

An investment trust founded in 1923 aiming for high and growing income with capital growth



Investment objective

To achieve a high and growing income combined with capital growth through investment in a portfolio principally of UK equities.

Benchmark

FTSE All-Share Index.

Cumulative performance (%)

	as at 30/04/25	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years
Share Price	834.0p	1.1	(2.2)	4.2	1.1	8.3	36.6
NAV ^A	922.6p	(0.0)	(3.8)	1.8	0.6	11.5	44.4
FTSE All-Share		(0.2)	(1.2)	5.6	7.5	22.6	67.9

Discrete performance (%)

	30/04/25	30/04/24	30/04/23	30/04/22	30/04/21
Share Price	1.1	3.5	3.5	1.8	24.0
NAV ^A	0.6	4.8	5.7	5.7	22.5
FTSE All-Share	7.5	7.5	6.0	8.7	25.9

Five year dividend table (p)

Financial year	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total dividend (p)	38.50	37.50	36.00	34.50	34.25

Total return; NAV to NAV, net income reinvested, GBP. Share price total return is on a mid-to-mid basis. Dividend calculations are to reinvest as at the ex-dividend date. NAV returns based on NAVs with debt valued at fair value.

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^A Including current year revenue.

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Morningstar rates funds from one to five stars based on how well they've performed (after adjusting for risk and accounting for all sales charges) in comparison to similar funds.

Morningstar Sustainability Rating™



Twenty largest equity holdings (%)

RELX	5.3
AstraZeneca	4.9
Unilever	4.6
National Grid	4.5
Diageo	3.8
London Stock Exchange	3.7
Experian	3.3
TotalEnergies	3.1
BP	3.0
Convatec	2.9
HSBC Holdings	2.7
Sage	2.7
DBS Group Holdings Ltd	2.6
Haleon plc	2.4
SSE	2.1
Reckitt Benckiser Group Plc	2.0
Nordea Bank Abp	2.0
Anglo American	1.9
Rentokil Initial	1.9
Inchcape	1.8
Total	61.2

Total number of investments

All sources (unless indicated): Aberdeen: 30 April 2025.



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Fund managers' report

Market commentary

UK equities remained under pressure in April as uncertainty around US trade policy generated renewed volatility in global markets. President Trump's 'Liberation Day' tariff announcements at the start of the month led to sharp losses on bourses around the world, although the subsequent suspension of import levies helped share prices to recover in the weeks that followed. In the UK, large-cap stocks underperformed relative to their mid- and small-cap counterparts, with declines in oil and other commodity prices weighing on major energy and mining companies. The FTSE 100 Index returned -0.7% over the month while the FTSE All-Share Index declined 0.2%. However, the more domestically focused FTSE 250 Index returned 2.7% to recover some of the losses made so far in 2025.

In economic news, the Consumer Prices Index continued to fall and was recorded at 2.6% in March. The Bank of England is expected to cut the base rate again at its May meeting, despite forecasts suggesting that rising energy costs will drive inflation higher later in the year. UK GDP figures for the first three months of 2025 were stronger than expected, with the British economy shown to have expanded 0.5% over the guarter. However, more up-to-date figures indicated that private-sector activity had contracted for the first time in 18 months in April. US tariff uncertainty was thought to be responsible for the sharpest monthly fall in new export orders since the start of the pandemic.

Performance

The benchmark FTSE All-Share Index decreased by approximately 0.25% in April on a total return basis. The portfolio outperformed the benchmark by 0.5% on a gross assets basis. At a sector level, the portfolio's underweight position in the Energy sector and overweight position in the Technology sector contributed most positively to relative performance, while the lower exposure

Fund managers' report continues overleaf

 $^\circ$ Expressed as a percentage of average daily net assets for the year ended 30 June 2024. The Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) is the overall cost shown as a percentage of the value of the assets of the Company. It is made up of the Annual Management Fee and other charges. It does not include any costs associated with buying shares in the Company or the cost of buying and selling stocks within the Company. The OCF can help you compare the annual operating expenses of different companies.

^b The management fee is 0.35% per annum on the first £1.1 billion of net assets and 0.25% thereafter. ^E Calculated using the Company's historic net dividends and month end share price.

^FNet gearing is defined as a percentage, with net debt (total debt less cash/cash equivalents) divided by shareholders' funds.

