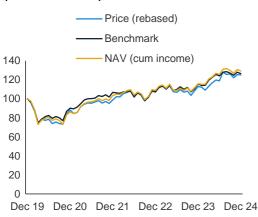
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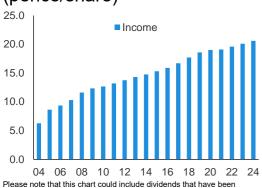


### Share price performance (total return)



# Dividend history (pence/share)

declared but not yet paid



Performance over (%)	6m	1y	Зу	5у	10y
Share price (Total return)	5.1	10.6	26.8	25.1	80.1
NAV (Total return)	2.8	11.5	24.8	29.2	83.8
Benchmark (Total return)	1.9	9.5	18.5	26.5	81.9
Relative NAV (Total return)	0.9	2.0	6.3	2.7	1.9

Discrete year performance (%	Share price (a) (total return)	NAV (total return)
31/12/2023 to 31/12/2024	10.6	11.5
31/12/2022 to 31/12/2023	4.8	6.5
31/12/2021 to 31/12/2022	9.4	5.1
31/12/2020 to 31/12/2021	11.8	20.1
31/12/2019 to 31/12/2020	-11.8	-13.8

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### Commentary at a glance

#### Performance

In the month under review the Company's NAV total return was -1.2% and the FTSE All-Share Index total return was -1.2%.

### Contributors/detractors

The biggest single contributor to relative performance was not holding Ashtead, the equipment rental company focused on the US. The biggest detractor was the underweight position in HSBC.

#### Outlook

We think the valuation of UK equities is compelling compared to their equivalents overseas. In particular, the dividend yields on offer are attractive to us relative to the main alternatives.

### See full commentary on page 3.

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### Company overview

### Objective

The Company's objective is to provide long-term growth in income and capital, principally by investment in equities listed on the London Stock Exchange. The Board fully recognises the importance of dividend income to shareholders.

### Highlights

Renowned for its record-setting annual dividend increases since 1966, the Company targets longterm income and capital growth.

### Company information

NAV (cum income)	430.9p	
NAV (ex income)	427.7p	
Share price	431.0p	
Discount(-)/premium(+)	-	
Yield	4.8%	
Net gearing	8%	
Net cash	-	
Total assets Net assets	£2,267m £2,130m	
Market capitalisation	£2,131m	
Shares in issue excluding shares in Treasury	494,334,723	
Total number of holdings 80		

Ongoing charges (year end 30 Jun 2024)

0.37%

FTSE All-Share Index Benchmark Overall Morningstar Rating<sup>™</sup> ★★★★

As of 31/12/2024

Morningstar Medalist Rating™ Effective 04/04/2024



Data Coverage %: 100.00 Source: BNP Paribas for holdings information and Morningstar for

all other data. Differences in calculation may occur due to the methodology used.

Please note that the total voting rights in the Company do not include shares held in Treasury.

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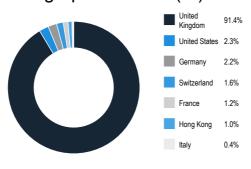
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Top 10 holdings	(%)
HSBC	4.7
Shell	4.3
RELX	4.1
Unilever	3.8
British American Tobacco	3.4
BAE Systems	3.3
Imperial Brands	3.3
Tesco	3.2
NatWest Group	3.2
AstraZeneca	2.9

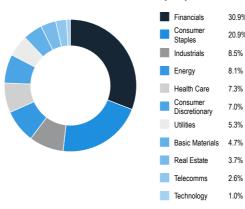
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### Geographical focus (%)



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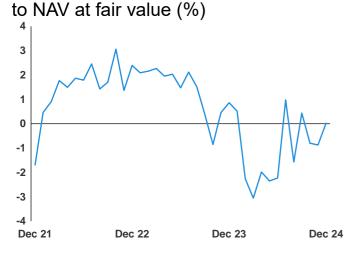
### Sector breakdown (%)



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# Premium/(discount) of share price

employees, may have a position in the securities mentioned



# 10 year total return of £1,000



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# Key information

Stock code	CTY			
AIC sector	AIC UK Equity Income			
Benchmark	FTSE All-Share Index			
Company type	Conventional (Ords)			
Launch date	1891			
Financial year	30-Jun			
Dividend payment	November, February, May, August			
Management fee	0.3% per annum of net assets			
Performance fee	No			
(See Annual Report & Key Information Document for more information)				
Regional focus	UK			
Fund manager	Job Curtis 1991 David Smith 2021			



Job Curtis, ASIP Fund Manager



David Smith, CFA Deputy Fund Manager





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# Fund Manager commentary

### Investment environment

The FTSE All-Share Index fell 1.2% against a backdrop of disappointing economic news.

UK GDP unexpectedly contracted by 0.1% month-onmonth in October, following a decline of 0.1% in September. Meanwhile, consumer price inflation rose to 2.6% in November, which marked an eight-month high.

The Bank of England (BoE) held its benchmark interest rate at 4.75%. In the US, the Federal Reserve (Fed) cut interest rates by 25 basis points (bps) to 4.5% but dampened expectations for future rate cuts given the strength of the US economy. The European Central Bank (ECB) reduced its deposit rate by 25 bps to 3.0% and warned of a weaker economic outlook.

