

31 JULY 2020

PROFILE

Objective	To achieve long-term returns in excess of the total return from the MSCI All Country World index.
Benchmark	MSCI All Country World index
Sector	Global
Launch	1999

PORTFOLIO

Region allocation

	30 Jun	31 Jul
North America	45.7%	44.3%
Europe	35.0%	35.3%
Emerging Markets	9.6%	10.9%
Asia Pacific ex Japan	7.3%	6.7%
Israel	2.1%	2.3%
Cash	0.2%	0.4%

Top 10 holdings

(42.1% of total portfolio)

Masimo	4.8%
ResMed	4.8%
Microsoft	4.4%
Straumann	4.3%
Linde	4.2%
Coloplast	4.1%
Taiwan Semiconductor	4.0%
Visa	3.9%
Tencent Holdings	3.8%
Adobe	3.8%

Number of holdings	30
Number of countries	15
Active share [†]	91.2%

Key facts

Total assets	£265.5m
Share price (p)	324.0
Net asset value per share (p)	324.6
Discount (premium)	0.2%
Historic net yield [‡]	1.3%

PERFORMANCE

Cumulative performance over periods to 31 July 2020

	One month	Three months	Six months	One year	Three years	Five years
Share price	1.9%	13.4%	5.0%	6.5%	44.4%	97.4%
NAV	0.5%	12.0%	8.4%	10.1%	43.5%	96.2%
Benchmark	(0.9%)	9.0%	0.2%	0.6%	25.5%	75.0%

12-month performance

	To end Q2 2020	To end Q2 2019	To end Q2 2018	To end Q2 2017	To end Q2 2016
Share price	11.6%	18.9%	8.1%	22.1%	11.2%
NAV	12.6%	18.3%	8.5%	22.1%	11.3%
Benchmark	5.9%	10.4%	9.3%	22.9%	14.6%

Past performance is not a guide to future returns.

Source: Martin Currie. The NAV basis used is cum-income in £. Please note prior to July 2017 the NAV basis used was ex-income NAV in £. Ex-income NAVs exclude current-year income, while cum-income NAVs include current-year income. These figures do not include the cost of buying and selling shares in an investment trust. If these were included, performance figures would be reduced.

Prior to 1 February 2020 the Trust's benchmark was the FTSE World index and the MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI) thereafter.

MANAGERS' COMMENTARY

Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC) was the strongest absolute performer during the period after Intel expressed an intention to outsource some of its production. This opportunity potentially represents a US\$15 billion addressable market in the mid-term for the leading-edge foundries like TSMC and Samsung, with TSMC being best placed in the high-performance computing market. Another notable positive was Mettler Toledo, a global manufacturer of precision instruments, which reported second-quarter results that were well received by the market. US-listed materials firm Linde also fared well over the month.

On the other side, Masimo – a manufacturer of non-invasive patient monitoring technologies – was the largest detractor on the back of profit taking following a very strong run in performance. Although the COVID-19 outbreak is expected to have a negative impact in the short term due to surgical procedures being reduced, recent strong earnings results have seen sales up 32% in constant currency terms. Shares for the Australian blood-plasma company CSL traded off during July as competitors reported results confirming that plasma collection in the second quarter has been weak. This will see a negative impact on sales in the short to medium term. Longer-term though, tight supply and demand conditions could lead to higher pricing, and a weaker economy tends to correlate with lower collection costs for plasma. Elsewhere, payments giant Visa was another notable drag on portfolio performance.

In terms of portfolio activity during the month, we sold ADP – a provider of cloud-based human-capital-management solutions. The sale funded the purchase of cloud-computing firm Veeva Systems, which is at the forefront of bringing tailored software to drug development and commercialisation. We estimate that Veeva has only penetrated 5% of its market opportunity, which is growing due to the structural trend towards more complex and personalised therapeutics which requires greater coordination between agents across the healthcare system.



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[†]Source: Martin Currie and FIS APT. Active share is a measure of the percentage difference between the portfolio holdings and the index constituents.

[‡]Source for historic yield: Martin Currie as at 31 July 2020. The historic yield reflects dividends declared for the previous financial year as a percentage of the mid-market share price, as at the date shown. Investors may be subject to tax on their dividends.

The NAV stated in our reporting is inclusive of current year revenue. All sources (unless indicated): Martin Currie as at 31 July 2020.

CAPITAL STRUCTURE

Ordinary shares 81,812,186

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Neil Gaskell (chairman) Marian Glen
Gary Le Sueur Christopher Metcalfe
Gillian Watson

KEY INFORMATION

Year end 31 January
Annual general meeting June
Interim dividends paid October, January, April, July
Investment management fee[^] 0.40%
Ongoing charge as at 31 January 2020[§] 0.61%
Performance fee 12.5% of the outperformance of the benchmark above 1%. Capped at 1% of the NAV. The first performance review period is to 31 January 2020, with performance fee opportunity annual thereafter. For more detail please refer to the website.
TIDM code MNP
Reuters code MNP.L
Sedol code 0537241

[^]0.4% of the NAV of the Company per annum, calculated quarterly.

[§]Percentage of shareholders' funds. Management fee of 0.4% effective 1 February 2018.

Net asset value and dividend history

As at 31 January	Share price	NAV per share	Discount/ (premium)	Dividend per share
2010	113.5p	122.2p	7.1%	3.50p
2011	125.0p	135.5p	7.7%	3.50p
2012	129.0p	139.2p	7.3%	3.70p
2013	147.4p	152.6p	3.4%	3.90p
2014	156.5p	157.4p	0.6%	4.00p
2015	179.5p	178.6p	(0.5%)	4.10p
2016	173.0p	176.3p	1.9%	4.15p
2017	223.8p	224.0p	0.1%	4.20p
2018	247.0p	246.2p	(0.3%)	4.20p
2019	242.0p	245.9p	1.6%	4.20p
2020	311.0p	301.9p	(3.0%)	4.20p

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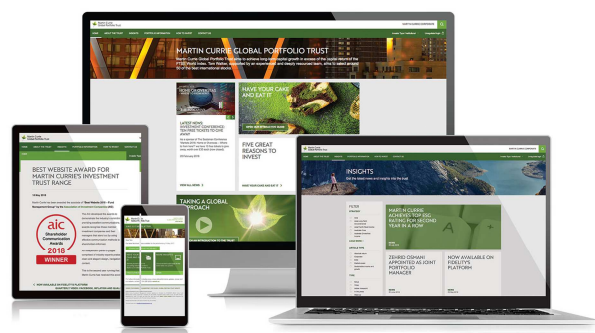
Zehrid Osmani

Zehrid joined Martin Currie from BlackRock where, during his ten years, he played a key part in building their successful European equity franchise. He held a number of senior roles at the company, including Head of European Research, with responsibility for a 23-strong team of analysts. In this role, he developed and implemented a fundamental research platform, demonstrating his strong understanding of equity research. Zehrid also managed a number of equity funds at BlackRock, with a specific focus on managing the team's unconstrained, high conviction, long term portfolios, driven by fundamental research.

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