

31 July 2009

## Aim

The Trust's objective is to increase its total return above the benchmark index of 50% FTSE All-Share and 50% FTSE All-World Index (ex UK sterling adjusted) over the long term, by investing in UK and international securities. The strategy of the Trust is designed to meet the requirements of those seeking a single investment in a diversified and professionally managed portfolio.

## Risks & Features

Investment trusts are quoted companies listed on the London Stock Exchange. Their share prices are determined by factors including demand, or lack of, which means that the shares may trade below (at a discount to) or above (at a premium to) the underlying net asset value.

The Trust seeks to enhance returns for its shareholders through gearing, in the form of long-term, fixed rate debentures. Gearing 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.

## History

The Trust 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 ICI in 1926. The Trust has been managed by RCM (a subsidiary of Allianz Global Investors formerly Kleinwort Benson) since inception.

## Fund Managers' Review



Mark Lovett



Lucy MacDonald

After a brief pause in June, the market rally which had started towards the end of March regained momentum, with the Brunner benchmark up 8% for the month of July. Cyclical and some of the poorer quality securities led the positive performance, as investors continued to reposition their portfolios as risk appetite

returned after some positive signs for a brighter economic outlook. Second quarter company earnings were generally better than market expectations and in the US, closely watched macroeconomic indicators such as the ISM manufacturing index again showed signs of improvement. Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke was also more upbeat in his semi-annual testimony, stating that the US economy is set to pick up this year. In UK, the decision not to extend Quantitative Easing in July and surveys suggesting house prices rises were also viewed positively, although GDP figures for Q2 showed a greater than expected contraction. The Bank of Japan also stated that "Japan's economic conditions had stopped worsening".

The Trust's NAV was in line with its benchmark as the underweight in Utilities worked well. At a stock level, high quality, defensive names such as East Japan Railway and BAE Systems were the worst performing stocks within the portfolio along with Reed Elsevier after first half profit fell by more than analysts expected and the company raised capital via a placing to pay down debt. The best performer within the portfolio was International Personal Finance, which, after falling heavily in June and July, bounced back strongly as its first half loss was less than half analyst estimates. The unsecured loan provider which concentrates on the Eastern European markets and Mexico, now expects to make a yearly profit within most of its operating countries. UK engineering group Melrose and coffee giant Starbucks also performed strongly.

## Key Information

<b>Total Assets:</b>	£230.4m
<b>Gearing (net):</b>	13.2%
<b>No. of Shares (Ordinary 1p):</b>	46,633,305
<b>Share Price<sup>1</sup>:</b>	323.5p
<b>Net Asset Value<sup>2</sup>:</b>	382.7p (357.0p – debt at market value)
<b>Premium/-Discount to NAV<sup>2</sup>:</b>	-15.5% (-9.4% – debt at market value)
<b>Dividend Yield<sup>2</sup>:</b>	3.62%
<b>No. of Holdings:</b>	122

All data source RCM (UK) Limited as at 31.07.09 unless otherwise stated.

<b>Launch Date:</b>	January 1927
<b>AIC Sector:</b>	Global Growth
<b>Benchmark:</b>	50% FTSE All-Share Index 50% FTSE All-World ex UK Index
<b>Year end:</b>	30 November
<b>Reports &amp; Accounts:</b>	Final posted in February, Interim posted in July
<b>AGM:</b>	March
<b>Dividends:</b>	March, August
<b>Price Information:</b>	Financial Times, The Daily Telegraph, www.rcm.com/investmenttrusts
<b>Board of Directors:</b>	Keith Percy (Chairman), Vivian Bazalgette, Ben Siddons, William Worsley, Richard Wakeling
<b>Investment Manager:</b>	Mark Lovett, CIO, UK & European Equity Lucy MacDonald, CIO, Global Equity RCM A company of Allianz Global Investors
<b>Investor Services:</b>	020 7065 1407

<sup>1</sup>Source: Lipper as at 31.07.09, market close mid price.

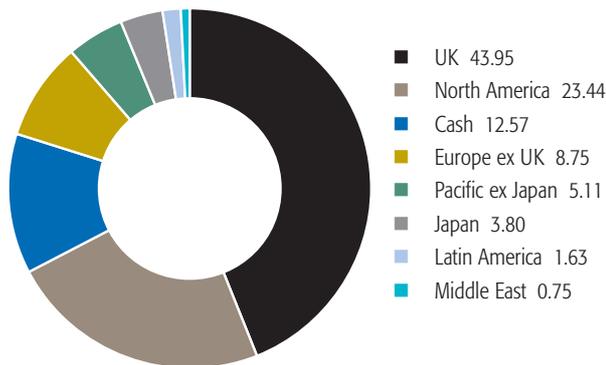
<sup>2</sup>Source: Datastream as at 31.07.09. Calculated using the latest full year dividend divided by the current share price.

