

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.

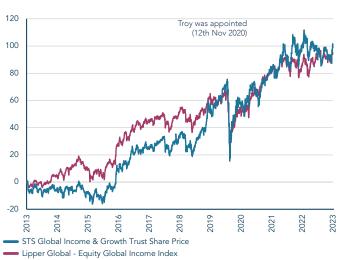
PRICES (EX INC)
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PREMIUM/ DISCOUNT -2.6%

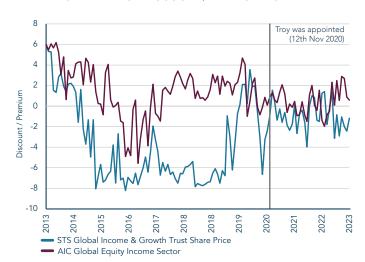
YIELD* 2.8%

TOTAL NET/ GROSS ASSETS £209m/£225m

PERCENTAGE GROWTH 31/08/2013 TO 31/08/2023



SHARE PRICE DISCOUNT/PREMIUM TO NAV



Source: Morningstar

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Total Return to 31 August 2023	Since Troy Appt*	31/08/18 5 years	31/08/20 3 years	31/08/22 1 year	28/02/23 6 months
STS Global Income & Growth Trust Share Price	+16.5%	+44.2%	+28.6%	-5.4%	+0.9%
STS Global Income & Growth Trust NAV	+16.9%	+36.2%	+23.1%	-1.8%	+2.6%
Lipper Global – Equity Global Income Index	+20.5%	+25.6%	+27.0%	+2.2%	-0.1%

Discrete Annual Total Returns	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 YTD
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%	-2.5%
STS Global Income & Growth Trust NAV	+4.1%	+0.2%	+28.5%	+11.9%	-8.2%	+27.4%	+3.7%	+17.6%	-2.1%	+1.4%

^{*}Troy appointed Investment Manager 12 November 2020

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Source: Lipper/Morningstar

August Commentary

The Trust produced a Net Asset Value total return of -0.3% during the month and a price total return of -2.3%, compared to a return of -1.4% for the Lipper Global – Equity Global Income Index.

After a bright start to the year, broader world equity markets have been meandering for the summer. The MSCI Equal Weighted Net Total Return Index, used to reduce the distortion of the highly concentrated MSCI World Index and associated AI excitement, appreciated by +2.1% from May to the end of August.

What has been more notable is the moves in government bond markets. Over the same period the US 10-year yield has risen from 3.57% to 4.11%. This updraft may be a result of several factors, including the influence of other major bond markets, notably Japan, concerns over large-scale upcoming issuance and, most likely, a belief that growth is proving impervious to higher rates. Whatever the cause, it represents a significant change in the relative price of government bonds to equities. 4.11% when compared to an historic earnings yield for the S&P 500 of 4.9% implies a further compression the equity risk premium¹.

Perhaps more striking has been the moves in inflation-linked bonds. Again, over the same period, the yield on US 30-year TIPS has risen from 1.48% to 2.0%. At the same time, the 30-year break-even inflation rate² has remained remarkably stable at close to the Federal Reserve's inflation target of 2% (2.24% as at 31st August 2023). At least according to markets, this is not about increasing inflation expectations. It is a function of an expansion in real yields driven by the rise in the nominal rate.

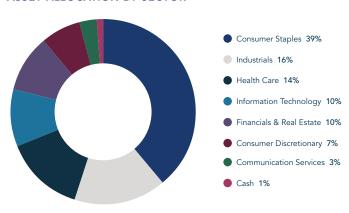
At the same time not only have equities continued to trade towards the upper end of historic valuation measures (the US CAPE remains at 31.0x) but credit spreads have been tightening.

It would seem to us that although a higher cost of capital has been reflected in government bond markets, it has yet to be for risk assets. Time will tell how this apparent contradiction resolves itself - as the effect of the change in interest rates gradually works its way through the economy, this may change.

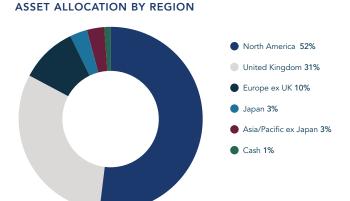
¹ The excess return that equities offer over the risk-free rate

² A measure of inflation expectations derived from the difference between the nominal yield on a fixed-rate bond when compared to the real yield on inflation linked bonds of a similar maturity

ASSET ALLOCATION BY SECTOR



Source: Factset. Asset Allocation subject to change



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TOP 10 HOLDINGS

Paychex British American Tobacco	5.4% 5.1%
Unilever	5.1%
Reckitt Benckiser	5.0%
PepsiCo	5.0%
CME Group	4.8%
ADP	4.4%
Philip Morris International	4.4%
Novartis	4.1%
Diageo	3.7%
Total Top 10	46.9%
22 Other Holdings	52.0%
Cash	1.1%
TOTAL	100.0%
Source: Factset. Holdings subject to change.	

TRUST INFORMATION

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Capital Structure	
Shares with voting rights	94,424,078
Shares held in treasury	27,875,070
Net Assets	£209m
Gross Assets	£225m
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)	-2.56%
Gearing	7%
Currency	£ Sterling

Historic Dividend Yie	eld
(trailing 12 months)	2.82%
Q2 2023	1.85p
Q1 2023	1.45p
Q4 2022	1.45p
Q3 2022	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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