



All data as at 30 April 2024

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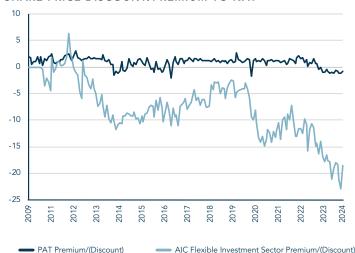
The Trust's policy is to protect and increase (in that order) the value of shareholders' funds per share over the long term.

PRICE	NAV	PREMIUM/ DISCOUNT	MARKET CAP
483.00p	486.78p	-0.8%	£1.7bn

#### PERCENTAGE GROWTH FROM 03/03/2009\* TO 30/04/2024







Source: Thomson Reuters Datastream Source: Lipper

Total Return to 30 April 2024	03/03/09 Troy Appt.	30/04/14 10 years	30/04/17 7 years	30/04/19 5 years	30/04/21 3 years	30/04/23 1 year
Personal Assets Trust Share Price	+183.9%	+67.8%	+31.1%	+26.7%	+7.0%	+2.1%
Personal Assets Trust NAV	+194.9%	+69.7%	+34.5%	+28.8%	+9.2%	+2.9%
UK Retail Price Index	+81.2%	+49.8%	+41.5%	+32.9%	+27.2%	+2.7%

Discrete Calendar Annual Returns	2009*	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
	+32.7%	+14.4%	+8.3%	+4.2%	-4.8%	+10.3%	+1.7%	+14.2%
Personal Assets Trust Share Price	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 YTD
	+5.7%	-3.0%	+10.2%	+7.9%	+12.0%	-3.5%	+0.7%	+2.4%

<sup>\*</sup>Since Troy Appointment 3 March 2009

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Source: Lipper

# April Commentary

The Trust produced a Net Asset Value total return of +0.2% during the month and a price total return of +0.5%, compared to a return of +2.5% for the FTSE All-Share Index (TR).

There are times in markets where the path ahead appears relatively straightforward and other occasions where the range of potential outcomes seems very wide. Today feels more like the latter than the former. War in Europe and the Middle East, sticky inflation, a record global election year and higher interest rates that are not reflected in equity valuations all give us pause for thought. The pace of technological change has also accelerated with the growing role of AI across industries. With so much uncertainty it is reassuring that several companies we hold in the Trust are continuing to operate exceptionally well in this rapidly changing environment.

Alphabet's research has led to many of the AI advancements we see today. They continue to deliver strong results across its major business units, including cloud services where it is benefiting from demand for AI applications. Microsoft is also a significant beneficiary of the growth in AI. Their Azure cloud computing service and the integration of AI into Microsoft Office through Copilot have both helped growth accelerate as businesses around the world choose Microsoft as their trusted Al partner. 60% of the Fortune 500 already use Office Copilot. Microsoft grew their Azure cloud revenue +31% compared to a year earlier, an impressive feat when Azure is estimated to already have over \$70bn of annual revenue.

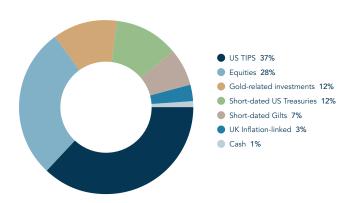
Unilever is less impacted by AI but has seen an improvement in execution since Hein Schumacher became CEO in July last year. Unilever's most recent results were reassuring. Organic sales increased +4.4%, with a healthy balance of both volume and price growth. Robust organic sales growth across both emerging and developed markets suggests the business is navigating a weaker consumer and volatile commodity prices well.

We continue to hold a healthy position in gold as we think gold will remain a coveted store of value in the years to come. For those interested, the recently published investment report discusses gold in more detail.





#### **ASSET ALLOCATION**



Source: Factset, Asset Allocation and holdings subject to change.

#### **RETURN VS VOLATILITY SINCE 03/03/2009**



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## **RISK ANALYSIS**

Risk analysis since 03/03/2009	Personal Assets Trust Share Price
Total Return	+183.9%
Max Drawdown <sup>1</sup>	-11.9%
Best Month	+5.1%
Worst Month	-5.4%
Positive Months	+64.1%
Annualised Volatility <sup>2</sup>	+6.7%

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- Measures the worst investment period
- <sup>2</sup> Measured by standard deviation of annual returns.

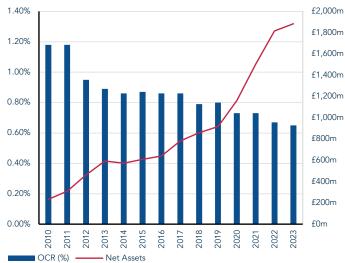
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#### **TOP 10 HOLDINGS**

Gold Bullion (Bars)	12.5%
Unilever	3.9%
Visa	3.1%
Nestlé	2.6%
Diageo	2.5%
Heineken	2.3%
Microsoft	2.2%
Alphabet	2.2%
American Express	2.2%
Becton Dickinson	1.8%
Total Top 10	35.3%
4 Other Equity holdings	4.7%
US TIPS	36.7%
Short-dated US Treasuries	11.8%
Short-dated Gilts	7.1%
UK Inflation-linked	3.4%
Cash	1.0%
TOTAL	100.0%
Source: Factset. Holdings subject to change.	

## HISTORIC ONGOING CHARGES RATIO



Fund Manager Awards

Source: Juniper Partners Limited

Capital Structure	
Shares with voting rights	342,325,372
Shares held in treasury	50,479,828
Net Assets	£1,666,371,446
Ongoing Charges (30 April 2023)	0.65%
Management Fee	
0.65% on first £750m	
0.50% on £750m-£1bn	
0.45% on £1bn plus	
Allocation of Expense and Interest	Capital 65%
	Revenue 35%
Established	22 July 1983
Year End	30 April
Premium (Discount)	-0.78%
Gearing	Nil

Gearing

# Share price is listed daily in the FT and Scotsman **Dividend Payments** January, April, July, October Historic Dividend Yield 1.59% PEEL, VHL, NUMS, JPMS, Market Makers WINS, STFL, INV

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