

# Monthly Factsheet

## SUMMARY OF APPROACH

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 Company invests primarily in global equities across a wide range of industries and sectors to achieve its objective.

The Company'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 Company's diversified but highly active multi-manager portfolio is competitively priced.

## KEY STATISTICS

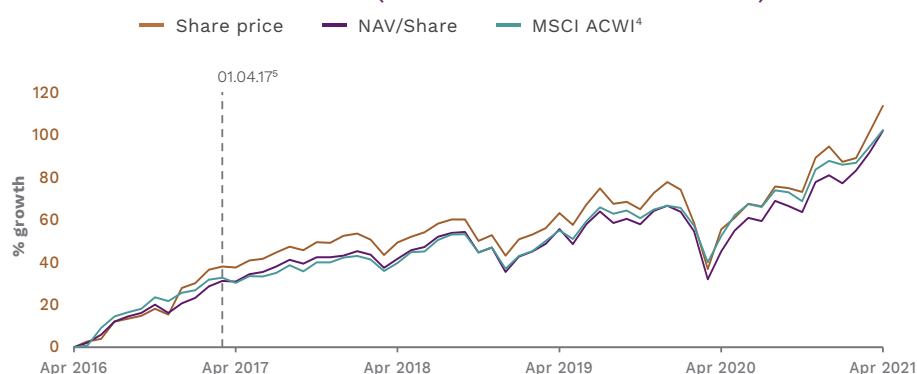
Share Price	986.0p
Net Asset Value (NAV) per Share	1,039.0p
Premium (Discount)	(5.1%)

## KEY FACTS

Market Capitalisation	£3,122.5M
Total Assets	£3,634.1M
Net Assets	£3,290.3M
Gross Gearing <sup>1</sup>	9.2%
Net Gearing <sup>2</sup>	7.1%
Net Yield <sup>3</sup>	1.5%
Year End	31 December
Incorporated	21 April 1888
Dividend Paid	Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec
Shares in Issue	316,687,681
Buybacks in April	100,000 shares at a cost of £955,670 (0.03% of the issued share capital)
TIDM	ATST
ISIN	GB00B11V7W98
AIC Sector	Global
Next AGM	April 2022

## INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

### ABSOLUTE PERFORMANCE (TOTAL RETURN IN STERLING)



## CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (%)

To 30 April 2021	5 Years	Since 01.04.17 <sup>5</sup>	3 Years	1 Year	YTD	Month
Total shareholder return	113.8	54.9	43.1	37.4	9.9	6.1
NAV total return	102.2	54.1	42.7	39.2	11.7	5.4
MSCI ACWI total return <sup>4</sup>	102.4	52.4	44.8	32.8	7.8	4.0

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 30 April 2021, the performance of the equity portfolio before fees (a good approximation of the NAV total return after costs had these legacy investments not been included), was 55.9% versus the return on the MSCI ACWI Index<sup>4</sup> of 52.4%.

## DISCRETE PERFORMANCE (%)

From To	30-Apr-20 30-Apr-21	30-Apr-19 30-Apr-20	30-Apr-18 30-Apr-19	30-Apr-17 30-Apr-18	30-Apr-16 30-Apr-17
Total shareholder return	37.4	-4.7	9.3	8.5	37.7
NAV total return	39.2	-6.7	10.0	8.2	31.0
MSCI ACWI total return <sup>4</sup>	32.8	-1.8	11.0	7.2	30.4

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

### 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 in line with 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 an investment 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.**

Notes: All data is provided as at 30 April 2021 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 reclaim when they are achieved. The NAV total return shown in 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.

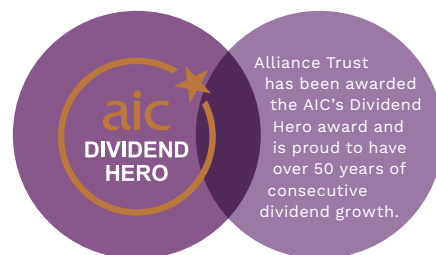
5. 1 April 2017 was the date that Willis Towers Watson was appointed investment manager.

6. The OCR target of 0.65% is based on NAV reported as at 31 December 2017.

7. The OCR for year to 31 December 2020 was calculated in line with the industry standard using the average of net asset values at each NAV calculation date.

