

The Brunner Investment Trust PLC

An 'all-weather' global equity portfolio

Allianz 
Global Investors

Aim

The Trust aims to provide growth in capital value and dividends over the long term by investing in global and UK securities. The benchmark against which performance is measured is 70% FTSE World ex-UK Index and 30% FTSE All-Share Index.

History

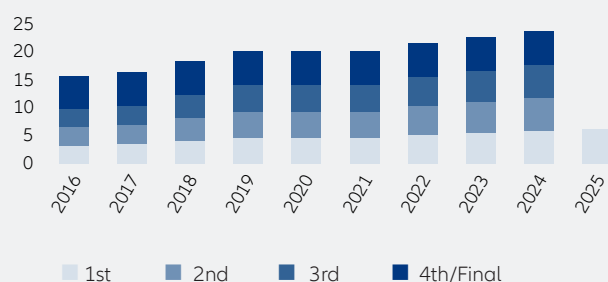
The Brunner Investment Trust PLC was formed from the Brunner family's interest in the sale of Brunner Mond & Co, the largest of the four companies which came to form Imperial Chemical Industries (ICI) in 1926. Today, Brunner shares are available for everyone to buy and are widely held by both private and institutional investors.

Trust Benefits

Brunner aims to provide its shareholders with growing dividends and capital growth by investing in a portfolio of global equities. It is an independent company listed on the London Stock Exchange and, although past performance is no guide to the future, has paid increasingly higher dividends to its shareholders year on year for the last 53 years. The Trust invests in companies all over the world, seeking out opportunities for growth and reliable dividends wherever they may be.

Ten Year Dividend History†

Dividend Record in Pence per Share
To Year End 30 November



Last Four Dividend Payments per Share

Record Date	Pay Date	Dividend	Type
13.06.2025	24.07.2025	6.25p	1st Interim
21.02.2024	04.04.2025	6.05p	Final
25.10.2024	12.12.2024	5.90p	3rd Interim
02.08.2024	12.09.2024	5.90p	2nd Interim

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

†Chart for indicative purposes only. Details of past dividends can be found on the website: <https://www.brunner.co.uk/en-gb/performance-and-updates/dividends>

Key Information

Launch Date	December 1927
AIC Sector	Global
Benchmark	70% FTSE World ex-UK Index; 30% FTSE All-Share Index
Annual Management Fee	0.45%
Performance Fee	No
Ongoing Charge ¹	0.63%
Year End	30 November
Annual Report	Annual published in February, Half-yearly published in July
AGM	April
NAV Frequency	Daily
Dividends	March/April, June/July, September, December
Price Information	Financial Times, The Daily Telegraph, www.brunner.co.uk
Company Secretary	Kirsten Salt Nira Mistry
Investment Managers	Julian Bishop and Christian Schneider
Codes	RIC: BUT.L SEDOL: 0149000

1. The Ongoing Charge does not represent an additional cost that shareholders of the Company must pay. The Company's share price already reflects the market's assessment of its value taking into consideration publicly disclosed information, including operating expenses and other costs which are disclosed in the Accounts. The investment platform or stockbroker used, or the company/person selling you or advising you about this product may charge you other costs. If so, they will provide you with the relevant information about these costs. Source: AIC, as at the Trust's Financial Year End (30.11.2024). Ongoing Charges (previously Total Expense Ratios) are published annually to show operational expenses, which include the annual management fee, incurred in the running of the company but excluding financing costs.

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Total Assets £631.6m

Shares in Issue 43,247,727 (Ordinary 25p)

Market Cap £601.1m

Share Price

1390.0p

NAV per Share

1425.9p

Premium/-Discount

-2.5%

Dividend Yield

1.7%

Gearing

6.2%

Fund Manager's Review

Markets rebounded in May after April's sharp sell off. Some of the 'Liberation Day' tariffs were postponed and some markedly reduced. These actions provided reassurance that Trump's trade policy may settle at a less extreme endpoint than initially feared.

Brunner's performance was more or less in line with this rebound. The Net Asset Value (NAV) total return for May was 4.26% versus 4.69% from the benchmark index. Contributors were a mixed bunch. Not holding Apple, a large index weight, was the largest positive contributor, although this benefit was offset by not holding Nvidia which performed well in the period. Amongst our active positions, Microsoft was the biggest positive. Reported results here continue to impress, with Office 365 and cloud computing service Azure reporting particularly strong calendar first quarter results. Overall sales growth at constant currency was 15% whilst earnings per share were up 19%; a remarkable feat given the company's size. Net profit now exceeds \$100bn on an annualised basis, almost enough to buy the whole of Tesco three times over.

