# The Brunner Investment Trust PLC

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#### Highlights:

#### Financial Year to 30 November 2022

NAV Total Return Debt at FV

+3.0%

2021: +21.5%

Benchmark Total Return

+1.4%

2021: 21.1%

Dividend per Share

+6.7%

2022: 21.5p 2021: 20.15p Earnings per Share

+11.3%

2022: 22.7p 2021: 20.4p

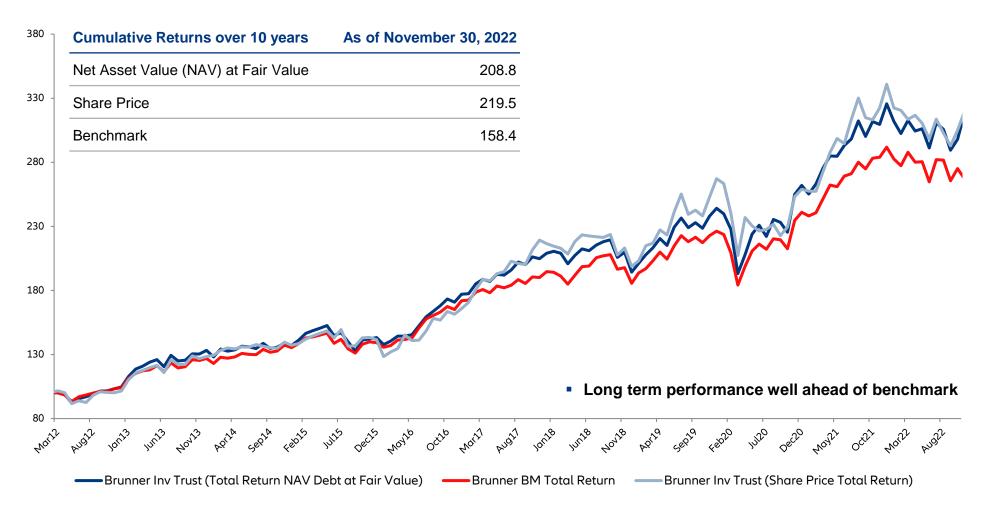


- Meaningful outperformance vs. peers, up 1.6% vs. benchmark
- Fourth consecutive year of outperformance across a wide range of market condition
- 51st year of dividend growth AIC Dividend Hero
- Consistent investment process applied throughout volatile period
- Julian Bishop joined Portfolio Management team
- Short-term sentiment creating select attractive valuation opportunities

Source: Brunner Investment Trust annual Report. Past performance does not predict future returns. A ranking, a rating or an award provides no indicator of future performance and is not constant over time.



### Investment Performance: Strong Long-term Shareholder Returns



Source: AllianzGI UK/ DataStream, as of November 30, 2022, GBP. Total Return. Cumulative returns. Benchmark is 30% FTSE All-Share and 70% FTSE World (ex UK) Index (£), (was 50/50 up to 21/03/17). Past performance does not predict future returns.



#### The Brunner Investment Trust Key Messages



Philosophy: Quality oriented, balanced portfolio delivering consistent returns



Capital growth: High conviction, active, global equity portfolio with a strong track record



**Income:** One of the highest yields in the sector with 51 years of dividend growth



Resources: Experienced PM team supported by AllianzGI's global investment platform



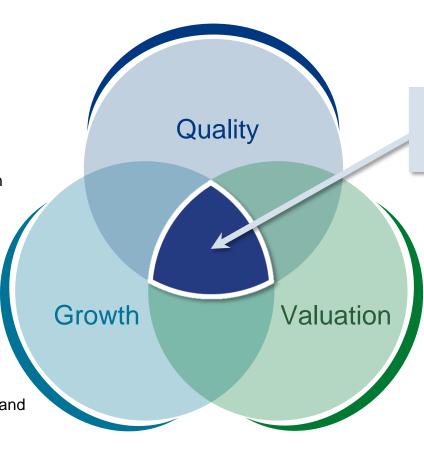
#### A Clear Investment Philosophy

#### Quality: Stable above average returns

- Long term competitive advantage
- Strong balance sheets
- High barriers to entry
- Management quality
- Stable / improving ROCE (Return on Capital Employed) / RoE (Return on Equity)
- Sound on ESG (Environmental, Social & Governance) issues

