

# MONTHLY FACTSHEET

28 FEBRUARY 2018

## KEY STATISTICS

Share Price	738.0p
Net Asset Value <sup>1</sup> (NAV) per Share	780.3p
Premium (Discount)	(5.4%)

## INVESTMENT STRATEGY

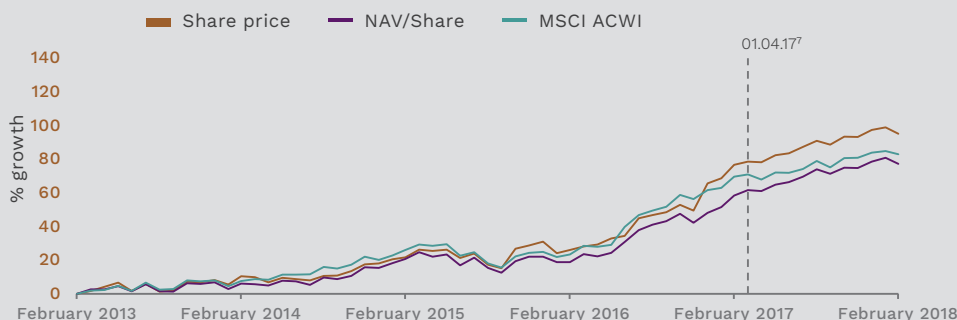
The equity portfolio brings together an alliance of best-in-class<sup>2</sup> equity managers and their best ideas – all at a competitive cost. It provides access to eight managers from around the world each investing only in their top stock selections. Most of these managers are not otherwise available 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 28 February 2018	Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since 01.04.17 <sup>7</sup>
Total shareholder return	-1.9	-1.1	10.5	60.2	95.1	9.2
NAV total return	-2.0	-0.8	11.9	46.8	77.2	9.6
Equity portfolio return	-1.0	0.3	10.9	47.9	79.3	10.1
MSCI ACWI total return	-1.1	-0.6	7.8	45.0	82.8	7.0

### DISCRETE PERFORMANCE (%)

From To	28-Feb-17	28-Feb-16	28-Feb-15	28-Feb-14	28-Feb-13
	28-Feb-18	28-Feb-17	28-Feb-16	28-Feb-15	28-Feb-14
Total shareholder return	10.5	40.1	3.5	10.3	10.4
NAV total return	11.9	27.5	0.5	15.1	7.4
Equity portfolio return	10.9	34.3	-0.7	13.3	7.0
MSCI ACWI total return	7.8	37.5	-2.2	17.2	7.6

## KEY FACTS

Market Capitalisation	£2,535.0M
Total Assets <sup>3</sup>	£2,927.2M
Net Assets <sup>3</sup>	£2,694.2M
Gross Gearing <sup>4</sup>	8.6%
Net Gearing <sup>5</sup>	5.6%
Net Yield <sup>6</sup>	1.8%
Year End	31 December
Incorporated	21 April 1888
Dividend Paid	Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec
Shares in Issue	343,501,589
Buybacks in February	3,990,567 shares at a cost of £28.7M (1.15% of the issued share capital)
TIDM	ATST
ISIN	GB00B11V7W98
AIC Sector	Global
Next AGM	April 2018



Alliance Trust has been awarded the AIC's Dividend Hero award and is proud to have over 50 years of consecutive dividend growth.

## CHARGES

Targeted Ongoing Charges Ratio (OCR)	Less than 0.65%
OCR Year to 31 Dec 2017	0.54%

**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 performance.**

Notes: All data is provided as at 28 February 2018 unless otherwise stated. All figures may be subject to rounding errors. Sources: Investment Performance data is provided by The Bank of New York Mellon Performance & Risk Analytics Europe Limited, Morningstar and MSCI Inc; Key Statistics, Key Facts and Charges data is provided by The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Ltd. 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.

