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#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

Long-term capital appreciation, through investment primarily in equity and equity-related securities of companies benefiting from the economic growth of the Mediterranean Region.

Emphasis is placed on companies in the emerging markets of Portugal, Greece and Turkey and smaller companies in Spain, Italy and France. The Company also invests in companies outside Southern Europe which have significant operations within the Region.

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# **DIRECTORS**

Peter Sedgwick (Chairman) is Vice Chairman of Schroders plc.

Alonso Alvarez de Toledo y Urquijo is an adviser and representative of J. Henry Schroder Bank in Spain.

Henri Chermont\*
is Director of Research at stockbrokers
Cheuvreux de Virieu in Paris,

Mark S Evans\*
is a consultant to Credit Lyonnais Laing where he
was formerly Head of U.K. Corporate Finance.

Josiane Pain
is a Director of Schroder Investment Management
Limited

Evangelista Ronchi\* is Chairman of Nuova Rayon Italia S.p.A. He is also the Chairman and founder of Sesamo S.p.A., a financial consultancy firm and of Nuove Technologie Grafiche S.p.A., a software and hardware firm.

Terry P Webb\* is Managing Director of RCB International Limited, a subsidiary of The Northern Trust Corporation.

\*Members of the Audit Committee and the Management Engagement Committee.

### **ADVISERS**

#### **SECRETARY**

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#### **BANKERS**

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#### **AUDITORS**

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#### **REGISTRAR & REGISTERED OFFICE**

Schroder Investment Management (Guernsey) Limited Barfield House, St Julian's Avenue, St. Peter Port, Guernsey, GY1 3QL Channel Islands

# INVESTOR INFORMATION

#### THE COMPANY

Schroder Mediterranean Fund Limited is an investment trust listed on the London Stock Exchange. It is one of a number of investment trusts managed and administered by Schroder Investment Management Limited, the fund management subsidiary of Schroders plc, the international merchant and investment banking group.

It is not intended that the Company should have a limited life, but the Directors consider it desirable that the Shareholders should have the opportunity to review the future of the Company at appropriate intervals. The Articles of Association provide that the first such opportunity for shareholders to review the future of the Company is at an Extraordinary General Meeting of shareholders to follow immediately the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held on 7 May 1996. Notice of the Extraordinary General Meeting at which a special resolution to wind up the Company will be proposed is set out on page 32 of this document.

The final date for exercise of the Company's warrants was 31 December 1995. On that date a total of 2,199,900 warrants lapsed unexercised.

#### INFORMATION FOR SHAREHOLDERS

The price of the Company's shares is quoted daily in the Financial Times, the Times and the Daily Telegraph.

A factsheet containing information including the diversification of the portfolio and the Company's ten largest investments is published quarterly and is available to shareholders on request from the Secretary of the Company.

#### ASSOCIATION OF INVESTMENT TRUST COMPANIES

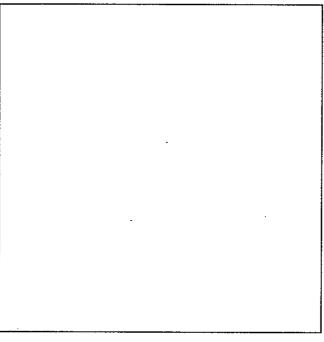
The Company is a member of the Association of Investment Trust Companies, which produces monthly publications of detailed information on the majority of investment trusts. Copies of these publications can be obtained by subscription on application to the Association of Investment Trust Companies, Durrant House, 8-13 Chiswell Street, London EC1Y 4YY.

#### SCHRODER INVESTMENT TRUST DEALING SERVICE

The Company's shares are included in the Schroder Investment Trust Dealing Service. The Service provides a convenient and cost effective means of investing in the shares of the Company and offers investors:

- $\bullet$  a lump sum investment option from a minimum of £1,000
- daily dealing
- competitive charges
- the option to reinvest income

# CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT



For the period under review, we had expected the economic recovery to broaden and strengthen across Europe. However, the failure of the recovery to spread to the consumer sector, the muted economic recovery in the US and the negative impact of a weak US dollar on European exports undermined those expectations. At the same time, the EMU debate started casting an ever larger shadow across the economic landscape, with increasing number of countries risking failure to meet the Maastricht criteria. Later in the year, faced with

the economic weakening and the risk of EMU failure, European policy makers decided to cut interest rates further than was anticipated, in a bid to revive business and consumer confidence and economic growth.

