

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.

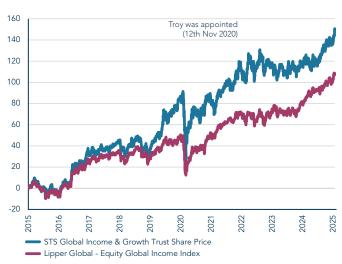
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PREMIUM/ DISCOUNT -1.5%

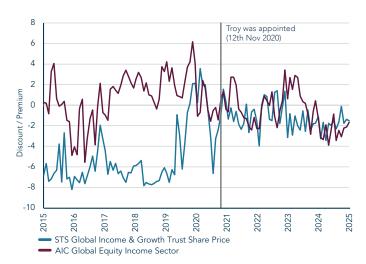
YIELD\* 2.7%

TOTAL NET/ GROSS ASSETS £303m/£318m

### PERCENTAGE GROWTH 31/01/2015 - 31/01/2025



### SHARE PRICE DISCOUNT/PREMIUM TO NAV



Source: Lipper Source: LSEG Workspace

Total Return to 31 January 2025	Since Troy Appt*	31/01/20 5 years	31/01/22 3 years	31/01/24 1 year	31/07/24 6 months
STS Global Income & Growth Trust Share Price	+47.6%	+37.8%	+19.3%	+12.7%	+11.0%
STS Global Income & Growth Trust NAV	+46.2%	+42.8%	+19.1%	+13.2%	+11.0%
Lipper Global – Equity Global Income Index	+57.4%	+44.8%	+24.0%	+14.6%	+6.8%

Discrete Annual Total Returns	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 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%	-0.7%	+9.7%	+5.2%
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%	+9.2%	+5.3%

<sup>\*</sup>Troy appointed Investment Manager 12 November 2020

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Source: Lipper

## January Commentary

The Trust produced a Net Asset Value total return of +5.3% during the month and a price total return of +5.2%, compared to a return of +4.5% for the Lipper Global – Equity Global Income Index.

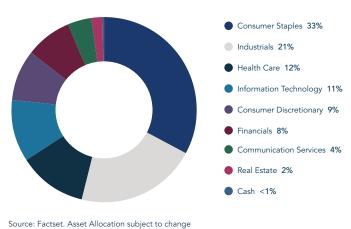
Equity markets have had a bright start to the year from which the Trust has benefitted. As President Trump and his administration keep the world guessing investors have been doing their best to divine the future. The US 10 year treasury yield sold off and then rallied leaving the yield slightly lower over the month. Credit spreads have tightened.

Within the portfolio the strongest contributor was British American Tobacco which rose by 11% and is undoubtedly benefitting from the new Presidential term as the ban on menthol products that was likely under the previous regime has been shelved. Second was Nintendo (+10.3%) whose strength derived from the anticipation of the upcoming launch of the new Switch 2. This was heartening as it coincided with lacklustre results as consumers skipped buying the current console to the detriment of reported revenues. Investors have been willing to look though this short-term negative – correctly in our view. Reckitt Benckiser also appreciated (+10.3%) as it recovers from a US litigation induced swoon in 2024.

Against these gains, Diageo continued to be a drag on performance as the industry attempts to navigate the slump following the COVID boom. Our research suggests this is largely cyclical impact and that the more structural concerns that have been expressed by other commentators (abstinence in the youth, cannabis cannibalisation and the effect of GLP-1 weight loss drugs) will ultimately prove to be less impactful than currently feared. Valuations in this sector are now very attractive. Hershey was also weak as it battled rising cocoa prices which have spiked. We do not believe such a sharp rise should be extrapolated and see value in these shares. The LINK REIT was also weak as interest rates remain elevated.

With tariffs looming, concerns around the US fiscal position (as evidenced by the soaring gold price – up 8.5% in sterling terms in the month) and a reduction in migrant flows, all of which may be inflationary, we wonder if investors will temper their enthusiasm in the coming months. While a strong start to the year is welcome, 2025 is likely to prove an eventful and potentially quite volatile year.

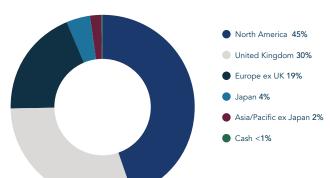
### **ASSET ALLOCATION BY SECTOR**



# TOP 10 HOLDINGS

Paychex	5.9%
British American Tobacco	5.5%
Philip Morris	5.4%
CME Group	5.0%
Reckitt Benckiser	4.7%
ADP	4.5%
Microsoft	4.1%
Amadeus IT	4.0%
Novartis	3.9%
PepsiCo	3.8%
Total Top 10	46.7%
22 Other Equity holdings	53.1%
Cash	0.2%
TOTAL	100.0%

### **ASSET ALLOCATION BY REGION**



## **FUND MANAGER AWARDS**



Source: Factset. Asset Allocation subject to change

## TRUST INFORMATION

Board	
Chairman	John Evans
Senior Independent Director	Sarah Harvey
Non-Executive Director	Alexandra Innes
Non-Executive Director	Gillian Elcock
Non-Executive Director	Bridget Guerin
Non-Executive Director	Brigid Sutcliffe
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Benchmark	Lipper Global Equity

Capital Structure	
Shares with voting rights	122,614,415
Shares held in treasury	52,573,770
Net Assets	£303m
Gross Assets	£318m
Ongoing Charges (estimated)*	
Ordinary shares:	0.77%
(31.03.2025)	
Management Fee	0.55% on first £250m
ŭ	0.50% above £250m
Allocation of Expense	Capital 65%
and Interest	Revenue 35%
Mandate Established	2005
Year End	31 March
Premium (Discount)	-1.5%
Gearing	5%

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2.74%
1.59p
1.59p
1.53p
1.97p
January, April, July, October
JPMORGAN, NUMIS,
WINTERFLOOD,
INVESTEC,
PANMURE, PEEL HUNT
STS
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Juniper Partners Limited
Share price is listed daily in the FT
Ernst & Young LLP



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

\* The merger with Troy Income & Growth Trust plc completed in March 2024 and the full impact of this will be reflected in the OCF calculated as at 31 March 2025. It is estimated that the ongoing charges ratio for STS will reduce to approximately 0.77% for the year to 31 March 2025, including the associated management fee adjustment, compared with 0.96% before the acquisition and fee adjustment.

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