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## PROFILE

Objective	To achieve long-term capital growth in excess of the capital return of the FTSE World index.
Benchmark	FTSE World index
Sector	Global
Launch	1999

## PORTFOLIO

### Region allocation

	30 Sep	31 Oct
Europe	42.9%	41.9%
North America	38.7%	40.1%
Asia Pacific ex Japan	7.6%	7.7%
Emerging Markets	7.8%	7.7%
Cash	3.0%	2.6%

### Top 10 holdings

(38.3% of total portfolio)

Visa	4.2%
Automatic Data Processing	4.0%
ResMed	4.0%
AIA	3.9%
Straumann	3.9%
Linde	3.9%
Microsoft	3.9%
CSL	3.8%
Beazley	3.4%
Adidas	3.3%

Number of holdings	32
Number of countries	15
Active share <sup>†</sup>	93.6%

### Key facts

Total assets	£241.5m
Share price (p)	287.0
Net asset value per share (p)	289.2
Discount (premium)	0.8%
Historic net yield <sup>‡</sup>	1.5%

## PERFORMANCE

### Cumulative performance over periods to 31 October 2019

	One month	Three months	Six months	One year	Three years	Five years
Share price	(0.5%)	(6.8%)	4.1%	18.8%	37.1%	81.1%
NAV	(0.9%)	(3.6%)	4.8%	17.8%	37.8%	81.0%
Benchmark	(2.1%)	(2.7%)	4.6%	11.7%	33.0%	80.5%

### 12-month performance

	To end Q3 2019	To end Q3 2018	To end Q3 2017	To end Q3 2016	To end Q3 2015
Share price	12.1%	13.2%	13.5%	30.8%	(1.9%)
NAV	11.4%	13.5%	15.0%	29.2%	(1.5%)
Benchmark	7.9%	14.2%	15.4%	31.2%	0.8%

### 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 30 June 2011 the Company's benchmark was the FTSE All-Share index and the FTSE World index thereafter.

## MANAGERS' COMMENTARY

At a stock level, Align was the strongest performer in the portfolio after the company reported its third-quarter 2019 numbers during the month, with an underlying beat of its revenue guidance of 2% and 4% at the EPS level – broadly the result of investments in sales now maturing and improved Chinese consumer confidence. This reassured the market after a weaker start to the year. Atlas Copco was also strong after it reported very strong third-quarter results, especially impressive given the softening macroeconomic backdrop. Results exceeded market expectations across all four of the company's reported segments, but the standout positive was in Vacuum Technique which mostly serves the semiconductor market. After four quarters of declines, orders turned dramatically positive. Elsewhere, global biotechnology manufacturer CSL was another notable positive performer.

On the other side the specialty measurement company Waters was the portfolio's biggest detractor after a disappointing quarter with revenues missing due to a range of reasons (macro, trade tensions, customer budget changes and regulation); we view these issues as transitory and we still see a long-term secular growth story in quality control of regulated products such as pharmaceuticals. China's e-commerce giant Tencent was another notable underperformer, down on unconfirmed rumours regarding new gaming regulations. Elsewhere, Starbucks and US medical technology company Masimo also struggled.

In terms of trading activity, we bought Mettler-Toledo, the precision instruments and services supplier, following the stock pulling back by 17% relative in the last two months. Mettler is a high-conviction name for us. It is a market leader in all its business units and a global number-one player in approximately 75% of them. On average, it is over two-times larger than its nearest competitor, and customers are very fragmented, resulting in an ability to drive price.



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<sup>†</sup>Source: Martin Currie and FIS APT. Active share is a measure of the percentage difference between the portfolio holdings and the index constituents.

<sup>‡</sup>Source for historic yield: Martin Currie as at 31 October 2019. 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 October 2019.

## CAPITAL STRUCTURE

Ordinary shares 83,489,513

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Neil Gaskell (chairman) Craig Cleland  
Marian Glen Gary Le Sueur  
Gillian Watson

## KEY INFORMATION

Year end 31 January  
Annual general meeting June  
Interim dividends paid October, January, April, July  
Investment management fee<sup>^</sup> 0.40%  
Ongoing charge as at 31 July 2019<sup>§</sup> 0.65%  
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

<sup>^</sup>0.4% of the NAV of the Company per annum, calculated quarterly.

<sup>§</sup>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
2009	89.8p	93.1p	3.5%	3.50p
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

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## MANAGER'S BIOGRAPHY

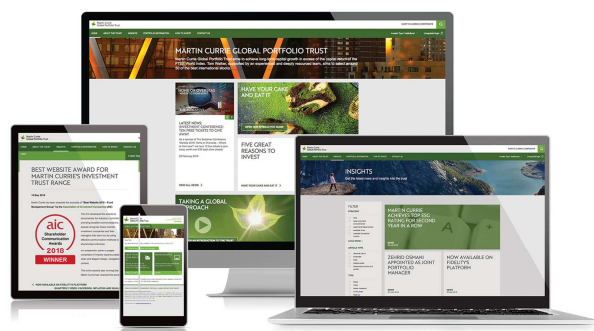
Zehrid Osmani

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.

## WEBSITE

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