

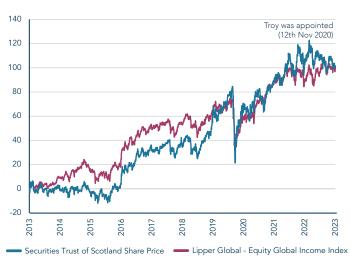
The investment objective of the Trust is to achieve rising income and long-term capital growth through investment in a balanced portfolio constructed from global equities.

PRICES (EX INC)
212.00p 215.66p

PREMIUM/ DISCOUNT -2.43%

YIELD* 2.9% TOTAL NET/ GROSS ASSETS £210m/£225m

PERCENTAGE GROWTH 31/05/2013 TO 30/06/2023



SHARE PRICE DISCOUNT/PREMIUM TO NAV



Source: Morningstar

| Total Return to 30 June 2023 | Since Troy Appt* | 30/06/18 5 years | 30/06/20 3 years | 30/06/22 1 year | 31/12/22 6 months |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Securities Trust of Scotland Share Price | +14.3% | +48.6% | +20.9% | -0.9% | -4.3% |
| Securities Trust of Scotland NAV | +14.6% | +40.3% | +23.2% | +0.2% | -0.6% |
| Lipper Global – Equity Global Income Index | +19.9% | +30.2% | +26.3% | +5.9% | +1.6% |

Source: Morningstar

| 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% | -4.3% |
| Securities Trust of Scotland NAV | +4.1% | +0.2% | +28.5% | +11.9% | -8.2% | +27.4% | +3.7% | +17.6% | -2.1% | -0.6% |

^{*}Troy appointed Investment Manager 12 November 2020

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Source: Lipper/Morningstar

June Commentary

The Trust produced a Net Asset Value total return of +1.3% during the month and a price total return of +0.9%, compared to a return of +1.3% for the Lipper Global – Equity Global Income Index.

This month we hosted the new incoming and outgoing Chief Financial Officers of CME Group in our offices. In-person meetings are once again becoming the norm, and we welcome the opportunity to meet the management of our portfolio companies. As the largest and most diverse derivatives exchange in the world we believe what used to be called the Chicago Mercantile Exchange is an excellent long-term investment. We believe both the company itself and the macro-economic context in which it operates look compelling.

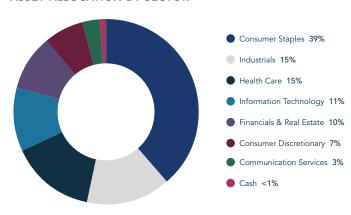
Exchanges possess durable competitive advantages relating to the network effects they enjoy. High volumes of trade ensure high levels of liquidity which attracts further trade, leading to a cost advantage. Competitors would have to reach a critical mass of volume to offer similar costs and liquidity which is extremely difficult to achieve. This advantage

is deepened by CME having a vertically integrated clearinghouse. The company also benefits from part ownership of the S&P Dow Jones Indices. All this, combined with limited capital requirements, leads to attractive returns on capital and the ability to raise prices if required.

These attributes may be especially valuable in the months and years to come. As interest rate and inflation expectations have become untethered, greater volatility has led to a greater need to hedge these risks. The outlook for both rates and inflation remains highly uncertain and we see this need persisting. Further, the bond market itself is expanding as Governments issue huge amounts of debt.

Given the above, we are surprised CME is not more richly valued, trading on a 4.6% <u>free cash flow yield</u> funding a similar level of dividend yield. It is a core investment in the trust.

ASSET ALLOCATION BY SECTOR

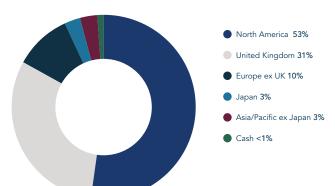


TOP 10 HOLDINGS

| British American Tobacco | 5.2% |
|--|--------|
| Reckitt Benckiser | 5.2% |
| PepsiCo | 5.2% |
| Unilever | 5.2% |
| Paychex | 4.9% |
| CME Group | 4.5% |
| Philip Morris International | 4.4% |
| Novartis | 4.3% |
| RELX | 3.9% |
| ADP | 3.9% |
| Total Top 10 | 46.7% |
| 21 Other Holdings | 53.2% |
| Cash | 0.1% |
| TOTAL | 100.0% |
| Source: Factset. Holdings subject to change. | |

ASSET ALLOCATION BY SPLIT

Source: Factset. Asset Allocation subject to change



Source: Factset. Asset Allocation subject to change

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 |
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| Manager | James Harries |
| | |
| Benchmark | Lipper Global Equity |

| Capital Structure Shares with voting rights Shares held in treasury | 96,427,761 25,871,387 |
|---|----------------------------|
| Net Assets Gross Assets | £210m £225m |
| Ongoing Charges Ordinary shares: (31.03.23) | 0.94% |
| Management Fee | 0.65% |
| Allocation of Expense and Interest | Capital 65% Revenue 35% |
| Mandate Established | 2005 |
| Year End | 31 March |
| Premium (Discount) | -2.43% |
| Gearing | 7% |
| Currency | £ Sterling |

| Historic Dividend Yie | eld |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| (trailing 12 months) | 2.88% |
| Q1 2023 | 1.45p |
| Q4 2022 | 1.45p |
| Q3 2022 | 1.45p |
| Q2 2022 | 1.75p |
| 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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