



A three-tier strategy for long-term growth



Martin Currie Portfolio is one of the most popular investment trusts available through Alliance Trust Savings Limited. It is a favoured choice for pension and savings plan investors seeking a core long-term growth holding.

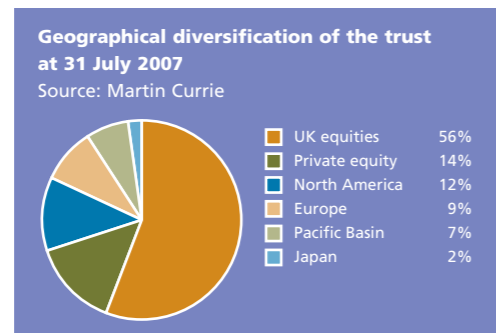
Designed specifically for private investors, Martin Currie Portfolio was launched in March 1999. Its objective is to achieve long-term capital growth by investing in a diversified portfolio of UK and international stocks. Because the trust is aimed mainly at UK-based investors, it invests principally in the UK, and measures its performance against the FTSE All-Share index.

The portfolio is managed by Martin Currie, a highly regarded specialist equity manager based in Edinburgh, and with offices in London, Shanghai and New York. In total, Martin Currie manages £14.1 billion in investment portfolios for clients around the world, including investment trusts, pension funds, charities and financial institutions. In 2007, Martin Currie was named Equity Manager of the Year by New York-based Global Money Management.

Martin Currie Portfolio's assets are spread across 61 individual holdings. This is sufficiently diversified to spread risk efficiently, but focused enough to allow the manager to take meaningful positions in the stocks with the greatest opportunity. The distinctive three-tiered strategy blends:

- 1 A focused UK equity portfolio – currently 56% of the portfolio;
- 2 The manager's best investment ideas in international companies – currently 30% of the portfolio;
- 3 At least 10% in private equity, an exciting alternative asset class, but one that few investors can access directly – currently 14% of the portfolio.

The chart below shows the geographical diversification of the trust at 31 July 2007.



Trust profile	At 31 July 2007
Objective	Long-term capital growth by investing in a diversified portfolio of UK and international stock markets
Performance benchmark	FTSE All-Share Index
AIC sector	Global Growth
Launch	1999
Number of countries	17
Number of holdings	61
Net assets	£196 million

Private equity is an asset class that is rarely included in UK private investors' portfolios, but which investors in Martin Currie Portfolio can benefit from. In essence, private equity is capital made available to private companies or investors. The funds raised might be used to develop new products and technologies, expand working capital, make acquisitions or strengthen a company's balance sheet. Private equity backed companies have been shown to grow faster than other types of companies. This is made possible by the provision of a combination of capital and experienced personal input from private equity executives – which sets private equity apart from other forms of finance.

Martin Currie Portfolio does not invest directly in privately owned companies, but instead blends a selection of the best private equity funds for inclusion in the trust. Although relatively small, at just 14% of overall assets, private equity has been a strong contributor to overall investment performance.

Martin Currie Portfolio has a strong and independent board that is directly accountable to the trust's 6,000 shareholders. Most of these are private investors with relatively modest investments. The independent oversight and strategic direction that the board provides has greatly benefited shareholders in the trust.

In February 2007, the board gave the manager scope to increase international investments beyond the previous ceiling of

25% of the portfolio. The decision reflected the board's belief that it is wrong to restrict investment freedom based on the country of a company's listing and recognised that many of the most exciting companies in the world are quoted on stock markets other than the UK. The exposure to overseas listed assets has now risen from 23% at the end of January to 30% at the end of July.

The board of Martin Currie Portfolio also pioneered the innovative use of discount protection mechanisms. This means that shareholders can sell back shares at net asset value (less costs) every five years, even if the share price in the market is lower. The next opportunity to do so will be after the annual general meeting of the company in 2009. In addition, every year, if the average discount is

more than 7.5% over the 12 weeks before each financial year-end, shareholders can redeem their shares at net asset value (less costs).

