



Securities Trust of Scotland plc

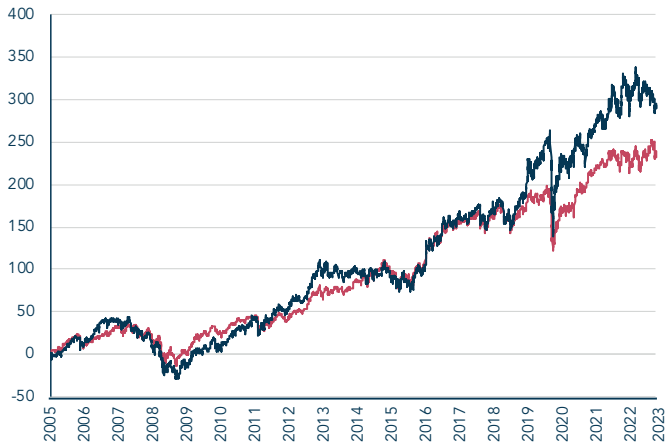
All data as at 31 March 2023

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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)	PREMIUM/DISCOUNT	YIELD*	TOTAL NET/GROSS ASSETS
214.00p	218.40p	-2.91%	2.8%	£219m/£235m
			*historic dividend yield	

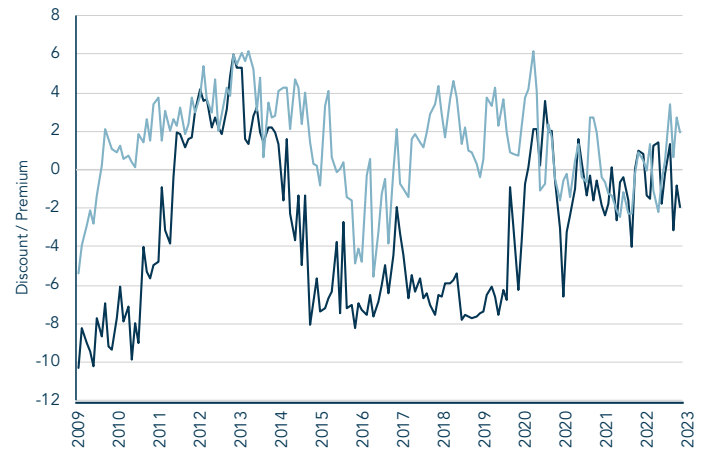
PERCENTAGE GROWTH FROM 30/06/2005 TO 31/03/2023



— Securities Trust of Scotland Share Price — Lipper Global - Equity Global Income Index

Source: Lipper

SHARE PRICE DISCOUNT/PREMIUM TO NAV



■ Securities Trust of Scotland ■ AIC Global Equity Income Sector

Source: Morningstar

Total Return to 31 March 2023	Since Troy Appt*	31/03/18 5 years	31/03/20 3 years	31/03/22 1 year	30/09/22 6 months
Securities Trust of Scotland Share Price	+14.4%	+55.6%	+38.3%	-4.8%	-3.4%
Securities Trust of Scotland NAV	+15.3%	+50.6%	+47.4%	-1.9%	+0.9%
Lipper Global – Equity Global Income Index	+19.8%	+37.4%	+44.7%	+0.5%	+6.8%

Discrete Annual Total Returns	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 YTD
Securities Trust of Scotland Share Price	+0.8%	-5.4%	+35.8%	+6.8%	-7.9%	+39.3%	+3.1%	+15.4%	-0.4%	-4.2%
Securities Trust of Scotland NAV	+4.1%	+0.2%	+28.5%	+11.9%	-8.2%	+27.4%	+3.7%	+17.6%	-2.1%	0.0%

*Troy appointed Investment Manager 12 November 2020

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Source: Lipper/Morningstar

March Commentary

The Trust produced a Net Asset Value total return of 1.2% during the month and a price total return of -0.9%, compared to a return of -0.7% for the Lipper Global – Equity Global Income Index.

Recent events have been a reminder that investing in banks is a risky business. The demise of Silvergate, Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank in the US and the forced merger of Credit Suisse and UBS are a function of economic stress induced by rising interest rates and have destroyed huge amounts of capital. This has forced the US and Swiss authorities to step in and calm the immediate panic, but it is likely that there will be longer term implications for both the sector and the economy.