The Bundesbank has remained key to monetary policy across the region, particularly in France which is still committed to the franc-fort policy. After a difficult 1995, the cyclical position of the countries in the Mediterranean region has improved now that the German economic cycle has come back into line with their own. The prospects of a period of monetary stability in Germany should mean that interest rates in these countries can be set at a level which is more appropriate to their own domestic needs.

Inflation remains subdued in the Mediterranean region, with the exception of Turkey, for yet another year. These economies are operating below their long-term potential which would indicate that inflation will stay under control in the medium term. Fiscal policy in the region continues to be guided by the Maastricht criteria, and has thus generally continued to be tight during the year. Nevertheless, the countries covered by the Company continue to have budget deficits in excess of the Maastricht target, implying that policy will continue to be tight.

The Turkish and Israeli economies fall outside the wider remit of the European Union and thus merit separate comment. Developments in these two countries have been very different. Turkey, after recovering from the economic and currency crisis of 1994, has experienced a sharp economic revival; however reform of the public sector and public finances remains unresolved. Consistent progress on this front will require a strong Government as some of the required measures will, no doubt, be painful. It cannot be emphasised too strongly how important the peace process is to the long term future and stability of Israel. Growth was strong but was not accompanied by rising inflation as the central bank judiciously tightened monetary policy. The current account deficit, however, deteriorated during the year as a result of the fast growth in imports.

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#### **OUTLOOK**

1995 was a year when growth expectations disappointed but stockmarkets were supported by significant monetary easing. Looking ahead, the outlook for equity markets in 1996 remains positive. Given the absence of inflationary pressures and the need to stimulate growth, we expect a benign interest rate background, providing strong support for equity markets. Later in the year, as monetary stimulus begins to feed through into stronger economic activity, markets will start to focus on the earnings recovery. In addition to political developments, the wildcard for the performance of Mediterranean markets will be the prospects of individual countries in the context of European Monetary Union and the policy response of the respective authorities.

#### FUTURE OF THIS COMPANY

Your Directors have very carefully considered the future of the Company in the light of the Special Resolution to wind up the Company which, in accordance with the Articles of Association, we are required to put to the Extraordinary General Meeting on 7 May. In the course of our deliberations, we have consulted with major shareholders of the Company.

We are firmly of the view that the most appropriate course for the Company is to continue in its present form. The Company is the only investment trust specialising in investment in the stockmarkets of the Mediterranean region and we believe that in general these markets offer good long term growth prospects. Since the beginning of the current year performance in these markets has generated a significant increase in the Company's net asset value per share.

Relatively recently we have extended the markets in which the Company invests to include Israel and Morocco. Subject to shareholders' views expressed in the voting on the Special Resolution, your Directors intend to continue this policy of seeking to invest gradually into the newer emerging markets of the Mediterranean, and to focus more upon the smaller markets of the region.

Peter Sedgwick Chairman

# INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REVIEW

#### PERFORMANCE

At the end of December 1995, the net asset value per share stood at 329.18p. From 31 December 1994 to 31 December 1995 the net asset value expressed in sterling rose by 9.51%. Against a background of strong mainstream European markets and currencies, Mediterranean markets posted a positive return for the year but lagged the broader FT-Europe ex-UK Index principally because of the absence of currency gains enjoyed by the larger markets. In stockmarket terms, our portfolio performed well compared to local market indices. After a disappointing first half, the Mediterranean markets recovered in the latter part of the year and this development has continued in 1996 to the further benefit of the Company.

Market Review				
Country	Index	Performance in £, (% change)		
France	SBF 120	9.7		
Greece	MSCI Greece	11.0		
Israel	MSCI Israel	22.7		
Italy	BCI	3.9		
Portugal	MSCI Portugal	-1.7		
Spain	Madrid SE	22.8		
Turkey	MSCI Turkey	-5.2		

The performance of the French market during 1995 was volatile. The market started the year on a strong note as investors discounted the possibility of a change in economic policy ahead of the presidential elections, only to fall later on concerns about the apparent contradictions in the fiscal stance of the new Government. The currency was under pressure for much of the year, thus constraining the ability of the authorities to reduce interest rates in the face of a significant slowdown in economic activity. The outlook for corporate profitability has remained uncertain. Doubts about France's ability to meet the Maastricht criteria continued to plague the markets. More recently, the more generalised slowdown in Europe has allowed the French to ease monetary policy and bring rates more in line with German levels while keeping a stable currency.

