

31 DECEMBER 2019

## PROFILE

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| 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 Nov | 31 Dec |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|
| Europe                | 41.5%  | 41.2%  |
| North America         | 39.8%  | 39.9%  |
| Emerging Markets      | 7.7%   | 8.2%   |
| Asia Pacific ex Japan | 7.6%   | 7.6%   |
| Israel                | 2.1%   | 1.9%   |
| Cash                  | 1.3%   | 1.3%   |

### Top 10 holdings

(37.8% of total portfolio)

|                           |       |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Visa                      | 4.1%  |
| Straumann                 | 4.0%  |
| Microsoft                 | 3.9%  |
| Automatic Data Processing | 3.9%  |
| ResMed                    | 3.8%  |
| Linde                     | 3.8%  |
| CSL                       | 3.8%  |
| AIA                       | 3.8%  |
| Moncler                   | 3.4%  |
| Kering                    | 3.3%  |
| Number of holdings        | 33    |
| Number of countries       | 16    |
| Active share <sup>†</sup> | 93.4% |

### Key facts

|                                 |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| Total assets                    | £250.3m |
| Share price (p)                 | 302.5   |
| Net asset value per share (p)   | 302.0   |
| Discount (premium)              | (0.2%)  |
| Historic net yield <sup>‡</sup> | 1.4%    |

## PERFORMANCE

### Cumulative performance over periods to 31 December 2019

|             | One month | Three months | Six months | One year | Three years | Five years |
|-------------|-----------|--------------|------------|----------|-------------|------------|
| Share price | 2.2%      | 5.0%         | 5.0%       | 31.9%    | 41.5%       | 86.0%      |
| NAV         | 0.8%      | 4.1%         | 4.1%       | 30.8%    | 42.4%       | 87.3%      |
| Benchmark   | 1.0%      | 1.4%         | 5.2%       | 22.8%    | 34.9%       | 82.4%      |

### 12-month performance

|             | To end Q4 2019 | To end Q4 2018 | To end Q4 2017 | To end Q4 2016 | To end Q4 2015 |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Share price | 31.9%          | (3.5%)         | 11.2%          | 28.7%          | 2.2%           |
| NAV         | 30.8%          | (2.8%)         | 12.0%          | 27.1%          | 3.5%           |
| Benchmark   | 22.8%          | (3.1%)         | 13.3%          | 29.6%          | 4.3%           |

### 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

Within the portfolio, Tencent was the strongest performer. The Chinese internet & media giant had been hit by a perfect storm in the past 12 months, firstly impacted by gaming regulation in China and then the increased competition in advertising. However, it now looks that things are going to improve into 2020 and the share price has reacted accordingly. Stocks considered to be more cyclical performed strongly over the period, including Mettler-Toledo – a manufacturer of precision-measurement instruments. The shares were strong in December with limited stock-specific news flow. However, this is a name with direct, albeit small, exposure to trade relations between the US and China. Tariffs had previously been a headwind to earnings, so it is relatively unsurprising to see the stock respond to news of a phase-one trade agreement approaching its conclusion. Taiwan Semiconductor was also a notable contributor over the month.

On the other side, CyberArk, a security software provider, was among the weakest performers, due to a general rotation from investors into less expensive stocks and a pause after a rally in the first half of 2019. Estimates for the second half of last year have continued to improve, so we are not worried by the short-term price performance. Consumer staples were also weaker over the period. Kerry Group fared poorly after news broke that flavours and fragrances producer IFF had acquired DuPont's nutrition and bioscience business. Kerry had been widely seen as the most likely acquirer, and both we and the

market believed it would have been a good owner of the assets. We believe the subsequent share-price underperformance reflects disappointment around the lack of a positive catalyst, rather than any fears over a changing competitive landscape. Unilever, another consumer goods name, was the largest detractor over the period.

In terms of portfolio activity, there were no new purchases or outright sales over the period.



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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 December 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 December 2019.

## CAPITAL STRUCTURE

Ordinary shares 82,866,926

## 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<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

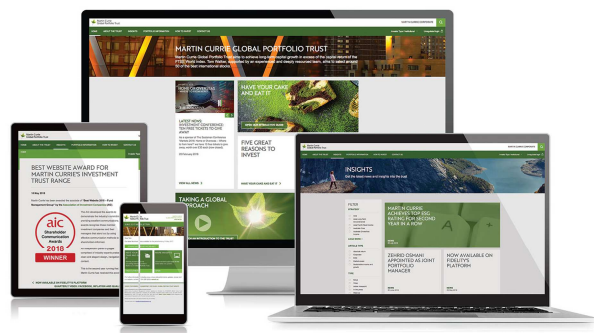
Zehrid Osmani

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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