

Murray International Trust PLC



Investment objective

The primary aim is to achieve a total return greater than its benchmark by investing predominantly in equities worldwide. Within this objective, the manager will seek to increase the Company's revenues in order to maintain an above average dividend yield.

Benchmark

40% FTSE World UK and 60% FTSE World ex UK.

Cumulative performance (%)

	as at 31/12/09	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years
Share Price	765.5p	0.6	3.5	25.2	35.2	37.2	107.6
NAV ^A	755.4p	3.9	4.8	27.7	27.6	28.2	91.2
Composite Benchmark		3.9	4.4	27.3	22.5	4.3	40.6

Discrete performance (%)

Year ending:	31/12/09	31/12/08	31/12/07	31/12/06	31/12/05
Share Price	35.2	(8.1)	10.5	13.3	33.5
NAV ^A	27.6	(12.6)	14.9	13.9	31.0
Composite Benchmark	22.5	(21.7)	8.7	9.3	23.4

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 par. Source: Aberdeen Asset Managers Limited, Factset and Morningstar.

^A Excluding current year revenue.

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of shares may go down as well as up and an investor may not get back the amount invested.

Fund managers' report

Background

The health of the global economy continued to improve modestly during the period, albeit at a chronically slow pace. Manufacturing and Industrial activity gathered some momentum, causing commodity markets to tighten sharply. Unfortunately stubbornly high unemployment, ongoing credit contraction and negative real income growth in the developed world continued to constrain overall global GDP growth.

Performance

Global financial markets ended the year on a fairly upbeat note. Global equities recorded positive returns as fund flows into the asset class remained strong, and corporate bonds maintained their good performance of previous months. Conversely sovereign bonds in the US and UK completed a wretched year for returns, suffering their worst calendar year performance for over thirty years.

Activity

Additional cash added to the existing holding in British American Tobacco was the only activity during the month.

Outlook

Although it could be argued that our concerns over the withdrawal of unorthodox policies and potential tightening of monetary policy are premature, we make no apologies for labouring the point. The risks associated with these are rising because the current emergency policy directives and low level of interest rates cannot continue indefinitely. Global diversification based on companies with quality earnings and dividend streams remain core to current portfolio positioning and investment strategy.

The risks outlined overleaf relating to gearing, exchange rate movements and emerging markets are particularly relevant to this trust but should be read in conjunction with all warnings and comments given.

Twenty largest equity holdings

	% of net assets
Petrobras	4.0
British American Tobacco ^B	3.8
Unilever Indonesia	3.2
Souza Cruz	3.0
Standard Chartered	3.0
Tenaris	2.9
Aeropuertos del Sureste	2.6
PTT Exploration and Production	2.6
Nordea Bank	2.6
QBE Insurance	2.5
Vale	2.4
Taiwan Mobile	2.2
Rio Tinto	2.2
Schneider Electric	2.0
Schlumberger	1.9
Public Bank	1.9
Total	1.9
Telecomunicacoes de Sao Paulo	1.9
PetroChina	1.8
Roche	1.8
Total	50.2

^B Consolidates all holdings from same issuer

Ten largest fixed income holdings

	% of net assets
Rio Tinto Finance 6.5% 15/07/2018	1.6
Telefonica Emisiones 5.375% 02/02/2018	1.4
Pemex Project Funding Master 7.75% 29/09/2049	1.3
Imperial Tobacco Finance 5.5% 22/11/2016	1.3
Portugal Telecom Int Fin 4.5% 16/06/25	1.2
Vale Overseas Limited 6.875% 21/11/2036	1.2
Indonesia Recapital Bond 13.15% 15/03/2010	0.9
Venezuela (Rep of) 8.5% 08/10/2014	0.8
Mexico 10.5% 14/07/2011	0.8
Petrobras International Finance 8.375% 10/12/2018	0.5
Total	11.0

Total number of investments

Equity Holdings	63
Fixed Income Holdings	14
Total	77

Portfolio analysis

	% of net assets
Equities	
Europe ex UK	22.4
Pacific ex Japan	21.9
Latin America & Emerging Markets	14.8
United Kingdom	14.0
North America	9.4
Japan	6.0
Fixed Income	
North America	3.9
United Kingdom	2.9
Latin America & Emerging Markets	1.7
Europe ex UK	1.0
Pacific ex Japan	0.8
Cash and other assets	1.2
Total	100.0

Further information

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Key information

Calendar	
Year end	31 December
Accounts published	March
AGM	April
Dividend paid	February, May, August, November
Established	1907

Fund manager	Bruce Stout
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Total expense ratio^C	1.0%
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^C Expressed as a percentage of total costs (including performance fee) divided by average total assets.

Annual management fee^D	0.5%
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^D Plus performance, maximum annual management fee capped at 0.8%

Yield	3.34%
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Premium/(Discount)	1.34%
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Gearing^E	18.0%
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Assets	£m	%
Equities	771.1	106.4
Fixed income	89.2	12.3
Other net assets/(liabilities)	1.4	0.2

Gross assets	861.7	118.9
Debt	(136.7)	(18.9)

Net assets	725.0	100.0
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^E Gearing is expressed as a percentage of gross assets divided by net assets.

Capital structure	
Ordinary shares	94,896,624
B Ordinary shares	1,087,392

Allocation of expenses and interest	
Capital	70%
Revenue	30%

Trading details	
Bloomberg/Epic/Reuters code	MYI LN
Market makers	SETSmm
Stockbroker	Oriel Securities

Important information

Risk factors you should consider prior to investing:

- In common with most investment companies, investment trusts 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 a relatively small movement, down or up, in the value of a trust's assets will result in a magnified movement, in the same direction, of that NAV.
- Movements in exchange rates can impact on both the level of income received and the capital value of your investment. If the currency of your country of residence strengthens against the currency in which the underlying investments of the Trust are made, the value of your investment will reduce and vice versa.
- The value of shares and the income from them can go down as well as up and you may get back less than the amount invested.
- Past performance is not a guide to the future.
- There is no guarantee that the market price of shares in the Trust will fully reflect their underlying Net Asset Value.
- As with all stock exchange investments, the value of investment trust share purchased will immediately fall by the difference between the buying and selling prices, the bid-offer spread.
- The Trust invests in emerging markets which tend to be more volatile than mature markets and the value of your investment could move sharply up or down. In some circumstances the underlying investments may become illiquid which may constrain the Investment Manager's ability to realise some or all of the portfolio. The registration and settlement arrangements in emerging markets may be less developed than in more mature markets so the operational risks of investing are higher. Political risks and adverse economic circumstances are more likely to arise putting the value of your investment at risk.

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