#### Secular growth

- Addressable market growth
- Sustainable growth technology, brand
- Long term, through-cycle approach
- Avoid structural decline



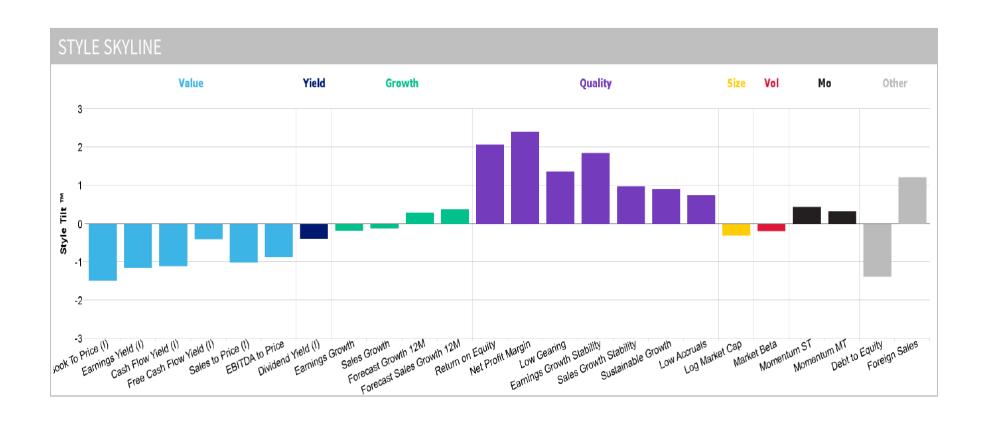
We seek to identify this universe through fundamental research

#### Value, not just "cheap"

- Reverse Discounted Cash Flow
- Enterprise Value vs. Cash returns
- Price/Book vs. Return on Equity
- Dividends an output not input



#### Brunner Portfolio Style Skyline As of February 28, 2023

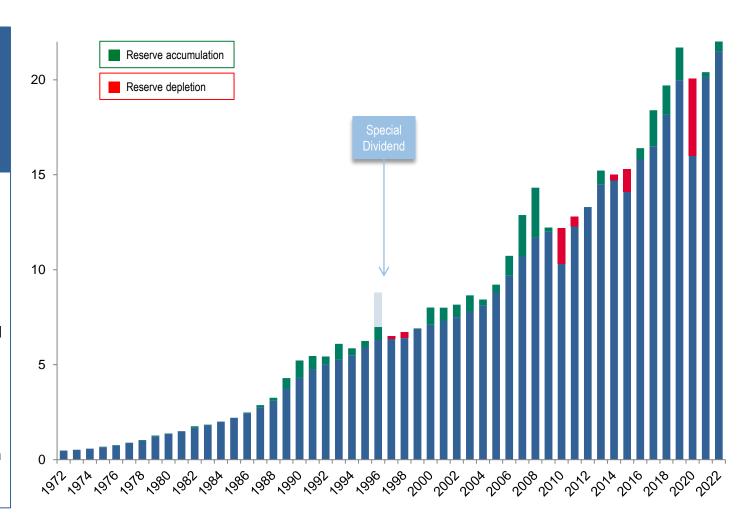




#### Consistent Dividend Growth

## 51 Years of Rising Dividends

- One of the sector's highest yielding trusts at 2.1%\*
- Pays out quarterly dividends
- Prudent capital allocation to ensure consistent dividend growth
- Strong revenue reserves of 25.8p per share
- Dividend growth ahead of inflation over the long-term



Source: AllianzGI, Brunner company reports, \*JP Morgan Cazenove. Data as of November 30, 2022 Past performance does not predict future returns.



