

SUMMARY OF APPROACH

active multi-manager portfolio is competitively priced.

INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

# MONTHLY FACTSHEET

## 31 OCTOBER 2019

its objective.

140

120

100

80

60

40

20

October 2014

#### KEY STATISTICS

Share Price Net Asset Value (NAV) per Share Premium

KEY FACTS

(Discount)

783.0p

833.1p (6.0%)

Market Capitalisation Total Assets Net Assets Gross Gearing<sup>1</sup> Net Gearing<sup>2</sup> Net Yield<sup>3</sup>

Year End Incorporated

Dividend Paid

Shares in Issue

in October

TIDM
ISIN
AIC Sector
Next AGM

£2,580.2M £3,006.3M

£2,742.5M 8.1% 5.0%

1.8% 31 December

21 April 1888 Mar, Jun, Sep,

Dec

329,525,733

434,000 shares at a cost of £3.4M (0.13% of the issued share capital)

ATST GB00B11V7W98

Global April 2020

## CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (%)

October 2015

To 31 October 2019	5 Years	3 Years	Since 01.04.17 <sup>5</sup>	1 Year	YTD	Month
Total shareholder return	88.3	39.9	19.6	10.0	15.4	-2.0
NAV total return	74.3	31.5	20.4	9.3	16.6	-1.6
MSCLACWL total return <sup>4</sup>	741	30.2	21.2	11.2	17.5	-22

Alliance Trust aims to be a core equity holding for investors that delivers a real return over the long term through a combination of capital growth and a rising dividend. The Trust

invests primarily in global equities across a wide range of industries and sectors to achieve

The Trust's investment manager, Willis Towers Watson, has appointed a number of stock pickers with different styles, who each ignore the benchmark and only buy a small number

of stocks in which they have strong conviction. Investors therefore get the benefit of both

highly focused stock picking to increase potential outperformance versus the benchmark

and manager diversification to reduce risk and volatility. The Trust's diversified but highly

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October 2017

ABSOLUTE PERFORMANCE (TOTAL RETURN IN STERLING)

■ Share price — NAV/Share — MSCI ACWI<sup>4</sup>

October 2016

The NAV total return reflects the impact of owning investments other than global equities prior to 30 June 2019, which had a drag on the return. Between 1 April 2017 and 31 October 2019, the performance of the equity portfolio gross of fees, and excluding leverage, (a good approximation of the NAV total return after costs had these legacy investments not been included), was 22.9% versus the return on the MSCI ACWI Index\* of 21.2%.

#### DISCRETE PERFORMANCE (%)

From	31-Oct-18	31-Oct-17	31-Oct-16	31-Oct-15	31-Oct-14
То	31-Oct-19	31-Oct-18	31-Oct-17	31-Oct-16	31-Oct-15
Total shareholder return	10.0	0.4	26.6	20.5	11.7
NAV total return	9.3	1.5	18.6	23.0	7.8
MSCI ACWI total return <sup>4</sup>	11.2	3.4	13.3	29.1	3.6

For an explanation of how we measure performance, please refer to our website

aic DIVIDEND HERO

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)

0.65% OR LESS

OCR Year to 31 Dec

2018

0.65%

#### Risk warnings

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns. 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. Exchange rate changes may cause the value of overseas investments to go down as well as up and can impact on both the level of income received and capital value of your investment. 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 less than you invested or nothing at all.

October 2018

October 2019

Notes: All data is provided as at 31 October 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. NAV and 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 allows 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.

- 1. Total borrowings at par value divided by net assets.
- 2. Factsheet reissued to restate the net gearing level which was incorrectly reported with total borrowings calculated at fair value rather than calculated as stated as total borrowings at par value minus total cash and equivalents, divided by net assets with debt at par.
- 3. Annual dividend per share divided by share price.
- 4. MSCI All Country World Index Net Dividends Reinvested.
- 5. 1 April 2017 was the date that Willis Towers Watson was appointed investment manager.

