

### Investment objective

Capital and income growth from a diversified portfolio of investments in the Asia Pacific region designed to outperform the MSCI AC Asia Pacific Free Index (£).

### Monthly commentary

Equity markets regained their poise during April as investors appeared to focus on good corporate fundamentals as geo-political fears receded. Energy companies performed particularly well as the Brent Crude oil price breached \$75 per barrel for the first time since late 2014. Asian markets enjoyed mixed fortunes. Japan, India and Singapore all recorded returns in excess of 5% while China, Indonesia and Taiwan posted negative returns. Sterling slipped back after a 12 month long rally following disappointing UK economic data and ongoing Brexit uncertainty.

Witan Pacific's NAV total return of +2.6% marginally underperformed the +2.7% total return for the Benchmark. The share price total return was +2.8%. Over the first three months of the Company's financial

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Geo-political developments continue to dominate the headlines. Recent events centred on the Korean Peninsula and Iran are examples of

the unpredictable nature of the current environment, particularly under this most unconventional of US Presidents. It is too early to tell if there will be any lasting effects from either event but irrespective of the political impact, in all but the shortest time frames, markets tend to respond to economic rather than political drivers. In this regard, synchronised global growth is benefiting equities where corporate earnings are continuing to improve as faster growth boosts demand for products and services. Inflation, whilst higher than in recent years, remains low by historic standards. Markets have been more volatile this year as some central banks commence the withdrawal of monetary stimulus. However, equities offer attractive opportunities for patient and selective investors seeking exposure to an improving global growth environment. Recent thoughts on the historic summit between Kim Jong-un and Moon Jae-in can be found here: [www.witanpacific.com/news/rocket-man-lands-moon](http://www.witanpacific.com/news/rocket-man-lands-moon)

Further information about the Company is available on Witan Pacific's website, [www.witanpacific.com](http://www.witanpacific.com).

30 April 2018

### Trust statistics

Gross assets	Share price	NAV per ordinary Share <sup>†</sup>	Premium (Discount)	Yield <sup>*</sup>
£241m	327.00p	380.95p	(14.2%)	1.68%

Source: BNP Paribas as at 30.04.18.

<sup>†</sup> NAV is inclusive of income.

<sup>\*</sup> Based upon the total dividend for the financial year ending 31.01.18.

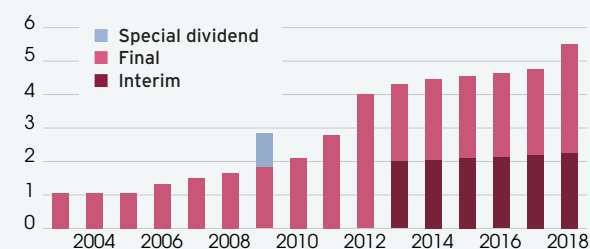
### Trust information

Epic Code	WPC
Sector	Far East - Including Japan
Trust Type	Conventional
Launch Date	1907
Financial Year End	31 January
Dividend Payment Dates	June, October
Last Ex Dividend Date	17 May 2018
AGM	June
Shares in Issue (excluding treasury)	63,200,234
Ongoing Charges <sup>†</sup>	
Including performance fee	0.99%
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Source: BNP Paribas as at 30.04.18. Since 28th March 2014 the Company's policy has been not to employ gearing. <sup>†</sup>Ongoing charges as disclosed in the Annual Report for the year ended 31.01.18.

