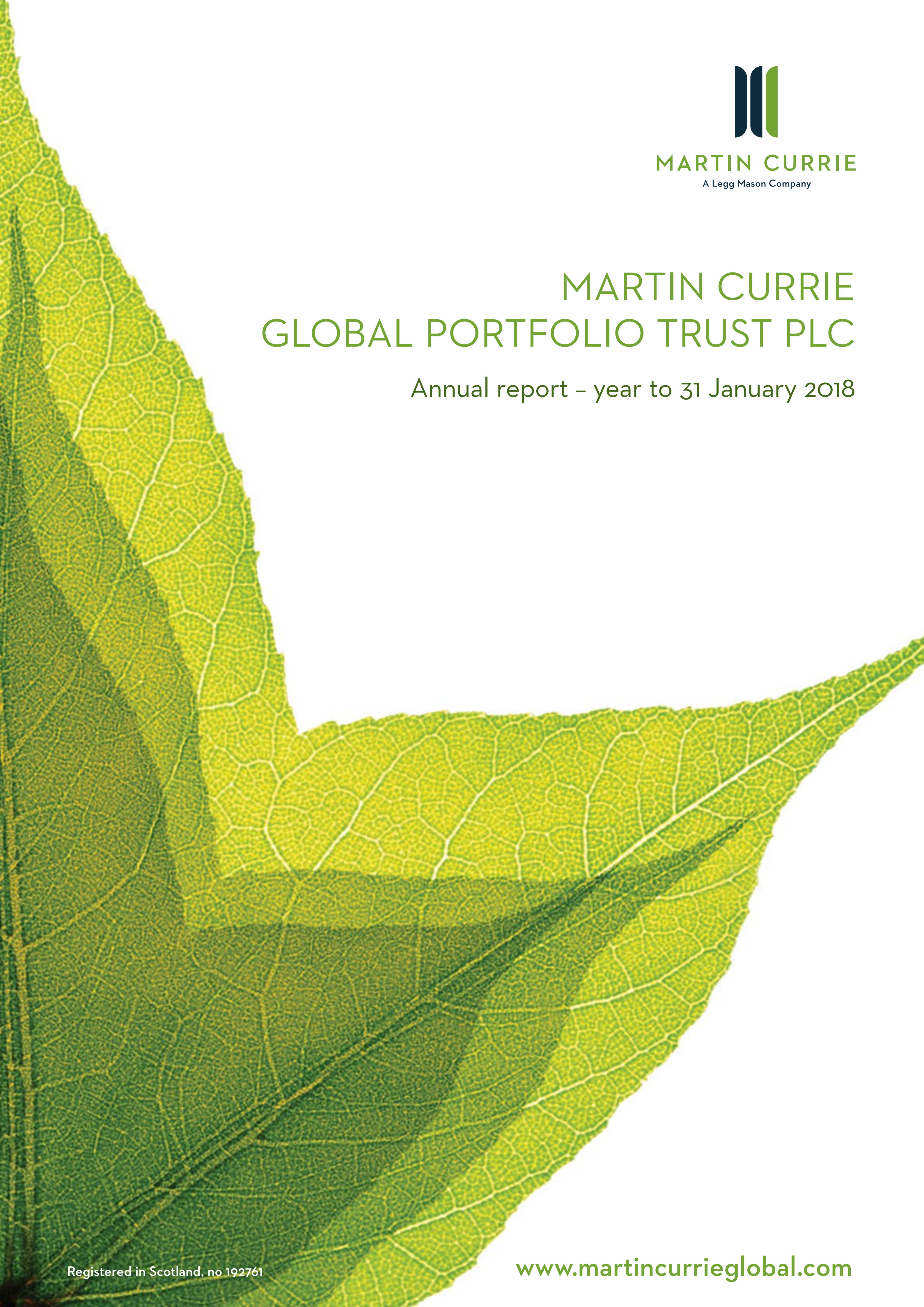

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MARTIN CURRIE GLOBAL PORTFOLIO TRUST PLC

Annual report – year to 31 January 2018

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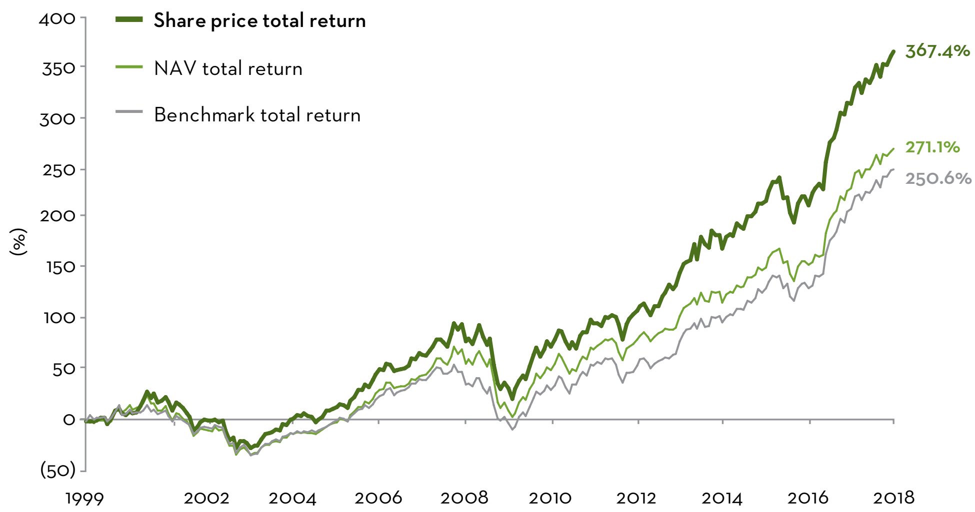
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

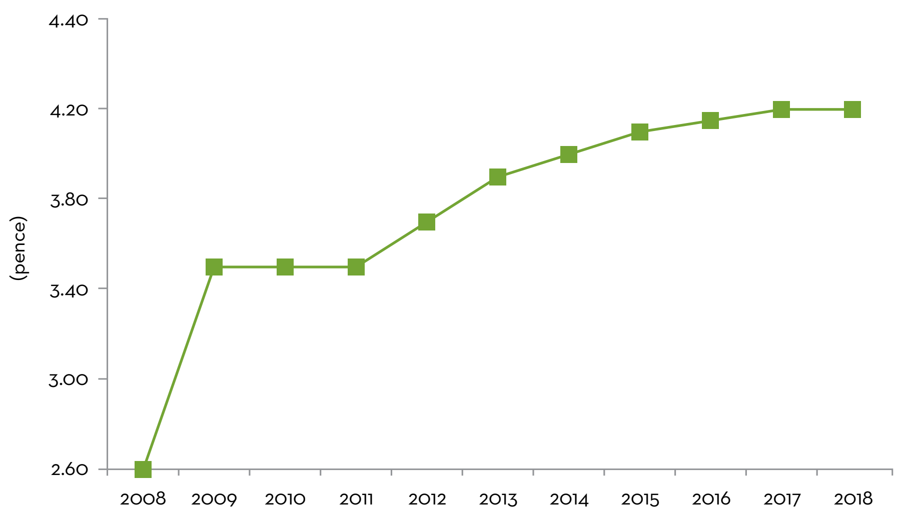
Strong long-term performance



Source: Martin Currie Investment Management to 31 January 2018.

- Since launch, the Company's total return share price and net asset value have outperformed the benchmark.
- Shareholders have enjoyed a share price total return of more than 367% since launch in 1999.

Dividend per share (pence)



Source: Martin Currie Investment Management to 31 January 2018.

- The total dividend for the year is 4.20p per share giving a yield on the year end share price of 1.7%.
- The Company has grown its dividend over the years and this level maintains its above-average dividend yield in the Association of Investment Companies' ('AIC') global sector.

Total returns*

	Year ended 31 January 2018	Year ended 31 January 2017
Net asset value per share**	11.9%	29.7%
Benchmark	12.7%	33.6%
Share price	12.4%	32.1%

Source: Martin Currie Investment Management.

* The combined effect of the rise and fall in the share price, net asset value or benchmark together with any dividend paid.

** The net asset value per share total return is calculated using the cum income net asset value with dividends reinvested. This is an Alternative Performance Measure, see page 49 for more details.

ABOUT MARTIN CURRIE GLOBAL PORTFOLIO TRUST

A global strategy for long-term growth

Martin Currie Global Portfolio Trust plc ('the Company') offers investors access to a diversified portfolio of around 50 of the the world's leading companies. It invests in global equities for long-term capital growth and has a strong track record of delivering income and dividend growth above inflation.

Managed discount

The Company manages its discount to ensure that the Company's share price trades at, or around, NAV in normal market conditions.

Proven management team

Your Board has appointed Edinburgh based Martin Currie Investment Management Limited ('Martin Currie' or the 'investment manager') to manage the portfolio. Under the leadership of portfolio manager, Tom Walker, who has managed the portfolio successfully since 2000, a specialist team analyses the world's stocks to find the very best ideas. Tom is supported by a team of 54 investment professionals who meet over 1,100 companies every year.

Objective

Long-term capital growth in excess of the capital return of the FTSE World index.

Benchmark

FTSE World index.

Capital structure

As at 31 January 2018, 92,302,109 ordinary shares of 5p, each entitled to one vote.

Dividends paid

January, April, July and October.

Total return

All returns shown are total returns, with the exception of those relating to the performance fee which are based on capital return.

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Welcome to your annual report for the 12 months ended 31 January 2018.

The global stock markets delivered another year of strong returns driven by both improving GDP growth in the major economies and the continued surge in the technology sector which has grown to almost 15% of the global equity market's capitalisation. The Company produced a net asset value per share total return of 11.9%, slightly below the benchmark total return of 12.7% over the year, reflecting a diversified portfolio positioned conservatively rather than for continuing market buoyancy. The volatility of the portfolio remains one of the lowest in the global equity investment trust sector.

Although this is the second consecutive year of underperformance against the benchmark, the Board believes that the investment manager's focus on stocks which deliver consistently healthy long term returns on invested capital should give the portfolio sustained strong performance in the future as in the past. Your Company was recognised by the Association of Investment Companies ('AIC') in July 2017 as one of the most consistent performers over the last decade. With a diversified portfolio, an active high conviction style of investing and low costs, it is well positioned to deliver consistent long-term shareholder value.

More details of the markets and portfolio performance are given in Tom Walker's report on pages 4 and 5.

Income and dividends

The net asset value of the Company grew by £11m to £227m, after share buybacks of £11m under the ongoing zero discount policy. Income per share reduced mainly because of stronger sterling. The Board recommends that the dividend be maintained at 4.2p for the year giving a yield of 1.7% on the year end share price. The fourth interim dividend of 1.5p will be paid on 27 April 2018 to shareholders on the register at 6 April 2018.

Developing the Company

The Company's ongoing charges have been reduced as a result of the continuing focus on cost control. Using the new mandatory European MiFID II methodology the total ongoing charges as published in the Key Information Document are 0.69%. This is one of the three lowest ongoing charges in the global equity investment trust sector, partly due to the absence of any interest expense on borrowing which many others incur.

The Board has agreed with the investment manager to reduce the annual investment management fee from 0.5% to 0.4% of ex income net asset value with effect from 1 February 2018 and to calculate the performance fee for future relevant periods at 12.5% of cumulative outperformance of the benchmark from its level on 1 February 2018. These changes will reduce the annual management fee to one of the lowest in the global equity investment trust sector and increase the proportion of the investment manager's income which is dependent on investment performance, thus strengthening the alignment of the investment manager's financial interest with that of shareholders. Full details of this change are explained in the Directors' Report on page 13.

Following the conclusion of the AGM, Marian Glen will take over as Chairman of the Audit Committee from Mike Balfour who is now the Senior Independent Director and has served as Audit Committee Chairman for the last 8 years.

Environmental Social and Corporate Governance

Your Company is a signatory of the Stewardship Code and works closely with the investment manager which is also a signatory to the UN Principles for Responsible Investment and is rated each year by PRI, on their approach to:

- strategy and governance in their investment process,
- the integration of environmental, social and governance factors into their analytical work; and
- active ownership through engagement with investee company managements.

In 2017, for the first time, Martin Currie achieved the highest PRI rating of A+ for all three of these components reflecting its strong commitment to these issues. As part of its active ownership, Martin Currie has engaged during the year with our investee companies in a range of areas including remuneration structures and driving improvements in cyber security, in collaboration with others.

Outlook

The global equity markets have achieved a remarkable sterling return of just over 50% over the last two years. It is likely that this year will see more moderate market performance despite generally improved economic growth rates. There has already been one short term market correction and it is possible that others could occur, especially if inflation exceeds current expectations of a gradual increase during the year. Against this background, the portfolio is well positioned to produce a good performance, notwithstanding Brexit, focused as it is on global stocks with strong long term returns on invested capital.

Subscribe for regular updates

The Company's website at **www.martincurrieglobal.com** is a comprehensive source of information and includes regular portfolio manager updates and outlook videos, monthly performance factsheets and independent research reports. I recommend that you subscribe for regular email updates that will keep you abreast of the key information.

I thank you for your continued support. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding your Company at my email, **chairman@martincurrieglobal.com**.

Neil Gaskell

5 April 2018

Market review

For the year to 31 January 2018, global equities generated strong double-digit returns. Generally improving economic trends in most regions and the continuing benign interest rate environment proved very supportive. However, this came against a backdrop where there was certainly no shortage of political distractions.

For UK investors, the ongoing saga of Brexit negotiations has been the main headline grabber, generating emotions ranging from boredom to anxiety! However, beyond these shores, most of the newsflow has (perhaps predictably) been generated by President Trump. For much of the year, it was the president's inability to push through his political agenda and his outspoken commentary when dealing with domestic and foreign issues that filled column inches. However, his meaningful reductions in US taxation, in particular for companies, has been an extremely positive short-term driver of investor sentiment. Time alone will tell if the ballooning US fiscal deficit will come back to haunt the leadership and investors alike. Meanwhile, the European Union's apparent 'upper hand' in Brexit negotiations has so far rallied support to Brussels and this improved political confidence has also been reflected in improved economic data.

Turning to the detailed performance of global equity markets, emerging markets and Europe were the strongest regions of the world, while both North America and Japan lagged the global index. However, it is an analysis of sectors, not regions, that best highlights differences in performance over the year (which is ultimately about stock selection, as is so often the case).

By sector, technology rose by 25%, far outstripping the second strongest sector, industrials (up 16%) and the worst-performing sector, telecommunications, which fell 4%.

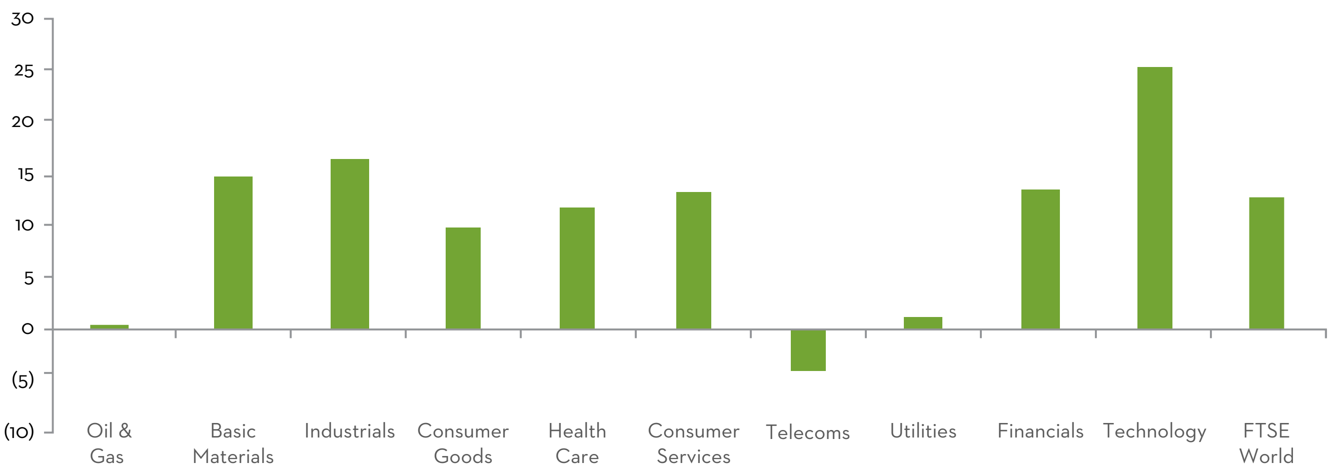
Investment Performance and Activity

The Company's NAV total return of 11.9% lagged that of the FTSE World index, which was up 12.7%. A year ago, we reported exceptional returns for the portfolio which had been flattered by sterling's weakness following the European Union referendum results. This year, in contrast, sterling has been strong against the most impactful foreign currency – the US dollar – so the healthy returns achieved came in spite of that particular headwind.