Political considerations have played a key role once again in the performance of the Greek market. The market rallied in the first half of the year as investors' attention focused on a reasonable reporting season, low valuations and the improved performance in the economy regarding inflation and the fiscal deficit. Progress was checked in the second half by concerns about the health of the Prime Minister and scepticism about further economic progress.

The Israeli market performed very strongly during 1995. Economic activity during the year was strong, while the tough stance of the central bank on inflation and timely adjustments in interests rates helped to control inflation. Corporate profits were strong during the year and continued progress with the peace process, despite the assassination of the Israeli leader, was positive for the market.

The Italian market continued to be a bad performer during 1995. Once again, political uncertainties and worries about delays in reforms weighed heavily on the market. Investors' concerns about the failure of the authorities to maintain the momentum behind economic reform were reflected in a weakening currency and high interest rates. Additionally, Italy embarked in 1995 on an ambitious privatisation programme which drained liquidity from the market. A positive development during the year was the introduction to the market of a number of medium sized industrial companies with strong positions in export markets.

The level of investment in Morocco remained static at 1%. The Moroccan market was flat during 1995 as a result of lower than expected economic growth following a drought, and delays in the privatisation programme.

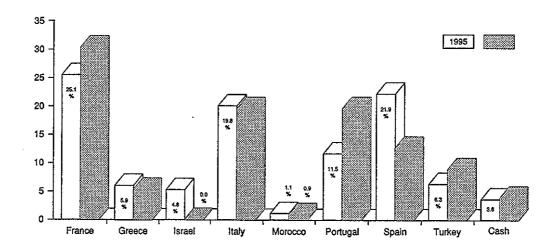
The **Portuguese** market performed disappointingly despite a continued improvement in the economy. Inflation and interest rates fell to historic lows, while the currency gained stability. On the negative side, 1995 saw sub-par growth implying a dull recovery in corporate profits for the year. Two main factors detracted from the market: a large privatisation programme and the nervousness ahead of the general elections held in October following which the Socialist party came to power.

Spain was the best performing market in the Mediterranean region following a number of years of poor performance. The market was supported by falling yields, positive economic data and expectations of political change. After a difficult start to the year, when an increase in inflation and currency turbulence in Europe triggered a sharp correction, the market recovered strongly. It offered an attractive valuation level and a reasonably robust outlook for corporate profits.

1995 was a roller coaster year for the **Turkish** market, which rose 45% in the first half, only to end the year with a negative return of 5.2% in sterling terms. The economy recovered strongly from the recession of 1994, attracting investors as valuations had fallen to very low levels and the improved growth outlook offered the promise of good profits growth. The problem was once again complex political circumstances and the weak position of the government, dependent on a small minority. The situation finally became unsustainable and early elections had to be called in December, resulting in a fragmented parliament. The acceleration in economic activity combined with the traditional loosening of the public purse ahead of the elections led to a deterioration of the fiscal position resulting in a sharp rise in domestic interest rates.

# INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REVIEW continued

#### ASSET ALLOCATION



#### **OUTLOOK**

On a geographical basis, the Company's exposure has been significantly increased to the Spanish market, concentrating purchases on interest rate sensitive stocks. Despite the rally in 1995, the market continues to offer good value especially in an environment of falling interest rates. The Company has started investing in Israel, a country that offers strong growth potential. Our initial purchases in Israel have focused on consumer growth and technology stocks. The exposure to France was reduced following the sharp rally ahead of the elections as we were concerned about the poor outlook for growth. The Portuguese weighting was reduced during the year and the Company has invested in some of the newly privatised companies. The initial indication following the Portuguese elections is that the new Socialist administration is unlikely to introduce a significant shift in economic policy. In Italy, the Company has also been investing actively in new issues.

