Witan investment trust

A share in global growth 9th March 2024









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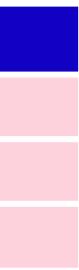
12 months to end December	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Witan share price total return %	22.1	2.7	11.9	-9.8	10.1
Witan net asset value total return %1	21.3	4.2	15.8	-10.3	12.8
Witan benchmark total return % ²	20.1	9.5	19.9	-6.2	14.7

Source: Morningstar/Witan, total return includes the notional reinvestment of dividends. 1 The Net asset value figures value debt at fair value and include the notional reinvestment of dividends. 2 Witan's benchmark is a composite of 85% Global (MSCI All Country World Index) and 15% UK (MSCI UK IMI Index). From 01.01.2017 to 31.12.2019 the benchmark was 30% UK, 25% North America, 20% Asia Pacific, 20% Europe (ex UK), 5% Emerging Markets. From 01.10.2007 to 31.12.2016 the benchmark was 40% UK, 20% North America, 20% Europe (ex UK) and 20% Asia Pacific. The benchmark changes since 2007 reflect a shift from the UK in favour of a more international strategic asset allocation, together with an index simplification from 2020. For more information go to www.witan.com/support/legal-information.

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A multi-manager strategy for global equity investment

Diversified, global equity fund using a **multi-manager approach**

Independent, selfmanaged trust¹ Owned by and dedicated to its shareholders FTSE250 Investment Company, founded in 1909

Oversight by experienced Board and investment team



¹Witan Investment Services, a subsidiary of Witan, acts as the Alternative Investment Fund Manager. ***Past performance is not a guide to future performance.**



