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JUPITER SPLIT TRUST PLC



INITIAL ACCOUNTS
For the period ended 30th June 1996

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COMPANY INFORMATION

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All classes of shares of the company and the packaged units are listed on the London Stock Exchange and their prices are shown in the Financial Times under "Split Capital Investment Trusts".

Company Registration Number 3123443

TWENTY LARGEST INVESTMENTS at 30th June 1996

Company	Market Value £000s
	400.000
The River Plate & General Investment Trust PLC	102,298
London Clubs International	10,026
Tesco	6,262
Capital Corp	4,163
Christiania Bank	3,032
Perpetual	2,963
Clark (Matthew)	2,845
Airtours 6.375p Cum Conv Prefs	2,643
Sun Alliance Group	2,553
Lloyds TSB Group	2,520
Healthcall Group	2,145
Hyder	2,142
Den Norske Bank	1,952
Fokus Bank	1,754
Safeway	1,735
National Grid Group	1,705
Railtrack Group (200p paid)	1,643
Inspec Group	1,555
Hanson	1,444
Australian Tourism Group	1,288
88.1% of total assets	156,668

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DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE INITIAL ACCOUNTS

Section 270(4) of the Companies Act 1985 requires the Directors to prepare initial accounts, which have been prepared within the meaning of Section 273 of the Companies Act 1985 when a distribution is proposed to be declared during the Company's first accounting reference period.

In preparing initial accounts, the directors are required to:

- (i) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- (ii) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- (iii) state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- (iv) prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

DIRECTORS SERVING DURING THE PERIOD

Director	Date of Appointment	Date of Resignation
P C A de Blonay P A Butt	22.11.95 16.11.95	21.11.95
J L Duffield M F Heathcoat Amory G Howard-Spink	02.11.95 02.11.95 22.11.95	
Sir Richard Lloyd, Bt	22.11.95	



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REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

To the members of Jupiter Split Trust PLC under Section 273(4) of the Companies Act 1985.

We have audited the initial accounts on pages 5 to 12 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets, and on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 7.

Respective responsibilities of Directors and Auditors

As described on page 3, the Company's Directors are responsible for the preparation of the initial accounts. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those initial accounts and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the initial accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the initial accounts, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the initial accounts are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the initial accounts.

Opinion

In our opinion the initial accounts for the period from 2nd November 1995 to 30th June 1996 have been properly prepared within the meaning of Section 273 of the Companies Act 1985.

Ernst & Young

Chartered Accountants

Registered Auditor

London

29th July 1996

REVENUE ACCOUNT for the period ended 30th June 1996

	Note	£
INCOME FROM FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS Income from listed investments Income from subsidiary undertakings		3,069,463 2,223,203
OTHER INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME Bank interest Underwriting commission and other income		156,929 27,709 184,638
GROSS REVENUE		5,477,304
Management expenses Interest payable	1(b)	(303,022) (789)
NET REVENUE ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		5,173,493
Taxation on ordinary activities	2	(1,090,871)
NET REVENUE ON ORDINARY ACTIVITES AFTER TAXATION		4,082,622
Annuity shares' dividends	3	(1,734,331)
Revenue attributable to Income shareholders		2,348,291
Income shares' dividends	3	(1,796,813)
RETAINED REVENUE FOR THE PERIOD	12	551,478 ======
Earnings per Income share	4	<u>4.73</u> p

The Company was incorporated on 2nd November 1995 and its shares were listed on the London Stock Exchange on 3rd January 1996, on which date it commenced business. Consequently, the Revenue Account above reflects the results from 3rd January 1996 to 30th June 1996.

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these accounts.