In the half-yearly report we wrote of our concern about the concentration of market performance in a small number of, principally, technology stocks (the so-called 'FAANGS' phenomenon). The momentum in most of these stocks continued through the rest of the year and greater exposure here would have been helpful in this period. We retain some exposure (for instance, Facebook, Apple, Alibaba) and we are overweight to the technology sector generally, while maintaining our concern that stretched valuations in some over-hyped stocks leave their share prices especially vulnerable to any setbacks.

Given this preamble to a discussion of stock selection, perhaps unsurprisingly, our top-contributing stock to relative performance was Alibaba, the Chinese online retailer. Towards the end of the year, with the share price having nearly doubled year to date, we reduced the size of this holding. Delphi Automotive, the autoparts manufacturer (focused on safety, reduced emissions and infotainment), also did very well. It divided itself into two separate entities, Aptiv and Delphi Technologies in December and we continue to hold both companies. Airbus, the European commercial aircraft manufacturer; Visa, the global payment platform; and Facebook, the social media giant, were among our other top contributors. At the other end of the scale, L Brands, known

Sector returns to 31 January 2018



Source: Martin Currie Investment Management best for its Victoria's Secret retail stores, detracted most from relative performance, suffering along with many retailers as investors worried about online competition. Japanese telecom operator, KDDI, was also weak despite steady profit growth. The company suffered on the prospect of a new entrant to the mobile telephony market in Japan which could eventually increase competitive pressures in the sector.

Two of our healthcare stocks, Shire and Celgene, de-rated dramatically on concerns over their long-term outlook and the competitive landscape.

During the year, we continued to reduce the number of holdings in the portfolio, standing at 47 at the end of January. This enables us to achieve a greater portfolio concentration to really focus on our highest-conviction stocks and further differentiate the portfolio from the index. Significantly, the majority of purchases in the year were additions to existing holdings. As a result, Asian insurance company AIA, and cybersecurity firewall provider Check Point Software Technologies are now within the top-ten positions in the portfolio. We also added new positions in Atlas Copco, the global leader in compressor manufacturing and Automatic Data Processing, a human resources software and services provider. These companies are leaders in their space and enjoy very strong returns on invested capital (ROIC) – well in excess of their cost of capital. Included in our sales during the period were a number of financial stocks including US insurer Voya and Mitsubishi UFJ, the Japanese bank – where we felt share price upside potential was more limited. We also exited our position in the US telecom real estate company Crown Castle.

The alleged breaches of privacy involving Facebook and Cambridge Analytica became public knowledge last month. We have reduced our holding in Facebook as a result. This reputational damage and the increased regulatory scrutiny of its platform have the potential to significantly reduce its popularity and profit outlook.

Outlook

Just as the reporting year for the Trust concluded, global equity markets 'wobbled'. Coming after such a sustained period of equity strength, this understandably raised a number of questions in investors' minds. Was this merely a long-overdue, short-term correction, or an augury of the end of the nine-year bull market? Of course, only time will tell, and for our part we rarely expend much energy on divinations of economic, currency or interest rate movements (preferring instead to focus on the fundamental analysis of companies). However, we have often cited the US 10-year Treasury yield as indicative of the prospects for global equities. With this in mind, the yield has grown from just over 2% in early September, to now approaching the notionally significant 3% level.

So what does this potentially mean for equity-market prospects in the coming year? In our view, equity valuations are only 'excessive' if long-term interest rates are going to rise meaningfully and that is only likely to happen if economic growth or inflation make sustained upward moves. Market bears will point to rising inflation (notably wages in the US) or the synchronistic global economic growth outlook as reasons that long-term interest rates are likely to rise. We do not yet believe this is the case. We also perceive real reluctance on the part of central banks to raise interest rates too rapidly thereby potentially inducing another crisis. In our view, debt levels are worryingly high and global economies far from robust, and we believe central banks see it that way too.

So, we are not overly gloomy on market prospects and believe a severe market correction is unlikely. Our expectation is for a period of market consolidation, then in the next couple of years, more modest returns than we have seen in recent years. Having said that, our focus continues to be on identifying and researching companies that deliver consistent, strong returns on the capital that they invest; companies that do not rely most heavily on the external environment to create long-term value for their shareholders.

T.M. Walker

Tom Walker
5 April 2018

Portfolio distribution by region

	31 January 2018 Company %	31 January 2018 FTSE World index %	31 January 2017 Company %	31 January 2017 FTSE World index %
North America	54.8	57.4	56.9	58.5
Developed Europe	23.9	22.3	21.0	21.6
Developed Asia Pacific ex Japan	8.8	6.2	6.7	6.2
Global Emerging Markets	5.9	4.9	5.9	4.6
Japan	3.8	9.0	7.5	8.9
Middle East	2.8	0.2	2.0	0.2
	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

By sector

	31 January 2018 Company %	31 January 2018 FTSE World index %	31 January 2017 Company %	31 January 2017 FTSE World index %
Financials	21.2	22.4	23.8	22.1
Technology	15.9	13.5	12.7	12.1
Industrials	14.5	13.3	9.0	12.8
Consumer goods	11.4	12.8	11.0	13.4
Consumer services	11.1	11.0	14.8	11.0
Healthcare	10.1	10.7	11.6	10.6
Basic materials	4.8	4.8	5.0	5.0
Telecommunications	4.8	2.7	5.6	3.2
Oil and gas	4.7	5.9	4.8	6.6
Utilities	1.5	2.9	1.7	3.2
	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

By asset class

	31 January 2018 %	31 January 2017 %
Equities	98.2	99.6
Cash	1.8	0.4
	100.0	100.0

Largest 10 holdings

	31 January 2018 Market value £000	31 January 2018 % of total portfolio	31 January 2017 Market value £000	31 January 2017 % of total portfolio
VISA	9,856	4.4	7,417	3.5
Facebook	9,846	4.4	7,758	3.6
JP Morgan Chase	9,111	4.1	10,239	4.8
Apple	9,003	4.0	7,371	3.5
AIA Group	8,735	3.9	3,407	1.6
Prudential	7,346	3.3	5,906	2.7
Lockheed Martin	7,135	3.2	5,712	2.6
Check Point Software Technologies	6,343	2.8	4,396	2.0
Airbus	6,283	2.8	4,184	1.9
Aptiv	6,258	2.8	–	–

	Sector	Country	Market value £000	% of total portfolio
North America			122,500	54.8
VISA	Financials	United States	9,856	4.4
Facebook	Technology	United States	9,846	4.4
JP Morgan Chase	Financials	United States	9,111	4.1
Apple	Technology	United States	9,003	4.0
Lockheed Martin	Industrials	United States	7,135	3.2
Aptiv	Consumer goods	United States	6,258	2.8
Verizon Communications	Telecommunications	United States	6,034	2.7
Automatic Data Processing	Industrials	United States	5,959	2.7
Praxair	Basic materials	United States	5,854	2.6
Cognizant Technology Solutions	Technology	United States	5,692	2.6
American International Group	Financials	United States	4,930	2.2
Philip Morris International	Consumer goods	United States	4,758	2.1
Comcast	Consumer services	United States	4,729	2.1
TJX Companies	Consumer services	United States	4,289	1.9
Pfizer	Healthcare	United States	4,013	1.8
CVS Health	Consumer services	United States	3,846	1.7
Bank of Montreal	Financials	Canada	3,794	1.7
Cooper Companies	Healthcare	United States	3,785	1.7
Sempra Energy	Utilities	United States	3,425	1.5
L Brands	Consumer services	United States	3,211	1.4
Pioneer Natural Resources	Oil and gas	United States	3,152	1.4
Celgene	Healthcare	United States	2,604	1.2
Delphi Technologies	Consumer goods	United States	1,216	0.6

Developed Europe			53,147	23.9
Prudential	Financials	United Kingdom	7,346	3.3
Airbus	Industrials	Netherlands	6,283	2.8
Reckitt Benckiser	Consumer goods	United Kingdom	6,211	2.8
Atlas Copco	Industrials	Sweden	5,206	2.3
BHP Billiton	Basic materials	United Kingdom	4,943	2.2
Unilever	Consumer goods	Netherlands	4,579	2.1
Ashtead Group	Industrials	United Kingdom	4,103	1.8
Roche	Healthcare	Switzerland	3,383	1.5
Total	Oil and gas	France	3,098	1.4
Shire	Healthcare	United Kingdom	2,817	1.3
ProSiebenSat.1 Media	Consumer services	Germany	2,592	1.2
ENI	Oil and gas	Italy	2,337	1.1
Candover Investments	Private equity	United Kingdom	249	0.1

PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

	Sector	Country	Market value £000	% of total portfolio
Developed Asia Pacific ex Japan			19,740	8.8
AIA Group	Financials	Hong Kong	8,735	3.9
CSL	Healthcare	Australia	5,811	2.6
China Construction Bank	Financials	Hong Kong	3,338	1.5
CNOOC	Oil and gas	Hong Kong	1,856	0.8
Global Emerging Markets			13,031	5.9
Alibaba Group	Consumer services	China	5,359	2.4
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company	Technology	Taiwan	4,576	2.1
PT Astra International	Consumer goods	Indonesia	2,221	1.0
PT Matahari Department Store	Consumer services	Indonesia	875	0.4
Japan			8,431	3.8
KDDI	Telecommunications	Japan	4,750	2.1
Komatsu	Industrials	Japan	3,681	1.7
Middle East			6,343	2.8
Check Point Software Technologies	Technology	Israel	6,343	2.8
Total portfolio holdings			223,192	100.0

Business model

The Company seeks to deliver a competitive return to its shareholders through investment in a diversified portfolio of assets with the primary objective of delivering long-term capital growth in excess of the capital return of the FTSE World index, the objective approved by the Company's shareholders. The Board appoints and oversees an independent investment manager to manage the investment portfolio, decides the appropriate financial policies to manage the assets and liabilities of the Company, ensures compliance with tax, legal and regulatory requirements and reports regularly to shareholders on the investment manager's performance. The directors do not envisage any change in this model in the foreseeable future.

For more information on investment trusts in general please visit www.theaic.co.uk.

Strategy

The Board's principal strategies are:

Investment

The Company invests in predominantly large capitalisation equities; companies which are market leaders in their industries and the investment manager believes have superior share price appreciation potential due to earnings, assets or valuation anomalies. The resulting diversified portfolio of around 50 international quoted companies is active and increasingly concentrated, focusing on high conviction stocks selected on the basis of detailed research analysis. This active portfolio management policy will inevitably involve some periods when the Company's portfolio outperforms or underperforms the Company's benchmark.

The Board does not impose any limits on the investment manager's discretion to select individual stocks. The investment manager ensures that investment risk is dominated by the high conviction stocks in the portfolio within the guidelines set by the Board and that the combination of stocks held does not lead to unintended reliance on a particular macroeconomic factor (for example, a higher oil price or lower interest rates).

Current asset allocation and actual holdings are discussed in the manager's review on pages 4 and 5 and details are contained in the portfolio summary and portfolio holdings on pages 6, 7 and 8.

Risk management

Risk management is largely focused on managing investment risk in accordance with the investment policy guidelines set by the Board. The Board has established risk parameters with the investment manager within which the portfolio is managed. The Board reviews, at each board meeting, the relevant risk metrics presented by the portfolio manager to ensure there is sufficient but not excessive risk being taken within the portfolio.

The wider corporate risks relate mainly to the challenges of managing the Company in an increasingly regulated and competitive market place. These risks are each actively managed using the mitigation measures which the Board has put in place and which are discussed on page 10 of this report.

Marketing

The marketing strategy seeks to deepen demand for the Company's shares by meeting or exceeding expectations of existing shareholders and winning new shareholders. Deepening demand for the Company's shares should enable growth over time in the number of shares in issue, improve the efficiency of the Company and increase liquidity for its shares.

This is supported by a commitment to deliver clear, transparent and regular communication with shareholders delivered primarily through the Company's website which contains information relating to performance, outlook and significant developments as they occur. In addition, the Company utilises best practice marketing tools such as advertising, direct mail, public relations and research. The portfolio manager, Tom Walker, meets regularly with existing and potential institutional shareholders.

Financial

The main financial strategic goals are: the management of shareholder capital; the use of gearing; and the management of the risks to the assets and liabilities of the Company.

The Board's principal goal for the management of shareholder capital is long-term growth. Growth should reflect both the investment manager's investment performance and the issuance of shares when sufficient demand exists to do this without diluting the value of existing shareholder capital. However, the Board has also maintained or increased dividends each year since the Company's launch in 1999 and remains committed to a growing dividend over the longer term. This has resulted in a strong long-term total return performance on shareholder capital.

The Company operates a 'zero discount' policy which ensures that the share price does not fall materially below the NAV, in normal market conditions, and that larger investors can buy or sell as many shares as they wish at a price which is not significantly different from the net asset value and without being hampered by liquidity issues. Shares bought back as part of this policy are held in treasury and reissued when demand exists which the market cannot supply. Discount is an Alternative Performance Measure, see page 49 for more details.

The Company is not currently geared. However, the possibility of gearing remains under consideration by the Board. The Board may take the opportunity to obtain long-term debt should the combination of the market outlook and the cost of debt be judged appropriate by the Board. The current parameters state that borrowing must not exceed 20% of net assets and, if gearing is introduced, the Board considers it would be appropriate to restrict the gearing to a modest level well within this ceiling, at a level which can be sustained over the long term. Gearing is an Alternative Performance Measure, see page 49 for more details.

Financial (continued)

The Company does not currently use derivatives for the purpose of mitigating investment risk, although the investment manager may hedge an excessive concentration of currency risk into sterling should this situation arise. The Board manages risk to both assets and liabilities through its oversight of the investment manager's risk management systems and its active monitoring of both costs and the risks inherent in financial liabilities.

The Board is committed to its policy of keeping shareholders regularly informed about the Company's performance and, in particular, giving an objective and transparent report on the underlying investment performance of the investment manager. The formal annual and half-yearly financial statements provide a comprehensive review of the overall position, compliant with best practice as recommended by the Financial Reporting Council.

Principal risks and uncertainties

Risk and mitigation

The Company's business model is longstanding and resilient to most of the short term operational uncertainties that it faces. The Board believes these are effectively mitigated by its internal controls and its oversight of the investment manager, as described in the table below. Its principal risks and uncertainties are therefore largely longer term and driven by the inherent uncertainties of investing in global equity markets.

Operational and management risks are regularly monitored at board meetings and the Board's planned mitigation measures for the principal risks are described in the table below. As part of its annual strategy meeting, the Board carried out a robust assessment of the principal risks facing the Company, including those that would threaten its business model, future performance, solvency or liquidity.