Actively managed for investors seeking long-term capital and income growth

Assets held in segregated accounts

Risk management and ESG integration





Collective Wisdom in practice

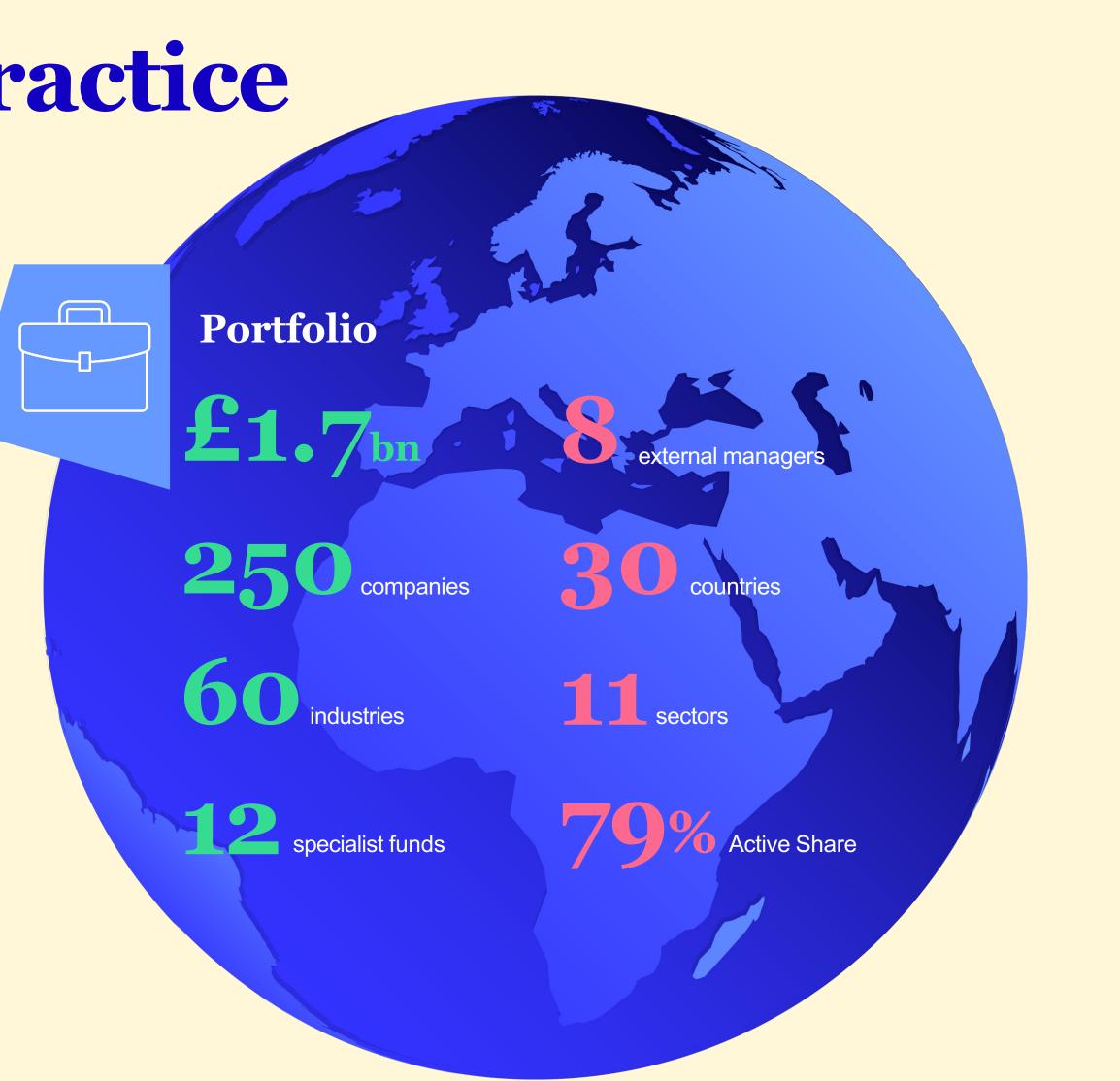
Board of Directors

Investment Team



PortfolioManagers

*Source: Witan, approximate data as at 31.12.23. Past performance is not a guide to future performance





