



# 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

	30 Apr	31 May
North America	51.2%	49.3%
Europe	23.7%	25.7%
Emerging markets	10.3%	9.2%
Asia Pacific ex Japan	7.4%	7.8%
Japan	4.0%	3.9%
Israel	2.8%	2.9%
Cash	0.7%	1.3%

### Top 10 holdings

(35.3% of total portfolio)

AIA	4.5%
Visa	4.2%
Apple	4.0%
Automatic Data Processing	3.9%
CSL	3.3%
Praxair	3.3%
Aptiv	3.1%
JP Morgan Chase	3.0%
Cognizant	3.0%
British American Tobacco	3.0%
Number of holdings	44
Number of countries	16
Active share <sup>1</sup>	90.0%

### Key facts

Total assets	£223.1m
Share price (p)	247.0
Net asset value per share (p)	249.2
Discount (premium)	0.9%
Historic net yield <sup>2</sup>	1.7%

## PERFORMANCE

### Cumulative performance over periods to 31 May 2018

	One month	Three months	Six months	One year	Three years	Five years
Share price	3.3%	2.7%	3.5%	7.0%	37.2%	69.9%
NAV	3.7%	2.9%	3.7%	7.8%	38.9%	69.6%
Benchmark	3.7%	2.7%	3.7%	8.7%	45.4%	80.2%

### 12-month performance

	To end Q1 2018	To end Q1 2017	To end Q1 2016	To end Q1 2015	To end Q1 2014
Share price	(0.7%)	31.5%	(1.9%)	17.9%	10.9%
NAV	0.5%	31.4%	(0.9%)	17.2%	6.5%
Benchmark	2.6%	32.9%	0.0%	18.8%	7.6%

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

## MANAGER'S COMMENTARY

The anticipation of the next hurdle in Brexit negotiations brought about weakness in sterling which fell from US\$1.38 to US\$1.33 in May. This, of course, flattered sterling returns from global equities, the FTSE World returning 3.7% in sterling terms. Beyond Brexit nerves, the political fallout in Italy and, to a lesser extent, Spain added to the gathering gloom in Europe, where economic data is also suggesting a slowdown. While US economic data remains reasonable, the fall in the 10-year treasury yield, from a high of 3.1% mid-month to 2.8% at the end of the month, is hard to ignore. President Trump's continuing vacillations on trade tariffs make forecasting the outcome of any lasting policy changes pure guesswork.

Unsurprisingly, given reduced interest rate expectations, the financials sector was among the weakest in the month, technology once again took the lead. By region, North America was a strong performer and global emerging markets were the weakest.

Among the transactions over the month, we added global coffee chain Starbucks and

US-listed consultants Accenture to the portfolio during the month - continuing our emphasis on strong, sustainable business models, which we believe can deliver good returns to shareholders through the economic cycle. Meanwhile, with little insight on the future direction of the oil price, we took advantage of recent strength to sell out of oil & gas names CNOOC, from China and Italian multinational ENI.

Our medium-to-long-term expectation of low interest rates, which support equity valuations, remains. While not specifically bearish in our view, we expect low economic growth rates to generate only modest returns from broad equity indices. As a result, the emphasis is an ever-greater targeting on sustainable, proven business models.



Tom Walker

<sup>1</sup>Source: Martin Currie and SunGard APT. Active share is a measure of the percentage difference between the portfolio holdings and the index constituents. We generally consider >70% as a high active share.

<sup>2</sup>Source for historic yield: Martin Currie as at 31 May 2018. 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 May 2018.

## CAPITAL STRUCTURE

Ordinary shares 89,543,789

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Neil Gaskell (chairman) Mike Balfour  
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
2000	89.5p	110.0p	18.6%	1.42p
2001	101.0p	115.7p	12.7%	1.47p
2002	80.5p	89.9p	10.5%	1.50p
2003	57.8p	65.1p	11.2%	1.55p
2004	79.0p	83.0p	4.8%	1.87p
2005	85.0p	91.5p	7.1%	1.99p <sup>*</sup>
2006	109.0p	116.9p	6.8%	2.20p
2007	117.3p	127.5p	8.0%	2.40p
2008	124.3p	134.8p	7.8%	2.60p
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

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<sup>\*</sup>Includes special dividend of 1.61p.

## MANAGER'S BIOGRAPHY

Tom manages the Martin Currie Global Portfolio Trust and a number of segregated charity accounts and is head of the Global Long-Term Unconstrained team. Tom joined Martin Currie in 1996 to lead the Martin Currie Pacific Basin team, moving to head the North America team in 1998. Tom came to Martin Currie after working in Hong Kong with Baring Asset Management, where he managed the Greater China Fund Inc. and Baring's Hong Kong Fund. Before that, Tom spent six years with Edinburgh Fund Managers. Initially covering the UK and other European markets, he went on to specialise in Asia (ex Japan) and became head of that team in 1991.

## WEBSITE

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