As consequence of this review, the Board has identified the following principal risks to the Company:

Risk	Mitigation
Sustained investment underperformance	The Board monitors the implementation and results of the investment process with the portfolio manager, who attends all board meetings and reviews data that show statistical measures of the Company's risk profile. Should investment underperformance be sustained despite the mitigation measures taken by the investment manager, the Board would be able to take appropriate action to manage this risk.
Material decline in market capitalisation of the Company	The Board recognises that the 'zero discount' policy allows new shareholders to purchase shares and current shareholders to sell their shares in any volume at close to NAV, in normal market conditions. Although this improved liquidity encourages investment in the Company, it could also increase the risk of a material decline in the size of the Company. The Board monitors the performance and pace of buybacks and the Company's shareholder profile. The Board believes that good long term performance will increase demand for the Company's shares and increase the market capitalisation of the Company.
Loss of s1158-9 tax status	Loss of s1158-9 tax status would have serious consequences for the attractiveness of the Company's shares. The Board considers that, given the regular oversight of this risk by the audit committee and the investment manager, the likelihood of this risk occurring is minimal. The audit committee regularly reviews the eligibility conditions and the Company's compliance against each, including the minimum dividend requirements and shareholder composition for close company status.

Following the ongoing assessment of the principal risks facing the Company, and its current position, the Board is confident that the Company will be able to continue in operation and meet its liabilities as they fall due. The Board believes that the processes of internal control that the Company has adopted and oversight by the investment manager continue to be effective.

Key Performance Indicators and Performance

The Board uses certain key performance indicators ('KPIs') to monitor and assess its performance in achieving the Company's objectives.

Summary of KPIs	Target	2018	Achieved	2017	Achieved
1. Net asset value performance relative to benchmark (over 3 years)	Outperform	(3.89%)	No	(4.40%)	No
2. Performance against Company's peers (over 3 years)	Top third performance	16th out of 23	No	8th out of 22	No
3. Ongoing charges	Less than 0.75%	0.68%	Yes	0.74%	Yes

1. Net asset value performance relative to benchmark

The Board assesses the net asset value total return compared to the total return of the FTSE World Index. It is measured on a financial year basis and assessed over a rolling three year period.

The KPI was not achieved for the period. The total return of the Company was 46.62% and the benchmark 50.51% for the three years to 31 January 2018.

2. Performance against the Company's peers

The Board monitors the share price total return performance versus all competitor funds within the AIC Global sector over a rolling three year period.

Prior to 1 February 2017, the Board monitored the share price total return performance versus a range of 12 competitor funds within the AIC Global sector and 9 open-ended funds over a rolling three year period.

The Company ranked 16th out of 23 funds. The share price total return for the Company was 46.34% over the three years to 31 January 2018.

3. Ongoing charges

The Board monitors ongoing charges ('OGC') on a regular basis to ensure it meets its target by maintaining cost discipline and focus on value adding activities. The KPI was met for the year at 0.68%.

Neil Gaskell
Chairman
5 April 2018

Neil Gaskell, Non-executive director, Chairman

Neil was appointed as a non-executive director of the Company on 24 November 2011 and became chairman on 22 May 2012. Before this, he worked for 35 years with Shell and retired as group treasurer of the Royal Dutch Shell Group and director of Shell International. Neil is currently chairman of Aberdeen Japan Investment Trust. Neil is also a governor of the London School of Economics and a Trustee of the National Institute of Economics and Social Research.

Mike Balfour, Non-executive director, Chairman of the audit committee

Mike is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland and in 2016 he stepped down as chief executive at Thomas Miller Investment Ltd. Prior to that, Mike was chief executive at Glasgow Investment Managers and chief investment officer at Edinburgh Fund Managers Limited. Mike brings more than 30 years of investment management experience to the Board, as well as knowledge of the investment trust industry. He is also a non-executive director of Perpetual Income and Growth Investment Trust plc and Standard Life Investment Property Income Trust plc, and was previously a non-executive director of Murray Income Trust plc. He chairs the investment committee of TPT Retirement Solutions (previously The Pensions Trust). Mike was appointed to the Board on 28 January 2010.

Marian Glen, Non-executive director

Marian is a non-executive director of Shires Income plc and Financial Services Compensation Scheme Limited. She is also a member of the Audit and Risk Committee of the Water Industry Commission for Scotland. She was formerly the General Counsel of AEGON UK and prior to that was a corporate partner and Head of Funds and Financial Services at Shepherd+ Wedderburn (Solicitors). She was previously a non-executive director of Friends Life Group Limited and certain of its subsidiaries and Murray Income Trust plc. Marian was appointed to the Board on 1 December 2016.

From left to right, top: Mike Balfour, Tom Walker (portfolio manager) Gary Le Sueur, Paul Evitt (company secretary). Bottom: Gillian Watson, Marian Glen, Neil Gaskell (chairman).

Gary Le Sueur, Non-executive director

Gary is a co-founder and partner of venture capital firm, Scottish Equity Partners (SEP). Gary is responsible for the firm's clean energy and infrastructure funds, as well as being actively involved in fundraising and investor relations. Over the past 20 years he has played a key role in more than 30 investments and realisations with a particular interest in the cleantech and energy sectors. Prior to specialising in venture capital, Gary worked in corporate law with Shepherd+ Wedderburn (Solicitors), before moving to the structured finance group within Deutsche Morgan Grenfell and then National Australia Bank. Gary is currently a non-executive director of independent gas transporter Indigo Pipelines, solar energy business Solarcentury, clean energy centre contractor Vital Energi and venture philanthropy organisation Inspiring Scotland. Gary was appointed to the Board on 1 December 2016.

Gillian Watson, Non-executive director

Gillian is currently Senior Managing Director at Noble & Co, the Edinburgh based boutique investment bank. She is also Chair of Gordon & Macphail and a non-executive Director of Meallmore Limited, The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo Limited, Scottish Friendly and DC Alpha Investments SPC Ltd. Gillian has worked in corporate finance, strategy and business development in finance and various industry sectors and, until March 2013, was chief executive officer of Giltech Limited. Gillian sits on the University of Strathclyde's Enterprise and Innovation Board and is a trustee of the Boswell Trust. Gillian was appointed to the Board on 1 April 2013.

Business review

The investment manager

Martin Currie is an international equity specialist based in Edinburgh, managing money for a wide range of global clients. Its investment process is focused on selecting stocks through fundamental proprietary research and constructing well-balanced high conviction portfolios. The Board closely monitors investment performance and Tom Walker, the portfolio manager, attends each board meeting to present a detailed update to the Board. The Board uses this opportunity to challenge the portfolio manager on any aspect of the portfolio's management.

Continued appointment of the investment manager

The Board conducts an annual performance appraisal of the investment manager against a number of criteria, including operational performance, results and investment performance and other contractual considerations. Following the recent appraisal carried out by the management engagement committee on 30 January 2018, the Board considers it is in the best interests of shareholders to continue with the appointment of Martin Currie as investment manager.

Main features of the contractual arrangement with the investment manager

- Six month notice period.
- Immediate termination if Martin Currie ceases to be capable of carrying on investment business.
- In the event that the Company terminates the agreement otherwise than set out above, Martin Currie is entitled to receive compensation equivalent to four times the basic quarterly management fee payable.

Investment management fee prior to 1 February 2018

During the financial year, Martin Currie was paid an investment management fee of 0.5% of the ex income NAV of the Company per annum, calculated and payable quarterly. Martin Currie also provides secretarial and administration services to the Company; the annual secretarial fee for the year ended 31 January 2018 was £52,015 (2017: £50,988).

Change to investment management fee

As set out in the Chairman's statement on pages 2 and 3, a change to the investment management fee has been agreed between the Board and the investment manager. With effect from 1 February 2018, the investment management fee will be reduced to 0.4% of the ex income NAV of the Company per annum, calculated and payable quarterly. There is no change to the annual secretarial fee.

Performance fee prior to 1 February 2018

The investment manager was also entitled, for the year ended 31 January 2018, to a performance fee should certain criteria have been met. The key terms and related definitions of the calculation of the performance fee are summarised below.

- If the cumulative performance over the relevant period is less than or equal to 1% then no performance fee is payable.
- If the cumulative performance over the relevant period is greater than 1%, a performance fee is payable. If the Company's NAV has risen over the final year of the relevant period, this fee is 15% of the cumulative performance over that year and 7.5% if the Company's NAV has fallen.
- The maximum performance fee payable in any year is 1% of Company's NAV as at the last day of the relevant period.

Definitions

Relevant period: the relevant period is from 1 February following the last financial year in which a performance fee was paid, to the end of the current financial year. The relevant period for the year ended 31 January 2018 is 1 February 2012 to 31 January 2018. The Company's NAV is the ex income NAV before any accrual for performance fee and adjusted for the impact of share buy backs and shares issued from treasury. For the year ended 31 January 2018 the performance of the Company's NAV over the relevant period was 79.9%. The Company's benchmark is the FTSE World index. As at 31 January 2018 the capital performance of the benchmark over the relevant period was 92.8%.

Cumulative performance is the percentage change of the Company's NAV per share less the percentage change in the capital performance of the Company's benchmark over the relevant period. As at 31 January 2018 the cumulative performance for the relevant period was (12.9%) and therefore no performance fee is payable for the year ended 31 January 2018 (2017: £nil).

Changes to the performance fee from 1 February 2018

As set out in the Chairman's statement on pages 2 and 3, a change to the performance fee has been agreed between the Board and the investment manager, with effect from 1 February 2018. The two changes to the performance fee are:

- If the cumulative performance over the relevant period is greater than 1%, a performance fee is payable which is based on 12.5% of the cumulative performance during the period from 1 February 2018 to 31 January 2020 and, thereafter, during the final year of any subsequent relevant period. This percentage is not reduced if the Company's NAV has fallen over that period.
- The relevant period means from 1 February 2018 to the later of 31 January 2020 and the end of the first financial year in respect of which a performance fee is payable and, thereafter, from 1 February following the last financial year in respect of which a performance fee was paid, to the end of the current financial year.

The other elements of the performance fee are unchanged.

Further contractual arrangements

The Company has outsourced its operational infrastructure to third party organisations. Contracts and service level agreements have been defined to ensure that the service provided by each of the third party organisations is of a sufficiently professional and technically high standard. The Board actively monitors performance of service providers.

Counterparty risk on each service provider is analysed with the Board monitoring any identified risks. Further details of the Company's service providers can be found in the investor information section on page 47.

Performance and outlook of the Company

Please refer to the chairman's statement on pages 2 and 3 and the manager's review on pages 4 and 5 for an update on the performance of the Company over the year and outlook for 2018.

Board diversity

The nominations committee considers diversity, including the balance of skills, knowledge, gender and experience, amongst other factors when reviewing the composition of the Board. It does not consider that it is appropriate to establish targets or quotas in this regard. The Board comprises five non-executive directors of whom two are women and three are men. The Company has no employees as its investments are managed by Martin Currie, the appointed investment manager.

Environmental matters, social and corporate governance issues

As an externally managed investment company with no employees, the Company's greenhouse gas emissions are negligible. The Company does not have explicit policies in place in relation to social or community issues. The directors are aware that Martin Currie gives consideration to operational performance, environmental, social and corporate governance issues, among other factors when investment decisions are made. Please see the chairman's statement on pages 2 and 3 for more information. The Company complies with the principles of the FRC Stewardship Code. The Company's compliance statement can be found on the Company's website.

Statement regarding annual report and accounts

Following a detailed review of the annual report and financial statements by the audit committee, the directors consider that taken as a whole they are fair, balanced and understandable and provide the information necessary for shareholders to assess the Company's performance, business model and strategy.

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 January 2018.

Share capital

The Company repurchased 4,411,621 shares to be held in treasury at a cost of £10,496,095 during the year. This represented 4.6% of the called up share capital and had a nominal value of £220,581. As at 31 January 2018 the issued share capital of the Company was 92,302,109 shares (excluding shares held in treasury). The issued share capital as at 31 January 2017 was 96,713,730 (excluding shares held in treasury).

Shareholders analysis as at 31 January 2018	% of shareholders	% of equity capital
Individuals and trustees	81.5	13.5
Banks and nominee companies	16.2	75.1
Insurance & Investment companies	0.2	0.0
Other holders	2.1	11.4
	100.0	100.0

Voting rights

As at 31 January 2018, the Company had received notification in accordance with the FCA's Disclosure and Transparency Rule 5.1.2R of the following interests in 3% or more of the voting rights attaching to the Company's issued share capital.

As at 31 January	**2018**	2017
DC Thomson & Company Limited	**8.0%**	7.7%
Legg Mason Inc./Martin Currie Investment Management Limited	**6.0%**	5.7%

As at 5 April 2018, the Company had not received notification of any changes to these interests.

Related party transactions

With the exception of the management and secretarial fees (disclosed on page 13), directors' fees (disclosed on page 25) and directors' shareholdings (disclosed on page 24) there were no related party transactions through the financial year.

Corporate governance statement

The Company's corporate governance statement is set out on pages 19 to 21 and forms part of this report of the directors.

Revenue and dividends

The net revenue return for the year after expenses, interest and taxation was £3,509,000 (2017: £4,138,000), equivalent to a return of 3.72 pence per share (2017: 4.21 pence). Interim dividends totalling 2.70 pence have been paid during the year. The directors recommend a fourth interim dividend of 1.50 pence per share be payable on 27 April 2018 to holders on the register at the close of business on 6 April 2018, making a total for the year of 4.20 pence (2017: 4.20 pence). The revenue reserves as at 31 January 2018 are £5,284,000.

Trends likely to affect future performance

Please refer to the chairman's statement on pages 2 and 3 and the manager's review on pages 4 and 5 for information on the trends likely to affect the future performance of the Company.

Regulatory

The European AIFM Directive

The Board works closely with its advisers and the AIC as appropriate to ensure it is aware of any regulatory changes.

On 16 July 2014, the Company obtained approval as a small registered UK AIFM. The Board continues to believe this is the most appropriate and cost effective interpretation of this regulation for the Company.

As set out in the Company's strategic report on pages 9 to 11, the Board may introduce long term gearing should the opportunity arise. Should this be decided, under the terms of the AIFMD, it would be necessary for the Company to appoint an external depositary and AIFM who would also be supervised by the Financial Conduct Authority. It is likely that the Company would appoint Martin Currie Fund Management Limited as its AIFM, an associated company of Martin Currie Investment Management Limited. No changes would be proposed to the way the Company's assets are invested as a result of this should it occur.

Voting policy and the UK Stewardship Code

The Company has delegated responsibility for voting at investee company shareholder meetings to Martin Currie, who votes in accordance with its corporate governance and responsible investing policy. Martin Currie has gained the highest A+ rating from UNPRI and is a 'tier 1' signatory of the UK Stewardship Code. The Board has noted Martin Currie's adoption of the UK Stewardship Code and a copy of the policies and voting records can be found at www.martincurrie.com/home/about_us/our_policies.

The Board believes companies that exhibit positive Environment & Social Governance (ESG) behaviours contribute to increasing value over the long term. The Board has published a compliance statement with the FRC Stewardship Code, on the Company's website, which incorporates its policies on socially responsible investing and engagement with the companies in which it invests. A copy of the statement can be found on the Company's website.

Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements respectively; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements and the directors' remuneration report comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The financial statements are published on the Company's website (www.martincurrieglobal.com) which is maintained by the investment manager. The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the Company's website.

Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Each of the directors, whose names and functions are listed in the Board of directors on page 12, confirms that to the best of their knowledge:

- the financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law), give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit of the Company; and
- the report of the directors, strategic report and manager's review include a fair, balanced and understandable review of the development and performance of the business and the position of the Company, together with a description of the principal risks and the uncertainties that it faces.

Role of the Board

Investment companies have a board of directors whose duty it is to govern the Company to secure the best possible return for shareholders within the framework set out in the Company's Articles of Association – in other words, to look after the interests of shareholders.

Your Board of five experienced independent non-executive directors meets five times a year on a formal basis and on an ad-hoc basis when required, to consider the Company's strategy and monitor the Company's performance. The directors are directly answerable to shareholders.

The Board formally evaluates its investment manager every year, reporting to shareholders why it is appropriate for the investment manager to continue. The Board also evaluates its own performance, the performance of the chairman and individual Board directors, and the performance of its Committees annually.

Your Board takes this responsibility extremely seriously.

Your Board also serves shareholders by ensuring that the interests of the investment manager are aligned as closely as possible with those of shareholders.

An investment trust board provides a very specific and proactive form of direct oversight of the investment of the shareholders' funds.