BALANCE SHEET at 30th June 1996

	Note	. £
FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS		
Investments	5	75,241,077
Interest in subsidiary undertakings	5	102,297,947
		177,539,024
CURRENT ASSETS	6	2 660 596
Debtors	0	2,669,586
Cash at bank		2,623,726
		5,293,312
CREDITORS: amounts falling due		
within one year	7	(4,965,117)
NET CURRENT ASSETS	`	328,195
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		177,867,219
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
Called up share capital	9	4,242,686
Share premium	10	163,977,828
Capital reserve	11	9,095,227
Revenue reserve	12	551,478
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TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		=======
NET ASSET VALUE PER CAPITAL SHARE	8	<u>247.2</u> p

The accounts were approved by the Board of Directors on 29th July 1996

signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these accounts.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS for the period ended 30th June 1996

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards in the United Kingdom. The particular accounting policies adopted by the directors are described below. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention except as described in Note 1(d).

- (a) Revenue: Dividends on investments are included in revenue when the investment price is quoted ex-dividend. Interest on deposits is dealt with on an accruals basis.
- (b) Expenses: Expenses are accounted for or on an accruals basis. Management fees are charged half to the revenue account and half to the capital reserve. Any taxation credit associated with the expenses charged to the capital reserve is credited to the capital reserve. Administration and other expenses are charged fully to the revenue account.
- (c) The Zero Dividend Preference shares and Income shares: These shares have a predetermined growth in capital entitlements and hence the finance cost attributable to these instruments is allocated wholly to capital.
- (d) Valuation of Investments: Fixed asset investments are stated at mid-market value with the net unrealised revaluation between market value and cost being taken to the capital reserve.

(e) Taxation

- i) Advance corporation tax payable on dividends paid or provided for in the period is written off, except when recoverability either against corporation tax payable or because of receipts of franked investment income, is considered to be reasonably assured.
- ii) Withholding tax deducted from income received is treated as part of the taxation charge against income.
- iii) Deferred taxation is provided on all timing differences which are expected to reverse in the future without being replaced, calculated at the rate at which it is anticipated the timing differences will reverse.

(f) Foreign Currency:

- Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date.
- ii) Foreign currency transactions are translated at the rates of exchange applicable at the transaction date.
- iii) Foreign currency differences are dealt with in the capital reserve.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS contd.

- (g) Capital Reserve: The following are accounted for in this reserve:
 - gains and losses on the realisation of investments
 - expenses charged to capital together with related taxation effect and VAT
 - foreign exchange gains and losses
 - unrealised gains and losses on investments

The capital reserve is not available for the payment of dividends.

2. TAXATION

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Corporation tax @ 33% Tax attributable to franked investment income Overseas tax	96,436 938,920 55,515
	1,090,871

3. **DIVIDENDS**

The accounts include the dividend of 6.6p net per Annuity share paid on 31st March 1996 and the interim dividend of 3.62p net per Income share payable on 31st July 1996, and an accrual for three months Annuity dividend to 30th June 1996.

4. EARNINGS PER INCOME SHARE

Earnings per Income share is calculated on 49,635,727 Income shares in issue which represents the number of shares in issue throughout the period from the first day of dealing in the Company's shares, and net revenue attributable to these shares of £2,348,291.

5. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

£

(i)	Portfolio investments Additions at cost Disposals at cost	87,261,817 (14,932,911)
	Book cost at end of period Unrealised appreciation	72,328,906 2,912,171
	Market value at end of period	75,241,077

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS contd.

FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS CONTD.

Investments listed in the UK Investments listed overseas	67,057,841 8,183,236
	75,241,077

- (ii) The company owns 83.2% of the voting rights of the River Plate & General Investment Trust PLC (registered in England and listed on the London Stock Exchange). The interest in subsidiary is stated at its market value of £102,297,946 as at the reporting date.
- (iii) The Company owns the whole of the issued share capital of JST Securities Limited (registered in England and Wales). JST Securities is an investment dealing company. The interest in subsidiary is stated at nominal value of £1 in the balance sheet.

6. **DEBTORS**

	£
Trade debtors	432,413
Dividends receivable	752,095
Prepayments & accrued interest	27,687
Other debtors	140,135
Due from subsidiary undertakings	1,317,256
	2,669,586

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

Proposed interim dividend on Income shares Accrued dividend on Annuity shares Other creditors and accruals Trade creditors	1,796,813 578,111 146,261 2,443,932
	4,965,117

8. **NET ASSET VALUE**

The net asset value per Capital share has been calculated on 35,036,984 Capital shares in issue and net assets attributable to Capital shareholders of £86,595,281 calculated on the basis of shareholders' rights to reserves as specified in the Articles of Association.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS contd.

