(Registered Number 3504214)

INTERIM ACCOUNTS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS

TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2001

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Profit and Loss Account

	Notes	Six months to 30 September 2001 £'000	Year to 31 March 2001 £'000
Income			
Franked income Unfranked investment income Deposit interest Other income Total income	1	55 1,057 35 - 1,147	103 2,287 289 1 ———————————————————————————————————
Expenses			
Administrative expenses		(298)	(478)
Revenue before taxation		849	2,202
Taxation	2	(190)	(626)
Earnings		659	1,576
Ordinary dividends		(529)	(1,563)
		130	13
Earnings per Ordinary Share		1.63p	3.94p
Dividend per Ordinary Share		1.30p	3.90p

Balance Sheet

	Notes	As at 30 September 2001 £'000	As at 31 March 2001 £'000
Fixed Assets			
Investments	3	38,248	45,391
Current Assets			
Debtors Cash at bank and on deposit Creditors	4	1,592 3,402	1,082 439
(amounts falling due within one year)	5	(1,621)	(1,895)
Net current assets/(liabilities)		3,373	(374)
Total assets less current liabilities		41,621	45,017
Capital and Reserves			
Ordinary shares Share premium account Capital reserve realised Capital reserve unrealised Revenue reserve	6 7 8 8 8	4,068 39,670 (1,815) (461) 159	4,009 39,049 (823) 2,753 29
Ordinary shareholders' funds		41,621	45,017
Net asset value per ordinary share		102.30p	112.30p

Director

1. Accounting Policies

A summary of the principal accounting policies, all of which have been applied consistently throughout the period is set out below.

a) Basis of accounting

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention modified to include revaluation of investments.

b) Valuation of investments

Quoted investments are valued at middle market prices. Unquoted investments are valued by the Directors in accordance with the following rules, which are consistent with the British Venture Capital Association guidelines:

- 1. Investments which have been made to date are valued at cost in the absence of overriding factors.
- 2. Investments which have been held for more than twelve months are valued using a price earnings ratio (at a significant discount to an appropriate stock market prospective price earnings ratio) in the absence of over-riding factors. Where such factors apply, alternative methods of valuation will include application of an arms length third party valuation, a provision on cost, or a net asset basis.

c) Income

Interest income on loan stock and dividends on preference shares are accrued on a daily basis. Provision is made against this income where recovery is doubtful.

Dividends on quoted shares are recognised as income on the date that the related investments are marked ex dividend.

Income from fixed interest securities and deposit interest are included on an accruals basis.

d) Expenses

All expenses are accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenses are charged through the revenue account except where incurred in connection with the maintenance or enhancement of the value of the Company's assets and taking account of the expected long term returns as follows:

Management fees payable have been allocated 25 per cent to revenue and 75 per cent to capital.

e) Capital reserves

Capital Reserve Realised:

The following are accounted for in this reserve:

- gains and losses on realisation of investments
- realised exchange differences of a capital nature
- expenses and finance costs, together with the related taxation effect, charged to this reserve in accordance with the above policies.

Capital Reserve Unrealised

The following are accounted for in this reserve:

- increases and decreases in the valuation of investments held for the period.

		Six months to 30 September 2001 £'000	Year to 31 March 2001 £'000
1.	Income		•
	Listed UK	917	2,016
	Unlisted UK	195	374
	Deposit interest	35	289
	Underwriting commission	-	1
		1,147	2,680
			
2.	Taxation		
	Corporation tax	190	626
		190	626
			
3.	Investments		
	Cost at 31 March 2001	42,787	
	Additions at cost	6,694	
	Disposals at cost	(10,434)	
	Cost at 30 September 2001	39,047	
	Unrealised depreciation	(799)	
	Valuation at 30 September 2001	38,248	
	Listed investments	23,381	
	Quoted on the Alternative Market/Ofex Unquoted investments	4,364 10,503	
	•	38,248	

Notes to the Accounts

7.	Share Premium Account	£′000
	40,086,980 ordinary shares of 10p each at 31 March 2001 545,405 issued during June 2001 97,717 issued during July 2001	39,049 578 100
	10,000 bought for cancellation during July 2001 36,000 bought for cancellation during August 2001 Expenses of Issue	(9) (31) (17)
	As at 30 September 2001	39,670
8.	Reserves	
	Capital Reserve Realised	
	At 31 March 2001	(823)
	Loss on realisation of investments Management fees charged to capital Corporation tax thereon	(723) (354) 85
	At 30 September 2001	(1,815)
	Capital Reserve Unrealised	
	At 31 March 2001	2,753
	Depreciation of investments during the period Deferred consideration receivable	(3,552) 338
	At 30 September 2001	(461)
	Revenue Reserve	
	At 31 March 2001	29
	Retained revenue for the period	130
	At 30 September 2001	159