

MONTHLY FACTSHEET

30 APRIL 2020

KEY STATISTICS

Share Price Net Asset Value (NAV) per Share Premium (Discount)

730.0p 758.5p

(3.8%)

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

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 active multi-manager portfolio is competitively priced.

KEY FACTS

Net Assets Gross Gearing¹ Net Gearing² Net Yield³ Year End Incorporated Dividend Paid

Market

Shares in Issue Buybacks in April

AIC Sector Next AGM

£2,402.2M £2,703.2M £2,493.7M 7.1%

5.3% 1.9% 31 December

21 April 1888 Mar, Jun, Sep,

329,065,733

There were no shares bought back in April

ATST GB00B11V7W98 Global April 2021

INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

ABSOLUTE PERFORMANCE (TOTAL RETURN IN STERLING)



CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (%)

To 30 April 2020	5 Years	3 Years	Since 01.04.17 ⁵		YTD	Month
Total shareholder return	60.4	13.1	12.7	-4.7	-12.5	13.7
NAV total return	45.1	10.9	10.7	-6.7	-12.9	10.0
MSCI ACWI total return ⁴	50.9	16.9	14.8	-1.8	-8.6	8.8

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 2020, 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 14.1% versus the return on the MSCI ACWI Index4 of 14.8%.



Alliance Trust has been awarded the AIC's Dividend Hero award and is proud to have over 50 years of consecutive dividend growth.

DISCRETE PERFORMANCE (%)

From To	30-Apr-19 30-Apr-20	30-Apr-18 30-Apr-19	30-Apr-17 30-Apr-18	30-Apr-16 30-Apr-17	30-Apr-15 30-Apr-16
Total shareholder return	-4.7	9.3	8.5	37.7	3.1
NAV total return	-6.7	10.0	8.2	31.0	-0.1
MSCI ACWI total return ⁴	-1.8	11.0	7.2	30.4	-1.0

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

CHARGES

Targeted Ongoing Charges Ratio (OCR)6

OCR Year to 31 Dec 20197

0.65% OR LESS

0.62%

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.

Notes: All data is provided as at 30 April 2020 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.

- Total borrowings at par value divided by net assets.

 Annual dividend per share divided by share price.

 1 April 2017 was the date that Willis Towers Watson was appointed investment manager.
- Total borrowings at par value minus total cash and equivalents, divided by net assets.
 MSCI All Country World Index Net Dividends Reinvested.
 The OCR target of 0.65% is based on NAV reported as at 31 December 2017.
- 7. The OCR for year to 31 December 2019 was calculated in line with the industry standard using the average of net asset values at each NAV calculation date. Previously we reported the OCR based on the average Net Asset Value (NAV) denominator of opening and closing NAV for the year; based on the old methodology, the OCR for the year to 31 December 2019 was 0.64%.

TOP 20 HOLDINGS

Name	£m	%
Alphabet	129.1	4.8
Microsoft	90.8	3.4
Amazon	77.6	2.9
Alibaba	55.8	2.1
Mastercard	52.9	2.0
Visa	42.8	1.6
Nvidia	41.4	1.5
Qorvo	39.6	1.5
Charter Communications	34.2	1.3
Facebook	33.2	1.2
UnitedHealth Group	31.5	1.2
Baidu - ADR	31.5	1.2
Novo-Nordisk	30.7	1.1
Convatec Group	28.7	1.1
KKR	27.6	1.0
HDFC Bank	26.9	1.0
Tencent	26.8	1.0
Infosys - ADR	25.9	1.0
Oracle	25.9	1.0
BAE Systems	25.8	1.0

Top 10 holdings 22.3% Top 20 holdings 32.9%

The 20 largest stock positions across the nine 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

ACTIVE SHARE

75%

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 April, the Trust's Total Shareholder Return and NAV Total Return were 13.7% and 10.0% respectively, outperforming the benchmark MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI) which returned 8.8%. In a rising market, the Trust's NAV Total Return benefitted from gearing, which started the month at 10.6% gross, in the middle of the range set by the Board. However, after a strong market rally and continued uncertainty about the economic outlook, gearing was gradually reduced during the course of the month, ending at 7.1%. We also rebalanced the portfolio slightly in April, taking profits from our dedicated emerging markets allocation, and reinvesting the proceeds across our global managers.

The top stock contributor to performance over the month was e-commerce giant, Amazon. com, up 25%, benefitting from a boost in sales driven by the coronavirus lockdowns. The biggest detractor was Pearsons Plc, the UK based education and publishing company, which was down 16% following a 5% drop in Q1 revenues, after closing the majority of its learning test centres due to the pandemic. The company has, however, seen a rise in its online learning business and decided to maintain its dividend payment given its solid balance sheet.

Within the Trust's portfolio, a position was initiated in Bureau Veritas, a world leader in testing, inspection and certification. The company has been expanding its reach across different industries and capitalising on the move to digitisation.

A new position was also established in Fast Retailing (parent company of UNIQLO), a leading Japanese clothing retailer. The company benefits from considerable cost advantages driven by an efficient supply chain and strong growth opportunity through international expansion. The position in Hain Celestial Group, the producer and distributor of organic foods and personal care products, was sold on recent strength as the share price held up well in light of consumers' stockpiling of goods. The significant disruption in the airline industry led to the sale of shares in Ryanair.

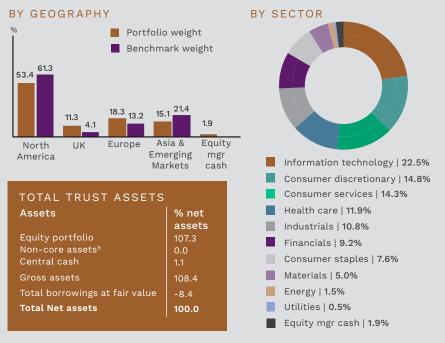
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EQUITY MANAGERS % OF EQUITY PORTFOLIO MANAGED



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EQUITY PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION



Important Information

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