Core & Specialist portfolios



JENNISON

LANSDOWNE

Veritas —Asset Management

INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

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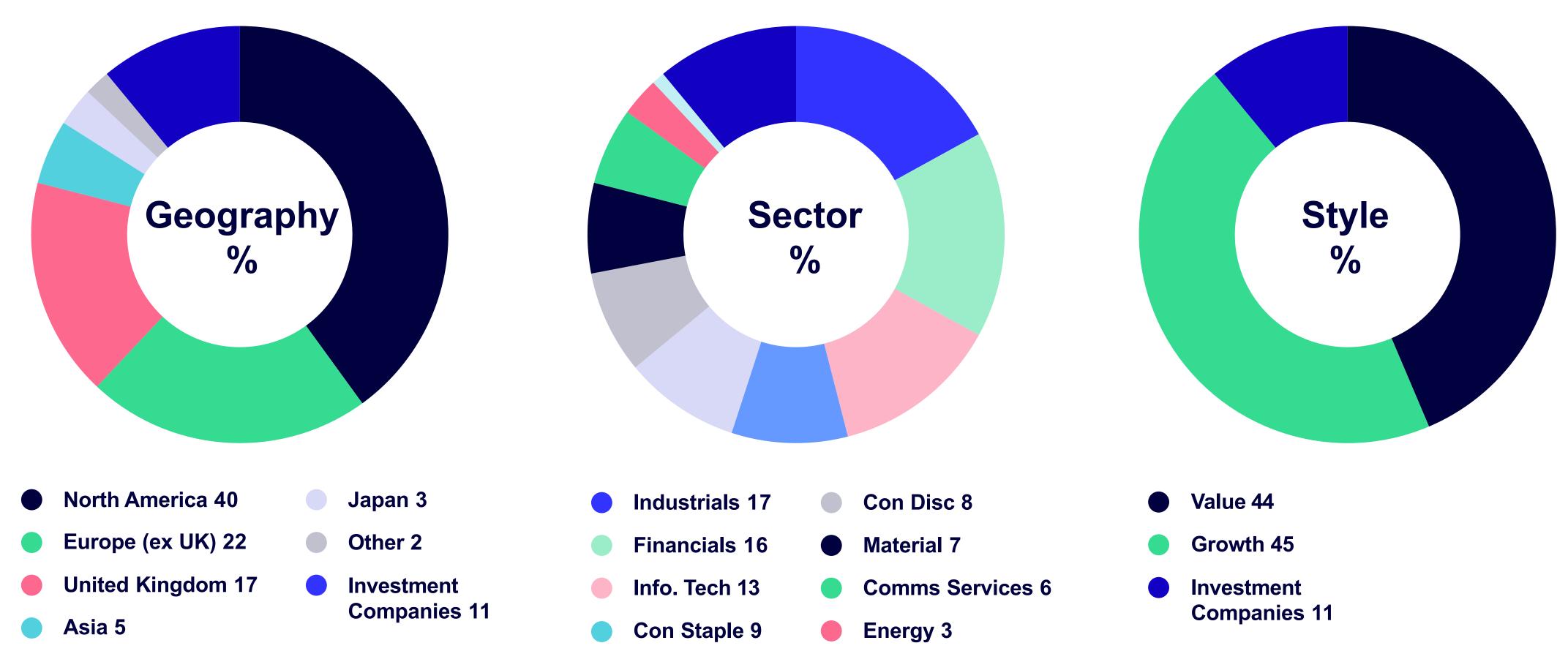
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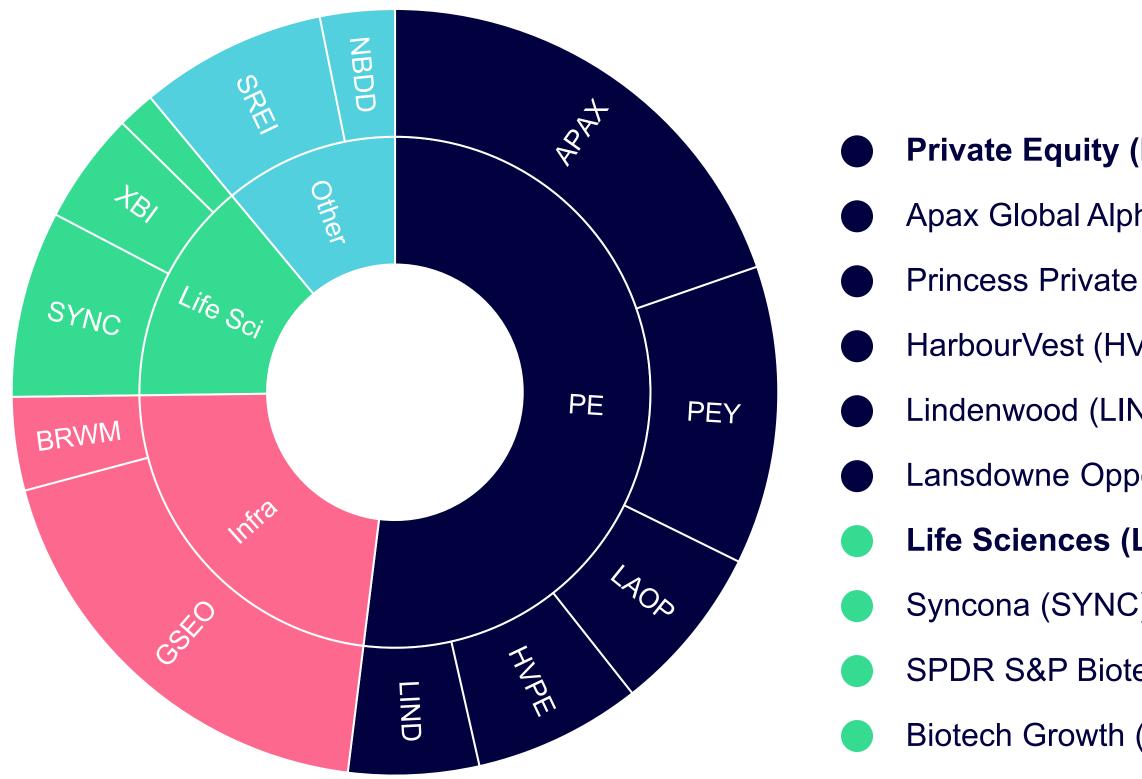
Portfolio breakdown



