



## Securities Trust of Scotland plc

All data as at 30 November 2020

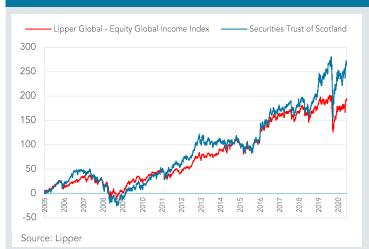
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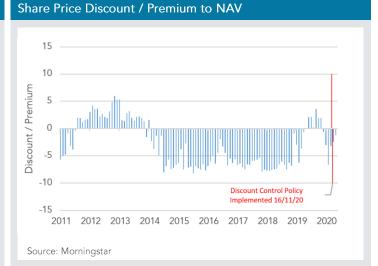
The investment objective of the Securities Trust of Scotland plc is to achieve rising income and long-term capital growth through investment in a balanced portfolio constructed from global equities.

Price	NAV (ex Inc)	Yield
200.50p	199.01p	3.2%

Premium (Discount) to NAV **Total Net/Gross Assets** -1.0% £212m/£227m







Total Return to 30 November 2020	Since Troy Appt*	30/11/15 5 years	30/11/17 3 years	30/11/19 1 year	31/05/20 6 months
Securities Trust of Scotland Share Price	+0.2%	+85.5%	+29.5%	+2.6%	+9.1%
Securities Trust of Scotland NAV	-0.9%	+72.5%	+21.8%	+3.8%	+12.4%
Lipper Global - Equity Global Income Index	+1.3%	+48.4%	+10.6%	+0.5%	+8.8%

\*Troy appointed Investment Manager 12 November 2020

Discrete Annual Total Returns	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 YTD
Securities Trust of Scotland Share Price	+0.8%	-5.4%	+35.8%	+6.8%	-7.9%	+39.3%	-0.5%
Securities Trust of Scotland NAV	+4.1%	+0.2%	+28.5%	+11.9%	-8.2%	+27.4%	+2.5%

Source: Lipper/Morningstar

Past performance is not a guide to future performance

## **November Commentary**

The Trust produced a Net Asset Value total return of +6.5% during the month and a price total return of +8.1%, compared to a return of +9.7% for the Lipper Global -Equity Global Income Index.

Troy Asset Management Limited took charge of the portfolio on November 12th 2020. Lord Weinstock and Sebastian Lyon founded the company 20 years ago with perspective, patience and discipline at the core of the business. Our aim is to protect and grow capital, in that order, and to be highly cognisant of the risks to any investment. This philosophy remains strong to this day.

We pursue a distinctive approach by investing in a concentrated portfolio of highquality companies, with reference to the calibre of the businesses as opposed to a

benchmark. We then allow these businesses to compound capital and income over the long term, in an uninterrupted way, by having low turnover. It is our contention that the real money is made in the patient compounding of a high-quality, settled portfolio and not in the continuous buying to and selling of shares.

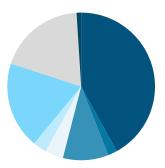
Consequently, our efforts, resources and ultimately portfolios are concentrated in particular sectors and industries that have the characteristics we favour such as manner consistent with the above approach. consumer staples, healthcare, technology and high-quality capital-light industrial companies. Conversely, we eschew such sectors as energy, bulk chemicals, mining and manufacturing which tend to require huge amounts of capital but generate mediocre returns.

Our ambition is to establish Securities Trust of Scotland as the leading quality-focused global income trust in the industry by delivering above-average returns and income with below-average volatility. Such an outcome remains a key reason for many invest, particularly those irreplaceable capital

The restructuring of the Trust was completed in the first few days of our management and is now positioned in a

We are delighted to be given this opportunity and look forward to working with the Board to fulfil the objectives of the Trust and the needs of our shareholders.

# Asset Allocation by Sector



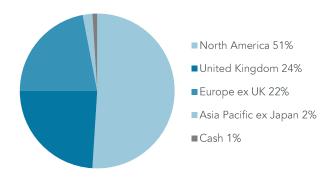
Source: Factset. Asset Allocation subject to change

## ■ Consumer Staples 42%

- Communication Services 2%
- Financials 10%
- Industrials 4%
- Consumer Discretionary 3%
- Health Care 19%
- Information Technology 19%
- Cash 1%

Capital Structure
Shares with voting rights

## Asset Class by Geography



Source: Factset. Asset Allocation subject to change

Top 10 holdings	% Trust
British American Tobacco	5.9
Unilever	5.7
Paychex	4.6
Reckitt Benckiser	4.6
Philip Morris	4.6
PepsiCo	4.5
Roche Holding	4.5
Novartis	4.4
Medtronic	4.2
ADP	3.8
Total Top 10	47.0
23 other holdings	52.1
Cash	0.9
TOTAL	100.0

Source: Factset. Holdings subject to change

### Trust information

<b>Structure</b> London Listed Investment Trust				
Board				
Chairman	John Evans			
Non-Executive Director	Mark Little			
Non-Executive Director	Angus Gordon Lennox			
Non-Executive Director	Sarah Harvey			
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Manager	James Harries			
Benchmark Lipper Global Equity Global Income Index				
Currency	£ Sterling			

Shares held in treasury	18,253,073			
Net Assets £212m	Gross Assets £227m			
Ongoing Charges Ordinary shares: (31.03.20)	0.89%			
Management Fee 0.65% - Troy's investment management fee will be waived for 12 months from its appointment as investment manager (12 November 2020).				
Allocation of Expense and Inter	Capital 65% Revenue 35%			
Mandate Established	2005			
Year End	31 March			
Premium (Discount)	-1.0%			
Gearing	7%			

104,046,075

Dividend Yield (trailing 12 months) 3.2%			
Q3 2019/20		1.375p	
Q2 2019/20		2.06p	
Q1 2019/20		1.45p	
Q4 2018/19		1.45p	
Dividend Payment	s January, April	, July, October	
Market Makers:	JPMORGAN, NUMIS, INVESTEC, PANM		
Bloomberg/Epic/Reuters Code			
Sedol		B09G3N2	
AIFM	F	PATAC Limited	
Pricing	Share price is listed	daily in the FT	
Auditor	Ern	st & Young LLP	

#### Important Information

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