Such initiatives have resulted from engaging with shareholders at meetings and through regular correspondence. The board's commitment to the shareholders and the subsequent innovation could only have been achieved with the degree of oversight that a strong, independent board provides.

The performance of Martin Currie Portfolio has been excellent, and the managers have added significant value compared with the trust's benchmark, the FTSE All Share Index. The table below shows the cumulative performance of the trust's share price over periods to 31 July 2007, ranging from six months to five years.



Tom Walker
Manager
Martin Currie Portfolio Investment Trust

Tom Walker is the Martin Currie director responsible for Martin Currie Portfolio, a role he has fulfilled since 2000. He is a high-profile and award winning investment manager with 19 years' experience. Tom is supported by Martin Currie's deeply resourced regional and global sector research teams, which recommend stocks for inclusion in the portfolio.

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For more information about Martin Currie Portfolio Investment Trust, please visit the trust's website at www.martincurrieportfolio.com

Performance summary

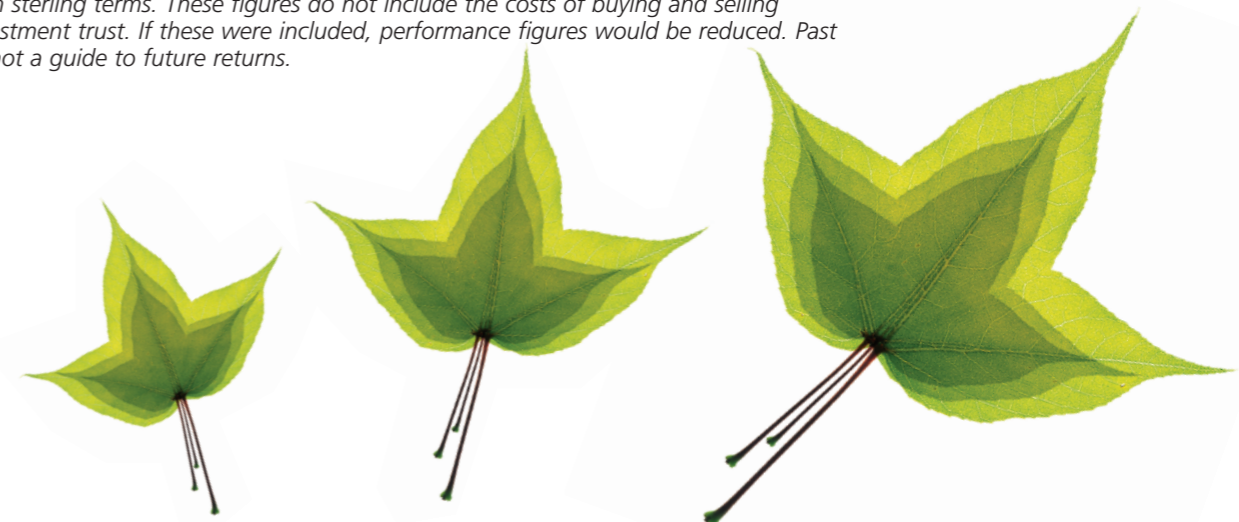
Cumulative periods to 31 July 2007

	Six months	One year	Three years	Five years
Martin Currie Portfolio share price	+7.1%	+17.7%	+79.1%	+120.3%
FTSE All Share Index	+4.3%	+12.9%	+65.2%	+89.0%

Discrete performance over 12 months to 31 July

	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Martin Currie Portfolio share price	+17.7%	+15.8%	+31.5%	+11.3%	+10.5%
FTSE All Share Index	+12.9%	+17.3%	+24.7%	+10.7%	+3.4%

Source: Martin Currie and Fundamental Data. Bid to bid basis with net income reinvested over the periods shown in sterling terms. These figures do not include the costs of buying and selling shares in an investment trust. If these were included, performance figures would be reduced. Past performance is not a guide to future returns.



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