

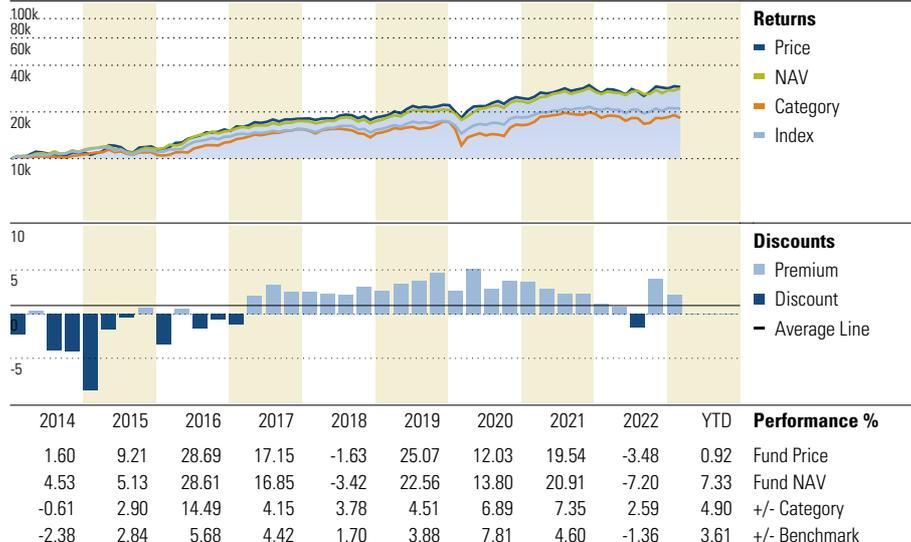
# Scottish American Ord SAIN

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**Morningstar Analyst Rating**  
**Bronze** 3/06/23 15:47 UTC+0000

**Morningstar Benchmark** Morningstar UK Adv Tgt Alloc  
**Morningstar Category™** GBP Allocation 80%+ Equity

Last Closing Price GBP	5.37
Last Closing NAV GBP	5.31
Discount/Premium %	+1.22
Latest Published NAV	5.31
Latest Published NAV Date	18/04/2023
Traded Currency	GBP
Yield	2.57
Dividend Frequency	—
Total Assets £ Mil	1,003.8
Net Assets £ Mil	938.0
Market Cap £ Mil	949.4
Net Gearing %	5.98
Avg Daily Shares Traded Mil (3 month)	0.22
Inception Date	31/03/1873



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**Executive Summary**

*People:* In July 2016, James Dow and Toby Ross were appointed as deputy managers. Following the departure of team leader Dominic Neary in August 2017, they became joint lead managers. The duo is supported by a well-resourced team that has expanded in recent years and mixes experienced and more-junior analysts.

*Parent:* An exemplary steward.

*Board:* The board comprises five nonexecutive directors. All board members bring a wealth of experience and expertise gained through different business areas and are shareholders, which further demonstrates their alignment of interest.

*Process:* The managers follow a bottom-up process that aims to identify attractive, high-quality companies with dependable and growing dividends. A differentiator here is the selective allocation to commercial property, fixed income, and a modest infrastructure allocation.

*Performance:* The fund has comfortably outperformed the index and typical peer since the managers took charge.

*Fees:*

**Role in Portfolio**

Supporting. The fund provides a good option for those investors seeking a high and rising level of income and capital growth from global equities. Gearing is relatively high but is largely offset by commercial property and fixed-income holdings. The portfolio is managed on an unconstrained basis and so is likely to deviate significantly from the benchmark at times.

## Morningstar Opinion

06 Mar 2023 | Scottish American's thorough and differentiated approach has some worthy strengths for investors seeking a high and rising level of income and capital growth from global equities. We retain our conviction in the team managing the strategy and the well-established and consistently applied process, which results in the trust retaining its Morningstar Analyst Rating of Bronze.

Toby Ross and James Dow have managed this strategy since the end of January 2015, initially on the open-ended fund (Baillie Gifford Global Income Growth) before taking over this closed-end vehicle in August 2017 from former lead manager Dominic Neary. Dow and Ross average 17 years of investment experience and benefit from the support of a well-resourced team that has expanded in recent years through a mix of experienced and more-junior analysts. The managers have spent all of their investment careers at the group, so they are immersed in the culture and well-placed to draw upon their shared experience and in-house expertise. Furthermore, both also formally contribute to idea-generation for other in-house multi-asset and global teams.

The managers practice a long-term and differentiated approach and aim to provide shareholders with a dependable source of income, together with growth in income and capital. This aim is executed via investment in a portfolio of equities selected for the dependability of their income alongside capital

growth through a rigorous research framework. In addition, there is opportunistic, but limited, exposure to niche fixed-income assets along with a strategic long-term allocation to UK commercial property and a small infrastructure allocation. The property portfolio is outsourced to Olim, and the other nonequity assets are managed internally by Baillie Gifford's teams. These allocations are funded by the fund's gearing element, which allows up to 30%, and seek to augment income and assist portfolio diversification. Portfolio construction is bottom-up-driven, so the portfolio is likely to bear only very limited likeness to its comparative FTSE All World Index benchmark. Indeed, the strategy exhibits strong biases at the sector and regional levels relative to the index and peers. Against these comparators, it also shows more top-line quality in that return on equity and return on assets are materially higher, while debt/equity is substantially lower, than the index's. Nominally, the portfolio is a little more expensive in terms of price/earnings, which is in step with Baillie Gifford's approach to investment. This profile is differentiated from other global income-focused strategies, which makes it an interesting option for those seeking a growing income stream.

Results under the pair's watch through January 2023 were strong relative to the index and typical peer, both in absolute and risk-adjusted terms. Similar success has been seen from the open-ended Baillie Gifford Global Income Growth, which shares 98% of holdings in terms of equity positions, over a slightly longer period.



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	2021	2022	2023
Gold			
Silver			
Bronze			
Neutral			
Negative			
Under Review			
Not Rateable			

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### People

The overall quality of a fund's investment team is a significant key to its ability to deliver superior performance relative to its benchmark and/or peers. Evaluating a fund's investment team requires that analysts assess several relevant items including how key decisions are made.

### Parent

We believe the parent organization is of utmost importance in evaluating funds. The fund's management set the tone for key elements of our evaluation, including capacity management, risk management, recruitment and retention of talent, and incentive pay. Beyond these operational areas, we prefer firms that have a culture of stewardship and put investors first to those that are too heavily weighted to salesmanship.

### Process

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The concept of an economic moat plays a vital role in our equity analyst's qualitative assessment of a firm's long-term investment potential, but also in the actual calculation of its fair value estimate. An economic moat is a structural feature that allows a firm to sustain excess profits over a long period of time. We define economic profits as returns on invested capital (or ROIC) over and above our estimate of a firm's cost of capital, or weighted average cost of capital (or WACC). Without a moat, profits are more susceptible to competition. We have identified five sources of economic moats: intangible assets, switching costs, network effect, cost advantage, and efficient scale.

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