



# Martin Currie Global Portfolio Trust



MARTIN CURRIE  
A Legg Mason Company

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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

	31 May	30 Jun
Europe	41.5%	44.9%
North America	37.6%	35.0%
Asia Pacific ex Japan	7.6%	7.7%
Emerging Markets	7.4%	7.4%
Israel	2.8%	2.7%
Cash	3.0%	2.3%

### Top 10 holdings

(38.1% of total portfolio)

AIA	4.4%
Visa	4.2%
Automatic Data Processing	4.2%
Linde	4.1%
Straumann	4.0%
Microsoft	3.7%
Adidas	3.5%
ResMed	3.4%
Kering	3.3%
CSL	3.3%

Number of holdings	33
Number of countries	16
Active share <sup>†</sup>	93.9%

### Key facts

Total assets	£242.8m
Share price (p)	290.0
Net asset value per share (p)	291.8
Discount (premium)	0.6%
Historic net yield <sup>‡</sup>	1.4%

## PERFORMANCE

### Cumulative performance over periods to 30 June 2019

	One month	Three months	Six months	One year	Three years	Five years
Share price	4.9%	10.0%	25.6%	18.9%	57.0%	91.1%
NAV	7.2%	9.0%	25.6%	18.3%	56.8%	92.8%
Benchmark	5.6%	6.5%	16.7%	10.4%	48.4%	86.9%

### 12-month performance

	To end Q2 2019	To end Q2 2018	To end Q2 2017	To end Q2 2016	To end Q2 2015
Share price	18.9%	8.1%	22.1%	11.2%	9.5%
NAV	18.3%	8.5%	22.1%	11.3%	10.5%
Benchmark	10.4%	9.3%	22.9%	14.6%	9.9%

### 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

June was a strong month for world markets, driven by a sharp bounce in North America, on hopes of a successful resolution to the US-China trade tensions, and an increasingly more dovish US Federal Reserve. The materials, technology and industrials sectors were among those that led the market higher, while telecoms, and utilities were less strong. It was a tense month in terms of geopolitics, with the US reportedly within ten minutes of entering into an armed conflict with Iran. The G20 brought hopes of some trade tension resolution, but only resulted in an agreement to continue negotiations between the US and China. Meanwhile, the US talked about increased tariffs aimed at Europe, while de-escalating tensions with Mexico. Economic momentum remains soggy given the uncertainties, while monetary policies are signalling a more dovish stance across regions. Our focus remains on finding undervalued companies with strong balance sheets and sustainable business models, which are operating in attractive industry dynamics, and have pricing power.

At the stock level, AIA was the top performer over the period. Despite a first-quarter trading update in May that was behind consensus expectations, sentiment on the company remained positive in June, as AIA is expected to benefit from the ongoing liberalisation and opening-up of financial markets in China. Mettler Toledo, the multinational scales and analytical materials manufacturer, was also among the top contributors. On the other side, Align Technology was weak in June as a result

of US President Donald Trump's proposal, since put on hold, to impose an initial 5% tariff on Mexico (increasing to 25%). Align has the majority of its clear-aligner manufacturing in Juarez, Mexico, although production is now ramping up at a new facility in China, which would dilute the impact of these tariffs. Specialist insurer Beazley also detracted.

In terms of trading activity, we switched exposure from Rockwell to Hexagon, which we believe has a more attractive growth profile in terms of sales, profits and cash flows. Hexagon is likely to benefit from the ongoing automation trends, with its dual hardware/software capabilities providing digital solutions to their customers.



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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 30 June 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 30 June 2019.

## CAPITAL STRUCTURE

Ordinary shares 83,197,494

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Neil Gaskell (chairman) 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 January 2018<sup>§</sup> 0.68%  
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.  
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<sup>^</sup>0.4% of the NAV of the Company per annum, calculated quarterly.

<sup>§</sup>Percentage of shareholders' funds. Includes annual management fee at historic rate of 0.5% of the NAV. 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

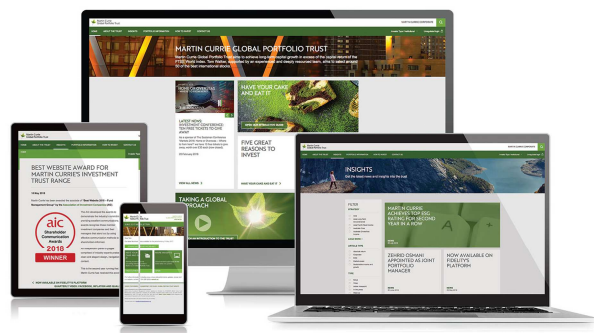
Zehrid Osmani

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

The Company has its own website at [www.martincurrieglobal.com](http://www.martincurrieglobal.com)

There you will find information on Martin Currie, daily share prices (and associated risks), and you can access regular videos by the manager.



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