### A history of dividend growth

#### Dividend history (pence per share)



#### Dividend schedule<sup>\*</sup>

Ex-div date	Pay date	Type	Amount per share
19.10.2017	30.10.2017	Interim 2018	2.25p
17.05.2018	18.06.2018	Final 2018	3.25p

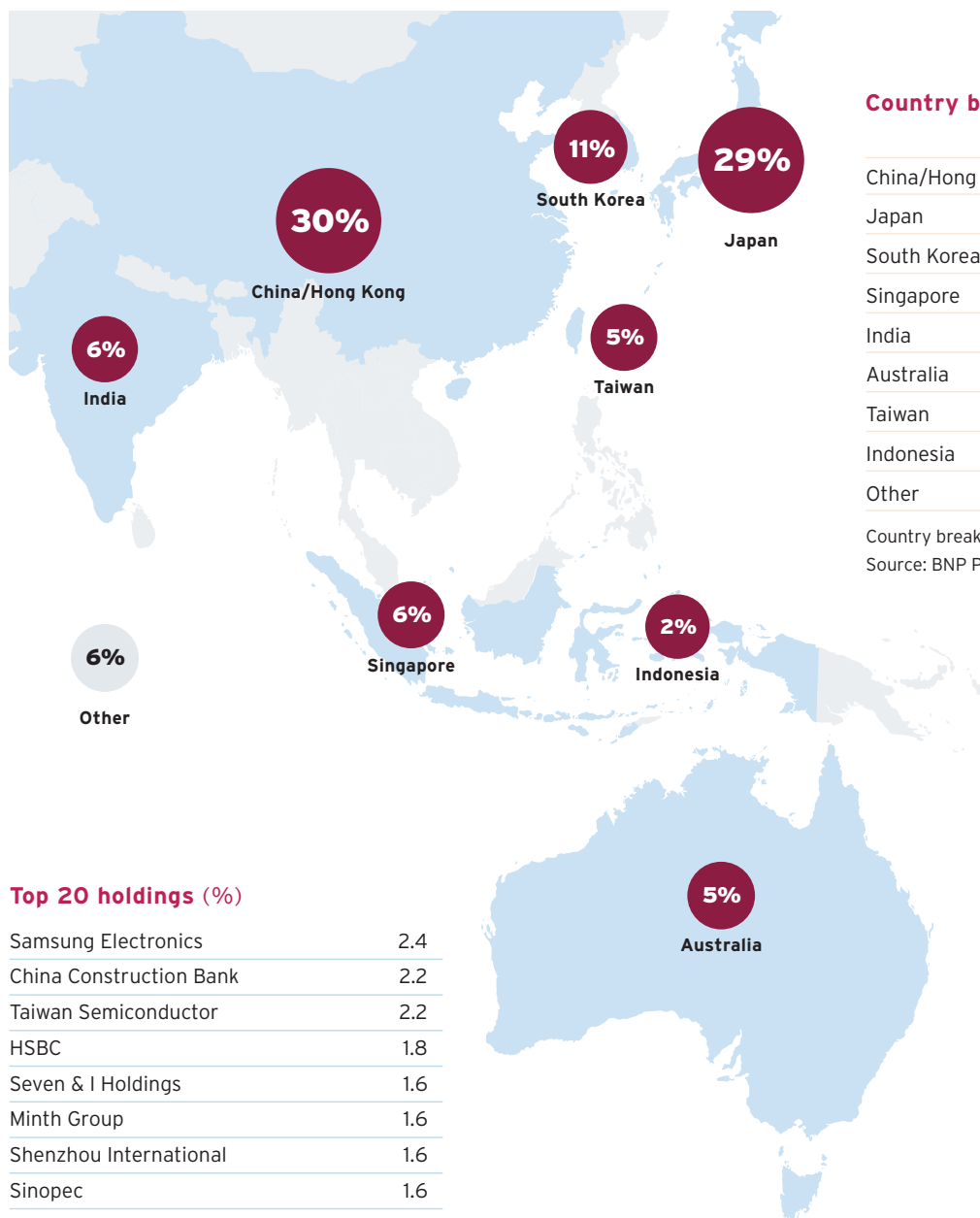
<sup>\*</sup>Please note that the dates and amounts for dividends not yet paid could be subject to change.