^a The 'Active Share' percentage is a measure used to describe what proportion of the Company's holdings differ from the benchmark index holdings



Sector allocation (%)

Total	100.0
Cash	1.6
Real Estate	3.2
Telecommunications	3.2
Technology	4.4
Basic Materials	4.5
Utilities	6.6
Energy	7.3
Health Care	11.5
Consumer Staples	12.1
Industrials	13.6
Consumer Discretionary	14.3
Financials	17.5

Figures may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

Key information Calendar

Year end	30 June
Accounts published	September
Annual General Meeting	November
Dividend paid	March, June, September and December
Established	1923
Fund manager	Charles Luke
Ongoing charges ^c	0.50%
Annual management fee ^d	0.35% per annum on the first £1.1bn of net assets, 0.25% thereafter.
Premium/(Discount)	(9.6)%
Yield ^E	4.6%
Net cash/(gearing) ^F	(10.8)%
Net cash/(gearing) with debt at market value ^F	(10.6)%
Active share ^G	64.9%

AIFMD Leverage Limits

Gross Notional	2.5x
Commitment	2x

Fund managers' report - continued

than the benchmark to the Consumer Staples sector contributed negatively to relative performance.

At the stock level, TotalEnergies contributed negatively to relative performance, as oil prices fell following 'Liberation Day' and OPEC+ announced they would accelerate the schedule for adding back supply. Conversely, not owning Shell benefited performance for the reasons above. Dunelm performed well following a robust trading update and National Grid's defensive characteristics shone through during the month. Not holding BAE Systems or 3i detracted from performance.

Trading

We started a new position in communication services company, Gamma Communications, taking advantage of weakness in the shares given the move from AIM to the main market. Despite some shorter team macro-related weakness in the company's UK operations, we view Gamma as a good quality business with a high return on capital and attractive growth potential in Germany together with a very attractive valuation.

The holding in GSK was exited given we expect a low growth profile towards the end of the decade driven by losses in exclusivity together with limited shorter-term positive catalysts and the risk that tariffs and price-pressure in North America might weigh on earnings.

Within the Consumer Staples sector we managed weights, trimming Unilever while adding to Reckitt Benckiser. In mining, we trimmed the holdings in Anglo American and Rio Tinto to manage the cyclical exposure of the fund. The holdings in Oxford Instruments and Dunelm were added to given their attractive valuations.

The Trust continued to write options to gently increase the income available to it, including calls in Coca-Cola EuroPacific Partners, Experian, Mastercard, National Grid, London Stock Exchange Group, and RELX.

Outlook

Newsflow in April has been engulfed by President Trump's 'Liberation Day' announcement around the proposed introduction of various tariffs on the trading partners of the United States. Although the picture remains somewhat fluid, the size and breadth of these tariffs may well have a significant impact on the global economy and markets. In addition to the first order impacts for companies and countries exposed to the impact of the tariffs themselves, second order implications include weaker growth and an uncertain effect on inflation near and medium term coupled with continued political disruption.

We retain our cautiously optimistic outlook for the portfolio which we believe is populated with companies that can generate significant long term returns. We believe that good quality companies should be well placed to navigate the current uncertainty and the value of our structural growth exposure should be better appreciated in what is likely to be a slower growth environment. Moreover, if there are shifts of capital out of the US, which has monopolised global market returns in the last decade, and towards an under-appreciated UK market, this could add further support.

The risk outlined overleaf relating to gearing is particularly relevant to this trust, but should be read in conjunction with all warnings and comments given. Important information overleaf



Assets/Debt(£m)

Gross Assets	£'000	%
Equities - UK listed	801,303	89.4
- Overseas listed	185,920	20.7
Total investments	987,223	110.2
Cash & cash equivalents	15,582	1.7
Other net assets	5,763	0.6
Short-term borrowings	(6,197)	(0.7)
Loan notes	(106,268)	(11.9)
Net assets	896,104	100.0

Capital structure

Ordinary shares	98,013,980
Treasury shares	21,515,552

Trading details

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Reuters/Epic/ Bloomberg code	MUT
ISIN code	GB0006111123
Sedol code	0611112
Stockbrokers	Investec
Market makers	SETSmm

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Factsheet

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Statement of Operating Expenses