Schroder Investment Management Limited 7 February 1996

# TWENTY LARGEST INVESTMENTS

#### At 31 December 1995

		Value of Holdings	Percentage of Share- holders'
Country	Company and Activity	£'000	Funds
Portugal	Jeronimo Martins Food retailer primarily involved in supermarket and hypermarket stores. Also manufactures detergents, olive oil, and ice cream.	1,789	4.94
France	Cetelem Europe's leading consumer credit company, financing purchases at point of sale or via its own branch offices located in five European countries.	1,364	3.77
Italy	Safilo  Manufacturer of both sunglasses and optical glasses. Produces for resale under various designer name brands.	1,051	2.90
Spain	Centros Commerc. Pryca Second largest retailer in Spain; operating hypermarkets which sell food and white goods in the Spanish market.	919	2.54
Spain	Empresa Nac. Hidroelectrica Medium sized Spanish utility with increasing international exposure.	882	2.44
Greece	Titan Cement Greece's second largest cement producer, with four plants in Greece and one in the USA.	860	2.38
Italy	Telecom Italia Mobile Mobile telephone system operator in Italy.	850	2.35
Italy	Mondadori Leading Italian publisher with a diversified portfolio of book publishing and magazine businesses.	782	2.16
France	Technip Provides engineering, design, construction management and related technical services to industrial and government clients world-wide.	777	2.15
Spain	Mapfre Vida Leading Spanish life insurer.	772	2.13
France	Manutan Specialises in catalogue sales of industrial equipment to the private and public sectors.	736	2.03
France	Clarins  Manufactures and markets world-wide a broad range of beauty products and perfumes, and ranks as Europe's leader in skin care products sold via prestige distribution channels.	686	1.89

# TWENTY LARGEST INVESTMENTS continued

#### At 31 December 1995

Country	Company and Activity	Value of Holdings £'000	Percentage of Share- holders' Funds
France	Galeries Lafayette One of France's primary retailers; operating department stores, general stores, and discount stores.	686	1.89
France	Elf Aquitaine France's largest oil company; active in exploration and production, refining, marketing, international trading, and shipping of hydrocarbons.	628	1.73
Spain	Cortefiel  Leading Spanish clothes retailer with a number of attractive formats.	620	1.71
Spain	Banco de Valencia Small regional Spanish bank.	619	1.71
France	Lapeyre Manufactures and markets building products and materials for the trade and the general public.	611	1.69
Greece	Hellenic Bottling Coca-Cola bottler in Greece, expanding its franchise into the Balkans region.	606	1.67
Italy	Sondel Italian electrical utility.	605	1.67
Portugal	Banco Espirito Santo Large Portuguese universal bank.	596	1.65
		16,439	45.40

# FIVE YEAR RECORD

Year to 31 December	Total net assets £'000	Net assets per share* £	Total revenue	Net revenue £'000	Earnings per share* pence	Net dividends per share* pence
1991†	24,525	2.23	925	185	1.68	1.60
1992	24,322	2.21	1,031	218	1.98	1.80
1993	35,370	3.22	925	86	0.78	0.75
1994	33,063	3.01	968	96 .	0.87	0.75
1995	36,210	3.29	1,139	279	2.54	1.50

<sup>\*</sup> Adjusted where appropriate for 20 for 1 capitalisation issue in July 1993. † 1991 converted to sterling at year-end exchange rates.

# REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The Directors submit their report and the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 1995.

#### COMPANY'S BUSINESS

The Company is incorporated and registered in Guernsey but is resident for tax purposes in the United Kingdom. The business of the Company is that of an investment trust and the Company complies with the conditions laid down for an Investment Trust under Section 842 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. The last accounting period for which the Company has been treated as approved by the Inland Revenue is the year ended 31 December 1994, and the Company has subsequently directed its affairs so as to enable it to continue to qualify for such approval. The Company is not a close company for taxation purposes.

A review of the Company's business and its likely future development is given in the Chairman's Statement and Investment Manager's Review on pages 4 to 8.

#### REVENUE AND DIVIDENDS

The total revenue of the Company for the year was £1,139,000. Net revenue for the year available for shareholders was £279,000 equivalent to earnings of 2.54 pence per share.

The Directors recommend the payment of a final dividend of 1.50 pence per share. This will leave a surplus of revenue for the year of £114,000.

#### **NET ASSET VALUE**

During the year the undiluted net asset value per share of the Company increased from 300.58 pence per share to 329.18 pence per share.

#### **DIRECTORS**

The Directors of the Company during the year and the interests of the Directors and their families in the share capital of the Company were as shown below.

