

# Monthly Factshee

#### HOW WE INVEST

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, WTW, 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. Therefore, we believe investors get the benefit of both highly focused stock picking to increase potential outperformance versus the benchmark and manager diversification which should reduce risk and volatility. We believe that the Company's diversified but highly active multi-manager portfolio is competitively priced.

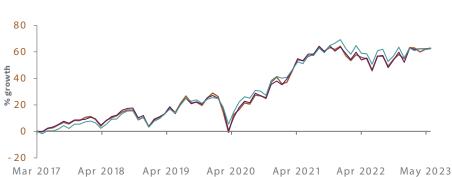
### KEY STATISTICS

1,053.8p

0.61%

### CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE TOTAL RETURN IN STERLING<sup>5</sup>





#### CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (%)

To 31 May 2023	Since 01-Apr-17 <sup>5</sup>	5 Years	3 Years		YTD	Month
Total shareholder return	62.5	47.5	39.4	5.0	5.1	0.4
NAV total return	62.9	46.5	37.9	4.9	7.2	0.3
MSCI ACWI total return <sup>4</sup>	62.5	49.0	33.0	2.6	4.5	0.3

#### **KEY FACTS**

£3,249.3m

£3,043.6m

4.4%

0.31% of shares in issue

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#### DISCRETE PERFORMANCE (%)

From To	31-May-22 31-May-23	31-May-21 31-May-22	31-May-20 31-May-21	31-May-19 31-May-20	31-May-18 31-May-19
Total shareholder return	5.0	1.0	31.3	2.1	3.6
NAV total return	4.9	1.2	29.9	4.2	2.0
MSCI ACWI total return <sup>4</sup>	2.6	4.9	23.6	7.5	4.2

Note: All data is provided as at 31 May 2023 unless otherwise stated.

Past performance does not predict future returns and the value of shares and the income from them can rise and fall, so investors may not get back the amount originally invested.



#### TOP 20 HOLDINGS

Name	£m	%
Alphabet	163.3	5.0
Microsoft	147.0	4.5
Amazon	120.1	3.7
Visa	96.9	3.0
UnitedHealth Group	72.9	2.2
Mastercard	49.9	1.5
Nvidia	45.9	1.4
HDFC Bank	40.8	1.3
Petrobras	40.5	1.2
ASML Holdings	39.5	1.2
AstraZeneca	37.2	1.1
MercadoLibre	34.2	1.1
Murata Manufacturing	33.6	1.0
Airbus	32.1	1.0
Interpublic Group	31.7	1.0
TotalEnergies	31.7	1.0
Bureau Veritas	31.3	1.0
Vinci	30.3	0.9
salesforce.com	29.9	0.9
Canadian Pacific Kansas	28.8	0.9

#### Top 10 holdings 25.0% Top 20 holdings 34.9%

The 20 largest stock positions, given as a percentage of the total assets. Each Stock Picker selects up to 20 stocks.<sup>8</sup> A full breakdown of the portfolio can be viewed at www.alliancetrust.co.uk

View all holdings

## RESPONSIBLE INVESTING

As long-term investors, we embed environmental, social and governance factors into every stage of our investment process.

Incorporating these factors has the dual benefit of reducing risk while increasing the sustainability of returns. Read more about this at www.alliancetrust.co.uk/how-weinvest

Find out more

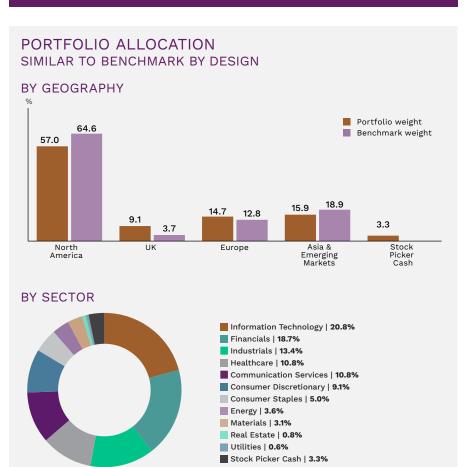
#### INDIVIDUAL HOLDINGS:

Our portfolio looks very different to the benchmark.

