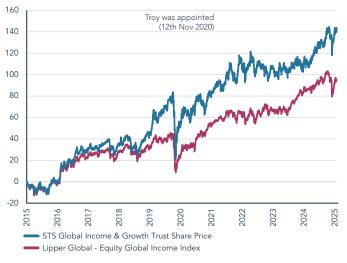
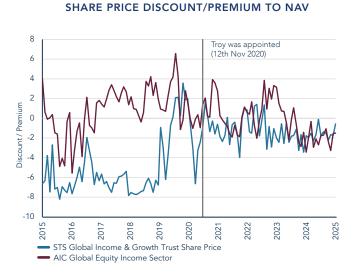


The investment objective of the Trust is to achieve rising income and long-term capital growth through investment in a balanced portfolio constructed from global equities.

| PRICES  | NAV<br>(EX INC) | PREMIUM/<br>DISCOUNT | YIELD*                           | TOTAL NET/<br>GROSS ASSETS |
|---------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 239.00p | 238.29p         | -0.6%                | 2.6%<br>*historic dividend yield | £296m/£311m                |

# PERCENTAGE GROWTH 31/05/2015 - 31/05/2025





#### Source: Lipper

| Total Return to 31 May 2025                  | Since Troy<br>Appt* | 31/05/20<br>5 years | 31/05/22<br>3 years | 31/05/24<br>1 year | 30/11/24<br>6 months |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| STS Global Income & Growth Trust Share Price | +39.5%              | +51.9%              | +15.7%              | +17.1%             | +5.7%                |
| STS Global Income & Growth Trust NAV         | +37.2%              | +55.7%              | +17.3%              | +15.6%             | +4.4%                |
| Lipper Global – Equity Global Income Index   | +38.9%              | +51.3%              | +18.5%              | +5.6%              | -0.7%                |

Source: LSEG Workspace

| Discrete Annual Total Returns   | 2014  | 2015  | 2016   | 2017   | 2018  | 2019         | 2020  | 2021   | 2022  | 2023  | 2024  | 2025<br>YTD |
|---|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|
| STS Global Income & Growth Trust Share Price  | +0.8% | -5.4% | +35.8% | +6.8%  | -7.9% | +39.3%       | +3.1% | +15.4% | -0.4% | -0.7% | +9.7% | +7.2%       |
| STS Global Income & Growth Trust NAV  | +4.1% | +0.2% | +28.5% | +11.9% | -8.2% | +27.4%       | +3.7% | +17.6% | -2.1% | +2.4% | +9.2% | +6.3%       |
| *Troy appointed Investment Manager 12 November 2020 Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Source: Lipp |       |       |        |        |       | urce: Lipper |       |        |       |       |       |             |

# May Commentary

The Trust produced a Net Asset Value total return of +3.0% during the month and a price total return of +4.2%, compared to a return of +3.4% for the Lipper Global – Equity Global Income Index.

We spent several days this month in the US at a conference meeting companies. As ever one cannot fail to be impressed by the sheer scale, dynamism and competitive zeal of US corporates and the wider economy. Several current and potential investments for the strategy and the Troy investment universe were present and we came away with plenty to think about.

In addition to the individual company presentations, a few themes stood out. First was the apparent disconnect between the uncertainty surrounding the current macro-economic backdrop and what companies were seeing at the micro level. While there was widespread angst relating to tariffs, the unpredictability of policymaking and the stress on the consumer, this had yet to show up in end demand. This paradox was summed up well by Steve Squeri, the highly regarded CEO of American Express, who said sentiment surveys were depressed while consumption remained robust – or as he put it, people were "complaining as they go spend". Maybe this is a comment on modern life, but it does seem that one way or another this divergence will have to be bridged either by sentiment improving or spending slowing.

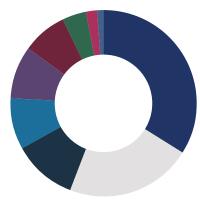
Second was the extent to which companies are thinking hard about how to deploy AI in their business to make meaningful productivity improvements and cost savings. Ironically while AI is likely to be a highly disruptive force in the economy, it seems the companies that are best placed to be able to exploit the technology are the large incumbent businesses. This contrasts with the internet where often the opposite was the case.