Directors

As set out in the Board of directors on page 12, Neil Gaskell, Mike Balfour, Marian Glen, Gary Le Sueur and Gillian Watson are directors of the Company. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Neil Gaskell will stand for re-election at the AGM.

Going concern status

The Company's business activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future development, performance and position are set out in the chairman's statement, manager's review, strategic report and the report of the directors.

The financial position of the Company as at 31 January 2018 is shown on the statement of financial position on page 33. The statement of cash flow of the Company is set out on page 35.

Note 13 on pages 43 to 45 sets out the Company's risk management policies, including those covering market risk, liquidity risk and credit risk.

In accordance with the Financial Reporting Council's guidance on going concern and liquidity risk issued in October 2009 and C.1.3 of the 2016 UK Corporate Governance Code, the directors have undertaken a rigorous review of the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. The Company's assets consist of a diverse portfolio of listed equity shares which, in most circumstances, are realisable within a very short timescale. The directors are mindful of the principal risks and uncertainties disclosed on page 10. They have reviewed revenue forecasts and believe that the Company has adequate financial resources to continue its operational existence for the foreseeable future, and at least one year from the date of this annual report. Accordingly, the directors continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing these financial statements.

Viability Statement

The Company's business model is designed to deliver long term capital growth to its shareholders through investment in large and liquid stocks in global equity markets. Its plans are therefore based on having no fixed or limited life provided global equity markets continue to operate normally. The Board has assessed its viability over a 3 year period in accordance with provision C.2.2 of the 2016 UK Corporate Governance Code as it believes this is an appropriate period over which it does not expect there to be any significant change to the principal risks and adequacy of the mitigating controls in place. The Board considers that this reflects the minimum period which should be considered in the context of its long term objective but one which is limited by the inherent and increasing uncertainties involved in assessment over a longer period.

In making this assessment the directors have considered the following risks to its ongoing viability:

- the principal risks and uncertainties and the mitigating actions set out on page 10;
- the ongoing relevance of the Company's investment objective in the current environment and evidenced by feedback from major shareholders;
- the level of income forecast to be generated by the Company and the liquidity of the Company's portfolio;
- the low level of fixed costs relative to its liquid assets; and
- the expectation is that in normal markets more than 99% of the current portfolio could be liquidated within one trading day.

Based on the results of their analysis and the Company's processes for monitoring each of the factors set out above, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company will be able to continue in operation and meet its liabilities as they fall due over at least the next 3 years.

Annual general meeting

The annual general meeting ('AGM') of the Company will be held at the offices of Martin Currie Investment Management, Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh, EH1 2ES at 12.30pm on 12 June 2018.

Resolutions relating to the following items of special business will be proposed at the forthcoming AGM.

Purchase of own shares – special resolution

Each year the directors seek authority from shareholders to purchase the Company's own shares. The directors recommend that shareholders renew this authority detailed in resolution 8. Any shares purchased pursuant to the authority will be held in treasury or cancelled. The authority will lapse at the earlier of the Company's next AGM or 15 months after the date of the resolution.

The purpose of holding shares in treasury is to allow the Company to reissue those shares quickly and cost effectively in accordance with the parameters set out in resolution 10. If passed, resolution 8 gives authority for the Company to purchase up to 13,642,027 of the Company's own shares or, if less, 14.99% of the Company's issued share capital as at the date of the passing of the resolution. The directors will only exercise this authority to purchase shares where they consider that such purchases will be in the best interests of shareholders generally. The directors currently intend to hold in treasury the shares purchased under this authority.

Disapplication of statutory pre-emption rights – special resolution

s561 of the Companies Act 2006 requires, when shares are to be allotted for cash or sold from treasury, such shares first must be offered to existing shareholders in proportion to their existing holdings of shares. Resolution 9 proposed as a special resolution would, if passed, give the directors authority under s570 and s573 of the Companies Act 2006, to allot new shares or sell shares from treasury for cash in certain circumstances as if s561 of the Companies Act 2006 did not apply. This authority would enable the directors to issue shares for cash to take advantage of changes in market conditions that may arise in order to increase the amount of the Company's issued share capital. The purpose of such an increase would be to improve the liquidity of the market in the Company's shares and to spread the fixed cost of administering the Company over a wider base.
The directors believe that this would increase the investment attractions of the Company to the benefit of existing shareholders.

The resolution, if passed, will give the directors power to allot for cash equity securities of the Company up to a maximum of £1,518,176 (being an amount equal to 5% of the issued share capital of the Company as at 3 April 2018, the latest practicable date prior to this document) without the application of pre-emption rights described above. The authority contained in resolution 9 will continue until 30 June 2019 or, if earlier, the AGM of the Company in 2019.

Re-issue of treasury shares – special resolution

Resolution 10, proposed as a special resolution, would give the directors authority to re-issue shares from treasury within the following parameters:

- any discount level at which such equity securities may be sold or transferred out of treasury is always less than the average discount at which the equity securities held in treasury were purchased; and
- a cap will be set on the dilutive impact of reissuing out of treasury at a maximum of 0.2% per year.

The Board intends to use share issuance powers in the same way that buy back powers are used to enhance shareholder value and improve the liquidity of the shares.

The authority contained in resolution 10 will continue until the AGM of the Company in 2019.

Notice of general meeting – special resolution

Resolution 11, proposed as a special resolution, would give the directors authority to call a general meeting, other than the AGM, on 14 days' clear notice. The directors believe it is in the best interests of shareholders to have the flexibility to call a general meeting at short notice, although it is intended that this flexibility will only be used for non-routine business and where it is deemed in the interests of shareholders as a whole. If approved, the authority contained in resolution 11 will continue until the AGM of the Company in 2019.

Recommendation

The directors believe all the resolutions proposed are in the best interests of the Company and shareholders as a whole. The directors unanimously recommend all shareholders vote in favour of all the resolutions. The results of the votes on the resolutions at the AGM will be published on the Company's website (www.martincurrieglobal.com).

Neil Gaskell
Chairman

5 April 2018

Compliance

The Board of the Company has considered the principles and recommendations of the AIC Code of Corporate Governance ('AIC code') by reference to the AIC Corporate Governance Guide for investment companies ('AIC guide'). The AIC code, as explained by the AIC guide, addresses all the principles set out in the UK Corporate Governance Code, as well as setting out additional principles and recommendations on issues that are of specific relevance to the Company.

The Board considers that reporting against the principles and recommendations of the AIC code and by reference to the AIC guide (which incorporates the UK Corporate Governance Code), will provide better information to shareholders. The Company has complied with all of the recommendations of the AIC code and, except as set out below, relevant provisions of the UK Corporate Governance Code:

- the role of the chief executive;
- executive directors' remuneration; and
- the need for an internal audit function.

For the reasons set out in the AIC guide and as explained in the UK Corporate Governance Code, the Board considers these provisions not relevant to the position of the Company, being an externally managed investment company. The Company has therefore not reported further in respect of these provisions.

The principles of the AIC code

The AIC code is made up of 21 principles and the Company has complied with all such principles with the exception of principle 11 which is not applicable. Details of the AIC principles and how the Company complies with them can be found on the Company's website at **www.martincurrieglobal.com**.

Board committees

Management engagement committee

The management engagement committee's responsibilities include:

- reviewing the continuing appointment of the investment manager;
- reviewing the performance of the investment manager in terms of investment performance and the company secretarial and administrative services provided;
- reviewing the performance of the personnel employed by the investment manager in relation to the provision of such services; and
- reviewing the terms of the investment management agreement, to ensure that it remains competitive and in the best interests of shareholders.

The committee met once during the year.

Composition – all directors and chaired by Neil Gaskell.

Nominations committee

The nominations committee's responsibilities include:

- assessing the skills, knowledge, experience and diversity required on the Board and the extent to which each are represented;
- establishing processes for the review of the performance of the Board committees and the Board as a whole;
- establishing processes for the identification of suitable candidates for appointment to the Board;
- overseeing succession planning for the Board;
- considering directors' remuneration; and
- in relation to any director retiring by rotation, and who is proposing to stand for re-election, reviewing the retiring director's performance during the period in which they have been a member of the Board.

The committee met once during the year.

Composition – all directors and chaired by Neil Gaskell.

Marketing and communications committee

The marketing and communications committee's responsibilities include:

- considering the marketing strategy for the Company;
- reviewing the Company's communications with its shareholders;
- reviewing the Company's marketing budget; and
- reviewing the design and contents of the Company's financial statements.

The marketing and communications committee met twice during the year.

Composition – all directors and chaired by Gillian Watson.

Audit committee

The audit committee's responsibilities include:

- monitoring and reviewing the integrity of financial statements and ensuring in particular that, taken as a whole, they are fair, balanced and understandable;
- internal financial controls;
- the independence, objectivity and effectiveness of the external auditors;
- making recommendations to the Board in relation to the appointment, evaluation and dismissal of the external auditors, their remuneration, terms of their engagement and reviewing their independence and objectivity;
- developing and implementing policy on the engagement of the external auditors to supply non-audit services; and
- reporting to the Board, identifying any matter in respect of which it considers that action or improvement is needed and making recommendations as to the steps to be taken.

The audit committee met twice during the year. In addition the audit committee chairman had two further sessions with the investment manager and the external auditors.

Composition – Mike Balfour (chairman), Marian Glen, Gary Le Sueur and Gillian Watson. Marian Glen will assume the role of chairman of the audit committee with effect from the conclusion of the 2018 annual general meeting.

Directors' meetings

The following table shows the number of formal Board and Board committee meetings held during the year and the number attended by each director or committee member.

	Formal Board meetings (5 meetings)	Management engagement committee (1 meeting)	Audit committee (2 meetings)	Nominations committee (1 meeting)	Marketing and communications committee (2 meetings)
Mike Balfour	5	1	2	1	2
Neil Gaskell	5	1	n/a	1	2
Marian Glen	5	1	2	1	2
David Kidd*	2	0	1	0	1
Gary Le Sueur	5	1	2	1	2
Gillian Watson	4	1	1	1	2

*Retired on 6 June 2017.

Internal control

The AIC Code and the Disclosure and Transparency Rules require directors, at least annually, to review the effectiveness of the Company's system of internal control and include a description of the main features relating to the financial reporting process.

Since investment management and all administrative services are provided to the Company by Martin Currie, the Company's system of internal control mainly comprises monitoring the services provided by Martin Currie, including the operating controls established by them, to ensure that they meet the Company's business objectives. The Company does not have an internal audit function of its own, but relies on the risk and compliance department of Martin Currie. This arrangement is kept under review. Martin Currie also carries out a review of the custodial and administration activities carried out by State Street.

The Board, either directly or through committees, reviews the effectiveness of the company's system of internal control by monitoring the operation of the key controls of Martin Currie and:

- reviews an internal control report as provided to the Board twice yearly by the investment manager. This report details significant risks, regulatory issues, error management and complaint handling;
- reviews the terms of the management agreement;
- reviews reports on the internal controls and the operations of the investment manager and of State Street; and
- reviews the risk profile of the Company and considers investment risk at every board meeting.

There is an ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the significant risks faced by the Company as outlined on page 10. This process accords with the FRC's 'Guidance on Risk Management, Internal Control and Related Financial and Business Reporting'.

During the course of its review of internal controls, the Board has not identified or been advised of any failings or weaknesses which it has determined to be significant, and is satisfied with the arrangements.

Internal control and risk management systems in relation to the financial reporting process

The directors are responsible for the Company's system of internal control, designed to safeguard the Company's assets, maintain proper accounting records and ensure that financial information used within the business, or published, is reliable.

Martin Currie has in place stringent controls that monitor the following activities within the financial reporting process:

- investment and related cash transactions are completely and accurately recorded and settled in a timely manner;
- corporate actions and proxy voting instructions are identified and generated respectively, and then processed and recorded accurately and in a timely manner;
- investment income is accurately recorded in the proper period;
- investments are valued using current prices obtained from independent external pricing sources;
- cash and securities positions are completely and accurately recorded and reconciled to third party data; and
- investment management fees, and any performance fee, are accurately calculated and recorded.

The system of internal control can only be designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives and therefore can provide only reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against fraud, material mis-statement or loss.

By the means of the procedures set out above, the Board confirms that it has reviewed the effectiveness of the Company's systems of internal control for the year ended 31 January 2018 and to the date of approval of this annual report.

On behalf of the Board

Neil Gaskell
Chairman

5 April 2018

Audit committee report

The audit committee is chaired by Mike Balfour and comprises all of the directors except the chairman of the Board, Neil Gaskell. Marian Glen will assume the role of chairman of the audit committee with effect from the conclusion of the 2018 annual general meeting.

The audit committee reviews the scope and results of the audit and, during the year, considered and approved the external auditors' plan for the audit of the financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2018. A full list of the responsibilities of the committee is on page 20.

Auditors' independence

The Company has in place a policy governing and controlling the provision of non-audit services by the external auditors, so as to help safeguard its independence and objectivity. This is achieved by prohibiting non-audit work where independence may be compromised or conflicts arise. Any non-audit work requires specific approval of the audit committee in each case.

The audit fee amounts to £19,750 for the year ended 31 January 2018 (2017: £19,000). Non-audit fees amounted to £2,000 for the year ended 31 January 2018 (2017: £2,000). The non-audit services relate to the assessment of 'ready to tag' accounts and design process for iXBRL purposes, which continue to be carried out by Ernst & Young LLP ('EY') following appointment as the Company's auditors. Following review, the audit committee is satisfied that the Company's auditors, EY, remain independent.

Auditors' rotation

A competitive tender for the audit of the Company was last held in May 2015, following which EY were selected as the Company's auditors.

Under EU rotation guidance, the Company's audit engagement partner will rotate every five years. There is currently no intention to put the audit out to tender.

Auditors' report

At the conclusion of the audit, EY did not highlight any issues to the audit committee which would cause it to qualify its audit report nor did it highlight any fundamental internal control weaknesses. EY issued an unqualified audit report which is included on pages 26 to 31.

The audit committee takes account of the most significant issues and risks, both operational and financial, likely to impact the Company's financial statements.

The following significant issues were considered by the audit committee in relation to the financial statements:

Matter	Action
Strength of processes and internal controls at outsourced providers	The investment administration function is outsourced to Martin Currie who use State Street Bank and Trust Company ('State Street') as a subcontractor. Custodial services are also outsourced by the Company to State Street. The directors, having carried out due diligence at the time of appointment and subsequently with State Street, are satisfied that State Street is an acceptable outsource provider. The audit committee receive regular reports from Martin Currie on the effectiveness of its processes, procedures and internal controls for these arrangements. Martin Currie has reviewed and checked State Street's processes, procedures and internal controls. The external auditors also review State Street's internal controls as part of their audit and have not reported any significant matters to the audit committee. Further details can be found on pages 26 to 31.
Accuracy of portfolio valuation	Actively traded listed investments are valued using stock exchange prices provided by third party service providers. The investment manager reviews and summarises the SOC 1 report, prepared annually by State Street covering Global Fund Accounting and Custody and the audit committee reviews this summarised report annually. The SOC 1 report is reported on by independent external accountants and includes details of the systems, processes and controls around the daily pricing of equity securities, including the application of exchange rate movements.
Allocation of expenses between revenue and capital	The allocation is reviewed by the audit committee annually taking into account the long-term split of returns from the portfolio, both historic and projected; the objectives of the Company and current, historical and prospective yields.
Revenue recognition	The audit committee review a summary of State Street's SOC 1 report annually. The SOC 1 report includes details of the systems, processes and controls around the recording of investment income.

Matter	Action
Review of risks	The Board carried out a robust assessment of the principal risks facing the Company at its annual strategy meeting. The audit committee monitors the the risk profile of the Company and ensures that a summary of the risks facing the Company and relevant mitigants are appropriately reflected in the Company's risk register. The risk register is circulated in advance of every audit committee and Board meeting to ensure all decisions are taken in accordance with the Company's risk tolerance.
Viability Statement and Going Concern Assessment	The audit committee monitors the integrity of the Company's annual and interim reports and any other formal announcement relating to its financial performance, reviewing significant financial reporting issues and judgements which they contain. In particular, the audit committee considers whether the annual report should be produced on a going concern basis and reviews the Company's viability statement. The audit committee assesses a number of risks to determine the Company's going concern status and ongoing viability before making a recommendation to the Board.