#### Portfolio review

The biggest positive individual contributor to performance relative to the benchmark was not holding Ashtead, an equipment rental company which has most of its sales in the US. The second biggest contributor was Swire Pacific, the Hong Kong-based conglomerate.

The biggest relative detractor versus the benchmark was having an underweight position in HSBC, followed by the position in BAE Systems.

In terms of trading activity, we took some profits from the holding in BAE Systems, given the strong performance of its share price over the last three years. We retained a core position in the company given what we see as its positive prospects. In the oil sector, we added to the holding in Shell, which has been executing well in its business operations and has a large share buyback programme (typically seen as positive as share buybacks demonstrate a company's confidence in its own future).

### Manager outlook

Some two-thirds of revenues earned by companies that we invest in are from outside the UK, which provides useful diversification. However, there is considerable uncertainty for the global economy given ongoing geopolitical tensions. Nonetheless, we think the valuation of UK equities is compelling compared to their equivalents overseas, possibly due to the low allocation from domestic, institutional investors. In particular, we find the dividend yield of UK equities attractive relative to the main alternatives.

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# Glossary

#### Discount/Premium

The amount by which the price per share of an investment company is either lower (at a discount) or higher (at a premium) than the net asset value per share (cum income), expressed as a percentage of the net asset value per share.

### Gearing

The effect of borrowing money for investment purposes (financial gearing). The amount a company can "gear" is the amount it can borrow in order to invest. Gearing is used in the expectation that the returns on the investments bought will exceed the costs of the borrowings that funded the purchase. This Company can also use synthetic gearing through derivatives and foreign exchange hedging and/or other non-fully funded instruments or techniques.

### Leverage

The Company's leverage is the sum of financial gearing and synthetic gearing. Details of the Company's leverage limits can be found in both the Key Information Document and Annual Report. Where a company utilises leverage, the profits and losses incurred by the company can be greater than those of a company that does not use leverage.

#### Market capitalisation

Share price multiplied by the number of shares in issue, excluding treasury shares, at month end. Shares typically priced mid-market at month-end closing.

### Net Asset Value (NAV)

The total value of a Company's assets less its liabilities.

#### NAV (Cum Income)

The value of investments and cash, including current year revenue, less liabilities (prior charges such as loans, debenture stock and preference shares at fair value).

#### NAV (Ex Income)

The value of investments and cash, excluding current year revenue, less liabilities (prior charges such as loans, debenture stock and preference shares at fair value).

#### NAV total return

The theoretical total return on shareholders' funds per share reflecting the change in Net Asset Value (NAV) assuming that dividends paid to shareholders were reinvested at NAV at the time the shares were quoted ex-dividend. A way of measuring investment management performance of investment trusts which is not affected by movements in discounts/premiums.

#### Net assets

Total assets minus any liabilities such as bank loans or creditors.

#### Net cash

A company's net exposure to cash/cash equivalents expressed as a percentage of shareholders' funds, after any offset against its gearing. This is only shown for companies that have gearing in place.

#### Net gearing

A company's total assets (less cash/cash equivalents) divided by shareholders' funds expressed as a percentage.

### **Ongoing charges**

The total expenses for the financial year (excluding performance fee), divided by the average daily net assets, multiplied by 100.

#### Share price

Closing mid-market share price at month end.

#### Share price total return

The theoretical total return to the investor assuming that all dividends received were reinvested in the shares of the company at the time the shares were quoted ex-dividend. Transaction costs are not taken into account.

#### Total assets

Cum Income NAV multiplied by the number of shares, plus prior charges at fair value.

#### Yield

Calculated by dividing the current financial year's dividends per share (this will include prospective dividends) by the current price per share, then multiplying by 100 to arrive at a percentage figure.

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### Company specific risks

- This Company is suitable to be used as one component of several within a diversified investment portfolio. Investors should consider carefully the proportion of their portfolio invested in this Company.
- Active management techniques that have worked well in normal market conditions could prove ineffective or negative for performance at other times.
- The Company could lose money if a counterparty with which it trades becomes unwilling or unable to meet its obligations to the Company.
- Shares can lose value rapidly, and typically involve higher risks than bonds or money market instruments. The value of your investment may fall as a result.
- The return on your investment is directly related to the prevailing market price of the Company's shares, which will trade at a varying discount (or premium) relative to the value of the underlying assets of the Company. As a result, losses (or gains) may be higher or lower than those of the Company's assets.
- If a Company's portfolio is concentrated towards a particular country or geographical region, the investment carries greater risk than a portfolio that is diversified across more countries.
- Where the Company invests in assets that are denominated in currencies other than the base currency, the currency exchange rate movements may cause the value of investments to fall as well as rise.
- The Company may use gearing (borrowing to invest) as part of its investment strategy. If the Company utilises its ability to gear, the profits and losses incurred by the Company can be greater than those of a Company that does not use gearing.
- All or part of the Company's management fee is taken from its capital. While this allows more income to be paid, it may also restrict capital growth or even result in capital erosion over time.

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