

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.

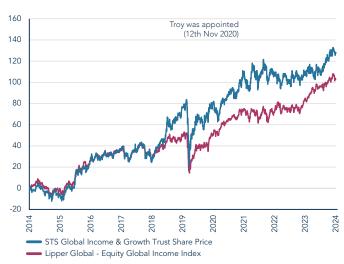
PRICES (EX INC)
231.00p 232.25p

PREMIUM/ DISCOUNT -1.4%

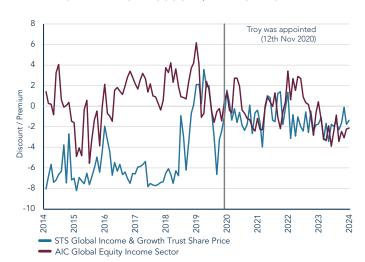
YIELD\* 2.9%

TOTAL NET/ GROSS ASSETS £291m/£306m

#### PERCENTAGE GROWTH 31/12/2014 - 31/12/2024



#### SHARE PRICE DISCOUNT/PREMIUM TO NAV



Source: Morningstar Source: Morningstar

Total Return to 31 December 2024	Since Troy Appt*	31/12/19 5 years	31/12/21 3 years	31/12/23 1 year	30/06/24 6 months
STS Global Income & Growth Trust Share Price	+40.3%	+29.1%	+8.5%	+9.7%	+9.4%
STS Global Income & Growth Trust NAV	+38.7%	+33.5%	+9.5%	+9.2%	+8.8%
Lipper Global – Equity Global Income Index	+50.7%	+36.6%	+16.3%	+10.0%	+3.5%

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

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

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Source: Lipper/Morningstar

# December Commentary

The Trust produced a Net Asset Value total return of -1.8% during the month and a price total return of -1.4%, compared to a return of -1.8% for the Lipper Global – Equity Global Income Index.

Over the year the Trust returned +9.2% (NAV) and a price total return of +9.7% compared the Lipper Global – Equity Global Income Index which returned +10.0%.

As is often the case it was a year of two halves. Relative returns were constrained for the first 6 months of the year but recovered somewhat as the year progressed. The top three contributors over the 12 months were British American Tobacco which rose by +37.2%, Philip Morris up +34.7% (in Sterling) and Unilever which climbed by +23.7%. The shares of each company had been deeply out of favour at the beginning of the year reminding one that sometimes the most uncomfortable holdings generate the best returns.

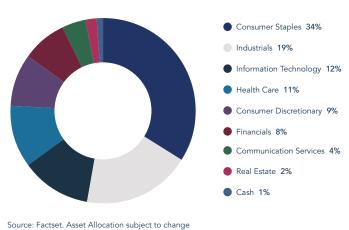
Conversely two of the key detractors were Pernod Ricard and Nestle. Both companies have been excellent long-term compounders of shareholder capital but have been disappointing since May 2023. <u>Valuations</u> achieved

at that time proved to be unsustainable. As the COVID boom has waned and concerns have appeared around end demand from changing consumer tastes and the adoption of weight-loss drugs, the shares have derated. In each case we think that the current valuations give protection against these worries which although valid, are unlikely to negate the long-term competitive advantages and opportunities these companies enjoy in our view.

2025 promises to be an interesting year as the positive and negative effects of the Trump agenda play out in markets. While equity markets so far have been upbeat, rising bond yields appear to represent an increasing risk to equity valuations.

The Q4 dividend, paid on 31st December 2024, was declared at 1.586p. The total distribution for 2024 was 6.662p which represents an increase of 4.0% relative to 2023, reflecting the robustness of the portfolio's income generation notwithstanding uncertainty over the near term outlook.

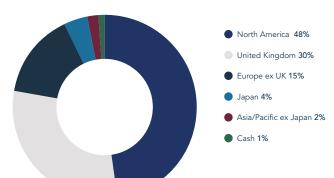
## **ASSET ALLOCATION BY SECTOR**



## **TOP 10 HOLDINGS**

Paychex	5.9%
Philip Morris	5.3%
British American Tobacco	5.3%
CME Group	5.1%
ADP	4.5%
Reckitt Benckiser	4.5%
Microsoft	4.4%
Amadeus IT	4.0%
Nintendo	4.0%
PepsiCo	4.0%
Total Top 10	46.8%
21 Other Equity holdings	51.9%
Cash	1.3%
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	124,204,415
Shares held in treasury	50,983,770
Net Assets	£291m
Gross Assets	£306m
Ongoing Charges (estimated)*	
Ordinary shares:	0.77%
(31.03.2025)	
Management Fee	0.55% on first £250n
	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	3%

Historic Dividend Yi	eld		
(trailing 12 months)	2.88%		
25 Interim	1.59p		
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24 Final	1.53p		
24 Interim	1.97p		
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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