.2	1.0
Novo-Nordisk	25.1	1.0
Aetna	24.8	0.9

Top 10 holdings 13.7% 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 October, the Trust's total shareholder return, NAV total return and equity portfolio return were 2.6%, 2.2% and 2.3% respectively, underperforming the MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI) which returned 3.2% over the same period. Equities in Europe and UK returned 1.5% and 1.7% respectively, underperforming the MSCI ACWI index (3.2%). The performance of the Trust's equity portfolio lagged as a consequence of being overweight these markets. Some of the equity managers' stock selections have also detracted from performance, in particular companies within the Information Technology and Consumer Discretionary sectors.

However, this follows a number of positive months with the equity portfolio outperforming the MSCI ACWI by 2.4% since 1 April 2017 when WTW took on responsibility for the portfolio, mainly driven by stock selection. Since that date, the equity portfolio has outperformed in all sectors against the MSCI ACWI index except for Information Technology, where a few stocks generated most of the returns.

We continue to maintain high conviction in the equity managers in the portfolio and have made no changes to equity manager allocations over the month. In this environment of low volatility, we expect increased dispersion between stocks going forward, providing opportunities for talented stock pickers like those managing the Trust's equity portfolio.

EOUITY MANAGERS

% OF EQUITY PORTFOLIO MANAGED



Andrew Wellington



Hugh Sergeant 9% Rajiv Jain⁷ 15%









Veritas Asset Management

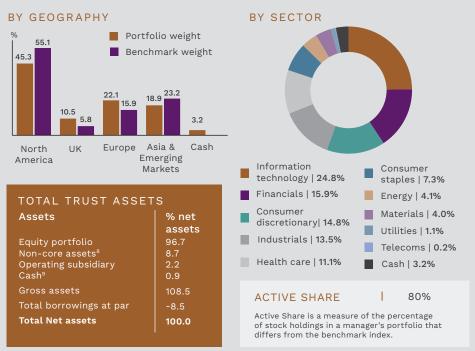
Pierre Py, Greg Herr

George Fraise, Gordon Marchand, Rob Rohn 13%

Andy Headley 14%

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EQUITY PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION



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