Effectiveness of the external audit process

The audit committee evaluated the effectiveness of the external auditors and the external audit it undertook prior to making a recommendation on the re-appointment of EY at the forthcoming AGM. This evaluation involved an assessment of the effectiveness of the auditors' performance against criteria including qualification, expertise and resources, independence and effectiveness of the audit process. Having reviewed the performance of the external auditors as described above, the audit committee considered it appropriate to recommend the re-appointment of EY as external auditors. EY have expressed their willingness to be re-appointed to office and a resolution to re-appoint them as auditors to the Company and to authorise the directors to determine the remuneration payable will be proposed at the forthcoming AGM.

Disclosure of information to the auditors

In the case of each of the directors of the Company at the time when this report was approved:

- so far as each of the directors is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware; and
- each of the directors has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

On behalf of the Board

Mike Balfour
Chairman of the Audit Committee

5 April 2018

Remuneration statement

The Board has prepared this report in accordance with the requirements of the Large and Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) (Amendment) Regulations 2013. An ordinary resolution to approve this report will be put to the shareholders at the AGM.

Company law requires the Company's auditors to audit certain disclosures provided in this report. Where disclosures have been audited, they are indicated as such. The auditors' opinion is included in their report on pages 26 to 31.

Directors' remuneration policy

As the Board is composed wholly of non-executive directors, the nominations committee considers directors' remuneration in addition to its nominations function.

The Board's policy is that the remuneration of non-executive directors should reflect the experience of the Board as a whole, be fair and comparable to that of other investment trusts that are similar in size, have a similar capital structure and have similar investment objectives. It is intended that this policy will continue for the year ended 31 January 2019 and subsequent years. The fees for the non-executive directors are determined within the limits set out in the Company's Articles of Association. Directors are entitled to be reimbursed for any reasonable expenses properly incurred by them in connection with the performance of their duties. Directors are not eligible for bonuses, pension benefits, share options, long-term incentive schemes or other benefits.

Directors do not have service contracts but are provided with letters of appointment.

All directors are appointed for an initial term covering the period from the date of that appointment until the first AGM at which they are requested to stand for election in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association. Thereafter the directors retire by rotation at least every three years. There is no notice period and no provision for compensation upon early termination of appointment. The directors' remuneration policy will be put to a shareholders' vote annually.

Annual report on remuneration

For the year to 31 January 2018, the non-executive directors received a fee of £23,500 per annum, the audit committee chairman received a fee of £27,000 and the chairman received a fee of £36,000 per annum. No additional discretionary payments were made in the year, nor in the previous year.

During the year the nominations committee considered the directors' fees in the context of the benchmark data from its peer group. Following a review of the benchmark data, and taking into account the increased regulatory and compliance burden upon the Board, it was agreed that all directors' fees, except the chairman's fees, would be increased by £500 per annum, with effect from 1 February 2018.

The graph on the following page compares, for the ten financial years ended 31 January 2018, the total return (assuming all dividends were reinvested) to ordinary shareholders compared to the total return of the benchmark.

Directors' shareholdings (audited)

As at 31 January	2018	2017
Mike Balfour	10,000	10,000
Neil Gaskell	43,000*	43,000*
Marian Glen†	–	–
Gary Le Sueur†	21,285**	–
Gillian Watson	–	–

*Neil Gaskell's holding of 43,000 shares includes a beneficial and family interest of 31,000 shares. **Gary Le Sueur's holding of 21,285 includes a beneficial and family interest of 14,815 shares. †Appointed on 1 December 2016.

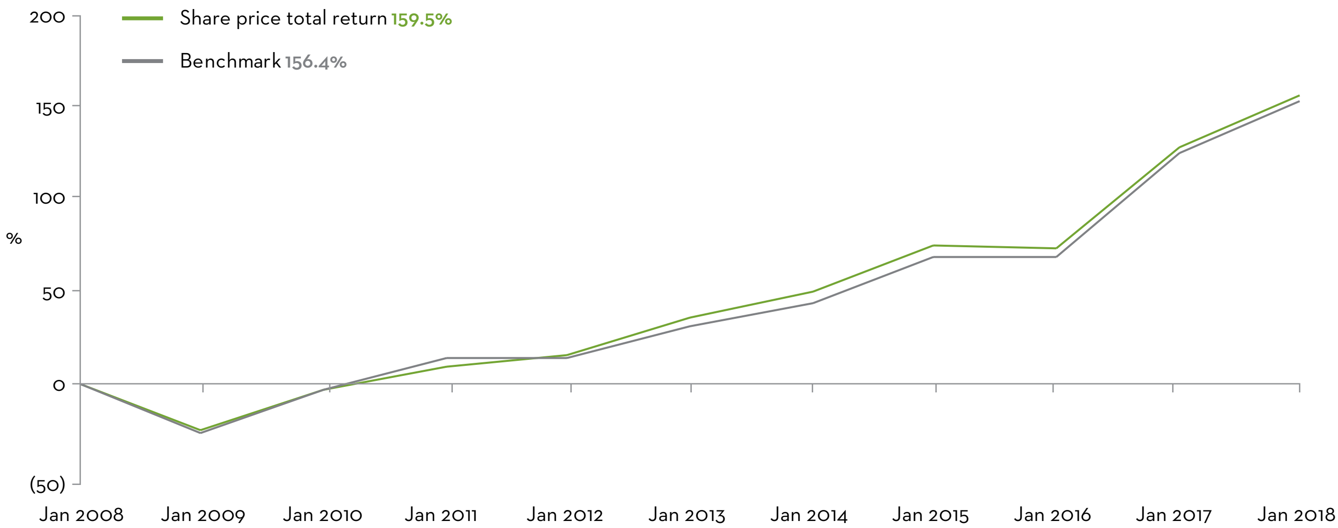
The shareholdings detailed above have not changed between 31 January 2018 and 5 April 2018, the date of signing the accounts.

Approval

An ordinary resolution for the approval of the directors' remuneration policy and annual report on remuneration will be put to shareholders at the forthcoming AGM.

At the AGM on 6 June 2017, 99.91% of proxy votes were cast in favour of the directors' remuneration report for the year ended 31 January 2017 and 99.87% of proxy votes were cast in favour of the directors' remuneration policy.

Total return (ten financial years)



Source: Martin Currie Investment Management Limited.

Directors' emoluments for the year (audited)

	2017/2018 £	2016/2017 £
Mike Balfour (chairman of the audit committee)	27,000	26,000
Neil Gaskell (chairman of the Board)	36,000	35,000
Marian Glen*	23,500	3,750
David Kidd**	8,195	22,500
Gary Le Sueur*	23,500	3,750
Gillian Watson	23,500	22,500
	141,695	113,500

*Appointed on 1 December 2016. **Resigned on 6 June 2017.

Relative importance of spend on directors' remuneration

To enable shareholders to assess the relative importance of spend on remuneration, the directors' total remuneration has been shown in a table below compared with the Company's dividend distributions.

	2017/2018	2016/2017	Change
Directors' total remuneration (£000)	142	114	28
Dividends paid and payable (£000)	3,912	4,081	169
Dividend per share (p)	4.20	4.20	–
NAV growth	246.1p	223.9p	22.2p

On behalf of the Board

Neil Gaskell
Chairman

5 April 2018

Independent auditors' report to the members of Martin Currie Global Portfolio Trust plc

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Martin Currie Global Portfolio Trust plc (the 'Company') for the year ended 31 January 2018 which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Changes in Equity, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes 1 to 17, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the Company's affairs as at 31 January 2018 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report below. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard as applied to public interest entities, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Conclusions relating to principal risks, going concern and viability statement

We have nothing to report in respect of the following information in the annual report, in relation to which the ISAs(UK) require us to report to you whether we have anything material to add or draw attention to:

- the disclosures in the annual report set out on page 10 that describe the principal risks and explain how they are being managed or mitigated;
- the directors' confirmation set out on page 10 in the annual report that they have carried out a robust assessment of the principal risks facing the entity, including those that would threaten its business model, future performance, solvency or liquidity;
- the directors' statement set out on page 17 in the financial statements about whether they considered it appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing them, and their identification of any material uncertainties to the entity's ability to continue to do so over a period of at least twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements
- whether the directors' statement in relation to going concern required under the Listing Rules in accordance with Listing Rule 9.8.6R(3) is materially inconsistent with our knowledge obtained in the audit; or
- the directors' explanation set out on page 17 in the annual report as to how they have assessed the prospects of the entity, over what period they have done so and why they consider that period to be appropriate, and their statement as to whether they have a reasonable expectation that the entity will be able to continue in operation and meet its liabilities as they fall due over the period of their assessment, including any related disclosures drawing attention to any necessary qualifications or assumptions.

Overview of our audit approach

Key audit matters	• Incomplete or inaccurate revenue recognition though failure to recognise proper income entitlement's or apply appropriate accounting treatment • Incorrect valuation and ownership of the investment portfolio
Materiality	• Overall materiality of £2.27m which represents 1% of shareholders' funds (2017: £2.16m)

Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period and include the most significant assessed risks of material misstatement (whether or not due to fraud) that we identified. These matters included those which had the greatest effect on: the overall audit strategy, the allocation of resources in the audit; and directing the efforts of the engagement team. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Risk	Our response to the risk	Key observations communicated to the Audit Committee
Incomplete or inaccurate revenue recognition though failure to recognise proper income entitlement's or apply appropriate accounting treatment (£4.89m, 2017 comparative £5.38m). *Refer to the Audit Committee Report (page 22); Accounting policies (page 36); and Note 3 of the financial statements (page 38).* The investment income receivable by the Company during the year directly affects the Company's ability to make a dividend payment to shareholders. The majority of the Company's income consisted of dividend payments from listed investments. Special dividends by their nature require the exercise of judgement as to whether the income receivable should be classified as 'revenue' or 'capital'. During the year, the Company received one special dividend with a value of £39k. This special dividend was treated as revenue. Realised and unrealised profits or losses contribute a significant portion of the capital returns in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. There is a risk that these are not calculated correctly which could lead to the capital returns being materially misstated.	We have performed the following procedures: We agreed a sample of dividend receipts to the corresponding announcement made by the investee company, recalculated the dividend amount received and agreed cash received to bank statements. We agreed a sample of investee company dividend announcements from an independent source to the income recorded by the Company. For all dividends accrued at the year end, we reviewed the investee company announcements to assess whether the dividend obligation arose prior to 31 January 2018. We agreed the dividend rate to corresponding announcements made by the investee company, recalculated the dividend amount receivable and agreed cash received to post year end bank statements, where possible. We reviewed the income report and the acquisition and disposal report to identify special dividends greater than our testing threshold (set at 25% of our revenue tolerable threshold) received in the year. No special dividends above our revenue testing threshold were received in the year. However, we reviewed the treatment of the one special dividend received based on the underlying motives and circumstances for the payment and considered the treatment of the classification of this special dividend as revenue that was adopted by the directors. We agreed a sample of key transaction details (e.g. units, trade date) of purchases and sales recorded to transaction statements, agreeing the cost and proceeds to bank statements. We agreed the realised gains and losses arising on a sample of disposals and ensured the average cost method was consistently and correctly applied and recalculated the unrealised gains in total as at the year end.	The results of our procedures are: We noted no issues in agreeing the sample of dividend receipts to an independent source, recalculating these amounts and agreeing them to the bank statements. We noted no issues in agreeing the sample of investee company announcements to the income entitlements recorded by the Company. We noted no issues in recalculating the accrued dividends, agreeing, where possible, to post year end bank statements, and confirming that the income obligation arose prior to 31 January 2018. We noted no issues in agreeing the accounting treatment adopted with respect to the special dividend receipt. We noted no issues in agreeing a sample of transaction details to transaction statements and bank statements. We noted no issues in recalculating a sample of realised gains and losses and unrealised gains in total as at the year end.

Risk	Our response to the risk	Key observations communicated to the Audit Committee
Incorrect valuation and existence of the investment portfolio (£223.19m, 2017 comparative £215.62m). *Refer to the Audit Committee Report (page 22); Accounting policies (page 36); and Note 7 of the financial statements (page 41).* The valuation of the assets held in the investment portfolio is the key driver of the Company's net asset value and total return. Incorrect asset pricing or a failure to maintain proper legal title of the assets held by the Company could have a significant impact on the portfolio valuation and the return generated for shareholders. Listed investments are valued at fair value, which is deemed to be bid market prices.	We have performed the following procedures: For all investments in the portfolio, we compared the market values and exchange rates applied to an independent source. We agreed the Company's investments to the independent confirmation received from the Company's custodian as at 31 January 2018.	The results of our procedures are: For all investments, we noted no material differences in market value or exchange rates when compared to an independent source. We noted no differences between the confirmation received from the Company's custodian and the Company's underlying financial records

There has been no change to the areas of key focus raised in the above risk table from the prior year.

An overview of the scope of our audit

Tailoring the scope

Our assessment of audit risk, our evaluation of materiality and our allocation of performance materiality determine our audit scope for the Company. This enables us to form an opinion on the financial statements. We take into account size, risk profile, the organisation of the Company and effectiveness of controls, including controls and changes in the business environment when assessing the level of work to be performed.

Our application of materiality

We apply the concept of materiality in planning and performing the audit, in evaluating the effect of identified misstatements on the audit and in forming our audit opinion.

Materiality

The magnitude of an omission or misstatement that, individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of the users of the financial statements. Materiality provides a basis for determining the nature and extent of our audit procedures.

We determined materiality for the Company to be £2.27m (2017: £2.16m), which is 1% of shareholders' funds (2017: 1% of shareholders' funds). We believe that shareholders' funds provides us with materiality aligned to the key measurement of the Company's performance.

Performance materiality

The application of materiality at the individual account or balance level. It is set at an amount to reduce to an appropriately low level the probability that the aggregate of uncorrected and undetected misstatements exceeds materiality.

On the basis of our risk assessments, together with our assessment of the company's overall control environment, our judgement was that performance materiality was 75% (2017: 75%) of our planning materiality, namely £1.70m (2017: £1.62m). We have set performance materiality at this percentage due to our past experience of the audit that indicates a lower risk of misstatements, both corrected and uncorrected.

Given the importance of the distinction between revenue and capital for the Company we also applied a separate revenue tolerable threshold of £0.19m (2017: £0.24m) for the revenue column of the Statement of Comprehensive Income being 5% (2017: 5%) of the net revenue return on ordinary activities before taxation.

Reporting threshold

An amount below which identified misstatements are considered as being clearly trivial.

We agreed with the Audit Committee that we would report to them all uncorrected audit differences in excess of £0.11m (2017: £0.11m), which is set at 5% (2017: 5%) of planning materiality, as well as differences below that threshold that, in our view, warranted reporting on qualitative grounds.

We evaluate any uncorrected misstatements against both the quantitative measures of materiality discussed above and in light of other relevant qualitative considerations in forming our opinion.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of the other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

In this context, we also have nothing to report in regard to our responsibility to specifically address the following items in the other information and to report as uncorrected material misstatements of the other information where we conclude that those items meet the following conditions:

- Fair, balanced and understandable set out on page 16 – the statement given by the directors that they consider the annual report and financial statements taken as a whole is fair, balanced and understandable and provides the information necessary for shareholders to assess the Company's performance, business model and strategy, is materially inconsistent with our knowledge obtained in the audit; or
- Audit committee reporting set out on page 22 – the section describing the work of the audit committee does not appropriately address matters communicated by us to the audit committee; or
- Directors' statement of compliance with the UK Corporate Governance Code set out on page 19 – the parts of the directors' statement required under the Listing Rules relating to the Company's compliance with the UK Corporate Governance Code containing provisions specified for review by the auditor in accordance with Listing Rule 9.8.10R(2) do not properly disclose a departure from a relevant provision of the UK Corporate Governance Code.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the part of the directors' remuneration report to be audited has been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the strategic report and the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and directors' reports have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report or directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements and the part of the Directors' Remuneration Report to be audited are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 16, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

The objectives of our audit, in respect to fraud, are to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses; and to respond appropriately to fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and management.