#### **ACTIVE SHARE:**

The measure of how different the portfolio is to the benchmark.





#### INVESTMENT COMMENTARY

Global stock markets were broadly flat in May, with the MSCI All Country World Index returning 0.3%. The Company's NAV total return was 0.3%, and the total shareholder return was 0.4%. Year-to-date, NAV returns have outperformed the benchmark by 2.7% (7.2% vs 4.5%)

US was one of the strongest markets last month, while Europe and the UK underperformed, with the MSCI Europe ex UK down -4.3% after gains earlier in the year, and the MSCI UK down -5.2% in GBP terms.

There was significant sectorial divergence over the month, with information technology stocks up strongly on the back of investor enthusiasm over Artificial Intelligence (AI). AI-driven stocks were the key contributors to the benchmark return. Nvidia, the US semiconductor company, was up 38% over the month on the back of strong Q1 results and predictions of increased demand for its computer chips.

Energy and Materials were the sectors that suffered the most on the back of rising fears of recession and weakening oil prices.

In terms of manager level returns, those managers with exposure to stocks linked to the AI sector and semiconductors did well, with Sands, Vulcan and SGA all benefitting from their exposure to Microsoft, Amazon or Alphabet. Jupiter was the manager that struggled the most, given its significant underweight to the US and overweight in UK and Europe and its overweight to more defensive sectors such as Consumer Staples. Black Creek also found the environment challenging.



#### STOCK PICKERS

% OF PORTFOLIO MANAGED



















Simon Denison-Smith 8%

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C.T Fitzpatrick

HK Gupta, Kishore Rao,



Dave Levanson, Sunil

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.

The manager is significantly underweight Information Technology and the US and has an overweight to Europe, UK and Japan. BCIM hold quite a few companies in the Industrials sector, which was a headwind in the current market.

Our overweight to the UK hurt performance given the region underperformed and we saw some negative stock selection from Europe and Asia Pacific including Japan, particularly in the Industrials sector, however, strong stock selection in the US offset these impacts.

Being underweight to Apple and Nvidia and not holding Telsa were the key detractors to relative performance, whereas our overweight in Alphabet (held by GQG, Metropolis, SGA, Veritas, Vulcan) and Amazon (held by GQG, Sands, SGA, Veritas, Vulcan) were the key contributors.

Enthusiasm around Alphabet's AI strategy lifted the stock after the company announced many new Al-powered features at its developer conference. Alphabet's shares had lagged earlier in the year given rising concerns about the competitive threat from Microsoft in online search following its launch of ChatGPT and lacklustre launch of Google's Bard. The recent announcements from Google, however, alleviated some of these competitive

Amazon's Q1 results, released at the end of April, showed the company beating expectations across most metrics. Revenues grew 11% year-over-year excluding the impact of FX while operating income of \$4.8B came in higher than their guidance of \$0-4B. Our managers' views on both companies remain positive and they believe that they are well positioned for future growth opportunities.

In terms of changes to the portfolio, SGA sold Fleetcor and Veritas sold CVS Health over the month on the back of decreased conviction in the company, especially relative to a more favourable view of United Health, also held by Veritas and GOG.

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Notes: All data is provided as at 31 May 2023 unless otherwise stated. All figures may be subject to rounding errors. Sources: Key Statistics, Key Facts, Top 20 Holdings and % of Portfolio Managed data is provided by Juniper Partners Limited; Equity Portfolio Allocation and Active Share is provided by WTW, Juniper Partners Limited and MSCI Inc. NAV and NAV total return is based on NAV including income with debt at fair value, after all manager fees (including WTW's fees) and allows for any tax reclaims 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. ISIN stands for International Securities Identification Number; TIDM stands for Tradable Instrument Display Mnemonics; and AIC stands for Association of Investment Companies.

- Total borrowings at par value divided by net assets with debt at par.
   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 WTW was appointed investment manager. 6. https://www.theaic.co.uk/income-finder/dividend-heroes
- 7. The OCR for year to 31 December 2022 was calculated in line with the industry standard using the average of net asset values at each NAV calculation date.
- 8. GQG manages an emerging markets mandate of up to 60 stocks as well as a global equity mandate of up to 20 stocks.