Murray Income Trust PLC

An investment trust founded in 1923 aiming for high and growing income with capital growth

Performance Data and Analytics to 29 February 2024

Investment objective

To achieve a high and growing income combined with capital growth through investment in a portfolio principally of UK equities.

Benchmark

FTSE All-Share Index.

Cumulative performance (%)

	as at 29/02/24	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years
Share Price	821.0p	(1.6)	1.2	2.4	(0.4)	13.6	34.1
NAV[A]	907.0p	(0.0)	3.3	3.3	2.4	21.4	36.2
FTSE All-Share		0.2	3.3	3.9	0.6	25.2	27.7

Discrete performance (%)

	29/02/24	28/02/23	28/02/22	28/02/21	29/02/20
Share Price	(0.4)	7.0	6.5	3.7	13.8
NAV[A]	2.4	5.9	11.9	3.7	8.2
FTSE All-Share	0.6	7.3	16.0	3.5	(1.4)

Five year dividend table (p)

Financial year	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total dividend (p)	37.50	36.00	34.50	34.25	34.00

Total return; NAV to NAV, net income reinvested, GBP. Share price total return is on a mid-to-mid basis.
Dividend calculations are to reinvest as at the ex-dividend date. NAV returns based on NAVs with debt valued at fair value.
Source: abrdn Investments Limited, Lipper and Morningstar.
Past performance is not a guide to future results.

Morningstar Rating™

★★★★

[B] **Morningstar Rating™ for Funds**
Morningstar rates funds from one to five stars based on how well they've performed (after adjusting for risk and accounting for all sales charges) in comparison to similar funds.

Morningstar Sustainability Rating™

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Kepler GROWTH RATING

Twenty largest equity holdings (%)

RELX	6.0
Unilever	4.9
AstraZeneca	4.8
Diageo	4.6
BP	3.6
Sage	3.4
TotalEnergies	3.4
London Stock Exchange	3.3
Experian	3.0
Intermediate Capital	3.0
BHP	2.5
National Grid	2.5
Oversea-Chinese Banking	2.3
Rentokil Initial	2.2
Howden Joinery	2.1
Convatec	2.1
Microsoft Corp	2.0
Inchcape	2.0
Anglo American	1.9
SSE	1.9
Total	**61.3**

All sources (unless indicated): abrdn: 29 February 2024.

[A] Including current year revenue.
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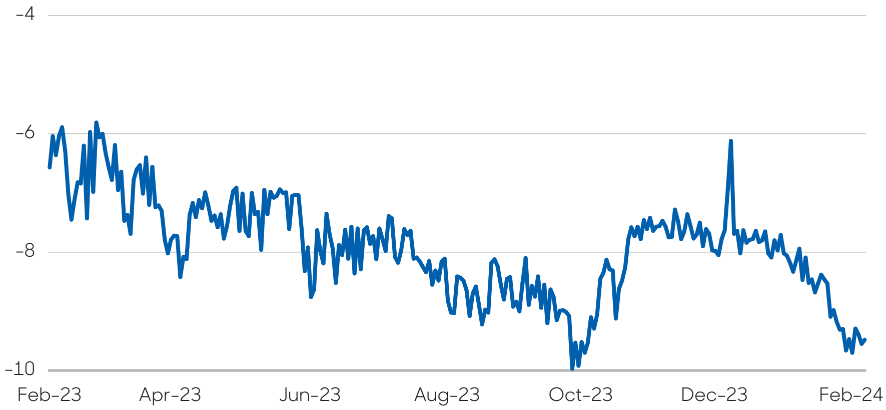
1 year Premium/(Discount) Chart (%)



Fund managers' report

Market commentary

Global equities rose in February as investors were encouraged by strong economic data and good quarterly results from US technology giants. The MSCI World Index returned 4.3% in February (on a total return basis in US dollars). Economic data in the UK also showed signs of improvement and UK shares eked out a small gain over the month. The more domestically focused FTSE 250 Index lagged the FTSE 100 Index. Government bond yields rose again in February, as analysts' hopes of imminent rate cuts began to look overly optimistic. Commodities rose in aggregate in the month, with oil driven higher by continued tensions in the Middle East and rumours that the OPEC+ group of oil-producing nations was considering extending production cuts.