Our approach was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the Company and determined that the most significant are FRS 102, the Companies Act 2006, the Listing Rules, the UK Corporate Governance Code and Section 1158 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010.
- We understood how the Company is complying with those frameworks through discussions with the audit committee and company secretary and review of the Company's documented policies and procedures.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the Company's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur by considering the key risks impacting the financial statements. We identified a fraud risk with respect to incomplete or inaccurate revenue recognition relating to the allocation of special dividends. Further discussion of our approach is set out in the section on key audit matters above.
- Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations. Our procedures involved review of the reporting to the directors with respect to the application of the documented policies and procedures and review of the financial statements to ensure compliance with the reporting requirements of the Company.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Other matters we are required to address

- We were appointed by the Company and signed an engagement letter on 13 August 2015 to audit the financial statements for the year ending 31 January 2016 and subsequent financial periods.

  The period of total uninterrupted engagements including previous renewals and reappointments is 3 years, covering the years ending 31 January 2016 to 31 January 2018.
- The non-audit services prohibited by the FRC's Ethical Standard were not provided to the Company and we remain independent of the Company in conducting the audit.
- The audit opinion is consistent with the additional report to the audit committee.

Caroline Mercer

(Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP, Statutory Auditor

Edinburgh

5 April 2018

Notes:

1. The maintenance and integrity of the Martin Currie Global Portfolio Trust plc website is the responsibility of the directors; the work carried out by the auditors does not involve consideration of these matters and, accordingly, the auditors accept no responsibility for any changes that may have occurred to the financial statements since they were initially presented on the website.
2. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

	Note	Year to 31 January 2018 Revenue £000	Capital £000	Total £000	Year to 31 January 2017 Revenue £000	Capital £000	Total £000
Net gains on investments	7	–	22,278	22,278	–	47,347	47,347
Net currency (losses)/gains		(105)	105	–	116	(120)	(4)
Revenue	3	4,894	–	4,894	5,382	–	5,382
Investment management fee	5	(371)	(743)	(1,114)	(334)	(668)	(1,002)
Other expenses	5	(426)	–	(426)	(454)	–	(454)
Net return on ordinary activities before taxation		3,992	21,640	25,632	4,710	46,559	51,269
Taxation on ordinary activities	6	(483)	–	(483)	(572)	–	(572)
Net return attributable to shareholders		3,509	21,640	25,149	4,138	46,559	50,697
Net returns per ordinary share	2	3.72p	22.96p	26.68p	4.21p	47.41p	51.62p

The total columns of this statement are the profit and loss accounts of the Company.
The revenue and capital items are presented in accordance with the Association of Investment Companies ('AIC') Statement of Recommended Practice 2014.
All revenue and capital items in the above statement derive from continuing operations.
No operations were acquired or discontinued in the year.
The notes on pages 36 to 46 form part of these financial statements.

	Note	As at 31 January 2018 £000	As at 31 January 2018 £000	As at 31 January 2017 £000	As at 31 January 2017 £000
Fixed assets					
Listed on the London Stock Exchange			25,669		25,395
Listed on exchanges abroad			197,523		190,224
Investments at fair value through profit or loss	7		223,192		215,619
Current assets					
Trade receivables	8	243		252	
Cash and cash equivalents	9	4,200		974	
			4,443		1,226
Current liabilities					
Trade payables	10	(449)		(348)	
			(449)		(348)
Total assets less current liabilities			227,186		216,497
Equity					
Called-up share capital	11	5,179		5,179	
Capital redemption reserve		10,838		10,838	
Special distributable reserve*		91,853		102,349	
Capital reserve	11	114,032		92,392	
Revenue reserve*		5,284		5,739	
Total shareholders' funds			227,186		216,497
Net asset value per ordinary share	2		246.1p		223.9p

*These reserves are distributable.
The notes on pages 36 to 46 form part of these financial statements.
Martin Currie Global Portfolio Trust plc is registered in Scotland, company number 192761.

The financial statements on pages 32 to 46 were approved by the Board of directors on 5 April 2018 and signed on its behalf by

On behalf of the Board

Neil Gaskell
Chairman

5 April 2018

	Note	Called up ordinary share capital £000	Capital redemption reserve £000	Special distributable reserve* £000	Capital reserve £000	Revenue reserve* £000	Total £000
Statement of changes in equity for the year to 31 January 2018							
As at 31 January 2017		5,179	10,838	102,349	92,392	5,739	216,497
Net return attributable to shareholders**		–	–	–	21,640	3,509	25,149
Ordinary shares bought back during the year		–	–	(10,496)	–	–	(10,496)
Dividends paid	4	–	–	–	–	(3,964)	(3,964)
As at 31 January 2018		**5,179**	**10,838**	**91,853**	**114,032**	**5,284**	**227,186**

	Note	Called up ordinary share capital £000	Capital redemption reserve £000	Special distributable reserve* £000	Capital reserve £000	Revenue reserve* £000	Total £000
Statement of changes in equity for the year to 31 January 2017							
As at 31 January 2016		5,179	10,838	110,581	45,833	5,676	178,107
Net return attributable to shareholders**		–	–	–	46,559	4,138	50,697
Ordinary shares bought back during the year		–	–	(8,232)	–	–	(8,232)
Dividends paid	4	–	–	–	–	(4,075)	(4,075)
As at 31 January 2017		5,179	10,838	102,349	92,392	5,739	216,497

*These reserves are distributable.
**The Company does not have any other income or expenses that are not included in the 'Net return attributable to shareholders' as disclosed in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on page 32, and therefore this is also the 'Total comprehensive income' for the year.
The notes on pages 36 to 46 form part of these financial statements.

	Note	Year to 31 January 2018 £000	Year to 31 January 2018 £000	Year to 31 January 2017 £000	Year to 31 January 2017 £000
Cash flows from operating activities					
Profit before tax			25,632		51,269
Adjustments for:					
Gains on investments	7	(22,278)		(47,347)	
Capital distribution received*	7	–		1,568	
Purchases of investments**	7	(31,771)		(48,515)	
Sales of investments**	7	46,517		53,660	
Dividend income		(4,808)		(5,278)	
Stock dividend income		(41)		(9)	
Interest income		(2)		(1)	
Stock lending income		(43)		(94)	
Dividend received		4,776		5,336	
Stock dividend received		41		9	
Interest received		2		1	
Stock lending income received		43		96	
Increase in receivables		–		(1)	
Increase/(decrease) in payables		4		(244)	
Overseas withholding tax suffered		(483)		(572)	
			(8,043)		(41,391)
Net cash flows from operating activities			17,589		9,878
Cash flows from financing activities					
Repurchase of ordinary share capital		(10,399)		(8,232)	
Equity dividends paid	4	(3,964)		(4,075)	
Net cash flows from financing activities			(14,363)		(12,307)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			3,226		(2,429)
Cash and cash equivalents at the start of the year			974		3,403
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	9		4,200		974

*This relates to the proceeds from the 'Exchange offer' between BG Group and Royal Dutch Shell.

**Receipts from the sale of, and payments to acquire, investment securities have been classified as components of cash flows from operating activities because they form part of the Company's dealing operations.

The notes on pages 36 to 46 form part of these financial statements.

Note 1: Accounting policies

a) For the year ended 31 January 2018, the Company is applying FRS 102 Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), which forms part of the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice ('UK GAAP') issued by the Financial Reporting Council ('FRC').

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with the Disclosure and Transparency Rules of the Financial Conduct Authority FRS102 issued by the FRC in September 2015 and the revised Statement of Recommended Practice "Financial Statements of Investment Trust Companies and Venture Capital Trusts" (SORP) issued by the AIC in November 2014 and updated in January 2017.

Functional currency – the Company is required to nominate a functional currency, being the currency in which the Company predominately operates. The Board has determined that sterling is the Company's functional currency, which is also the currency in which these financial statements are prepared. This is also the currency in which all expenses and dividends are paid in.

(b) Income from investments (other than capital dividends), including taxes deducted at source, is included in revenue by reference to the date on which the investment is quoted ex-dividend, or where no ex-dividend date is quoted, when the Company's right to receive payment is established. UK investment income is stated net of the relevant tax credit. Overseas dividends include any taxes deducted at source. Special dividends are credited to capital or revenue, according to the circumstances. Stock dividends are treated as unfranked investment income; any excess in value of the shares received over the amount of the cash dividend is recognised as a capital item in the statement of comprehensive income.

(c) Interest receivable and payable, management fees, performance fees and other expenses are treated on an accruals basis.

(d) The management fee and finance costs in relation to debt are recognised two-thirds as a capital item and one-third as a revenue item in the statement of comprehensive income in accordance with the Board's expected long-term split of returns in the form of capital gains and revenue, respectively. The performance fee is recognised 100% as a capital item in the statement of comprehensive income as it relates entirely to the capital performance of the Company. All other expenses are charged to revenue except where they directly relate to the acquisition or disposal of an investment, in which case, they are treated as described in (f) below.

(e) Investments - investments have been classified upon initial recognition as fair value through profit or loss. Investments are recognised and derecognised at trade date where a purchase or sale is under a contract whose terms require delivery within the time frame established by the market concerned, and are initially measured as fair value. Subsequent to initial recognition, investments are valued at fair value. For listed investments, this is deemed to be bid market prices. Gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are included in net profit or loss for the year as a capital item in the statement of comprehensive income and are ultimately recognised in the capital reserve.

(f) Transaction costs incurred on the purchase and disposal of investments are recognised as a capital item in the statement of comprehensive income.

(g) Monetary assets and liabilities expressed in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the date of the statement of financial position. Non-monetary items expressed in foreign currencies held at fair value are translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the date the fair value is measured. Transactions in foreign currency are converted to sterling at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Exchange gains and losses are taken to the income statement as a capital or revenue item depending on the nature of the underlying item.

(h) Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash and demand deposits which are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to insignificant risk of changes in value.

(i) Dividend payable – under FRS102 dividends should not be accrued in the financial statements unless they have been approved by shareholders before the statement of financial position date. Dividends to equity shareholders are recognised in the statement of changes in equity when they have been paid.

(j) Capital reserve – gains or losses on realisation of investments and changes in fair values of investments are transferred to the capital reserve. Any changes in fair values of investments that are not readily convertible to cash are treated as unrealised gains or losses within the capital reserve. The capital element of the management fee and relevant finance costs are charged to this reserve. Any associated tax relief is also credited to this reserve.

The cost of share buy backs include the amount of consideration paid, including directly attributable costs and are deducted from the special distributable reserve until the shares are cancelled.

The special distributable reserve was created through the cancellation and reclassification of the share premium account in 1999 and 2004, and thereafter the cost of the share buy backs are deducted from this reserve.

The revenue reserve – the net revenue for the year is added to the revenue reserve and dividends paid are deducted from the revenue reserve.

Capital redemption reserve – the nominal value of the shares bought back and cancelled are transferred to the capital redemption reserve.

(k) Taxation – the charge for taxation is based upon the revenue for the year and is allocated according to the marginal basis between revenue and capital using the Company's rate of corporation tax for the accounting period.

(l) Deferred taxation – deferred taxation is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the statement of financial position date where transactions or events that result in an obligation to pay more or a right to pay less tax in future have occurred at the statement of financial position date measured on an undiscounted basis and based on enacted tax rates. This is subject to deferred tax assets being recognised only if it is considered more likely than not that there will be suitable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying temporary differences can be deducted. Timing differences are differences arising between the Company's taxable profits and its results as stated in the accounts which are capable of reversal in one or more subsequent periods. Due to the Company's status as an investment trust company, and the intention to continue meeting the conditions required to obtain approval in the foreseeable future, the Company has not provided deferred tax on any capital gains and losses arising on the revaluation or disposal of investments.

(m) The Company can use derivative financial instruments to manage risk associated with foreign currency fluctuations arising on the investments in currencies other than sterling. This is achieved by the use of forward foreign currency contracts. Derivative financial instruments are recognised initially at fair value on the contract date and subsequently remeasured to the fair value at each reporting date. The resulting gain or loss is recognised as revenue or capital in the statement of comprehensive income depending on the nature and motive of each derivative transaction. The fair values of the derivative financial instruments are included within non-current assets or within current assets or current liabilities depending on the nature and motive of each derivative transaction. There were nil derivative instruments held as at 31 January 2018 (2017: Nil).

(n) Stock lending income is received net of associated costs and recognised in revenue as earned.

(o) There have been no significant judgements, estimates or assumptions for the year.

Note 2: Returns and net asset value

	Year ended 31 January 2018	Year ended 31 January 2017
The return and net asset value per ordinary share are calculated with reference to the following figures:		
Revenue return		
Revenue return attributable to ordinary shareholders	£3,509,000	£4,138,000
Weighted average number of shares in issue during year	94,261,477	98,207,595
Return per ordinary share	3.72p	4.21p
Capital return		
Capital return attributable to ordinary shareholders	£21,640,000	£46,559,000
Weighted average number of shares in issue during year	94,261,477	98,207,595
Return per ordinary share	22.96p	47.41p
Total return		
Total return per ordinary share	26.68p	51.62p

There are no dilutive or potentially dilutive shares in issue.

Total return

The total return per share for the Company is the combined effect of the rise and fall in the share price or NAV together with the reinvestment of the quarterly dividends paid.

The tables below provide the NAVs and share prices of the Company on the dividend reinvestment dates for the year ended 31 January 2018 and 31 January 2017.

2018	Dividend rate	NAV	Share price
31 January 2017	n/a	223.9p	223.8p
6 April 2017	1.50p	233.7p	228.0p
29 June 2017	0.9p	234.6p	233.3p
21 September 2017	0.9p	234.2p	234.0p
4 January 2018	0.9p	248.2p	247.0p
31 January 2018	n/a	246.1p	247.0p
Total return		**11.90%**	**12.40%**

2017			
31 January 2016	n/a	176.3p	173.0p
7 April 2016	1.45p	183.3p	182.5p
30 June 2016	0.9p	195.4p	194.0p
22 September 2016	0.9p	211.5p	210.0p
5 January 2017	0.9p	225.4p	223.0p
31 January 2017	n/a	223.9p	223.8p
Total return		29.70%	32.10%

	As at 31 January 2018	As at 31 January 2017
Net asset value per share		
Net assets attributable to shareholders	£227,186,000	£216,497,000
Number of shares in issue at the year end	92,302,109	96,713,730
Net asset value per share	246.1p	223.9p

Between 1 February and 3 April 2018, 1,213,398 ordinary shares of 5p were bought back into Treasury.

Note 3: Revenue from investments

	Year ended 31 January 2018 £000	Year ended 31 January 2017 £000
From listed investments		
UK equities	628	903
International equities	4,180	4,375
Stock dividend	41	9
Other revenue		
Interest on deposits	2	1
Stocklending	43	94
	4,894	5,382

There were no capital dividends received during the year ended 31 January 2018 (2017: £nil).

Note 4: Dividends

	Year ended 31 January 2018 £000	Year ended 31 January 2017 £000
Year ended 31 January 2016 - fourth interim dividend of 1.45p	–	1,445
Year ended 31 January 2017 - fourth interim dividend of 1.50p	1,437	–
Year ended 31 January 2018 - first interim dividend of 0.90p (2017: 0.90p)	851	885
Year ended 31 January 2018 - second interim dividend of 0.90p (2017: 0.90p)	842	874
Year ended 31 January 2018 - third interim dividend of 0.90p (2017: 0.90p)	834	871
	3,964	4,075

Revenue return per share for the year ended 31 January 2018 is 3.72p (2017: 4.21p), refer to note 2 on page 37 for details of calculation.

Set out below are the total dividends paid/payable in respect of the financial year which forms the basis on which the requirements of s1158-1159 of the Corporation Taxes Act 2010 are considered.