Third, it was notable how prominent a role was played by Private Equity and Private Credit companies. On our reckoning it was the single best represented sector by number of companies present and the most optimistic on the outlook for their industry. While we acknowledge that these companies have formidable competitive advantages and very profitable business models, our contrarian streak cannot help but be triggered by this occurrence. Perhaps we have seen "peak private" for this cycle.

Finally, and remarkably, not one company mentioned the word "Trump".



### ASSET ALLOCATION BY SECTOR



Source: Factset. Asset Allocation subject to change

ASSET ALLOCATION BY REGION

# Consumer Staples 34%

- Industrials 22%
- Consumer Discretionary 11%
- Financials 9%
- Information Technology 9%
- Health Care 8%
- Communication Services 4%

North America 44%United Kingdom 30%

Europe ex UK 19%Japan 4%

Cash 1%

Asia/Pacific ex Japan 2%

- Real Estate 2%
- Cash 1%

### **TOP 10 HOLDINGS**

| Philip Morris            | 5.9%   |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Paychex                  | 5.8%   |
| British American Tobacco | 5.7%   |
| CME Group                | 5.6%   |
| Reckitt Benckiser        | 4.4%   |
| Microsoft                | 4.2%   |
| Amadeus IT               | 4.2%   |
| Nintendo                 | 4.0%   |
| Novartis                 | 3.8%   |
| Admiral Group            | 3.7%   |
| Total Top 10             | 47.3%  |
| 21 Other Equity holdings | 51.7%  |
| Cash                     | 1.0%   |
| TOTAL                    | 100.0% |
|                          |        |

Source: Factset. Holdings subject to change.

# FUND MANAGER AWARDS



Source: Factset. Asset Allocation subject to change

## TRUST INFORMATION

| Structure<br>London Listed Investment Trust           |   |
|---|---|
| Board<br>Chairman                                     | John Evans                                  |
| Senior Independent Director<br>Non-Executive Director | Sarah Harvey<br>Alexandra Innes             |
| Non-Executive Director                                | Gillian Elcock                              |
| Non-Executive Director                                | Bridget Guerin                              |
| Non-Executive Director                                | Brigid Sutcliffe                            |
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| Co-Manager  | James Harries                               |
| Co-Manager  | Tomasz Boniek                               |
| Benchmark   | Lipper Global Equity<br>Global Income Index |

| Capital Structure<br>Shares with voting rights<br>Shares held in treasury | 119,815,415<br>55,372,770 |
|---|---------------------------|
| Net Assets  | f296m                     |
| Gross Assets  | £311m                     |
| Ongoing Charges (estimated)*  |                           |
| Ordinary shares:  | 0.77%                     |
| (31.03.2025)  |                           |
| Management Fee  | 0.55% on first £250m      |
|   | 0.50% above £250m         |
| Allocation of Expense   | Capital 65%               |
| and Interest  | Revenue 35%               |
| Mandate Established   | 2005                      |
| Year End  | 31 March                  |
| Premium (Discount)  | -0.6%                     |
| Gearing   | 4%                        |
| Currency  | £ Sterling                |
|   |                           |

| Historic Dividend Yield   |                                       |  |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| (trailing 12 months)      | 2.55%                                 |  |
| 25 Interim                | 1.59p                                 |  |
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| 24 Final                  | 1.53p                                 |  |
| Dividend Payments         | January, April, July, October         |  |
| Market Makers:            | JPMORGAN, NUMIS,                      |  |
|                           | WINTERFLOOD,                          |  |
|                           | INVESTEC,                             |  |
|                           | PANMURE, PEEL HUNT                    |  |
| Bloomberg/Epic/           |                                       |  |
| Reuters Code              | STS                                   |  |
| Sedol                     | B09G3N2                               |  |
| AIFM                      | Juniper Partners Limited              |  |
| Pricing                   | Share price is listed daily in the FT |  |
| Auditor Ernst & Young LLP |                                       |  |
|                           |                                       |  |



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

\* The merger with Troy Income & Growth Trust plc completed in March 2024 and the full impact of this will be reflected in the OCF calculated as at 31 March 2025. It is estimated that the ongoing charges ratio for STS will reduce to approximately 0.77% for the year to 31 March 2025, including the associated management fee adjustment, compared with 0.96% before the acquisition and fee adjustment.

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