## CHARGES

Targeted Ongoing Charges Ratio (OCR) <sup>6</sup>	0.65% OR Less
OCR Year to 31 Dec 2020 <sup>7</sup>	0.64%



## TOP 20 HOLDINGS

Name	£m	%
Alphabet	160.2	4.4
Visa	102.4	2.8
Amazon	96.8	2.7
Microsoft	90.9	2.5
Facebook	88.4	2.4
Alibaba	60.2	1.7
salesforce.com	52.4	1.4
UnitedHealth Group	50.1	1.4
Mastercard	48.9	1.3
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	46.7	1.3
Novo-Nordisk	46.0	1.3
Nvidia	42.0	1.2
Baidu	39.1	1.1
Convatec Group	38.3	1.1
Vale	37.5	1.0
Oracle	34.0	0.9
Booz Allen Hamilton	32.9	0.9
ASML	32.4	0.9
Transdigm	31.7	0.9
Charter Communications	31.4	0.9

**Top 10 holdings 21.9%**

**Top 20 holdings 32.1%**

The 20 largest stock positions, given as a percentage of the total assets.

## Investment Commentary

For the month of April, the Company's Total Shareholder Return and NAV Total Return were 6.1% and 5.4% respectively, outperforming the MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI) benchmark which returned 4.0%.

Over the month, the Company's outperformance was primarily led by Alphabet, delivering an absolute return of approximately 15%. The parent company of global leading search engine Google announced its heightened measures to protect users through more enforced legal frameworks, whilst its consumer activity also returned to pre-COVID levels as the pandemic continued to retreat and countries progressed out of lockdown. In contrast to this, HDFC Bank (an Indian banking and financial services company) was the primary detractor over April, delivering an absolute return of -10%. Near-term economic forecasts fell as the number of COVID cases and hospital shortages in India reached a record high over the month, creating substantial

uncertainty around the strength of the economy.

Within the Company's portfolio, the position in Volkswagen was trimmed. The shares have performed very well following a substantial increase in electric vehicle sales and an improving outlook for the world economy. The position was reduced in size but still remains in the portfolio as the valuation is attractive having moved from a crisis low valuation to just a low valuation. Elsewhere in the portfolio, TSMC, a Taiwanese semiconductor manufacturer, was purchased during the month as our manager's conviction in a robust demand outlook for semiconductors increased.

Over the month, we introduced two new managers to the portfolio, Sands Capital (a global growth manager) and Metropolis Capital (a global value manager) and undertook small rebalancing adjustments to ensure the portfolio remains style neutral.

**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.**

## STOCK PICKERS % OF PORTFOLIO MANAGED

11% <b>BLACK CREEK</b> Investment Management Ltd. Bill Kanko	8% <b>JUPITER</b> Ben Whitmore	8% <b>Lyrical</b> Asset Management Andrew Wellington	18% <b>GQG</b> PARTNERS Rajiv Jain*	9% <b>Metropolis Capital</b> FOCUSSED VALUE INVESTMENT Jonathan Mills, Simon Denison-Smith
12% <b>Veritas</b> — Asset Management Andy Headley	7% <b>RIVER AND MERCANTILE</b> AND ASSOCIATES Hugh Sergeant	11% <b>SGA</b> Savills Growth Advisers George Fraise, Gordon Marchand, Rob Rohn	8% <b>VULCAN VALUE PARTNERS</b> C.T. Fitzpatrick	8% <b>SANDS CAPITAL</b> Michael Sramek

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

## ACTIVE SHARE

74%

Active Share is a measure of how actively a portfolio is managed; is the percentage of the portfolio that differs from its comparative index.

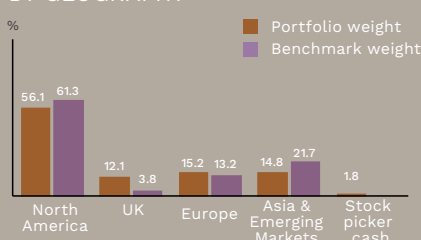
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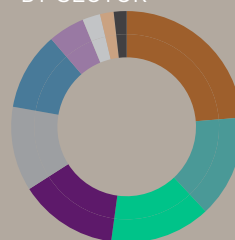
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## PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION BY GEOGRAPHY



## BY SECTOR



## ASSET BREAKDOWN

Assets	% net assets
Equity portfolio	110.1
Legacy investment and Subsidiary	0.0
Central Cash	0.3
Total assets	110.4
Total borrowings at fair value	-10.4
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Information technology   23.7%	Materials   5.1%
Consumer discretionary   14.3%	Consumer staples   2.5%
Communication services   14.1%	Energy   1.8%
Financials   13.8%	Real estate   0.1%
Industrials   11.8%	Utilities   0.1%
Health care   10.9%	Stock picker cash   1.8%

## 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 Company 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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8. GQG manages an emerging markets and a global equity mandate for the Company.