	Year ended 31 January 2018 £000	Year ended 31 January 2017 £000
First interim dividend of 0.90p for the year ended 31 January 2018 (2017: 0.90p)	851	885
Second interim dividend of 0.90p for the year ended 31 January 2018 (2017: 0.90p)	842	874
Third interim dividend of 0.90p for the year ended 31 January 2018 (2017: 0.90p)	834	871
Proposed fourth interim dividend of 1.50p for the year ended 31 January 2018 (2017: 1.50p)	1,385	1,451
	3,912	4,081

Note 5: Other expenses

	Year ended 31 January 2018 £000	Year ended 31 January 2017 £000
Advertising and public relations	76	77
Bank charges (including custody fees)	20	20
Directors' fees	142	114
Directors' and officers' liability insurance	10	12
Irrecoverable VAT	(7)	17
Legal fees	4	2
Marketing	27	27
Printing and postage	10	9
Registration fees	29	37
Secretarial fee	52	51
Other	41	67
	404	433
Auditors' remuneration		
Payable to Ernst & Young for the audit of the Company's annual financial statements	20	19
Payable to Ernst & Young for non-audit fees	2	2
	426	454

Performance fee

The performance fee for the year ended 31 January 2018 was £nil (2017: £nil). Details of the management and secretarial agreements are provided on page 13.

	Year ended 31 January 2018			Year ended 31 January 2017		
	Revenue £000	Capital £000	Total £000	Revenue £000	Capital £000	Total £000
Ongoing charges are calculated with reference to the following figures:						
Investment management fee	(371)	(743)	(1,114)	(334)	(668)	(1,002)
Other expenses	(426)	–	(426)	(454)	–	(454)
Total expenses	(797)	(743)	(1,540)	(788)	(668)	(1,456)
Average net assets over the year			225,580			196,884
Ongoing charges			0.68%			0.74%

Full details of the investment management fee are included in the report of directors on page 13, details of the directors' fees are included in the directors' remuneration statement on pages 24 and 25.

Note 6: Taxation on ordinary activities

	Year ended 31 January 2018			Year ended 31 January 2017		
	Revenue £000	Capital £000	Total £000	Revenue £000	Capital £000	Total £000
Overseas tax suffered	483	–	483	572	–	572

The corporation tax rate was 19.18% (2017: 20.00%). The tax charge for the year differs from the charge resulting from applying the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an investment trust company. The differences are explained below.

	Year ended 31 January 2018 £000	Year ended 31 January 2017 £000
Net return before taxation	25,632	51,269
Corporation tax at rate of 19.18% (2017: 20.00%)	4,916	10,254
Effects of:		
UK dividends not taxable	(121)	(181)
Currency (gains)/losses not taxable	(20)	24
Gains on investments not taxable	(4,272)	(9,470)
Overseas dividends not taxable	(779)	(864)
Overseas tax suffered	483	572
Overseas tax expensed	(4)	(4)
Increase in excess management and loan expenses	280	241
Total tax charge for the year	483	572

As at 31 January 2018, the Company had unutilised management expenses of £33 million (2017: £31 million) carried forward. Due to the Company's status as an investment trust and the intention to continue to meet the conditions required to obtain approval in the foreseeable future, the Company has not provided deferred tax on capital gains and losses arising on the revaluation or disposal of investments.

Note 7: Investments at fair value through profit or loss

	Year ended 31 January 2018 £000	Year ended 31 January 2017 £000
Opening valuation	215,619	174,976
Opening unrealised gains	(68,132)	(27,657)
Opening cost	147,487	147,319
Purchases at cost	31,771	48,515
Disposal proceeds	(46,517)	(53,660)
Net profit on disposal of investments	9,469	5,304
Disposal at cost	(37,048)	(48,356)
Closing cost	142,210	147,478
Stock dividend	41	9
Closing unrealised gains	80,941	68,132
Valuation as at 31 January	223,192	215,619

	As at 31 January 2018	As at 31 January 2017
Gain on investments		
Net profit on disposal of investments	9,469	5,304
Net gain on revaluation of investments	12,809	40,475
Capital distribution received*	–	1,568
	22,278	47,347

*This relates to the proceeds from the 'Exchange offer' between BG Group and Royal Dutch Shell.

The transaction costs in acquiring investments during the year were £54,000 (2017: £111,000). For disposals, transaction costs were £44,000 (2017: £63,000).

As at 31 January 2018 there were no unlisted securities (2017: nil).

Note 8: Trade receivables: amounts falling due within one year

	As at 31 January 2018 £000	As at 31 January 2017 £000
Dividends receivable	157	125
Taxation recoverable	76	117
Other receivables	6	6
Stocklending income receivable	4	4
	243	252

Note 9: Cash and cash equivalents

	As at 31 January 2018 £000	As at 31 January 2017 £000
Sterling bank account	4,129	901
Non-sterling bank account	71	73
	4,200	974

Note 10: Trade payables

	As at 31 January 2018 £000	As at 31 January 2017 £000
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Due to Martin Currie	296	269
Other payables	153	79
	449	348

Note 11: Ordinary shares of 5p and capital reserves

	Number of shares	As at 31 January 2018 £000	Number of shares	As at 31 January 2017 £000
Ordinary shares of 5p				
Ordinary shares in issue at the beginning of the year	96,713,730	4,835	101,044,956	5,052
Ordinary shares bought back into Treasury during the year	(4,411,621)	(221)	(4,331,226)	(217)
Ordinary shares in issue at end of the year	92,302,109	4,614	96,713,730	4,835

	Number of shares	As at 31 January 2018 £000	Number of shares	As at 31 January 2017 £000
Treasury shares (Ordinary shares 5p)				
Treasury shares in issue at the beginning of the year	6,869,472	344	2,538,246	127
Ordinary shares bought back into Treasury during the year	4,411,621	221	4,331,226	217
Treasury shares in issue at end of the year	11,281,093	565	6,869,472	344
Total ordinary shares in issue and in Treasury at the end of the year	103,583,202	5,179	103,583,202	5,179

The net cost of share issues from and buy backs to Treasury for the year to 31 January 2018 was £10,496,000 (2017: £8,232,000).

The analysis of the capital reserve is as follows:

	Realised capital reserve £000	Unrealised investment holding gains £000	Total capital reserve £000
As at 31 January 2017	24,260	68,132	92,392
Gains on realisation of investments at fair value	9,469	–	9,469
Movement in fair value gains of investments	–	12,809	12,809
Realised currency gains during the year	105	–	105
Capital expenses	(743)	–	(743)
As at 31 January 2018	33,091	80,941	114,032

The above split in capital reserve is shown in accordance with provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Financial Statements of Investment Trust Companies and Venture Capital Trusts'.

Note 12: Related party transactions

With the exception of the management and secretarial fees (as disclosed on page 13), directors' fees (disclosed on page 25) and directors' shareholdings (disclosed on page 24), there have been no related party transactions during the year, or in the prior year.

Note 13: Financial instruments

The Company's financial instruments comprise securities and other investments, cash balances, receivables and payables that arise directly from its operations; for example, in respect of sales and purchases awaiting settlement, and receivables for accrued income.

The Company also has the ability to enter into derivative transactions in the form of forward foreign currency contracts, futures and options, for the purpose of managing currency and market risks arising from the Company's activities.

The main risks the Company faces from its financial instruments are (a) market price risk (comprising of (i) interest rate risk, (ii) currency risk and (iii) other price risk), (b) liquidity risk and (c) credit risk.

The Board regularly reviews and agrees policies for managing each of these risks. The investment manager's policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied throughout the year. The numerical disclosures exclude short-term receivables and payables, other than for currency disclosures.

(a) Market price risk

The fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument held by the Company may fluctuate because of changes in market prices. This market risk comprises three elements - interest rate risk, currency risk and other price risk.

(i) Market risk arising from interest rate risk

Interest rate movements may affect the level of income receivable on cash deposits.

The possible effects on fair value and cash flows that could arise as a result of changes in interest rates are taken into account when making investment and borrowing decisions.

The Board imposes borrowing limits to ensure gearing levels are appropriate to market conditions and reviews these on a regular basis. Borrowings may comprise fixed rate, revolving, and uncommitted facilities. Current guidelines state that the total borrowings will not exceed 20% of the total assets of the Company. The Company does not currently have any gearing.

Interest risk profile

The interest rate risk profile of the portfolio of financial assets (comprising cash balances only) at the statement of financial position date was as follows:

At 31 January 2018	Interest rate %	Local currency '000	Foreign exchange rate	Sterling equivalent £000
Assets				
Sterling	0.01	4,129	1.000	4,129
Euro	(0.60)	27	1.142	24
US Dollar	0.02	66	1.422	47
				4,200
At 31 January 2017				
Assets				
Sterling	0.01	901	1.000	901
Euro	(0.60)	28	1.164	24
US Dollar	0.01	62	1.258	49
				974

Interest rate sensitivity

The sensitivity analysis below has been determined based on the exposure to interest rates for non-derivative instruments at the statement of financial position date and the stipulated change taking place at the beginning of the financial year and held constant throughout the reporting period in the case of instruments that have floating rates.

If interest rates had been 50 (2017: 25) basis points higher or lower and all other variables were held constant, the Company's profit for the year ended 31 January 2018 would increase/decrease by £21,000 (2017: increase/decrease by £2,000). This is mainly attributable to the Company's exposure to interest rates on its floating rate cash balances.

As at 31 January 2018 an interest rate of 0.5% is used, given the prevailing base rate is 0.5%. This level is considered possible based on observations of market conditions and historic trends.

(ii) Market risk arising from foreign currency risk

A significant proportion of the Company's investment portfolio is invested in overseas securities and the statement of financial position can be significantly affected by movements in foreign exchange rates. It is not currently the Company's policy to hedge this risk.

The revenue account is subject to currency fluctuation arising on overseas income.

Foreign currency risk profile

Foreign currency risk exposure by currency of denomination:

	Year ended 31 January 2018			Year ended 31 January 2017		
	Investment exposure £000	Net monetary exposure £000	Total currency exposure £000	Investment exposure £000	Net monetary exposure £000	Total currency exposure £000
US dollar	134,985	124	135,109	132,322	135	132,457
Euro	18,889	52	18,941	16,274	60	16,334
Japanese yen	8,430	–	8,430	16,025	–	16,025
Hong Kong dollar	13,929	–	13,929	7,564	–	7,564
Australian dollar	5,811	–	5,811	4,723	–	4,723
Canadian dollar	3,794	29	3,823	3,922	30	3,952
Swiss franc	3,383	48	3,431	3,658	81	3,739
Indonesian rupiah	3,096	–	3,096	3,671	–	3,671
Singapore dollar	–	–	–	2,064	–	2,064
Swedish krona	5,206	–	5,206	–	–	–
Total overseas investments	197,523	253	197,776	190,223	306	190,529
Sterling	25,669	3,741	29,410	25,396	572	25,968
Total	223,192	3,994	227,186	215,619	878	216,497

The asset allocation between specific markets can vary from time to time based on the portfolio manager's opinion of the attractiveness of the individual stocks.

Foreign currency sensitivity

At 31 January 2018, if sterling had strengthened by 5% in relation to all currencies, with all other variables held constant, total net assets and total return on ordinary activities would have decreased by the amounts shown below. A 5% weakening of sterling against all currencies, with all other variables held constant, would have had an equal but opposite effect on the financial statement amounts. The analysis was performed on a 5% and investment exposure only basis for 2017.

	2018 £000	2017 £000
US dollar	6,755	6,616
Euro	947	814
Japanese yen	422	801
Hong Kong dollar	696	378
Australian dollar	291	236
Canadian dollar	191	196
Swiss franc	172	183
Indonesian rupiah	155	184
Swedish krona	260	–
Singapore dollar	–	103

(iii) Market risk arising from other price risk

Other price risks (i.e. changes in market prices other than those arising from interest rate or currency risk) may affect the value of the quoted investments.

It is the Board's policy to hold an appropriate spread of investments in the portfolio in order to reduce the risk arising from factors specific to a particular country or sector.
The allocation of assets to international markets as detailed on page 6, and the stock selection process both act to reduce market risk. The investment manager actively monitors market prices throughout the year and reports to the Board, which meets regularly in order to review investment strategy. All investments held by the Company are listed on various stock exchanges worldwide.

Other price risk sensitivity

If market prices at the statement of financial position date had been 15% higher or lower while all other variables remained constant, the return attributable to ordinary shareholders at the year ended 31 January 2018 would have increased/decreased by £33,480,000 (2017: increase/decrease of £32,340,000) and capital reserves would have increased/decreased by the same amount. This level of change is considered to be reasonably possible based on observation of market conditions and historic trends.

(b) Liquidity risk

This is the risk that the Company will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities.

Liquidity risk is not considered to be significant as the Company's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities, which can be sold to meet funding commitments if necessary.

(c) Credit risk

This is the risk of failure of the counterparty to a transaction to discharge its obligations under that transaction that could result in the Company suffering a loss.

The risk is managed as follows:

- investment transactions are carried out with a large number of brokers, whose credit rating is reviewed periodically by the portfolio manager, and limits are set on the amount that may be due from any one broker; and
- cash is held only with reputable banks with high quality external credit ratings.

The maximum credit risk exposure as at 31 January 2018 was £4,443,000 (2017: £1,226,000). This was due to trade receivables and cash as per notes 8 and 9.

Please refer to note 16 on page 46 and 'Stocklending disclosure' on page 48 for details of the Company's stock lending and related collateral.

Fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities

All financial assets and liabilities of the Company are included in the statement of financial position at fair value or a reasonable approximation of fair value with no material difference in the carrying amount.

Note 14: Capital management policies and procedures

The Company's capital management objectives are:

- to ensure that the Company will be able to continue as a going concern;
- to maximise the return to its equity shareholders through an appropriate balance of equity capital and debt; and
- to limit gearing to 20% of net assets.

The Board monitors and reviews the broad structure of the Company's capital on an ongoing basis. This review includes the nature and planned level of gearing, which takes account of the portfolio manager's views on the market and the extent to which revenue in excess of that which is required to be distributed under the investment trust rules should be retained.

The analysis of shareholders' funds is as follows:

	As at 31 January 2018 £000	As at 31 January 2017 £000
Called up ordinary share capital	5,179	5,179
Capital redemption reserve	10,838	10,838
Special distributable reserve	91,853	102,349
Capital reserve	114,032	92,392
Revenue reserve	5,284	5,739
Total shareholders' funds	227,186	216,497

Note 15: Fair value hierarchy

Under FRS 102, the Company is required to classify fair value measurements using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements. The fair value hierarchy shall have the following levels:

- Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2: other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments, interest rates, prepayments, credit risk, etc);
- Level 3: significant unobservable input (including the company's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

The financial assets measured at fair value through profit and loss are grouped into the fair value hierarchy as follows:

At 31 January 2018	Level 1 £000	Level 2 £000	Level 3 £000	Total £000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss				
Quoted equities	223,192	–	–	223,192
Net fair value	**223,192**	**–**	**–**	**223,192**

At 31 January 2017	Level 1 £000	Level 2 £000	Level 3 £000	Total £000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss				
Quoted equities	215,619	–	–	215,619
Net fair value	215,619	–	–	215,619

Note 16: Stocklending

The Company has a Securities Lending Authorisation Agreement with State Street Bank & Trust Company.

As at 31 January 2018 £19,093,000 (2017: £21,549,000) of investments were subject to stock lending agreements and £20,524,000 (2017: £23,104,000) was held in collateral. The collateral was held in the form of cash (in GBP, USD or EUR), government securities issued by any of the OECD countries or equity securities listed and/or traded on an exchange in the following countries: Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, Switzerland and USA.

The value of collateral in respect of the securities on loan was not less than the value of the securities lent at the balance sheet date or during the year.

The maximum aggregate value of securities on loan at any time during the accounting period was £31,744,000.

The gross earnings and the fees paid for the year are £58,000 (2017: £125,000) and £15,000 (2017: £31,000).