Publication date: 9 October 2024

Recurring Operating Expenses (£000s)	Year ended 30 Jun 2024	% of Average NAV	Year ended 30 Jun 2023	% of Average NAV	% Change (YOY)
Management Fee (inc AIFM)	3,692	0.37%	3,804	0.37%	-2.9%
Custody fees and bank charges	72	0.01%	68	0.01%	5.9%
Promotional activities	406	0.04%	418	0.04%	-2.9%
Directors remuneration	174	0.02%	188	0.02%	-7.4%
Depositary fees	78	0.01%	90	0.01%	0.0%
Auditors' remuneration	54	0.01%	42	0.00%	28.6%
Secretarial fees	75	0.01%	75	0.01%	0.0%
Registrars fees	68	0.01%	76	0.01%	-10.5%
Printing and postage	41	0.00%	61	0.01%	-32.8%
Legal and professional fees	50	0.01%	38	0.00%	31.6%
Irrecoverable VAT	137	0.01%	164	0.02%	-16.5%
Other administrative expenses	154	0.02%	162	0.02%	-4.9%
Ongoing Operating Expenses (ex indirect fund management expenses)	5,001	0.50%	5,186	0.50%	-3.6%
Expenses relating to investments in other collective investments		0.00%		0.00%	
Ongoing Operating Expenses (inc indirect fund management expenses)	5,001	0.50%	5,186	0.50%	-3.6%
Average Net Asset Value	991,404		1,036,020		-4.3%
Operating Expense Ratio (ex indirect fund management expenses)	0.50%		0.50%		
Operating Expense Ratio (inc indirect fund management expenses)	0.50%		0.50%		
Transaction costs and other one-off expenses (£000s)	Year ended 30 Jun 2024	% of Average NAV	Year ended 30 Jun 2023	% of Average NAV	% Change (YOY)
Transaction costs	956	0.10%	941	0.09%	1.6%
Performance fees		0.00%		0.00%	

Current Service Providers

Total

Other non-recurring expenses

AIFM	abrdn Fund Managers Limited	
Investment Manager	abrdn Investments Limited	
Company Secretary	abrdn Holdings Limited	
Administrator	BNP Paribas Fund Services UK Limited	
Auditor	PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP	
Depositary & Custodian	BNP Paribas S.A., London Branch	
Registrar	Link Group	
Corporate Broker	Investec Bank plc	

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981

0.00%

0.10%

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6

949

0.00%

0.09%

Summary of Current Key Commercial Arrangements

abrdn Fund Managers Limited ("aFML") has been appointed by the Company, under a management agreement, to provide investment management, risk management, administration and company secretarial services as well as promotional activities.

The Company's portfolio is managed by abrdn Investments Limited (""all."") by way of a group delegation in place with aFML. In addition, aFML has subdelegated fund administration and promotional activities to alL and secretarial services to abrdn Holdings Limited. alL has sub-delegated fund accounting services to BNP Paribas Fund Services UK Limited.

No performance fee.

Fee scale			% of NAV
£0-£1,100m			0.35%
>£1,100m			0.25%
Directors fee rates (£)	Year ended 30 Jun 2024	Year ended 30 Jun 2023	% Change (YOY)
Chair	43,125	41,200	4.7%
Chair of Audit & Risk Committee	35,950	34,300	4.8%
Senior Independent Director	31,625	30,200	4.7%
Director	28,750	27,500	4.5%

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Important Information

Number of Directors

The Statement of Operating Expenses is designed to help investors understand the impact of operating expenses on financial performance.

Operating expenses are NOT deducted from the value of an investor's shareholding, which is derived from the share price.

The market value (share price) of all publicly traded companies reflects a wide range of factors, including the estimated impact of operating expenses on future financial performance.

The market value of an investment trust may diverge materially, both positively and negatively, from the reported net asset value.

212.5%

3.4%

Important information

Risk factors you should consider prior to investing:

- The value of investments, and the income from them, can go down as well as up and investors may get back less than the amount invested.
- Past performance is not a guide to future results.
- Investment in the Company may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within 5 years.
- The Company may borrow to finance further investment (gearing). The use of gearing is likely to lead to volatility in the Net Asset Value (NAV) meaning that any movement in the value of the company's assets will result in a magnified movement in the NAV.
- The Company may accumulate investment positions which represent more than normal trading volumes which may make it difficult to realise investments and may lead to volatility in the market price of the Company's shares.
- The Company may charge expenses to capital which may erode the capital value of the investment.
- Derivatives may be used, subject to restrictions set out for the Company, in order to manage risk and generate income. The market in derivatives can be volatile and there is a higher than average risk of loss.
- There is no guarantee that the market price of the Company's shares will fully reflect their underlying Net Asset Value.
- As with all stock exchange investments the value of the Company's shares purchased will immediately fall by the difference between the buying and selling prices, the bid-offer spread. If trading volumes fall, the bid-offer spread can widen.
- Certain trusts may seek to invest in higher yielding securities such as bonds, which are subject to credit risk, market price risk and interest rate risk. Unlike income from a single bond, the level of income from an investment trust is not fixed and may fluctuate.
- Yields are estimated figures and may fluctuate, there are no guarantees that future dividends will match or exceed historic dividends and certain investors may be subject to further tax on dividends.

Other important information:

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