We also saw strong performance from the Bank of Ireland, where fear over the impact of tariffs on Irish exports to the US abated. Microchip was also up strongly. This company makes over 80,000 different relatively simple semiconductors used by over 100,000 customers across a huge variety of applications. They had seen a brutal downcycle as customers worked down inventory they had accumulated in the aftermath of COVID. There is now clear evidence that orders are recovering after those stocks have been utilised.

GE Aerospace also continues to perform extraordinarily well. As a reminder, following the break-up of the GE conglomerate this is now a pure-play jet engine business. We think it is one of the world's great businesses with strong growth, recurring revenues, high profitability and near total barriers to entry. However, we are also mindful of the valuation, which has increased fairly dramatically.

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The biggest detractor from performance was UnitedHealth. This huge company is America's largest health insurer. In recent years it has become more complex and more exposed to the provision of government services; neither of which are things we like. The company recently issued its second profit warning in quick succession, blaming pressure in its Medicaid business (government sponsored healthcare for senior citizens). We decided to fully exit our position as a result, having reduced our holding towards the end of 2024.



**Julian Bishop,
Co-Lead Portfolio Manager**

Julian Bishop joined Allianz Global Investors in November 2022. Julian has more than 25 years fund management experience. He joined AllianzGI from Tesco Pension Investment Ltd where he was an Equity Fund Manager managing a multi-billion pounds global equities portfolio. Julian graduated from Queens' College, Cambridge University in 1995 and has an MA (Hons) Cantab in Geography. He is an Associate of the CFA Society of the UK.



**Christian Schneider,
Co-Lead Portfolio Manager**

Christian Schneider joined the Global Equity Fund Management Team as a portfolio manager in April 2000 and managed a US Equity strategy until 2002. Christian graduated with a Master's degree in Economics from the University of Giessen and is a CFA charter holder.

The whole healthcare space has been under pressure over the past several months. Quite understandably, the Trump administration is looking to reduce the chasm in healthcare costs between the US and its European counterparts. Most pharma companies, for example, enjoy disproportionate profitability in the US due to higher drugs prices in that market. If successful, efforts to reduce US drug prices to European levels would markedly reduce the industry profit pool. This is one reason why Thermo Fisher Scientific, which provides goods and services to pharma companies, also underperformed in the period.

Other negative contributors include AutoTrader and Cooper (contact lenses and infertility treatments) which both reported results slightly shy of expectations, although still decent in absolute terms.

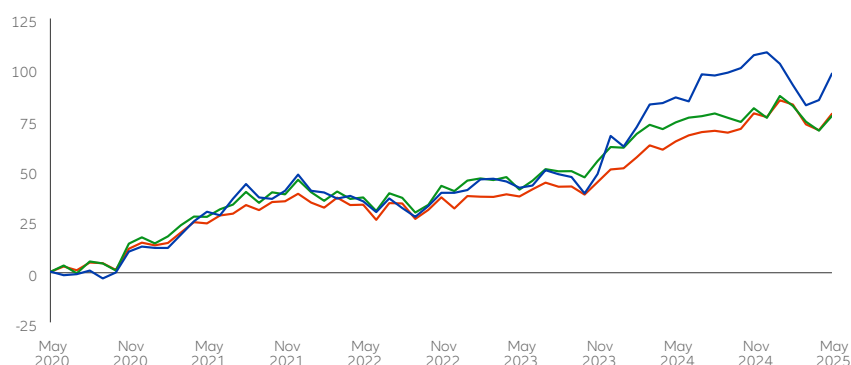
Our only sale in the period was United Health, as mentioned above. We scattered the proceeds across several high conviction pre-existing holdings.

**Julian Bishop & Christian Schneider
31 May 2025**

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Performance Track Record

Five Year Performance (%)



■ Share Price ■ NAV (debt at fair value)

■ Benchmark: Effective 22 March 2017 the benchmark weightings changed to 70% FTSE World ex-UK Index; 30% FTSE All-Share Index

Risk & Features

Investment trusts are quoted companies listed on the London Stock Exchange. Their share prices are determined by factors including the balance of supply and demand in the market.

The Trust seeks to enhance returns for its shareholders through gearing which can boost the Trust's returns when investments perform well, though losses can be magnified when investments lose value. You should be aware that this Trust may be subject to sudden and large falls in value and you could suffer substantial capital loss.

Changes in rates of exchange may cause the value of investments and the income from them to go up or down.