<sup>3</sup>A trust's net asset value (NAV) 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. In line with current industry best practice NAVs are now shown that take into account the 'fair value' of debt. This means NAVs are calculated after allowing for the valuation of debt at fair value or current market price, rather than at final repayment value. NAVs with debt at market value provide a more realistic impact of the cost of debt, and thus a more realistic discount. It is the capital NAV that is shown, which excludes any income.

## Top Ten Holdings (%)

Name	%
4.75% UK Government Stock 2010	6.6
HSBC	3.9
GlaxoSmithKline	3.2
Royal Dutch Shell "B" Shares	3.2
BP	2.5
BHP Billiton	2.5
Vodafone Group	2.5
4% UK Government 2022	2.1
2.5% UK Government Index-Linked 2020	2.1
Unilever	1.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>30.5</b>

## Geographic Breakdown (%)



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

## How to Invest?

The Trust is a UK public limited company traded openly on the stock market. You can purchase shares through a stock broker.

**RIC:** BUT      **SEDOL:** 0149000      **ISIN:** GB0001490001

Shares in the Trust can be held within an ISA and/or savings scheme and a number of providers offer this facility. A list of suppliers is available on our website [www.rcm.com/investmenttrusts](http://www.rcm.com/investmenttrusts) or from the AIC at [www.theaic.co.uk](http://www.theaic.co.uk)

Please note: Our Investment Trust Savings Plan was closed and transferred to Alliance Trust Savings on 29 February 2008. Alliance Trust can be contacted on 01382 573 737 or [contact@alliancetrust.co.uk](mailto:contact@alliancetrust.co.uk)

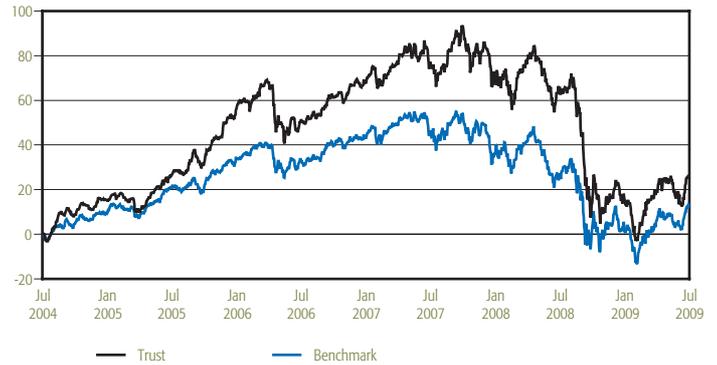
## RCM Advantage

RCM and its predecessors have been managing investment trusts since 1889, providing investors with access to investment markets around the world through professionally managed portfolios. Each trust benefits from the expertise of the RCM fund managers yet, as a company listed on the London Stock Exchange, it is independent and is overseen by its own Board of Directors.

RCM is the global equity specialist within Allianz Global Investors. With offices strategically located in the US, Europe and Asia, RCM uses its global research platform to search out investment opportunities.

## Performance

### Five Year Trust Performance (%)



### Cumulative Performance (%)

	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
Share Price	6.07	9.66	-23.52	-16.08	26.61
Benchmark	6.63	11.98	-10.60	-15.12	13.23

### Standardised Past Performance (%)

From	30.06.04	30.06.05	30.06.06	29.06.07	30.06.08
To	30.06.05	30.06.06	29.06.07	30.06.08	30.06.09
Share Price	16.76	23.55	19.19	-8.00	-27.86

Source: Lipper, percentage growth, mid to mid, capital return, to 31.07.09  
Benchmark: 50% FTSE All-Share Index/50% FTSE All-World ex UK Index. Note the benchmark was 60% FTSE All-Share and 40% FT/S&P World Index (ex UK sterling adjusted) up to 26th March 2008.

Standardised past performance figures comply with the Financial Services Authority's regulations to enable investors to compare different products from different providers.

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. You should not make any assumptions on the future on the basis of performance information. The value of an investment and the income from it can fall as well as rise as a result of market fluctuations and you may not get back the amount originally 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. Your capital could also decrease if income paid out of capital exceeds the growth rate of the trust.

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