**\*Please remember, past performance is not a guide to future performance, and the value of shares and the income from them can rise and fall, so investors may not get back the amount originally invested. Net Asset Value ("NAV") performance is not the same as share price performance and investors may not realise returns the same as NAV performance.**

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## PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW



### Country breakdown (%)

	Trust	Index	Under/overweight
China/Hong Kong	30	23	
Japan	29	39	
South Korea	11	9	
Singapore	6	2	
India	6	5	
Australia	5	11	
Taiwan	5	7	
Indonesia	2	1	
Other	6	3	

Country breakdown excluding cash, rebased to 100.  
Source: BNP Paribas as at 30.04.18.

### Top 20 holdings (%)

Samsung Electronics	2.4
China Construction Bank	2.2
Taiwan Semiconductor	2.2
HSBC	1.8
Seven & I Holdings	1.6
Minth Group	1.6
Shenzhou International	1.6
Sinopec	1.6
Hyundai Mobis	1.4
Rohm Semiconductor	1.3
China Mobile	1.2
United Overseas Bank	1.2
Japan Tobacco	1.1
LG Chemical	1.1
Nitori Holdings	1.1
China Gas	0.9
Sands China	0.8
CapitaLand	0.8
DBS Group	0.8
Pigeon Corporation	0.8

**Top 10 Holdings** **17.7**

**Top 20 Holdings** **27.5**

On a look through basis across managers, excluding open-ended funds.

Source: BNP Paribas as at 30.04.18.

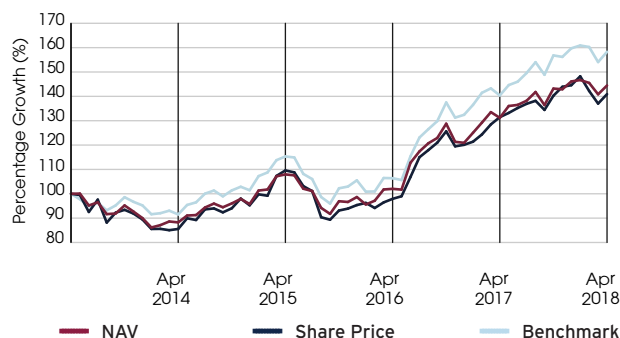
### Sector breakdown (%)

Financials	23.1
Consumer Goods	19.4
Industrials	13.2
Technology	10.2
Consumer Services	9.9
Basic Materials	5.3
Other	12.8
Open Ended Funds	3.7
Cash	2.4

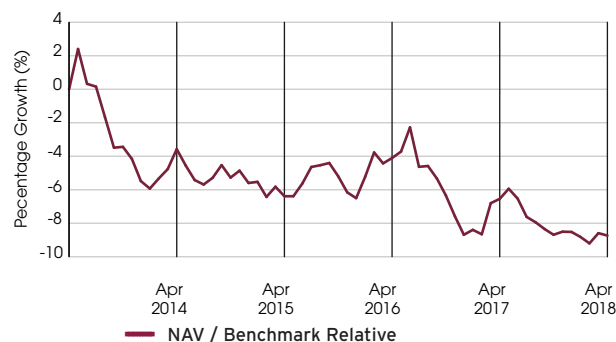
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## INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE\*

### Absolute performance (total return)<sup>†</sup>



### Relative performance (total return)<sup>†</sup>



### Total performance (% growth to 30.04.2018) over<sup>†</sup>

	3 m	6 m	1 yr	3 yrs	5 yrs	10 yrs
Share Price (Total Return)	-4.9	0.5	7.2	28.6	40.9	120.3
Net Asset Value (Total Return)	-1.5	1.0	10.2	33.9	44.6	120.3
Benchmark <sup>‡</sup> (Total Return)	-1.6	0.9	12.8	37.3	58.3	118.4
Relative NAV Performance	0.2	0.0	-2.6	-3.3	-13.7	1.9

### Discrete performance (%)<sup>†</sup>

	Q1 2013 Q1 2014	Q1 2014 Q1 2015	Q1 2015 Q1 2016	Q1 2016 Q1 2017	Q1 2017 Q1 2018
Share Price (Total Return)	-12.5	26.2	-10.1	33.2	6.6
Net Asset Value (Total Return)	-10.2	20.9	-5.0	31.2	5.5
Benchmark <sup>‡</sup> (Total Return)	-4.7	22.3	-6.4	34.6	7.5
Relative NAV Performance	-5.4	-1.4	1.4	-3.3	-2.1

Relative numbers may not add up due to rounding

<sup>†</sup> Source: Morningstar, total return includes the notional reinvestment of dividends. Annualised figures updated each calendar quarter.