Cumulative Returns (%)

	3M	6M	1Y	3Y	5Y
Share Price	3.0	-4.4	6.3	46.8	97.8
NAV (debt at fair value)	-2.7	-2.1	2.9	30.9	78.8
Benchmark	-2.5	-0.1	8.3	33.7	78.0

Discrete 12 Month Returns to 31 May (%)

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Share Price	6.3	31.5	5.0	4.0	29.6
NAV (debt at fair value)	2.9	23.6	2.8	7.5	27.1
Benchmark	8.3	19.8	3.0	7.5	23.8

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Past performance does not predict future returns. Investing involves risk. The value of an investment and the income from it may fall as well as rise and investors might not get back the full amount invested. This investment trust charges 70% of its annual management fee to the capital account and 30% to revenue. This could lead to a higher level of income but capital growth will be constrained as a result.

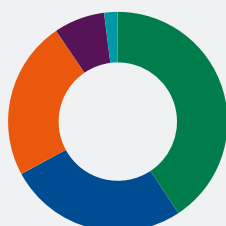
Portfolio Breakdown

Sector Breakdown* (%)

Information Technology	24.4	
Financials	23.5	
Industrials	23.3	
Consumer Discretionary	9.4	
Health Care	8.7	
Energy	4.0	
Utilities	3.3	
Consumer Staples	3.3	

Geographic Breakdown* (%)

North America	40.7	
UK	26.4	
Europe ex UK	23.4	
Pacific ex Japan	7.5	
Japan	2.0	



Top Twenty Holdings (%)

Microsoft	6.4
Visa - A Shares	4.4
Taiwan Semiconductor	3.3
Alphabet	3.1
Bank of Ireland	3.0
InterContinental Hotels Group	2.9
Auto Trader	2.9
Charles Schwab	2.5
Aena	2.4
Shell	2.3
DNB Bank	2.3
Schneider Electric	2.2
American Financial Group	2.1
ASML	2.1
Scottish & Southern Energy	2.1
General Electric	2.1
Brambles	2.0
Itochu	2.0
Amazon	2.0
AMETEK	1.9

Total number of holdings 55

This is for guidance only and not indicative of future allocation. Totals may not sum to 100.0% due to rounding.

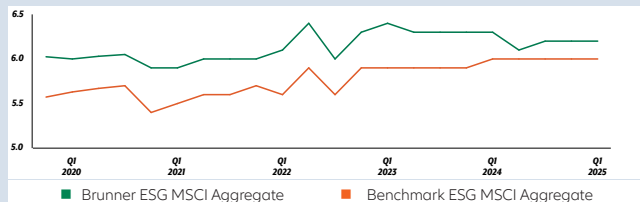
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*Excludes Cash

Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)

AllianzGI has a dedicated ESG research team working with the portfolio managers to incorporate ESG factors into investment decisions. The board supports AllianzGI's view that there is value in working with companies in the portfolio on environmental, social, governance and business conduct issues.

AllianzGI uses third party research provided by MSCI to help identify ESG factors that can impact the businesses of the companies in the portfolio. The chart shows that the Brunner portfolio's ESG ratings compare well against the benchmark's ESG ratings over a five year period.



The chart above shows the rating of the Brunner portfolio on ESG risks and combined ESG risk measurements compared to the rating of the Benchmark (70% FTSE World ex-UK Index; 30% FTSE All-Share Index) scored on a scale of 1-10 (where 10 is high) on a quarterly basis.

Board of Directors

Carolyn Dobson (Chair)
Amanda Aldridge (Chair of the Audit Committee)
Elizabeth Field
Andrew Hutton (Senior Independent Director)
Jim Sharp

Glossary

Share Price is the price of a single ordinary share, as determined by the stock market. The share price above is the mid-market price at market close.

Net Asset Value (NAV) per Share is calculated as available shareholders' funds divided by the number of shares in issue, with shareholders' funds taken to be the net value of all the company's assets after deducting liabilities.

The NAV figure above is based on the fair/market value cum income of the company's long term debt and preference shares (known as debt at fair value). This allows for the valuation of long-term debt and preference shares at fair value or current market price, rather than at final repayment value (known as debt at par).

Premium/Discount. Since investment company shares are traded on a stock market, the share price that you get may be higher or lower than the NAV. The difference is known as a premium or discount.

Dividend Yield is calculated using the latest full year dividend divided by the current share price.

Gearing is a measure of a company's financial leverage and shows the extent to which its operations are funded by lenders versus shareholders.

How to invest

You can buy shares in the Trust through:

- A third party provider - see 'How to Invest' on our website, where you will find links to a range of these platforms, many of which allow you to hold the shares within an ISA, Junior ISA, SIPP and/or savings scheme.
- A stockbroker.
- A financial adviser.

Contact us

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