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.

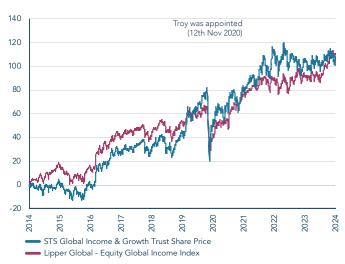
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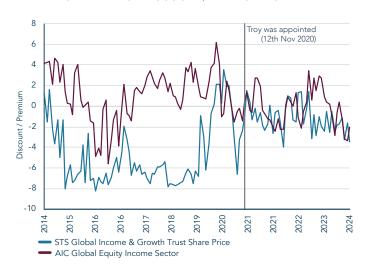
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total net/ gross assets £298m/£314m

### PERCENTAGE GROWTH 30/04/2014 TO 30/04/2024



#### SHARE PRICE DISCOUNT/PREMIUM TO NAV



Source: Morningstar

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Total Return to 30 April 2024	Since Troy Appt*	30/04/19 5 years	30/04/21 3 years	30/04/23 1 year	31/10/23 6 months
STS Global Income & Growth Trust Share Price	+25.0%	+38.1%	+11.5%	-2.8%	+2.8%
STS Global Income & Growth Trust NAV	+26.2%	+33.9%	+13.6%	-0.5%	+3.9%
Lipper Global – Equity Global Income Index	+42.4%	+36.7%	+18.9%	+9.3%	+12.1%

Discrete Annual Total Returns	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 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%	-2.4%
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%	-0.7%

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

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Source: Lipper/Morningstar

## **April Commentary**

The Trust produced a Net Asset Value total return of -2.8% during the month and a price total return of -4.5%, compared to a return of -1.6% for the Lipper Global – Equity Global Income Index.

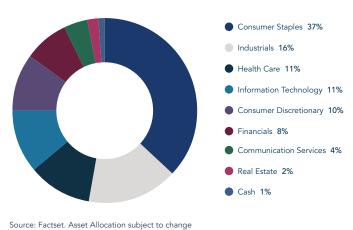
We added Amadeus to the portfolio during the month. Amadeus is a leading provider of IT solutions for the global travel and tourism industry. It operates two main business segments: distribution and IT solutions. The distribution segment connects travel providers with travel agencies and other intermediaries. The IT solutions segment offers software and cloud-based platforms that help airlines to manage their operations and hotels to manage their reservation systems.

We believe that Amadeus has a strong competitive position in both segments, benefiting from high barriers to entry, network effects, and economies of scale. In the IT solutions business, Amadeus's competitive position has improved since Covid. Its competitors are losing business as they cannot match Amadeus on R&D spending. Additionally, some of them are dealing with financial problems that further hampers their ability to compete effectively.

We invested in Amadeus because we see a significant opportunity for the company to grow its IT solutions segment, especially in the areas of air travel and hospitality. Air travel, after the significant Covid disruptions, is forecasted to grow ahead of GDP. Amadeus has a dominant market share, and we believe the company is well placed to benefit as spending increases with its existing customers. In the hospitality sector, Amadeus is making significant progress with its reservation system and has now signed a third hotel chain to its platform to join IHG and Marriott.

We funded the purchase of Amadeus by exiting our position in Fastenal, which we sold reluctantly on valuation grounds. Whilst we have high confidence that Fastenal can continue to grow sales at attractive rates for years to come, the shares have become too richly valued at more than 32x earnings. Amadeus offers similar if not higher growth rates at a much more attractive valuation.

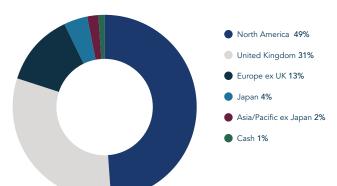
## **ASSET ALLOCATION BY SECTOR**



# TOP 10 HOLDINGS

Paychex	5.2%
Unilever	5.2%
CME Group	4.9%
PepsiCo	4.9%
British American Tobacco	4.4%
Reckitt Benckiser	4.4%
RELX	4.4%
Philip Morris	4.3%
Microsoft	4.3%
ADP	4.3%
Total Top 10	46.3%
22 Other Equity holdings	53.1%
Cash	0.6%
TOTAL	100.0%
Source: Factset. Holdings subject to change.	

## **ASSET ALLOCATION BY REGION**



Source: Factset. Asset Allocation subject to change

## TRUST INFORMATION

Board	
Chairman	John Evans
Senior Independent Director	Sarah Harvey
Non-Executive Director	Mark Little
Non-Executive Director	Angus Cockburn
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 Global Income Index

Capital Structure	
Shares with voting rights	137,262,415
Shares held in treasury	37,925,770
Net Assets	£298m
Gross Assets	£314m
Ongoing Charges	
Ordinary shares:	0.94%
(31.03.23)	
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)	-3.4%
Gearing	5%
Currency	£ Sterling

Historic Dividend Yield				
(trailing 12 months)	3.27%			
24 Interim	1.97p			
24 Interim	1.53p			
24 Interim	1.53p			
23 Final	1.85p			
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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