The Bank of England ("BoE") was the only major central bank to meet in February and the Monetary Policy Committee held rates unchanged, with Governor Andrew Bailey indicating the next move would be downwards. Growth data for the final quarter of 2023 showed that GDP contracted by 0.3% over the period, although BoE officials said data in 2024 had shown improvement. The Consumer Price Index inflation reading for January showed prices rising by 4.0% year on year, while annual core inflation was recorded at 5.1%; both figures were below analysts' estimates. The BoE sees UK inflation as on course to fall to its 2% target in the first half of 2024, before rising again later in the year.

Performance

The benchmark FTSE All-Share Index returned approximately 0.2% in February on a total return basis. The portfolio very modestly underperformed the benchmark by approximately 0.2% on a gross assets basis. At a sector level, the portfolio's overweight position in the Technology sector and underweight exposure to the Consumer Staples sector contributed most positively to relative performance. The higher exposure than the benchmark to the Industrials and Healthcare sectors and lower exposure to the Financials sector detracted from relative performance.

Fund managers' report continues overleaf

[C] Expressed as a percentage of average daily net assets for the year ended 30 June 2023. The Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) is the overall cost shown as a percentage of the value of the assets of the Company. It is made up of the Annual Management Fee and other charges. It does not include any costs associated with buying shares in the Company or the cost of buying and selling stocks within the Company. The OCF can help you compare the annual operating expenses of different companies.
[D] The management fee is 0.55% per annum on net assets up to £350m, 0.45% per annum on net assets between £350m and £450m, and 0.25% per annum on net assets above £450m.
[E] Calculated using the Company's historic net dividends and month end share price.
[F] Net gearing is defined as a percentage, with net debt (total debt less cash/cash equivalents) divided by shareholders' funds.
[G] The 'Active Share' percentage is a measure used to describe what proportion of the Company's holdings differ from the benchmark index holdings.

Total number of investments	51

Sector allocation (%)

Financials	19.6
Industrials	15.7
Consumer Discretionary	12.9
Consumer Staples	11.6
Health Care	11.4
Energy	7.0
Technology	5.4
Basic Materials	4.5
Utilities	4.4
Telecommunications	1.9
Real Estate	1.5
Cash	4.1
Total	**100.0**

Figures may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

Key information Calendar

Year end	30 June
Accounts published	September
Annual General Meeting	November
Dividend paid	March, June, September and December
Established	1923
Fund manager	Charles Luke
Ongoing charges[C]	0.50%
Annual management fee[D]	0.55% per annum on the first £350m of net assets, 0.45% on the next £100m and 0.25% on the excess over £450m.
Premium/(Discount)	(9.5)%
Yield[E]	4.9%
Net cash/(gearing)[F]	(7.3)%
Net cash/(gearing) with debt at market value[F]	(6.4)%
Active share[G]	68.7%

AIFMD Leverage Limits

Gross Notional	2.5x
Commitment	2x

Fund managers' report – continued

At the stock level, not holding Glencore, Reckitt Benckiser and Rio Tinto had the largest positive impact on relative performance. Of stocks held, the positions in Intermediate Capital and Direct Line contributed most positively in February. Intermediate Capital continued to perform well after reporting a rise in assets under management. Direct Line rose sharply on reports insurer Ageas was considering a takeover bid. On the other hand, the holdings in Close Brothers and Genus detracted most from relative performance. Close Brothers declined on the announcement that it would waive its dividend to build capital in anticipation of potential customer redress in relation to historical motor finance commission arrangements. Genus issued a profit warning highlighting weakness in its China operations in both porcine and bovine.