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

## TOP 20 HOLDINGS

Name	£m	%
Alphabet	52.6	2.0
Microsoft	47.3	1.8
Amazon	46.3	1.7
Comcast	42.0	1.6
Charter Communications	41.3	1.5
Baidu - ADR	39.8	1.5
United Health Group	36.4	1.4
Oracle	33.4	1.2
Western Union	31.8	1.2
Page Group	28.8	1.1
Ryanair	28.6	1.1
Tencent	27.0	1.0
AIA	26.8	1.0
Airbus	26.7	1.0
Anthem	25.5	1.0
Novo-Nordisk	25.3	0.9
HDFC Bank	25.3	0.9
Visa	24.7	0.9
Liberty Interactive	24.7	0.9
HCA Healthcare	24.3	0.9

Top 10 holdings 15.0%

Top 20 holdings 24.6%

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](http://www.alliancetrust.co.uk)

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## INVESTMENT COMMENTARY

Over February, the Trust's total shareholder return, NAV total return and equity portfolio return were -1.9%, -2.0% and -1.0% respectively. Over the same period, the MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI) returned -1.1%.

The month of February started off with volatility increasing in global equity markets after an extended period of edging steadily higher. The MSCI ACWI saw a correction of 9.5% during the first week of February from its peak on the 11 Jan, due to worries of inflation and central banks tightening sooner than expected. Towards the end of the month, equity markets have recovered a portion of this correction, but fears around inflation and interest rates still linger.

During this period of volatility, the Equity portfolio managed to perform in line with the broader market due to the portfolio not being overly exposed to any one sector, geography or factor. In addition, most of our underlying managers have managed to outperform the benchmark since the start of the year. Whilst we continue to believe that the stock selection decisions of our underlying portfolio managers will drive long-term outperformance, our overall portfolio positioning has been successful in mitigating relative risk during times of market volatility. As a result, we have made no changes to our target manager allocations over the month.

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

## EQUITY MANAGERS

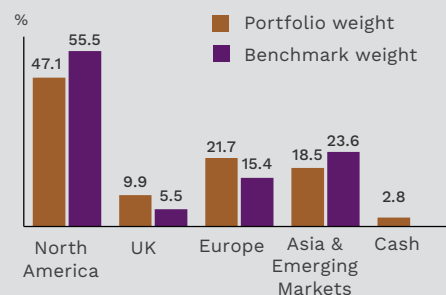
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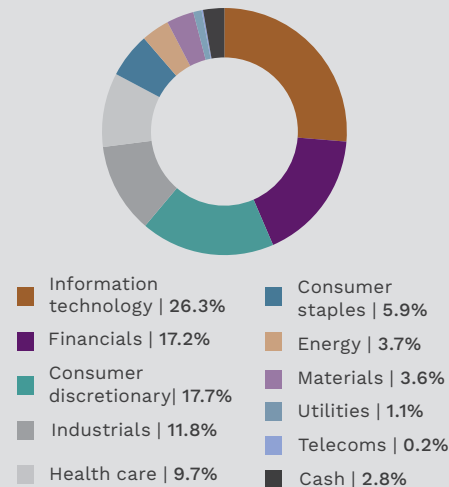
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## EQUITY PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION

### BY GEOGRAPHY



### BY SECTOR



### TOTAL TRUST ASSETS

Assets	% net assets
Equity portfolio	99.5
Non-core assets <sup>9</sup>	7.4
Operating subsidiary	1.4
Cash <sup>10</sup>	0.3
Gross assets	108.6
Total borrowings at par	-8.6
<b>Total Net assets</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**ACTIVE SHARE** | 79%

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

**Please remember past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. The value of your investment, and any income from it, may decrease as well as increase and you may not get back the amount you invest. 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 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.**

### Important information

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### Share investment

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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8. Manages both a global equity and an emerging markets equity portfolio.

9. Includes private equity, mineral rights, funds and other non-operating subsidiaries.

10. Cash quoted is centrally held cash and equivalents. The equity portfolio may also hold cash as a result of trading by the underlying managers as shown in the sector table above.