9. CALLED-UP SHARE CAPITAL

CALLED-01	SHARE CATTAD	£
Authorised:		
25,200,000	Annuity shares of 0.01p each	2,520
105,000,000	Zero Dividend shares of 0.01p each	10,500
71,400,000	Income shares of 5p each	3,570,000
50,400,000	Capital shares of 5p each	2,520,000
		6,103,020
Issued called	up and fully paid	£
	Annuity shares of 0.01p each	1,752
	Zero Dividend shares of 0.01p each	7,299
, ,	ncome shares of 5p each	2,481,786
, ,	Capital shares of 5p each	1,751,849
		4,242,686

The authorised share capital upon incorporation was £50,000 divided into 50,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each of which one Ordinary share was issued fully paid to the subscribers.

By a resolution passed on the 16th November 1995 each of the original 50,000 Ordinary shares of £1 was sub-divided into 20 shares of 5p each.

By resolutions passed on 22nd November 1995 the authorised share capital of the Company was increased from £50,000 to £6,103,020 by the creation of 25,200,000 Annuity shares of 0.01p each, 105,000,000 Zero Dividend shares of 0.01p each, 71,400,000 Income shares of 5p each and 49,400,000 Capital shares of 5p each.

On 16th November 1995 20 Ordinary shares were issued to UBS and 20 Ordinary shares to UBS Securities Nominees Limited. 999,960 Ordinary shares were allotted to UBS Limited against an irrevocable undertaking in relation to the proposed placing. These shares (1,000,000 in total) were reclassified as Capital shares on 22nd November and were included in the placing.

On 2nd January 1996 as a result of the placing, public unit offer and the offer for The River Plate & General Investment Trust PLC, a total of 17,518,492 Annuity shares, 72,993,717 Zero Dividend shares, 49,635,727 Income shares and 35,036,984 Capital shares were issued at £1 each for a total consideration of £175,184,920 made up of both cash and shares in the River Plate & General Investment Trust PLC.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS contd.

9. CALLED-UP SHARE CAPITAL CONTD.

CONTRACTOR ACCORDING

Each Annuity share carries the right to an annual cumulative net dividend equal to 13.2p. On a return of capital, the holders of Annuity shares are entitled to 0.01p per share held.

Each Zero Dividend share carries no right to income. On a return of capital, the holders of Zero Dividend shares have an initial capital entitlement per share of 100p, increasing at a rate of 0.71961368 per cent per month commencing on 1st January 1996 to reach a maximum of 213.8402438p at the wind-up date of 31st October 2004.

Income shareholders are entitled to the net distributable income of the Company, after satisfying the prior entitlements of the Annuity and Zero Dividend shares. On a return of capital, Income shareholders will receive an amount equal to 25p per Income share increased by 0.707547169p per share on the 31st January 1996 and on the last day of each month up to and including the wind—up date.

Each Capital share carries no right to income. On a return of capital, Capital shareholders will be entitled to all the Company's surplus assets after satisfying the entitlements of all other classes of shares.

10.	SHARE PREMIUM ACCOUNT	£
	Premium on shares issued during the period Issue expenses	170,942,233 (6,964,065)
	At end of period	163,978,168
11.	CAPITAL RESERVE	£
	Realised gains on investments sold	973,124
	Unrealised appreciation of portfolio investments	2,912,171
	Unrealised appreciation of subsidiary undertaking	5,319,279
	Management expenses charged to capital	(163,205)
	Tax allocation thereon	53,858
	At end of period	9,095,227

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS contd.

12. REVENUE RESERVE

Retained revenue for period

£ 551,478

13. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were contingent liabilities in respect of investments not fully called up of £1,425,000 and in respect of underwriting of £366,591, at 30th June 1996.

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