- Health Care 9 Investment **Companies 11**



Investment Company and fund holdings



	Weight (%)	Discouı (%)	nt		Weight (%)	Dis (%)
(PE)	6.6			Infrastructure (Infra)	2.9	
oha (APAX)	2.5	-27		VH Gbl Sustainable Energy (GSEO)) 2.4	-27
e Equity (PEY)	1.6	-28		BlackRock World Mining (BRWM)	0.5	-3
IVPE)	0.9	-40		Other	1.4	
IND)	0.9	n/a		Schroder Real Estate (SREI)	1.0	-31
portunities (LAOP)	0.7	n/a		NB Distressed Debt (NBDD)	0.4	-14
(Life Sci)	1.8			Overall total	12.7	
C)	1.0	-31				
tech ETF (XBI)	0.6	n/a				
(BIOG)	0.2	-6				





Other performance drivers

Gearing

- Appropriate for market conditions
- Long-term fixed rate
- Short-term variable rate

Discount Control

Share buybacks and issuance

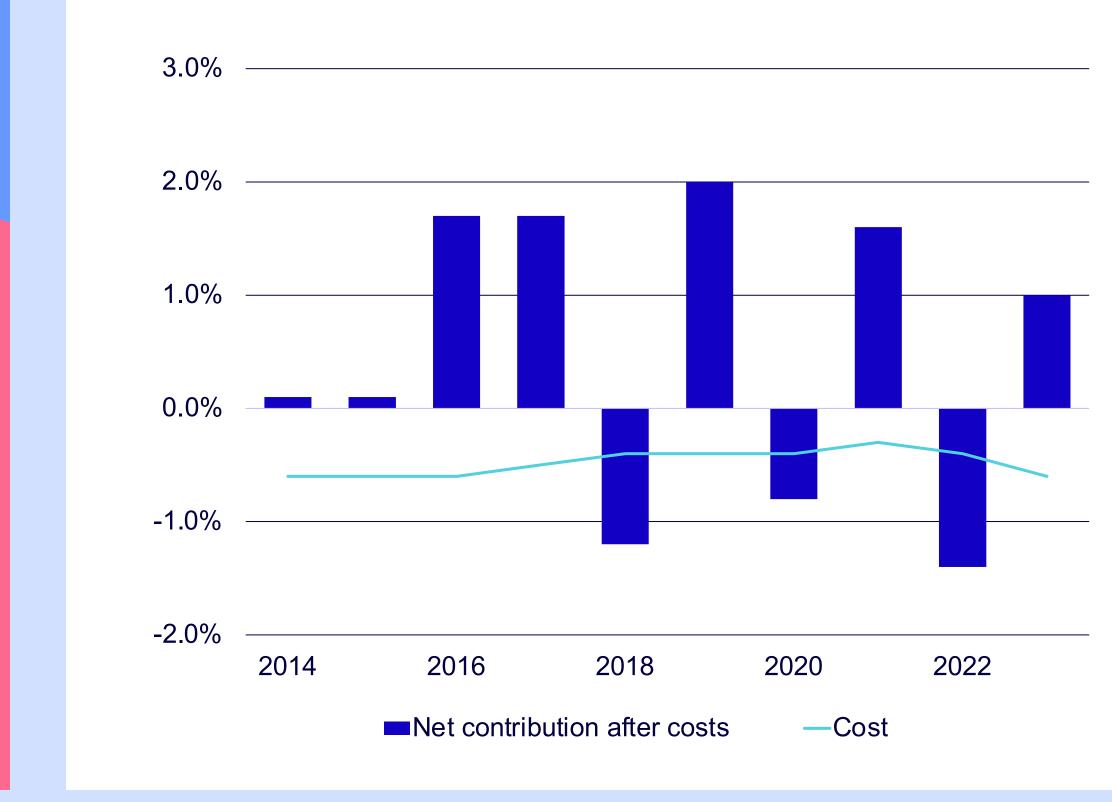
Asset Allocation

- ► ETFs
- Derivatives

Dividends

Progressive dividend policy

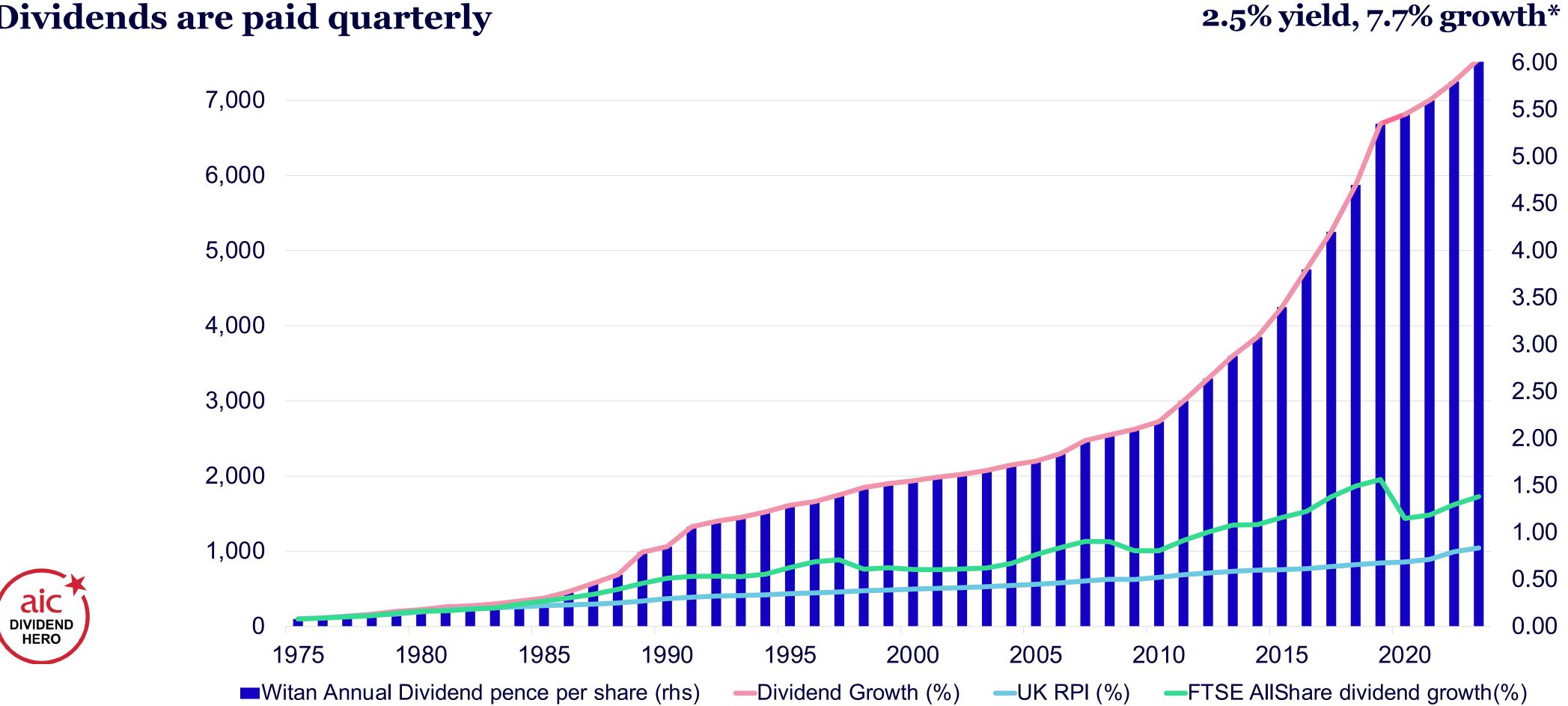






49 years of dividend rises

Dividends are paid quarterly



Source: Witan/ONS/Refinitiv as at 31.12.2023. *annualised dividend growth 10y to 31.12.2023. Past performance is not a guide to future performance.





Our responsible investment policy

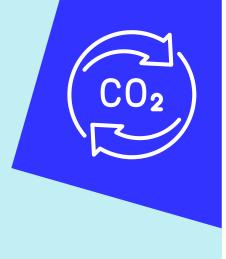
Drivers

Climate change

Change in social expectations Stewardship

Responses

Net zero transition



Our strategy is to ensure that our portfolio will entirely consist of sustainable businesses by 2030.







