

MONTHLY FACTSHEET

31 MARCH 2018

KEY STATISTICS

Share Price Net Asset Value¹ (NAV) per Share Premium

(Discount)

699.0p 743.5p

(6.0%)

INVESTMENT STRATEGY

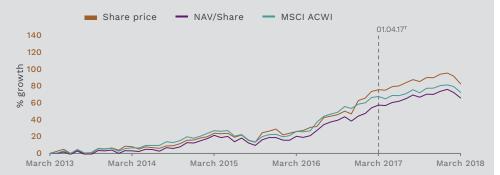
The equity portfolio brings together an alliance of best-in-class² equity managers and their best ideas - all at a competitive cost. It provides access to eight managers from around the world each investing only in their top stock selections. Most of these managers are not otherwise available to individual 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 March 2018	Month	YTD		3 Years	5 Years	Since 01.04.17 ⁷
Total shareholder return	-4.9	-5.9	3.9	47.1	82.5	3.9
NAV total return	-3.9	-3.9	4.9	36.5	65.8	4.9
Equity portfolio return	-4.0	-3.7	5.7	37.4	68.1	5.7
MSCI ACWI total return	-3.9	-4.4	2.8	35.8	72.5	2.8

DISCRETE PERFORMANCE (%)

From To	31-Mar-17 31-Mar-18	31-Mar-16 31-Mar-17	31-Mar-15 31-Mar-16	31-Mar-14 31-Mar-15	31-Mar-13 31-Mar-14
Total shareholder return	3.9	39.3	1.6	14.8	8.0
NAV total return	4.9	27.5	0.5	15.1	7.4
Equity portfolio return	5.7	29.9	0.1	17.3	4.3
MSCI ACWI total return	2.8	33.0	-0.6	19.0	6.7

Note: Total shareholder return inloudes non-core assets and ATS performance. All performance data is as at 29 March 2018 due to UK Bank Holiday on 30 March 2018.

KEY FACTS

Market £2.384.8M Capitalisation Total Assets³ £2,775.5M £2,552.0M Net Assets³ Gross Gearing4 8.8% Net Gearing⁵ 4.7% Net Yield⁶ 1 9% Year End 31 December 21 April 1888 Incorporated Dividend Paid Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec Shares in Issue 341,175,955 Buybacks 2,325,634 in March shares at a cost of £16.6M (0.68% of the issued share capital) TIDM ATST 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 Less than Charges Ratio (OCR) 0.65% OCR 1 Apr 2017 0.62% to 31 Dec 2017⁷ OCR Year to 31 Dec 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 31 March 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 Willis Towers Watson's fees) and allow for any tax reclaims when they are achieved.

- NAV includes income with debt at fair value.
- Total borrowings at par divided by net assets. 6. Annual dividend per share divided by share price.
- As rated by Willis Towers Watson
 - 3. Assets valued with debt at par. Total borrowings at par minus total cash and equivalents, divided by net assets
- Since Willis Towers Watson assumed responsibility for management of the portfolio.

TOP 20 HOLDINGS

Name	0	07
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Alphabet	47.7	1.9
Microsoft	36.9	1.5
Charter	36.6	1.5
Communications		
United Health	33.9	1.3
Group		
Amazon	33.2	1.3
salesforce.com	31.9	1.3
Western Union	31.0	1.2
Oracle	29.6	1.2
Comcast	28.6	1.1
Ryanair	27.0	1.1
AIA	26.4	1.0
Page Group	26.1	1.0
Facebook	25.9	1.0
Baidu - ADR	25.2	1.0
HDFC Bank	24.5	1.0
Airbus	24.2	1.0
Tencent	23.6	0.9
Novo-Nordisk	23.4	0.9
Anthem	23.4	0.9
HCA Healthcare	23.4	0.9

Top 10 holdings 13.4% Top 20 holdings 23.0%

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

It is one year since the new investment approach was implemented and over that period the equity portfolio has returned 5.7%, outperforming the MSCI ACWI by +2.9%, despite trailing the benchmark marginally by 0.1% in March. For the month of March, the Trust's total shareholder return, NAV total return and equity portfolio return were -4.9%, -3.9% and -4.0% respectively. The MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI) returned -3.9% over the same period.

Volatility continued in global equity markets during March, as fears of a global trade war increased following the US administration's announcement of tariffs on steel and aluminium imports from China, prompting retaliatory tariffs from China. The news that a Brexit transition deal has been agreed led to a c.2.6% appreciation of sterling against the US dollar. As a result, the MSCI ACWI returned its largest monthly loss since August 2015 in sterling terms. We believe that this increased volatility and dispersion in stock return environment provides an ideal scenario for the skilled stock pickers in our portfolio to generate strong long-term returns. We continue to have high conviction in our underlying portfolio managers and we have made no changes to our target manager allocations during the month.

EQUITY MANAGERS

% OF EQUITY PORTFOLIO MANAGED



16%



Hugh Sergeant 9%

Rajiv Jain⁸ 15%





George Fraise, Gordon Marchand.



Ben Whitmore 9%

Veritas Asset Management

Andy Headley 14%



Pierre Py, Greg Herr Rob Rohn 14%

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EQUITY PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION BY GEOGRAPHY BY SECTOR Portfolio weight Benchmark weight 47. 17.9 15.5 North Europe Asia & Cash Emerging America Information Consumer Markets technology | 26.5% staples | 7.0% Financials | 16.5% Energy | 3.9% TOTAL TRUST ASSETS Consumer Materials | 3.8% Assets % net discretionary| 16.8% assets Utilities | 0.7% Industrials | 11.7% Equity portfolio Telecoms | 0.1% Non-core assets Health care | 9.9% Operating subsidiary Cash | 3.1% Gross assets ACTIVE SHARE 79% Total borrowings at par -8.8 Active Share is a measure of the percentage Total Net assets 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.

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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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- Manages both a global equity and an emerging markets equity portfolio.
 Includes private equity, mineral rights, funds and other non-operating subsidiaries.
 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.