Note 17: Post balance sheet events

On 27 March 2018 the Board declared a fourth interim dividend of 1.50p per share. As at 3 April 2018, the Company bought back a further 1,213,398 ordinary shares at the price of £2,825,132 resulting in a further reduction of £2,825,132 to the special distributable reserve.

As set out in the chairman's statement on pages 2 and 3, and detailed on page 13, a change to the investment management fee and performance fee has been agreed between the Board and the investment manager with effect from 1 February 2018.

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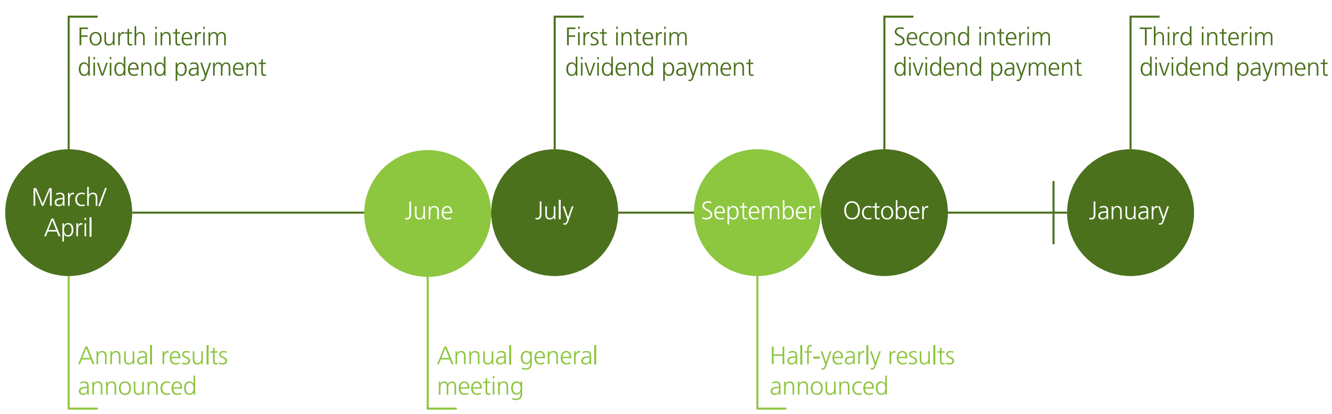
Financial calendar – key dates 2018/9



STOCKLENDING DISCLOSURE

The Company has a Securities Lending Authorisation Agreement with State Street Bank & Trust Company. As at 31st January 2018 £19,093,000 of investments were subject to stocklending agreements, representing 10.4% of total lendable assets. The Company has not entered into any other securities financing transactions during the year.

The tables below provide details by counterparty and collateral:

Loan counterparties:	£000
Societe Generale	9,848
BNP Paribas	5,711
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith	3,363
UBS	136
Deutsche Bank	33
JP Morgan Securities	2
Total on loan	19,093

Collateral:	£000
Societe Generale	10,789
BNP Paribas (New York branch)	6,156
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith	3,394
UBS	146
Deutsche Bank	36
JP Morgan Securities	3
Total collateral	20,524

Maturity analysis of collateral	£000
Less than one day	3,394
One day to one week	–
One week to one month	–
One to three months	–
Three months to one year	12
Above one year	463
Open maturity	16,655
Total	20,524

Type of collateral	£000
Equity	16,656
Fixed Income	474
Cash	3,394
	20,524

All bonds are investment grade (AA or above)

Custodian	Collateral (£000)
Bank of New York	16,620
State Street	3,868
JP Morgan	36
	20,524

Currency summary	£000
US dollar	9,786
Japanese yen	3,460
Euro	2,533
Swiss franc	1,930
Australian dollar	1,078
Hong Kong dollar	687
Sterling	387
Swedish krona	261
Norwegian krone	214
Danish krone	106
New Zealand dollar	82
	20,524

The European Securities and Markets Authority ('ESMA') published it's guidelines on Alternative Performance Measures ('APMs'). APMs are defined as being a 'financial measure of historical or future financial performance, financial position, or cash flows, other than a financial measure defined or specified in the applicable accounting framework.' The guidelines aim to improve comparability, reliability and/or comprehensibility of APMs. The Company uses the following APMs throughout the annual report, financial statements and notes to the financial statements:

Benchmark total return

A measure showing how the benchmark has performed over a period of time, taking into account both capital returns and dividends paid to shareholders.

Discount/Premium

Discount

The amount, expressed as a percentage, by which the share price is less than the net asset value per share.

Premium

The amount, expressed as a percentage, by which the share price is more than the net asset value per share.

As at 31 January the share price was 247.0p and the net asset value per share (cum income) was 246.1p, the premium was therefore 0.4%.

Gearing

At its simplest, gearing means borrowing money to buy more assets in the hope the company makes enough profit to pay back the debt and interest and leave something extra for shareholders. However, if the investment portfolio doesn't perform well, gearing can increase losses. The more an investment company gears, the higher the risk.

As discussed in the strategic report on page 9 the Company is not currently geared.

NAV per share

A very common measure of the underlying value of a share in an investment company.

In basic terms, the net asset value ('NAV') is the value of the investment company's assets, less any liabilities it has. The NAV per share is the NAV divided by the number of shares in issue. This will very often be different to the share price. The difference is known as the discount or premium.

As shown in note 2 the NAV per share was 246.1p as at 31 January 2018.

NAV total return performance

A measure showing how the net asset value ('NAV') per share has performed over a period of time, taking into account both capital returns and dividends paid to shareholders.

The AIC shows NAV total return based on a hypothetical investment of £100. It assumes that dividends paid to shareholders are reinvested at NAV at the time the shares are quoted ex-dividend.

NAV total return shows performance which is not affected by movements in discounts and premiums. It also takes into account the fact that different investment companies pay out different levels of dividends.

The NAV total return performance, calculated using the cum-income NAV for the year end 31 January 2018 was 11.9%, details of the calculation are given in note 2.

Ongoing charges

Ongoing charges are the total of the Company's expenses including both the investment management fee (excluding performance fees) and other costs expressed as a percentage of NAV.

The calculation of the ongoing charges is provided in note 5.

Share price total return

A measure showing how the share price has performed over a period of time, taking into account both capital returns and dividends paid to shareholders.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Assets

Anything owned or controlled that has value. For investment companies, this might include shares and securities, property, cash etc.

Benchmark

An index or other measure against which the performance of an investment company is compared or its objectives are set.

The financial statements will include an explanation of how a company has performed against its benchmark over the year and the reasons for any under or over performance.

Bid price

The price at which you sell your shares when two prices are quoted. This is sometimes shown as the 'sell' price and will be the lower of the two prices shown.

Dividend

Income from an investment in shares. Dividends are usually paid twice a year but can also be paid quarterly or monthly. Not all investment companies pay dividends. Dividend income isn't guaranteed and may fall as well as rise.

Environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG)

Assessment of material environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) factors and the potential impact on that company's cash flows, statement of financial position, reputation and, ultimately, corporate value in the long term.

Internal and external AIFM

Under the AIFM Directive, the AIFM of a company may be either (a) another person appointed by or on behalf the company and which, through that appointment, is responsible for managing the company (an 'external AIFM'); or (b) where the legal form of the company permits internal management and the board chooses not to appoint an external AIFM, the company itself (an 'internal AIFM'). An AIFM will be able to take advantage of lighter touch regulation where the total assets of the companies it manages do not exceed: (a) €500 million (in cases where no leverage is used); or (b) €100 million (where leverage is used). This regime will also apply to small companies which are internal AIFMs. The advantage of falling under these thresholds is that not all of the requirements of the AIFM Directive will apply and thus compliance obligations can be reduced. However, sub-threshold firms will not benefit from any rights granted under the AIFM Directive.

Investment company

A closed-ended fund which invests in a diversified portfolio of assets. Investors buy and sell their shares in the investment company on a stock exchange.

Investment trust

An investment company which is based in the UK and which meets certain tax conditions so that it doesn't pay tax on gains made within the portfolio.

Net assets – cum income

A measure of the size of an investment company. The total value of all assets held, less liabilities and prior charges, including income for the current year.

Net assets – excluding income

A measure of the size of an investment company. The total value of all assets held, less liabilities and prior charges, excluding income for the current year.

Offer price

The price at which you can buy shares when two prices are quoted. This is also shown as the 'buy' price and will be the higher of the two prices.

Share buy backs

Describes an investment company buying its own shares and reducing the number of shares in existence.

Share buy backs can be used to return money to shareholders, but are also often used to tackle a company's discount. Discounts may reflect an imbalance between the demand for shares and the number of shares in existence. The hope is that, by reducing the number of shares in existence, the buy back will help to prevent the discount widening or even reduce it.

Share price

The price of a share as determined by the stock market.

If you see a single share price shown, it's likely that this is the mid-market price. This is different to the price at which you buy and sell the shares, which are known as the bid price (sell) and offer price (buy).

Stocklending

The act of loaning a stock or security to a third party for a fee.

Treasury shares

Shares in a company's own share capital which the company itself owns and which can be sold to investors to raise new funds.

Treasury shares come into existence only when a company buys back shares. Instead of cancelling the shares (i.e. they cease to exist) they are held 'in treasury' by the company and can be sold at a later date to raise new funds.

Volatility

A measure of how much a share moves up and down in price over a period of time.

Zero discount policy

A mechanism that aims to ensure that, in normal market conditions, the share price trades at, or close to, NAV.

Ten year record

As at 31 January	Revenue return per share	Dividend per share	Net asset value per share*	(Discount)/ premium %	Investments £000	Net assets £000
2009	4.06p	3.50p	93.1p	(3.5%)	117,919	124,724
2010	2.81p	3.50p	122.2p	(7.1%)	135,502	142,716
2011	2.34p	3.50p	135.5p	(7.7%)	146,260	147,731
2012	3.88p	3.70p	139.2p	(7.3%)	142,886	145,537
2013	4.23p	3.90p	152.6p	(3.4%)	158,894	159,399
2014	3.76p	4.00p	157.4p	(0.6%)	163,755	164,201
2015	3.92p	4.10p	178.5p	0.6%	181,798	183,951
2016	4.15p	4.15p	176.3p	(1.9%)	174,976	178,107
2017	4.21p	4.20p	223.9p	(0.0%)	215,619	216,497
2018	**3.72p**	**4.20p**	**246.1p**	**0.4%**	**223,192**	**227,186**

*Cum income

The Company's shares qualify for tax efficient wrapper products like individual savings accounts ('ISAs') and self-invested personal pensions ('SIPPs') as well as many other investment wrappers that can be used, including those designed for children.

Platforms, fund supermarkets and online stockbrokers

You can invest using a number of fund platforms and fund supermarkets. Many offer wrapper products like ISAs and SIPPs and children's savings products. A number of real-time execution only stockbroking services also allow you to trade online, manage your portfolio and buy UK listed shares. These services do not offer financial advice and if you are unsure about investing, we recommend that you speak to a qualified financial adviser.

Independent financial advisers

An increasing number of independent financial advisers are including investment trusts within their investment recommendations for clients. To find an adviser who advises on investment trusts, visit www.unbiased.co.uk.

Private client stockbrokers

If you have a large sum to invest, you may want to contact a private client stockbroker. They can manage your entire portfolio of shares and will advise you on your investments. To find a private client stockbroker visit the Wealth Management Association: www.thewma.co.uk.

Link Asset Services

You can also buy and sell shares directly by calling the Link dealing team on 0871 664 0311.

To change your address, request tax vouchers or obtain an up-to-date valuation of your share holding please contact Link Asset Services on 0871 664 0300 (calls cost 10p per minute plus network extras, lines are open 9:00am-5:30pm Mon-Fri).

Alternatively log on to www.linkassetservices.com and register on the share portal to access full information on your holding.

Trading codes

(You may be asked for these when investing)

TIDM code: MNP	Sedol: 0537241
Reuters code: MNP.L	ISIN: GB0005372411

Shareholder services

The registrars of the Company are Link Asset Services. You can buy and sell shares directly by calling the Link dealing team on 0371 664 0445.

For other services you can contact Link by telephone or online:

Contact details	www.linkassetservices.com	0871 664 0300*
Opening times	24 hour	9:00am – 5:30pm Monday to Friday
Change your address	✓	✓
Request tax vouchers	–	✓
Valuation	✓	✓
Online proxy voting	✓	–
Dividend payment records	✓	✓
Register and change bank mandate instructions for receipt of dividends	✓	✓
Elect to receive shareholder communication electronically	✓	✓
Request/download shareholder forms	✓	✓

*calls cost 12p per minute plus network extras.

Checking the share price

The share price is available through many sources including www.londonstockexchange.com and www.martincurrieglobal.com

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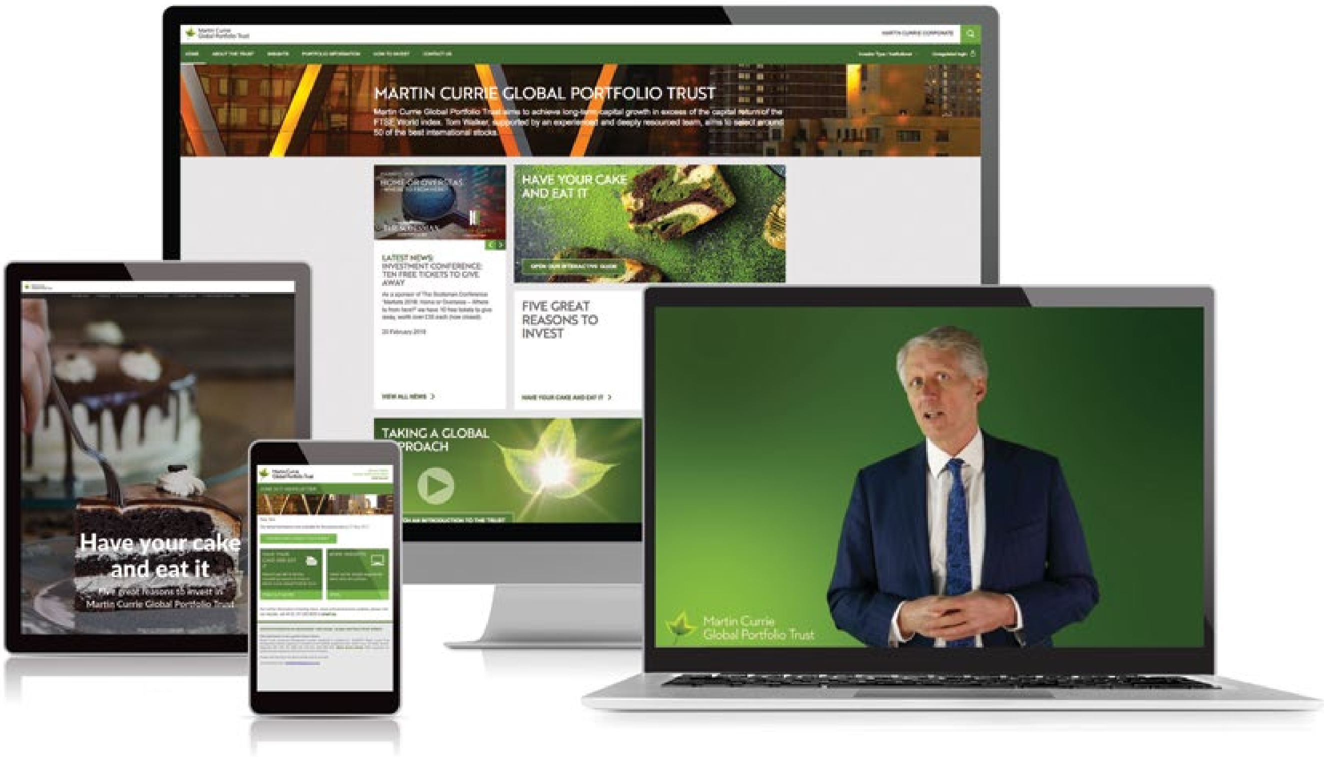

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