



Martin Currie Global Portfolio Trust



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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

	28 Feb	31 Mar
North America	54.4%	49.5%
Europe	23.0%	26.0%
Emerging markets	7.8%	9.7%
Asia Pacific ex Japan	6.8%	6.9%
Japan	3.8%	3.8%
Israel	2.9%	2.9%
Cash	1.3%	1.1%

Top 10 holdings

(36.6% of total portfolio)

Visa	4.5%
Apple	4.3%
JP Morgan Chase	4.1%
AIA	4.1%
Lockheed Martin	3.2%
Prudential	3.2%
Airbus	3.0%
Check Point	2.9%
Cognizant	2.8%
CSL	2.8%
Number of holdings	48
Number of countries	16
Active share ¹	90.0%

Key facts

Total assets	£212.3m
Share price (p)	229.0
Net asset value per share (p)	233.1
Discount (premium)	1.7%
Historic net yield ²	1.8%

PERFORMANCE

Cumulative performance over periods to 31 March 2018

	One month	Three months	Six months	One year	Three years	Five years
Share price	(5.4%)	(6.5%)	(2.1%)	(0.7%)	28.2%	67.7%
NAV	(4.3%)	(4.7%)	(1.3%)	0.5%	30.8%	63.4%
Benchmark	(3.8%)	(4.4%)	0.3%	2.6%	36.3%	74.3%

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%

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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

In the US, the quarter-point increase in the federal funds rate was expected and had no impact on longer-term interest rates or equity markets. President Trump's announcement of import tariffs on China caused some nervousness in markets, with Beijing responding in kind after the reporting period. Global equity markets fell by 3.8% in March (FTSE World), with the weakness felt in nearly all regions.

The most striking aspect of the decline was the weakness in the technology sector. Revelations about breaches of Facebook users' privacy prompted a sharp fall in the firm's share price. However, the issue has also raised the prospect of greater regulation of other large tech companies, which have grown very rapidly in recent years, including other members of the 'FAANGs' (Facebook, Apple, Amazon, Netflix and Alphabet's Google). Facebook has been a large position in this company and we decided to halve the holding to reflect greater uncertainty about its future growth rate. Its reputation

has taken quite a hit and we will watch to see how management reacts to address consumer concerns.

Other significant stock-related news for the portfolio this month was consumer-goods multinational Reckitt Benckiser's withdrawal from the acquisition of Pfizer's over-the-counter (OTC) and vitamins' business. The risk that it was going to overpay for these assets has negatively impacted Reckitt's share price, so we hope the turnaround this month, and some better operating momentum, will see its performance improve. Speculation of a takeover bid for UK-listed pharmaceutical Shire also led to a bounce in its share price, after a fairly lengthy period of underperformance.



Tom Walker

¹Source: 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.

²Source for historic yield: Martin Currie as at 31 March 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 March 2018.

CAPITAL STRUCTURE

Ordinary shares 91,110,081

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[^] 0.40%
Ongoing charge as at 31 January 2018[§] 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.
TIDM code MNP
Reuters code MNPL
Sedol code O537241

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

[§]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 [*]
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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^{*}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. 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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