

# The Mercantile Investment Trust plc

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## Objective:

The Company aims to achieve long-term capital growth through investing in a diversified portfolio of UK medium and smaller companies. It pays quarterly dividends and aims to grow its dividend at least in line with inflation. The Company's gearing policy is to operate within a range of 10% net cash to 20% geared. Gearing may magnify gains or losses experienced by the Company.

<b>Portfolio manager(s)</b> Guy Anderson (2012) Anthony Lynch (2012)	<b>Share price</b> 216.5p	<b>Actual gearing</b> 15.1%
<b>Company Broker(s)</b> Cavendish / Winterflood Securities	<b>NAV</b> 246.5p	<b>Company fees &amp; expenses Ongoing Charges</b> 0.46%
<b>Benchmark</b> FTSE All-Share (ex FTSE 8 Dec 1884 100, ex Inv Companies) (£)	<b>Company launch</b>	<b>Annual management fee</b> 0.45% on Market Cap
<b>Company assets</b> £ 2189.2m	<b>Discount(-)/ Premium</b> -12.2%	<b>Performance fee</b> No
<b>Dividends paid</b> February, May, August and November	<b>Potential gearing range</b> -10% to 20%	

## ESG information

### ESG approach - Integrated

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## Company ratings

Morningstar Category™ UK Mid-Cap Equity

FE Crown Fund 

## Performance

- 1 Share Price
- 2 Net asset value
- 3 Benchmark: FTSE All-Share (ex FTSE 100, ex Inv Companies) (£)

### Quarterly rolling 12-month performance (%)

As at end of December 2023

	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
1	53.93	-2.28	11.27	-25.87	19.79
2	40.35	-5.19	24.68	-22.57	12.63
3	28.95	-7.31	19.79	-18.31	10.05

### Cumulative performance (%)

	Cumulative				Annualised			
	1 month	3 months	1 year	YTD	3 years	5 years	10 years	
1	1.17	6.31	4.80	-2.26	0.00	5.10	5.80	
2	0.69	7.70	4.27	0.53	2.06	5.44	5.78	
3	-2.07	5.43	-1.22	-3.60	-0.08	2.50	3.64	

## GROWTH OF £ 10,000 Calendar years

### YIELD AND DIVIDEND HISTORY

Prospective dividend yield: 3.3%

Total dividend for last financial year: 7.15p

Financial year end: 31 January

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total dividend per share (p)	6.30	6.60	6.70	6.90	7.15

## Portfolio analysis

Measurement	3 years	5 years
Correlation	0.96	0.98
Alpha (%)	0.20	0.25
Beta	1.06	1.09
Annualised volatility (%)	19.45	23.28
Sharpe ratio	0.16	0.33
Tracking error (%)	5.56	5.22
Information ratio	0.44	0.66

## Holdings

Top 10	Sector	% of assets
Bellway	Consumer Discretionary	4.2
Intermediate Capital	Financials	3.8
Softcat	Technology	3.3
3i Group	Financials	2.8
Inchcape	Industrials	2.8
Cranswick	Consumer Staples	2.7
Dunelm	Consumer Discretionary	2.6
Bytes	Technology	2.6
Games Workshop	Consumer Discretionary	2.5
Rotork	Industrials	2.5

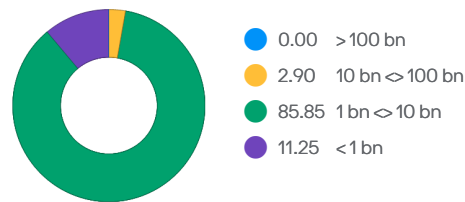
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### ESG

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Market cap (%) (GBP)



Sectors (%)	Compared to benchmark
Industrials	26.8 +3.4
Consumer Discretionary	24.0 +3.5
Financials	19.9 +0.1
Technology	10.5 +5.0
Consumer Staples	7.1 +1.7
Real Estate	4.5 -9.9
Basic Materials	2.6 -1.3
Energy	1.3 -1.3
Telecommunications	1.2 +0.3
Health Care	0.0 -1.9
Utilities	0.0 -1.7
Cash	2.1 +2.1

Key risks

External factors may cause an entire asset class to decline in value. Prices and values of all shares or all bonds and income could decline at the same time, or fluctuate in response to the performance of individual companies and general market conditions. This Company may utilise gearing (borrowing) which will exaggerate market movements both up and down. This Company may also invest in smaller companies which may increase its risk profile. The share price may trade at a discount to the Net Asset Value of the Company. The single market in which the Company primarily invests, in this case the UK, may be subject to particular political and economic risks and, as a result, the Company may be more volatile than more broadly diversified companies. Companies listed on AIM tend to be smaller and early stage companies and may carry greater risks than an investment in a Company with a full listing on the London Stock Exchange.

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Performance information

Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management/Morningstar. Net asset value performance (NAV) data has been calculated on a NAV to NAV basis, including ongoing charges and any applicable fees, with any income reinvested, in GBP. NAV is the cum income NAV with debt at fair value, diluted for treasury and/or subscription shares if applicable, with any income reinvested. Share price performance figures are calculated on a mid market basis in GBP with income reinvested on the ex-dividend date. The performance of the company's portfolio, or NAV performance, is not the same as share price performance and shareholders may not realise returns which are the same as NAV performance. Prospective dividend yield is for the investment trust's current financial year. It is indicative only and based on the latest month end mid-market price and the declared and net prospective dividends for the current financial year.

Holdings information

Market Cap excludes cash.

Information Sources

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