## TOP 20 HOLDINGS

£m	%
116.0	3.9
70.4	2.4
46.6	1.6
45.5	1.5
41.8	1.4
40.8	1.4
40.3	1.3
39.4	1.3
34.6	1.2
34.4	1.1
34.0	1.1
33.4	1.1
32.6	1.1
32.3	1.1
31.7	1.1
30.3	1.0
30.3	1.0
30.2	1.0
29.4	1.0
29.3	1.0
	£m 116.0 70.4 46.6 45.5 41.8 40.3 39.4 34.6 34.4 34.0 33.4 32.6 32.3 31.7 30.3 30.3 30.2 29.4 29.3

## **Top 10 holdings 17.1%** Top 20 holdings 27.6%

equity managers, given as a percentage of (including their cash holdings)

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

#### **ACTIVE SHARE**

80%

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

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#### INVESTMENT COMMENTARY

For the month of October, the Trust's total shareholder return and NAV total return were -2.0% and -1.6% respectively, outperforming the benchmark MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI) which returned -2.2%.

In October, most global equity markets were up in local currency terms, as the US Federal Reserve cut interest rates for the third time this year and geopolitical tensions eased, with the US and China progressing towards a partial trade deal and significant developments in UK-EU Brexit negotiations. As a result of a revised Withdrawal Agreement being agreed between the UK Government and EU leaders, albeit that it has yet to be passed by the House of Commons, the news led to a significant strengthening of sterling against other major market currencies. This strengthening meant that for sterling investors, like the Trust, non-UK equity market returns for the month were

Within the Trust's portfolio, a position was initiated in Altice USA, a US-based television cable provider delivering telecommunication services to 4.9 million customers across the US. Altice USA offer an opportunity, alongside current positions in Comcast and Charter Communications, in cable companies that also provide broadband sales and show good potential to benefit from the streaming revolution taking place across television services. Existing holdings in Yum! Brands, a US fast food company, and Carnival Corporation, a British-American cruise operator, were increased following recent price weakness reducing earnings multiples across both firms, making them even more attractive long term prospects for the portfolio.

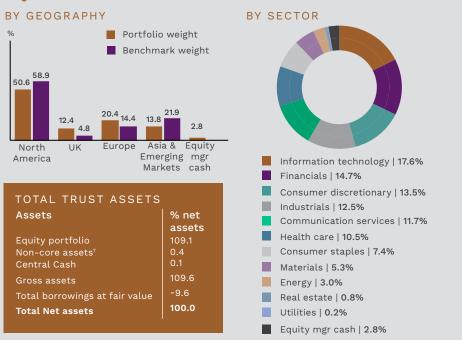
Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns. The mention of any specific shares should not be taken as a recommendation to deal.

#### EQUITY MANAGERS % OF EQUITY PORTFOLIO MANAGED



Note: "JUPITER" and JUPITER are the trade marks of Jupiter Investment Management Group Ltd and registered in the UK and as Community

## EQUITY PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION



#### Important Information

Alliance Trust is an investment company with investment trust status. 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. The views, information and data in this publication should not be deemed as a financial promotion or recommendation. Alliance Trust is not authorised to give financial advice.

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The Alliance Trust Board has appointed Towers Watson Investment Management (Ireland) Limited (TWIMI) as its Alternative Investment Fund Manager (AIFM). TWIMI has delegated the investment management of the Alliance Trust portfolio to Towers Watson Investment Management Limited (TWIM). TWIMI and TWIM are both part of Willis Towers Watson. Issued by Towers Watson Investment Management Limited. Towers Watson Investment Limited, registered office Watson House, London Road, Reigate, Surrey RH2 9PQ is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority, firm reference number 446740.

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- 6. Manages both a global equity and an emerging markets equity portfolio.
- 7. Small legacy positions in private equity and mineral rights that are in the process of being sold.