For the sector regulation is likely to ratchet up still further especially for the smaller, regional banks which have been the point of weakness on this occasion. This will structurally lower profitability. Since we do not invest in

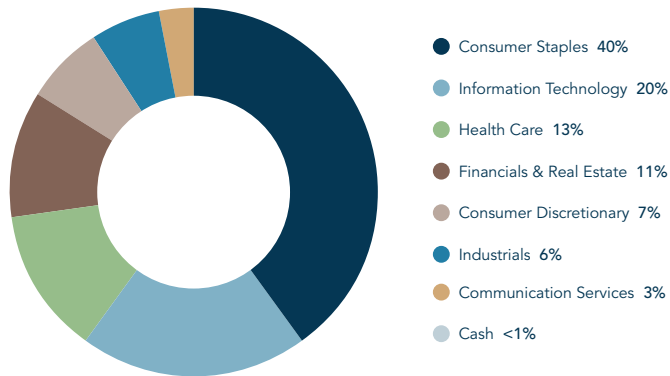
banks owing to the fragility of the business model, this does not unduly concern us.

What is of greater concern is that banks play a crucial role in the economy through the provision of credit. The ructions we have seen will likely tighten lending standards as risk appetites diminish. To the repricing of interest rates, that has occurred to combat post-COVID inflationary pressures, must be added a reduction in credit availability. This is likely to have a knock-on effect for economic activity and ultimately earnings growth. It may well be therefore that the fireworks in the banking sector bring the potential upcoming recession one step closer.

We patiently wait to redeploy capital in the portfolio into favoured but currently expensive assets. We may not be waiting long.

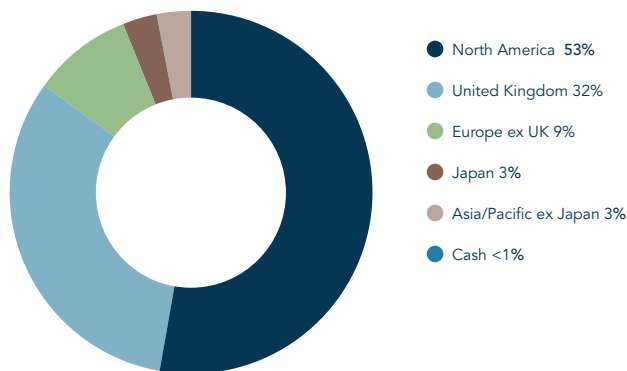


ASSET ALLOCATION BY SECTOR



Source: Factset. Asset Allocation subject to change

ASSET CLASS BY SPLIT



Source: Factset. Asset Allocation subject to change

TOP 10 HOLDINGS

British American Tobacco	5.6%
Paychex	5.2%
Unilever	5.1%
PepsiCo	5.1%
Reckitt Benckiser	5.0%
Philip Morris International	4.4%
CME Group	4.2%
Diageo	4.0%
ADP	3.9%
Novartis	3.9%
Total Top 10	46.6%
22 other holdings	53.1%
Cash	0.3%
TOTAL	100.0%

Source: Factset. Holdings subject to change.

TRUST INFORMATION

Structure

London Listed Investment Trust

Board

Chairman	John Evans
Non-Executive Director	Mark Little
Senior Independent Director	Sarah Harvey
Non-Executive Director	Angus Cockburn
Non-Executive Director	Alexandra Innes

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Benchmark

Lipper Global Equity Global Income Index

Capital Structure

Shares with voting rights	99,483,575
Shares held in treasury	22,815,573

Net Assets £219m

Gross Assets £235m

Ongoing Charges

Ordinary shares: (31.03.22)	0.93%
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Management Fee 0.65%

Allocation of Expense and Interest
Capital 65%
Revenue 35%

Mandate Established 2005

Year End 31 March

Premium (Discount) -2.91%

Gearing 7%

Currency £ Sterling

Historic Dividend Yield

(trailing 12 months)	2.82%
Q4 2022	1.45p
Q3 2022	1.45p
Q2 2022	1.75p
Q1 2022	1.375p

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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