

# MONTHLY FACTSHEET

28 FEBRUARY 2019

## KEY STATISTICS

Share Price	736.0p
Net Asset Value <sup>1</sup> (NAV) per Share	774.8p
Premium (Discount)	(5.0%)

## 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 52 years.

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

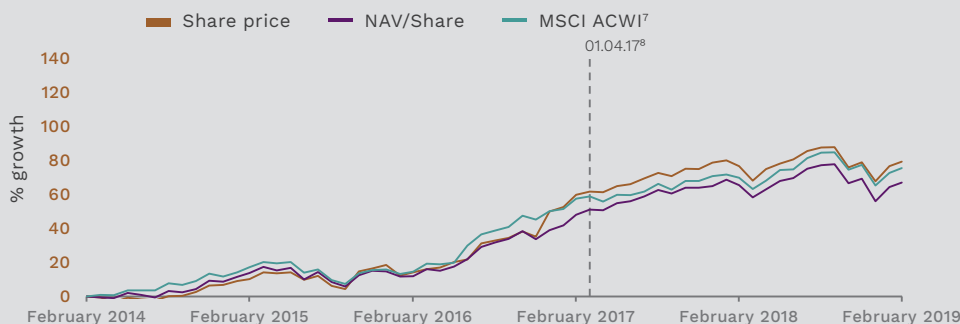
Alliance Trust is an investment company with investment trust status. The Trust's objective is to generate a real return for our shareholders over the medium to long term by a combination of capital growth and a rising dividend. The Trust has no fixed asset allocation benchmark, although it mainly invests 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.

## KEY FACTS

Market Capitalisation	£2,449.4M
Total Assets <sup>3</sup>	£2,821.2M
Net Assets <sup>3</sup>	£2,594.2M
Gross Gearing <sup>4</sup>	8.8%
Net Gearing <sup>5</sup>	5.3%
Net Yield <sup>6</sup>	1.8%
Year End	31 December
Incorporated	21 April 1888
Dividend Paid	Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec
Shares in Issue	332,798,020
Buybacks in February	513,000 shares at a cost of £3.8M (0.15% of the issued share capital)
TIDM	ATST
ISIN	GB00B11V7W98
AIC Sector	Global
Next AGM	April 2019

## INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

### ABSOLUTE PERFORMANCE (TOTAL RETURN IN STERLING)



### CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (%)

To 28 February 2019	Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since 01.04.17 <sup>8</sup>
Total shareholder return	1.5	7.0	1.6	57.1	79.4	10.9
NAV total return	1.6	7.1	1.0	49.2	67.1	10.6
Equity portfolio return	1.4	6.5	1.7	51.4	70.4	12.0
MSCI ACWI total return	1.6	6.2	3.3	53.1	75.5	10.5

### DISCRETE PERFORMANCE (%)

From To	28-Feb-18	28-Feb-17	28-Feb-16	28-Feb-15	28-Feb-14
	28-Feb-19	28-Feb-18	28-Feb-17	28-Feb-16	28-Feb-15
Total shareholder return	1.6	10.5	40.1	3.5	10.3
NAV total return	1.0	11.7	32.3	-1.6	13.9
Equity portfolio return	1.7	10.9	34.3	-0.7	13.3
MSCI ACWI total return	3.3	7.8	37.5	-2.2	17.2



Alliance Trust has been awarded the AIC's Dividend Hero award and is proud to have 52 years of consecutive dividend growth.

## CHARGES

Targeted Ongoing Charges Ratio (OCR)	Less than 0.65%
OCR Year to 31 Dec 2018	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 performance.**

Notes: All data is provided as at 28 February 2019 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. 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. NAV total return is based on NAV including income with debt at fair value, after all manager fees (including Willis Towers Watson's fees) and allow for any tax reclaims when they are achieved. The NAV total return shown in the factsheets up to May 2018 was based on NAV excluding income with debt valued at par. The OCR target of 0.65% is based on NAV reported as at 31 December 2017.

**Movements in exchange rates can impact on both the level of income received and capital value of your investment.**

- 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.
- All Country World Index
- Since Willis Towers Watson assumed responsibility for management of the portfolio.