<sup>‡</sup>The benchmark for the Witan Pacific Investment Trust plc is the MSCI AC Asia Pacific Free Index (£).

Source: MSCI, for more information please go to [www.witanpacific.com/legal-information](http://www.witanpacific.com/legal-information).

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## INVESTMENT MANAGERS



Aberdeen, which has delegated management of the Company's assets to Aberdeen Asset Management Asia Limited (also part of the Standard Life Aberdeen PLC group of companies), was established in Asia in 1992 and at 31 December 2017 was managing £47.1bn of assets in Asia. The 40 fund managers in the equity team follow a fundamental investment style emphasising the identification of good quality companies on reasonable valuations relative to their growth potential.



Dalton Investments was established in 1999 and as of 31 January 2018, was managing \$3.9bn in strategies focused on Asian, global and emerging market equities, and high-yield fixed income. Dalton follows a disciplined value investment process to identify good business trading at significant discount to intrinsic value and whose management share an alignment of interest with shareholders.



Based in San Francisco, Matthews Asia is an independent, privately owned firm, and the largest dedicated Asia investment specialist in the United States. As at 31 December 2017, Matthews Asia had US\$33.9bn in assets under management. Matthews believes in the long-term growth of Asia and employs a bottom-up, fundamental investment philosophy with a focus on long-term investment performance.



Robeco Institutional Asset Management B.V. is an international asset manager founded in 1929. Robeco offers investors an extensive selection of active investment strategies, covering a broad range of asset classes. The Asian equity team has been in place since 1990 and manages US\$8.5bn out of its office in Hong Kong.

## HOW TO INVEST

Naturally, Witan Pacific's shares can be traded through any UK stockbroker but there is a variety of other ways to invest in Witan Pacific Investment Trust plc.

### Savings schemes

Witan Pacific is available for investment through Witan Wisdom, a savings scheme managed by Witan Investment Services Limited.



Witan Wisdom provides two different options to enable investors to access Witan Pacific shares.

#### Witan Wisdom Share Plan

The Witan Wisdom Share Plan is our standard, low-cost savings scheme.\*

#### Witan Wisdom ISA

The Witan Wisdom ISA is a stocks and shares ISA that enables investors to buy Witan shares within a tax efficient wrapper.\*

Savers can also transfer existing ISA's to Witan Wisdom via the Witan Wisdom Transfer ISA.\*

\*Terms and conditions apply.

Information and application forms for all of the Witan Wisdom products are available by calling 0800 082 8180 or online via [www.witanpacific.com](http://www.witanpacific.com). Please read the Important Information and Terms & Conditions document or speak to an adviser before making a decision to invest. You must also read the most recent Witan Pacific Key Information Document (KID) and the relevant pre-sale (ex-ante) cost disclosure before placing an investment in Witan Pacific Investment Trust, which is available on the website [www.witanpacific.com](http://www.witanpacific.com).

### Advisers

Advisers who wish to purchase Witan Pacific shares for their clients can do so via a stockbroker, the Witan Savings Scheme or via a growing number of dedicated platforms. These include Ascentric, Nucleus, Seven Investment Management and Transact.

### Online platforms

A growing number of platforms offer investment trusts directly to investors including Alliance Trust Savings, Hargreaves Lansdown, Barclays Stockbrokers, Halifax Share Dealing Limited, Interactive Investors and AJ Bell.

## THE WITAN PACIFIC INVESTMENT TRUST

A broader view of the entire Asia Pacific region

More information available via the company website

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