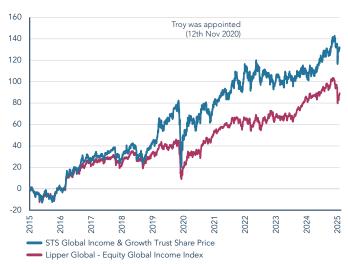
The investment objective of the Trust is to achieve rising income and long-term capital growth through investment in a balanced portfolio constructed from global equities.

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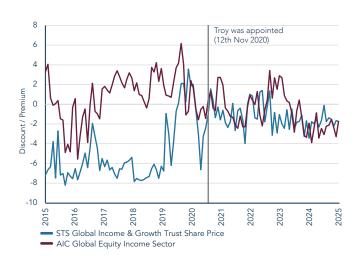
PREMIUM/ DISCOUNT -1.8%

YIELD\* 2.7% total net/ gross assets £289m/£304m

## PERCENTAGE GROWTH 30/04/2015 - 30/04/2025



## SHARE PRICE DISCOUNT/PREMIUM TO NAV



Source: LSEG Workspace

Source:	Lipper
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Total Return to 30 April 2025	Since Troy Appt*	30/04/20 5 years	30/04/22 3 years	30/04/24 1 year	31/10/24 6 months
STS Global Income & Growth Trust Share Price	+44.3%	+51.8%	+8.3%	+15.5%	+3.1%
STS Global Income & Growth Trust NAV	+43.2%	+57.3%	+11.3%	+13.5%	+4.8%
Lipper Global – Equity Global Income Index	+47.3%	+53.2%	+15.0%	+3.4%	-1.6%

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%	+2.9%
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%	+3.2%

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

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Source: Lipper

# **April Commentary**

The Trust produced a Net Asset Value total return of -0.5% during the month and a price total return of -0.6%, compared to a return of -2.6% for the Lipper Global – Equity Global Income Index.

April's headline figures conceal a swift intramonth drawdown in equity markets followed by an equally sharp rebound: equity indices recovered most of the losses post Liberation day. While the stock market rally was impressive, the macro backdrop has deteriorated and remains uncertain, with equity valuations still elevated. Against this whipsaw environment the Fund's defensive characteristics helped preserve capital.

During the month we initiated a new investment in Nike, the world-leading athletic footwear and apparel business. Nike's share price has fallen sharply over the past twelve months as the company works through an inventory build-up across a handful of wholesale franchise channels and as renewed tariff rhetoric from the U.S. administration has weighed on sentiment. We have followed the company for a number of years and believe the market reaction materially undervalues the long-term attractions of the franchise.

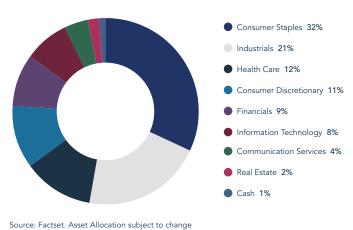
Our confidence has grown under the stewardship of the recently appointed CEO, Elliott Hill. His decision to rationalise distribution and prioritise product innovation is painful in the short term, but in our view essential to protect Nike's unrivalled brand equity and ensure the company remains the pre-eminent sports brand globally.

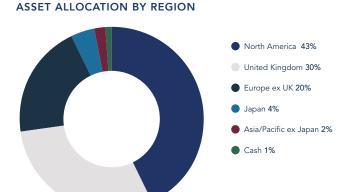
Tariffs and the associated profit margin pressure will hurt near-term earnings, but we see this as a temporary dislocation rather than a structural change. Assuming a recovery to Nike's historic operating margins – which we regard as a conservative base case – we are buying the shares on what we believe is an attractive valuation, with the highest dividend yield of the last ten years (Source: Bloomberg). In addition, the balance sheet carries minimal financial leverage, affording Nike the flexibility to invest through financial market cycles.

The investment in Nike is exactly the kind of opportunity we aim to capture: buying world-class businesses when they are out of favour.

We funded the investment in Nike by fully exiting our position in Hershey.

# **ASSET ALLOCATION BY SECTOR**





Source: Factset. Asset Allocation subject to change

# **TOP 10 HOLDINGS**

Paychex	5.5%
CME Group	5.5%
Reckitt Benckiser	4.3%
Nintendo	4.2%
Amadeus IT	4.1%
Novartis	4.0%
RELX	3.8%
Microsoft	3.7%
Total Top 10	46.5%
21 Other Equity holdings	52.3%
Cash	1.2%

# **FUND MANAGER AWARDS**



# 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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Manager	James Harries
Benchmark	Lipper Global Equity

Capital Structure	
Shares with voting rights	120,289,415
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Shares held in treasury	54,898,770
Net Assets	£289m
Gross Assets	£304m
Ongoing Charges (estimated)	k
Ordinary shares:	0.77%
(31.03.2025)	
Management Fee	0.55% on first £250m
	0.50% above £250m
Allocation of Expense	Capital 65%
and Interest	Revenue 35%
Mandate Established	2005
Year End	31 March
Premium (Discount)	-1.8%
Gearing	4%
	£ Sterling

Historic Dividend Yie (trailing 12 months) 25 Interim 25 Interim 25 Interim 24 Final	eld 2.66% 1.59p 1.59p 1.59p 1.53p
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



## 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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