## TOP 20 HOLDINGS

Name	£m	%
Microsoft	48.2	1.8
HDFC Bank	47.2	1.7
Alphabet	44.3	1.6
Unilever	41.3	1.5
HCA Healthcare	37.9	1.4
Oracle	36.4	1.3
Abbot Laboratories	36.3	1.3
UnitedHealth Group	33.2	1.2
Charter Communications	31.5	1.1
Philip Morris International	31.3	1.1
AIA	29.0	1.1
Ryanair	28.9	1.1
Aflac	28.4	1.0
Broadcom	26.5	1.0
Microchip Technology	26.2	1.0
Cigna Corporation	25.7	0.9
Crown Holdings Inc	24.0	0.9
Reckitt Benckiser	23.9	0.9
Suncor Energy	23.8	0.9
Celanese	23.6	0.9

Top 10 holdings 14.0%

Top 20 holdings 23.7%

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 returned 1.5%, 1.6% and 1.4% respectively. The benchmark MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI) returned 1.6% over the same period.

Equity markets continued to rise in February, buoyed by above-average US fourth quarter economic growth data, the conclusion of a better-than-expected US earnings season, and the Fed's dovish tone on interest rate hikes. Ongoing trade tensions between the US and China, whilst by no means resolved, saw negotiations make sufficient progress to avoid an increase in tariffs scheduled for 1 March. In the UK and Europe, political uncertainty continued to weigh on regional equity markets, however both regions closed out the month posting positive returns.


The Trust's stock pickers continued to find new and interesting ideas to add to their portfolios over the month. A new position was established in ServiceNow, a fast growing software vendor of applications that are focused on defining, structuring and automating the flow of work across the enterprise while simultaneously ridding organizations of dependence on out-of-date spreadsheets and disparate email chains. The Trust's position in Chinese technology Holdings Company Tencent was sold over the course of the month as pricing reached a level that meant the stock picker that owned it felt there were more attractively priced opportunities elsewhere.

New entrants to the top 20 holdings in February were US healthcare company Abbott Laboratories and US technology and specialty materials company Celanese, as a result of security purchases and relative performance respectively. These holdings replaced London-based global professional intermediaries firm TP ICAP and US retail and healthcare company CVS Caremark, exiting the top 20 as a result of security sales and relative performance respectively.

## EQUITY MANAGERS

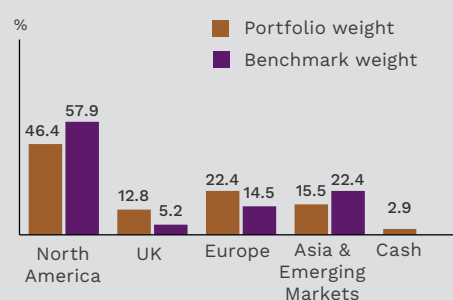
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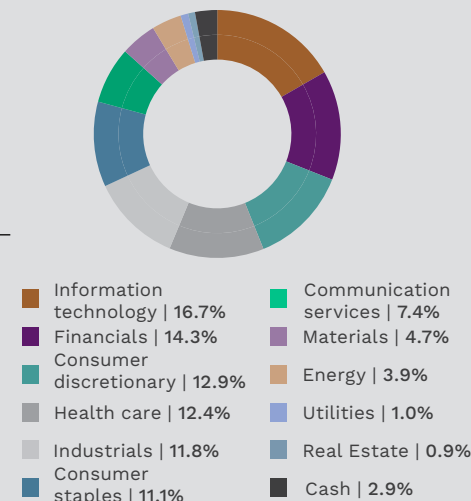
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## EQUITY PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION

BY GEOGRAPHY



BY SECTOR



## TOTAL TRUST ASSETS

Assets	% net assets
Equity portfolio	105.8
Non-core assets <sup>10</sup>	1.2
Operating subsidiary	1.4
Cash <sup>11</sup>	0.4
Gross assets	108.8
Total borrowings at par	-8.8
<b>Total Net assets</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**ACTIVE SHARE** | 81%

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. The mention of any specific shares should not be taken as a recommendation to deal.**

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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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9. Includes both a global equity and an emerging markets equity portfolio.

10. Manages private equity, mineral rights, funds and other non-operating subsidiaries.

11. 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.