

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

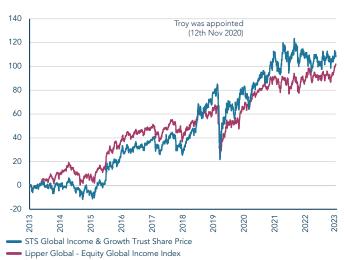
PRICES (EX INC)
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PREMIUM/ DISCOUNT -1.8%

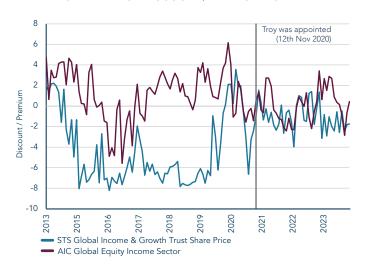
YIELD* 2.9%

total net/ gross assets £201m/£216m

PERCENTAGE GROWTH 31/12/2013 TO 31/12/2023



SHARE PRICE DISCOUNT/PREMIUM TO NAV



Source: Morningstar

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Total Return to 31 December 2023	Since Troy Appt*	31/12/18 5 years	31/12/20 3 years	31/12/22 1 year	30/06/23 6 months
STS Global Income & Growth Trust Share Price	+28.0%	+64.1%	+14.2%	-0.7%	+3.8%
STS Global Income & Growth Trust NAV	+27.1%	+55.9%	+18.0%	+2.4%	+3.1%
Lipper Global – Equity Global Income Index	+36.9%	+45.0%	+22.9%	+7.1%	+5.4%

Discrete Annual Total Returns	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
STS Global Income & Growth Trust Share Price	+0.8%	-5.4%	+35.8%	+6.8%	-7.9%	+39.3%	+3.1%	+15.4%	-0.4%	-0.7%
STS Global Income & Growth Trust NAV	+4.1%	+0.2%	+28.5%	+11.9%	-8.2%	+27.4%	+3.7%	+17.6%	-2.1%	+2.4%

^{*}Troy appointed Investment Manager 12 November 2020

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Source: Lipper/Morningstar

December Commentary

The Trust produced a Net Asset Value total return of +2.0% during the month and a price total return of +2.0%, compared to a return of +4.3% for the Lipper Global – Equity Global Income Index.

The return for the month completes a lacklustre year for the Trust. Having defended our investors' capital well in 2022 we are disappointed not to have captured more of the returns available in 2023. This is largely owing to two factors. First, the very narrow advance of the world index, centred on the exceptionally large non-yielding technology related companies as Al-fever gripped investors; and second, the more idiosyncratic, and we think temporary, challenges faced by the consumer staples sector related to the adoption of GLP-1 weight loss drugs.

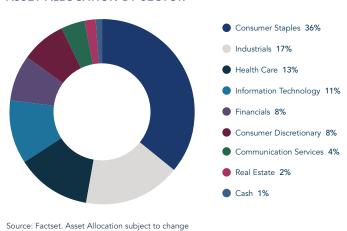
We continue to see many of our favoured high quality yielding companies trading at inflated prices. The return to previous highs in markets, at a time when the squeeze from monetary policy is likely to become apparent and fiscal stimulus is waning, underscores the need for discipline and patience when allocating capital. This leads us to maintain our cautious positioning.

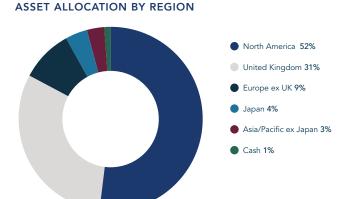
Expectations of a slowdown have begun to be reflected in the bond market, which initially has been taken positively by equity markets and the declining discount rate has led to higher valuations. As such, the benefit of a cheaper cost of capital has been priced, while the risk of declining earnings from a softening economy has yet to be factored in.

Owing to the uniqueness of both the Global Financial Crisis and COVID we have not experienced a normal economic cycle for decades. That is a slowing of the economy, encouraged by rising interest rates to control an outbreak of inflation. This may be exactly what is about to unfold.

Should this prove accurate, and in the context of both the effects of the excitement over AI and GLP-1 despondency waning, we should be well positioned. Further, this may provide us with the long-awaited opportunity to increase our exposure to high quality income assets at attractive valuations.

ASSET ALLOCATION BY SECTOR





Source: Factset. Asset Allocation subject to change

TOP 10 HOLDINGS

Cash	0.6%
22 Other Equity holdings	53.6%
Total Top 10	45.8%
Microsoft	4.1%
ADP	4.1%
Philip Morris International	4.2%
RELX	4.2%
British American Tobacco	4.4%
PepsiCo	4.6%
Unilever	4.8%
CME Group	5.0%
Reckitt Benckiser	5.2%

TRUST INFORMATION

Board	
Chairman	John Evans
Non-Executive Director	Mark Little
Senior Independent Director	Sarah Harvey
Non-Executive Director	Angus Cockburn
Non-Executive Director	Alexandra Innes
Non-Executive Director	Gillian Elcock
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Manager	James Harries
Benchmark	Lipper Global Equity Global Income Index

Capital Structure	
Shares with voting rights	90,817,378
Shares held in treasury	31,481,770
Net Assets	£201m
Gross Assets	£216m
Ongoing Charges	
Ordinary shares:	0.94%
(31.03.23)	
Management Fee	0.65%
Allocation of Expense	Capital 65%
and Interest	Revenue 35%
Mandate Established	2005
Year End	31 March
Premium (Discount)	-1.80%
Gearing	8%
Currency	£ Sterling
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Historic Dividend Yie	eld	
(trailing 12 months)	2.93%	
Q4 2023	1.53p	
Q3 2023	1.53p	
Q2 2023	1.85p	
Q1 2023	1.45p	
Dividend Payments	January, April, July, October	
Market Makers:	JPMORGAN, NUMIS,	
	WINTERFLOOD,	
	INVESTEC,	
	PANMURE, PEEL HUNT	
Bloomberg/Epic/		
Reuters Code	STS	
Sedol	B09G3N2	
AIFM	Juniper Partners Limited	
Pricing	Share price is listed daily in the FT	
Auditor	Ernst & Young LLP	



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