#### The Brunner Investment Trust Performance Attribution: 1 year to November 30, 2022

Best Active	Average Weight (% of Total)	Perfo Total	ormance Active	Worst	Average Weight (% of Total)	Perfo Total	rmance Active
Contributors	Port	Return	Contribution	Active Contributors	Port		Contribution
Unitedhealth Group	4.7%	38.8%	1.23%	Adidas Ag	2.5%	-50.5%	-1.85%
Abbvie Inc	1.6%	61.4%	0.86%	Partners Group Hlg Ag	1.8%	-35.2%	-0.72%
Munich Re	2.7%	34.6%	0.82%	Astrazeneca	_	38.2%	-0.56%
Totalenergies Se	2.0%	59.6%	0.81%	Taiwan Semiconductor Ma	2.5%	-20.1%	-0.50%
Amazon Com Inc	_	-38.8%	0.71%	Tyman Plc	.9%	-39.3%	-0.48%
Visa Inc	3.5%	25.4%	0.61%	Intuit	1.3%	-30.2%	-0.47%
Meta Platforms	_	-59.6%	0.55%	Вр	_	59.8%	-0.45%
Tesla Inc	_	-43.3%	0.49%	Estee Lauder Co. Inc.	1.8%	-20.3%	-0.41%
Novo Nordisk A/S	2.0%	29.4%	0.48%	St James's Place	1.5%	-22.4%	-0.39%
Homeserve	.9%	32.2%	0.47%	Glencore Plc	_	68.6%	-0.38%
Subtotal	17.3%	_	7.03%	Subtotal	12.3%	_	-6.22%



#### Significant Transactions: One Year to November 30, 2022

Adobe Align Technology Close Bros
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Haleon
S&P Global
SSE
SSP Group

Sales	
Amadeus	
Booking	
Bright Horizons	
Fresenius	
Homeserve	
Jiangsu Expressway Co	
Merlin Properties	
National Grid	

Statistics	Portfolio	
Number of holdings	62	
New holdings	7	
Complete Sales	8	
12 months turnover	15.1%	

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#### Leader in digital payments around the world

Quality: With 3.6bn cards in circulation and 80m points of acceptance, Visa's network creates a powerful barrier to entry. Its revenues are a tiny fraction of the \$14tn in payments it processes every year. Margins and CFROI (Cash Flow Return on Investment) are over 50%.

**Growth:** Payment volumes rise with economic growth and inflation. The structural shift from cash to card and growth in cross-border activity boosts this further. Fixed costs drive natural margin expansion.

**Valuation:** Despite a Price-to-Earnings (P/E) multiple higher than the market, Visa has high cash conversion and zero debt.

**ESG:** Visa has an MSCI ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) score of 7.1 out of 10. Its operations are carbon neutral\* and the company plays a key role in promoting financial inclusion and reducing fraud.



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\*https://usa.visa.com/content/dam//VCOM/regional/na/us/about-visa/documents/2021-environmental-social-and-report.pdf (page 2)



#### Structural Trends Underpin Long-Term Growth

#### Electrification **Digitalisation Amphenol IBERDROLA** Schneider Blectric Adobe Microsoft **ASSA ABLOY** Health & Wellbeing **Emerging Consumers** ESTĒE **LAUDER** UnitedHealth Group novo nordisk INTUÎTIVE

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#### Current Views: Short-term Risks, Long-term Opportunities

#### Inflation:

- In Europe, a warm winter and rapid Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) capacity additions have helped lower gas prices
- Whilst commodity prices are down, wage inflation is proving stubborn
- Central bankers want to create slack in the labour market via higher interest rates

#### **Global Economy:**

- Surprisingly robust, despite inflation and geopolitical tensions
- Consumers have used COVID-era savings to maintain expenditure

#### **Companies:**

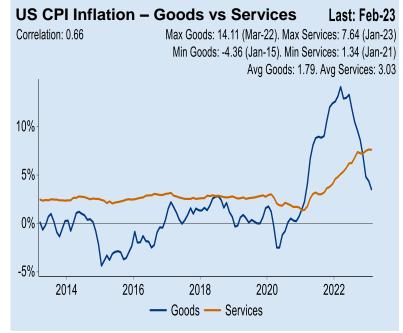
- For some sectors (energy, banks) inflation has boosted revenues and profitability
- Lower nominal growth plus higher costs mean 2023 will be a transition year for many

#### Valuations:

- The UK market remains cheap, highly cash generative and well governed
- The US still reigns for quality and growth; multiples are middle of the range

#### **Opportunities:**

- Value remains plentiful and higher quality assets are trading at reasonable valuations
- We remain committed to the Brunner approach of balancing quality, growth and value



Source: AllianzGI Global Economics & Strategy; FactSet; as of 14 March 2023. US CPI: The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change overtime in the prices paid by urban consumers for a market basket of consumer goods and services.

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