

The Merchants Trust PLC

Key Information

Total Assets[†]	£678.9m
Gearing^{††} (net)	20.9%
No. of Shares[†] (Ordinary 25p)	103,759,877
Net asset value[†]	557.7p
Net asset value (debt at Market Value)[†]	533.1p
Premium/-discount to NAV[†]	-7.7%
Premium/-discount to NAV (debt at Market Value)[†]	-3.4%
Share price*	515.0p
AITC Sector	UK Income Growth
RIC	MRCH
Year end	31st January
Report and Accounts	Final posted in April, Interim posted in September
AGM	May
Dividends	February, May August and November
Price Information	Financial Times, The Daily Telegraph, www.allianzgi.co.uk
Board of Directors	Hugh Stevenson (Chairman), Sir John Banham, Dick Barfield, Sir Bob Reid, Joe Scott Plummer, James Sassoon
Investor services	020 7065 1407
Brochure request	0800 317 573

[†] Source: Allianz Global Investors as at 29.12.06
Investment trusts are quoted companies listed on the London Stock Exchange. Their share price is determined by factors including demand, or lack of, which means that the shares may trade below (at a discount to) or above (at a premium to) the underlying net asset value.

A trust's net asset value (NAV) is calculated as available shareholders' funds divided by the number of shares in issue, with shareholders' funds taken to be the net value of all the company's assets after deducting liabilities. In line with current industry best practice NAVs are shown that take into account the 'fair value' of debt. This means NAVs are calculated after allowing for the valuation of debt at fair value or current market price, rather than at final repayment value. NAVs with debt at market value provide a more realistic impact of the cost of debt, and thus a more realistic discount.

^{††} Source: Allianz Global Investors as at 29.12.06.
Please also refer to Trust Aim & Characteristics, above right.

* Source: Lipper as at 29.12.06

Trust aim & characteristics

The Trust's objective is to provide an above average level of income and income growth together with long term growth of capital through a policy of investing mainly in higher yielding UK FTSE 100 companies.

^{††} Merchants seeks to enhance returns for its shareholders through gearing, in the form of bank borrowings. Gearing can boost the Trust's returns when investments perform well, though losses can be magnified when investments do badly. You should be aware that this Trust may be subject to sudden and large falls in value and you could suffer substantial capital loss.

Fund Manager's Review

The stock market staged a year-end rally, driven by smaller companies, with the FTSE 100 Index up 2.9% in the month.

The Trust Performed well, and in particular the new holding in Britvic rose on bid speculation and both RHM and Premier Foods rallied after their announced merger. There were few significant under-performers in the month, although EMAP and Lonmin fell a little and not owning Xstrata (which was strong) had a small impact.

Recent economic statistics have been robust and this supports the corporate profits outlook, but does raise the risk of further interest rate rises. FTSE valuations are relatively attractive.

Looking ahead our focus remains on the largest companies which are lowly valued with attractive yields, and also on selected higher growth businesses where they fit our valuation criteria. Traditional yield sectors like tobacco and utilities offer less opportunities.

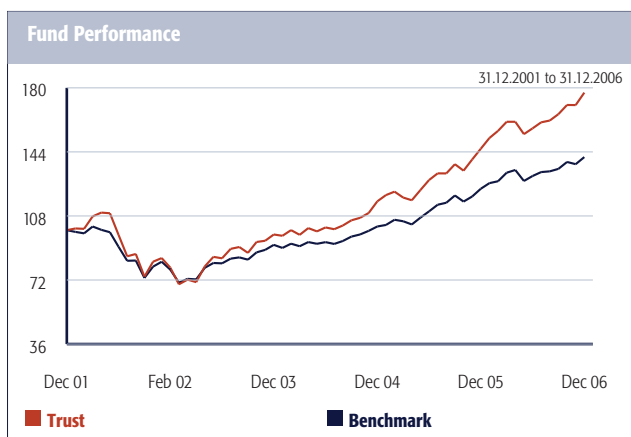
Top 10 holdings

Name	%
Royal Dutch Shell "B" Shares	8.0
BP	7.4
HSBC	6.4
Glaxosmithkline	5.9
Vodafone	4.9
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	4.3
Barclays	3.8
HBOS	3.7
Lloyds TSB Group	3.3
Anglo American	2.6
Total	50.3

Source: Allianz Global Investors as at 29.12.06



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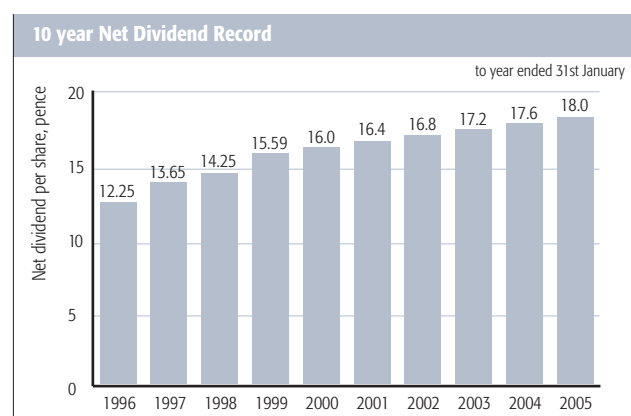


Source: Allianz Global Investors/ Russell/ Mellon. 31st December 2001 to 31st December 2006, Total Return, net income reinvested, calculation indexed. UK Sterling.

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of an investment and the income from it can fall as well as rise as a result of market fluctuations and you may not get back the amount originally invested. This investment trust charges 65% of its annual management fee to the capital account and 35% to revenue. This could lead to a higher level of income but a lower capital return.

Standardised Past Performance						
	From to	31/12/2001 31/12/2002	31/12/2002 31/12/2003	31/12/2003 31/12/2004	31/12/2004 30/12/2005	30/12/2005 29/12/2006
Share Price		-21.5%	18.9%	20.2%	22.1%	24.3%

Source: Allianz Global Investors/Lipper Hindsight. Discrete years, mid to mid, basic rate tax, based in UK sterling. Standardised past performance figures comply with the Financial Services Authority's regulations to enable investors to compare different products from different providers.



Source: Allianz Global Investors

History

The Trust was incorporated in February 1889, making it the oldest of the investment trusts in the Allianz Global Investors stable. Initially it principally invested in the fixed interest securities of railway companies in the USA, Canada and South America, with the remainder held in Government securities and companies such as Castlemain Brewery in New South Wales. The Trust now concentrates primarily upon major UK companies with an above average rate of dividend yield.

On 30th June 2006 a further 1,655,941 Ordinary shares were issued following the reconstruction and planned winding up of Allianz Dresdner Income Growth Investment Trust plc. The increase in assets was achieved at no cost to existing shareholders.

Launch Date: 1889 **Wind-up Date:** None

Share buybacks

230,000 shares have been repurchased for cancellation to date.