



All data as at 29 February 2024

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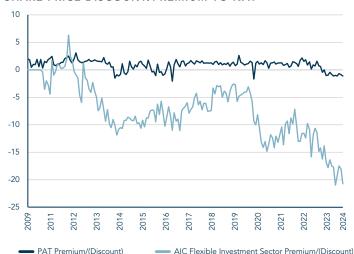
The Trust's policy is to protect and increase (in that order) the value of shareholders' funds per share over the long term.

PRICE	NAV	PREMIUM/ DISCOUNT	MARKET CAP
473.00p	478.41p	-1.1%	£1.7bn

## PERCENTAGE GROWTH FROM 03/03/2009\* TO 29/02/2024







Source: Thomson Reuters Datastream

Total Return to 29 February 2024	03/03/09 Troy Appt.	28/02/14 10 years	28/02/17 7 years	28/02/19 5 years	28/02/21 3 years	28/02/23 1 year
Personal Assets Trust Share Price	+177.3%	+66.7%	+28.3%	+27.3%	+11.8%	+1.4%
Personal Assets Trust NAV	+189.0%	+69.3%	+31.3%	+30.3%	+14.3%	+3.2%
UK Retail Price Index	+78.9%	+48.7%	+40.8%	+32.6%	+27.7%	+3.7%

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%	+0.0%

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

Source: Lipper

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# February Commentary

The Trust produced a Net Asset Value total return of -0.1% during the month and a price total return of -0.3%, compared to a return of +0.2% for the FTSE All-Share Index (TR).

Whilst the UK market is down this year, the S&P 500 has made new all-time highs. For the first time since 1971, it has posted a weekly gain in 16 out of the past 18 weeks. This latest winning streak began in the autumn with expectations for numerous interest rate cuts in 2024. But even as expectations for easier monetary policy have fallen, stocks have continued to rise. Whether it's Nvidia's earnings, or the volte-face in optimism surrounding the US economy, investors seem predisposed to be bullish. Bank of America's Global Fund Manager Survey in February captures the mood. 90% of respondents expect the economy to experience either a soft or no landing in 2024, whilst only 4% expect higher interest rates.

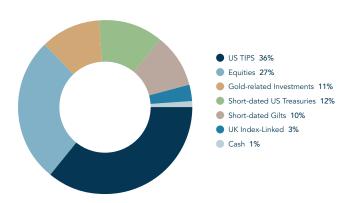
We would suggest that investors face greater uncertainty than this. On a recent podcast, credit strategist Jim Reid pointed out that the next few months represent something of a 'snipers' alley' when it comes to recession risk. This is due to the lagged

effect of monetary policy, with the risk today much greater than this time a year ago. On the flip side, there is also the risk that rates remain higher than markets expect. Not only should this impact on the cost of capital for equities but a more sustained, restrictive environment for rate increases the risk of a worse outcome for the economy.

In spite of optimism at the market level, we are starting to find pockets of opportunity. We added this month to the Fund's holding in Heineken. The business continues to contend with macroeconomic headwinds in end-markets such as Nigeria and Vietnam, whilst management recently unnerved the market by issuing a wide range of guidance for the year ahead (1-9% earnings growth). This uncertainty (or honesty) has caused a further <u>de-rating</u> in the shares, offering longer-term investors the chance to add. We remain confident in the strength of the management team and the business's ability to grow its cash flows attractively over the long run.



### **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	+177.2%
Max Drawdown <sup>1</sup>	-11.9%
Best Month	+5.1%
Worst Month	-5.4%
Positive Months	+63.7%
Annualised Volatility <sup>2</sup>	+6.8%

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- <sup>1</sup> Measures the worst investment period
- <sup>2</sup> Measured by standard deviation of annual returns.

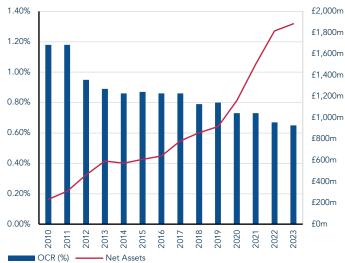
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#### **TOP 10 HOLDINGS**

Gold Bullion (Bars)	10.9%
Unilever	3.6%
Visa	3.2%
Nestlé	2.7%
Diageo	2.7%
Microsoft	2.3%
Heineken	2.2%
American Express	2.0%
Alphabet	1.8%
Becton Dickinson	1.7%
Total Top 10	33.3%
5 Other Equity holdings	4.7%
US TIPS	36.3%
Short-dated US Treasuries	11.5%
Short-dated Gilts	9.5%
UK Index-linked	3.3%
Cash	1.4%
TOTAL	100.0%
Source: Factset. Holdings subject to change.	

### HISTORIC ONGOING CHARGES RATIO



Source:Juniper Partners Limited

349,355,372
-43,449,828
£1,671,366,444
0.65%
Capital 65%
Revenue 35%
22 July 1983
30 April

Gearing

Fund Manager Awards  MORNINGTAR  G	old
Pricing	
Share price is listed daily i	n the FT and Scotsman
Dividend Payments J	anuary, April, July, Octobe
Historic Dividend Yield	1.63%
Market Makers	PEEL, VHL, NUMS, JPMS WINS, STFL, INV
Bloomberg/Reuters Code	PNL.L / PNL.LN
ISIN	GB00BM8B5H06
Sedol	BM8B5H0
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