Trading

In the banking sector, the position in Standard Chartered was exited with proceeds reinvested into a new position in HSBC which has an attractive dividend yield and we see as a higher quality company in the sector which is less exposed to lower interest rates. The holding in Vistry continued to be reduced given the low likelihood of dividend payments, with the company instead favouring buybacks. Proceeds were used to initiate a new position in Berkeley Group, a higher quality housebuilder with a stronger balance sheet which we prefer in the sector. The position in Close Brothers was reduced due to the potential risk to the company as the FCA launched a review of motor finance practices in the industry. The holding in GSK was added to while Nestle and TotalEnergies were trimmed to manage position sizes of non-UK listed holdings. We continued to write options to gently increase the income available to the fund including calls in Experian, Microsoft, RELX, and Sage.

Outlook

We expect the sharp monetary policy tightening over the past 18 months to lead to a slowdown in global economic growth in 2024. Inflation is expected to continue to trend downwards but still remains higher than BoE targets and a key focus for markets will be on interest rate cutting cycles and when and how quickly they get under way. We expect the BoE will start to cut rates in mid-2024, which will also see heightened political risk with a number of significant elections while geopolitical risk is likely to remain elevated.

The portfolio is full of high quality, predominantly global businesses capable of delivering appealing long term earnings and dividend growth at a modest valuation. Our focus on quality companies should provide protection through a downturn: those companies with pricing power, high margins and strong balance sheets are better placed to navigate a more challenging economic environment and emerge in a strong position. Furthermore, these quality characteristics are helpful in underpinning the portfolio's income generation.

The valuations of UK-listed companies remain attractive on a relative and absolute basis. Apart from the global financial crisis in 2008/2009 the UK market's current earnings multiple is near its lowest point for 30 years. The UK stock market is cheap in absolute terms, relative to history and also relative to global equities. Investors are earning global income at a knock-down price. Moreover, the dividend yield of the UK market remains at an appealing premium to other regional equity markets.

In summary, we feel optimistic that our long-term focus on investments in high quality companies with robust competitive positions and strong balance sheets, which are led by experienced management teams, will be capable of delivering premium earnings and dividend growth.

The risk outlined overleaf relating to gearing is particularly relevant to this trust, but should be read in conjunction with all warnings and comments given. Important information overleaf

Assets/Debt (£m)

Gross Assets	£'000	%
Equities - UK	822,948	85.8
- Overseas	212,964	22.2
Total investments	1,035,912	108.0
Cash & cash equivalents	44,052	4.7
Other net assets	(6,823)	(0.7)
Short-term borrowings	(6,402)	(0.7)
Loan notes	(108,096)	(11.3)
Net assets	**958,643**	**100.0**

Capital structure

Ordinary shares	107,393,782
Treasury shares	12,135,750

Trading details

Reuters/Epic/ Bloomberg code	MUT
ISIN code	GB0006111123
Sedol code	0611112
Stockbrokers	Investec
Market makers	SETSmm

Factsheet

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- The value of investments, and the income from them, can go down as well as up and investors may get back less than the amount invested.
- Past performance is not a guide to future results.
- Investment in the Company may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within 5 years.
- The Company may borrow to finance further investment (gearing). The use of gearing is likely to lead to volatility in the Net Asset Value (NAV) meaning that any movement in the value of the company's assets will result in a magnified movement in the NAV.
- The Company may accumulate investment positions which represent more than normal trading volumes which may make it difficult to realise investments and may lead to volatility in the market price of the Company's shares.
- The Company may charge expenses to capital which may erode the capital value of the investment.
- Derivatives may be used, subject to restrictions set out for the Company, in order to manage risk and generate income. The market in derivatives can be volatile and there is a higher than average risk of loss.
- There is no guarantee that the market price of the Company's shares will fully reflect their underlying Net Asset Value.
- As with all stock exchange investments the value of the Company's shares purchased will immediately fall by the difference between the buying and selling prices, the bid-offer spread. If trading volumes fall, the bid-offer spread can widen.
- Certain trusts may seek to invest in higher yielding securities such as bonds, which are subject to credit risk, market price risk and interest rate risk. Unlike income from a single bond, the level of income from an investment trust is not fixed and may fluctuate.
- Yields are estimated figures and may fluctuate, there are no guarantees that future dividends will match or exceed historic dividends and certain investors may be subject to further tax on dividends.

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