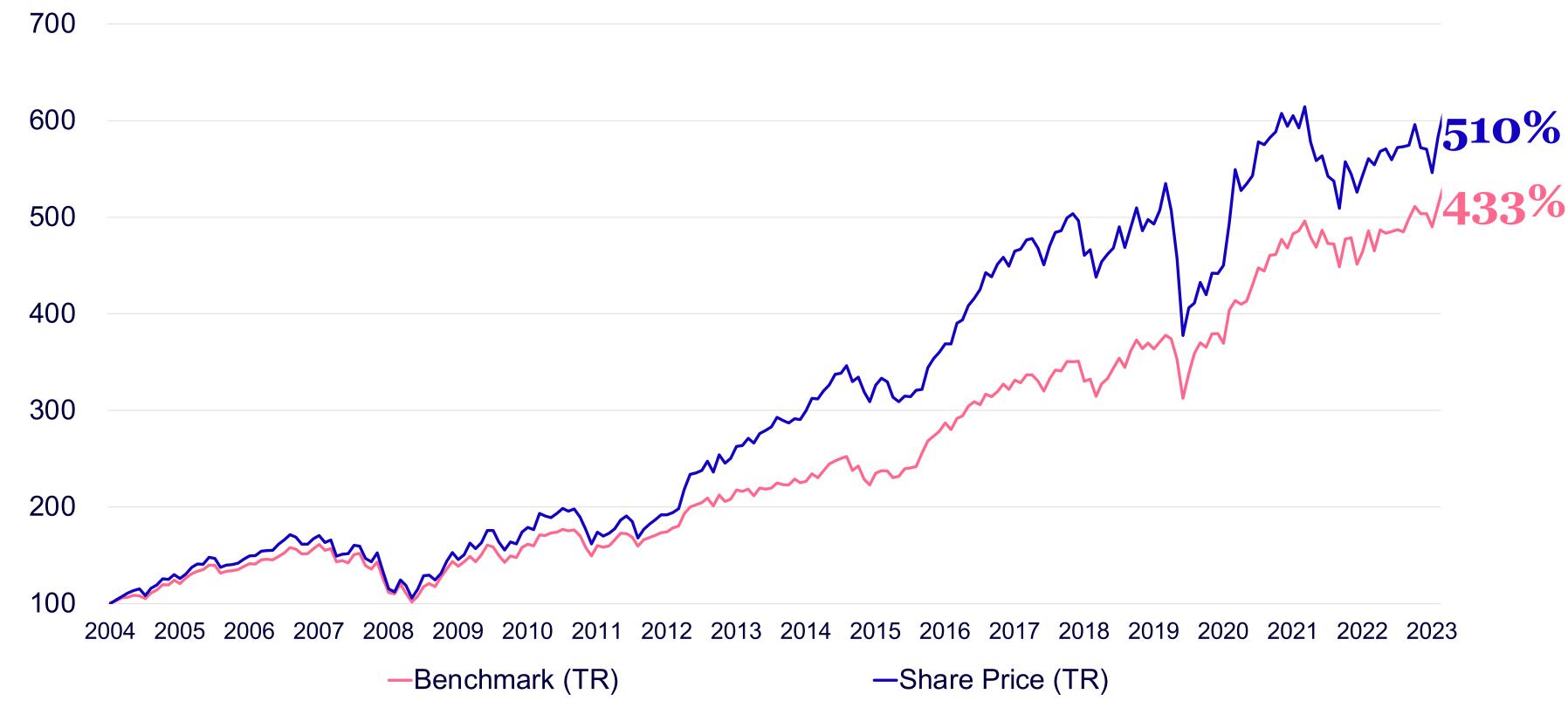




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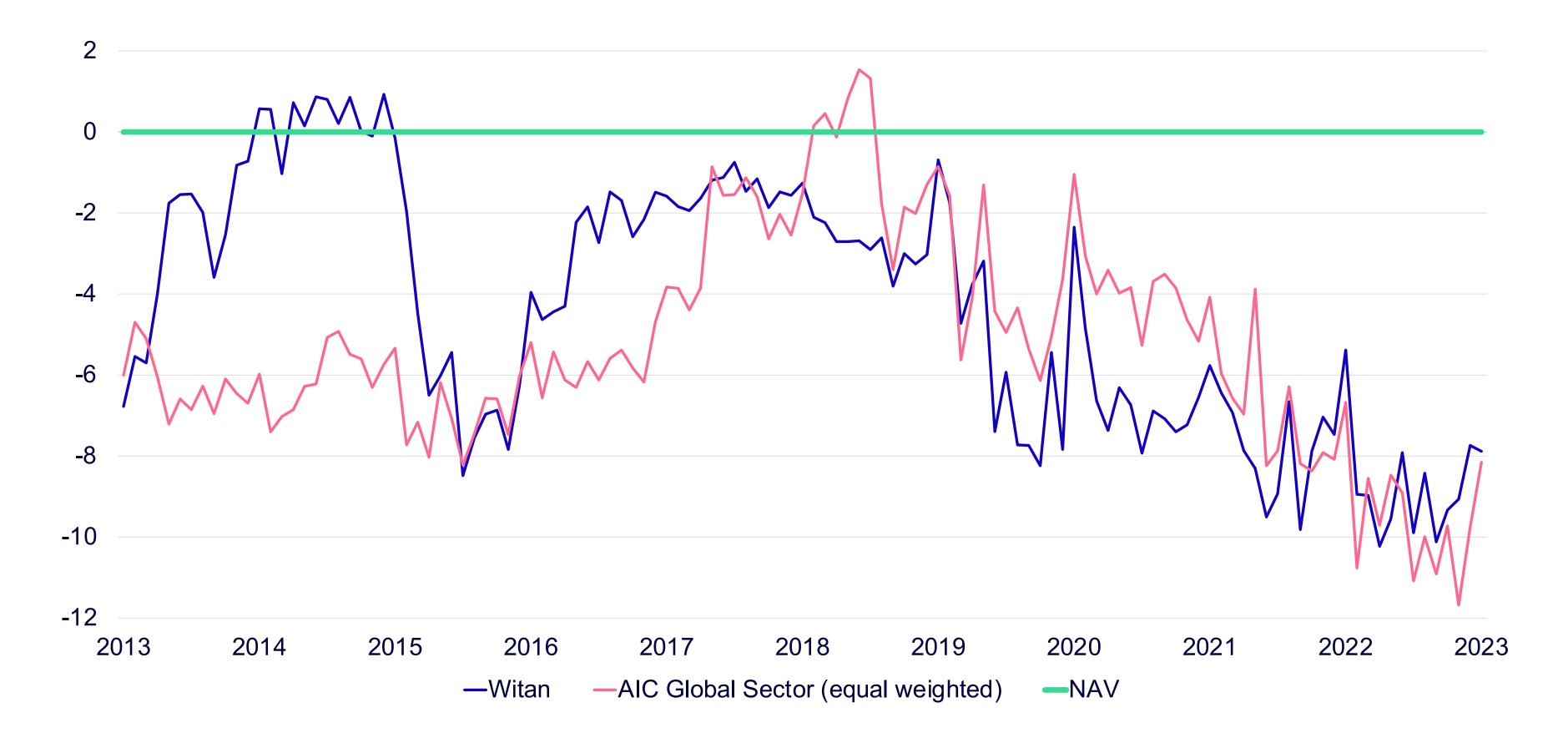
Our purpose is to achieve significant growth in our investors' wealth



Source: Morningstar, total return since the adoption of the multi-manager strategy in 2004 to 31.12.2023. Benchmark is composite of 85% MSCI ACWI and 15% MSCI UK IMI. Past performance is not a guide to future performance.



Ten-year Discount history



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Outlook

We believe:

Central banks - hawkish tone but will be patient on pace of convergence towards 2% target Falling energy prices and China's faltering post-pandemic recovery have helped global disinflation process





Significant structural positives –

climate transition investment, infrastructure and defence

Prospect of a period of sustained growth - capital intensive with improving productivity









Interest rate peak "is more likely to resemble Table Mountain than the Matterhorn" (Witan Dec 2022). 2024 cuts likely as inflation falls

BUT – energy costs and geopolitical

concerns remain unpredictable

2024 will be a recovery year for economies, many decent opportunities in equities (especially outside US)



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SO – long term perspective and focus on financial strength, quality and resilience of business models