	At 31 December 1995	At 31 December 1994
	Shares of $\pounds 0.10$ each	Shares of $£0.10$ each
Peter Sedgwick	<del></del>	<del></del>
Alonso Alvarez de Toledo y Urquijo	<del>-</del>	_
Henri Chermont	<del></del>	<del>-</del> .
Mark Evans	2,000	2,000
Josiane Pain	5,400	5,400
Evangelista Ronchi		<del>-</del>
Terry Webb	<del></del>	_

There have been no changes in the above interests, which are all beneficial interests, up to 29 March 1996.

The Directors retiring by rotation are Mr Alonso Alvarez de Toledo y Urquijo, Mr Henri Chermont and Mr Mark Evans who, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

None of the Directors has a contract of service with the Company or has any material interest in any other contract which is significant to the Company's business. Mrs Pain is a Director of Schroder Investment Management Limited, the Investment Manager, which receives fees from the Company in accordance with the management agreement referred to below.

# REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS continued

#### DIRECTORS' AND OFFICERS' LIABILITY INSURANCE

During the year, the Company has maintained cover for its Directors and officers, under a Directors' and officers' liability insurance policy as permitted by Section 310 of the Companies Act 1985 (as amended).

#### SUBSTANTIAL SHARE INTERESTS

As at 29 March 1996 the Company had been notified of the following interests in the issued share capital:

	Shares	%
Schroder Investment Management Limited	1,424,100	12.95
(on behalf of discretionary clients)		
Stichting Akzo-Pensioenfonds	661,000	6.01
London and Manchester (Portfolio Management) Limited	586,000	5.33
FP Fund Managers Limited	500,000	4.54
Allianz (UK) Limited	400,000	3.64

The Company is not aware of any other interests in excess of 3 per cent. of the issued share capital.

#### EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association the Directors have convened an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company to immediately follow the Annual General Meeting to be held on 7 May 1996 to consider a special resolution to wind up the Company. Notice of the Extraordinary General Meeting is given on page 32 of this document.

#### INVESTMENT MANAGER

The Investment Manager, Schroder Investment Management Limited, is entitled to receive a fee at an annual rate of 1.25 per cent of the net assets of the Company. The investment management agreement is terminable by either party on not less than three months' notice. The Investment Manager is regulated by the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation Limited ("IMRO"), one of the United Kingdom selfregulating organisations for the purposes of the Financial Services Act 1986.

#### AUDITORS

Coopers & Lybrand have expressed their willingness to remain in office and resolutions to re-appoint them and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

Senator House 85 Queen Victoria Street London EC4V 4EJ Registered Number: 21716 12 April 1996

By Order of the Board Schroder Investment Management Limited Secretary

### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company has fully complied throughout the period with the provisions of the Code of Best Practice issued by the Cadbury Committee on the Financial Aspects of Corporate Governance ("the Code") which are currently in force.

The Board has an Audit Committee and a Management Engagement Committee both of which have specific terms of reference and comprise all the independent non-executive Directors. The Audit Committee meets at least once a year with the Company's auditors and its function is to ensure that the highest standards of integrity, financial reporting and internal control are maintained. The Management Engagement Committee meets annually and its function is to review the terms of the Company's management agreement with Schroder Investment Management Limited to ensure it is competitive and reasonable for the shareholders. The Management Engagement Committee takes the place of the Remuneration Committee suggested by the Code, which would not be appropriate as the Company has no executive Directors.

The Board acknowledges that it is responsible for the Company's system of internal financial controls and confirms that it has reviewed their overall effectiveness.

The Board meets on a quarterly basis where it discusses income forecasts and expense analyses, and makes all major decisions concerning the Company. As discussed above, the Board has appointed an Audit Committee — whose meetings are attended by the Company's auditors — and a Management Engagement Committee. The Internal Audit Department within Schroders plc also conducts a regular review of Schroder Investment Management Limited, the Investment Manager and Secretary of the Company, and their Report is subsequently presented to the Board.

For those services which are provided by Schroder Investment Management Limited, the Board has obtained a letter from the Directors of Schroder Investment Management Limited which reports on the level of controls operating within their organisation and which have a direct bearing on the Company. On the basis of that letter, which has been reviewed by their auditors, the Directors are satisfied that strong internal financial controls are in place with regard to custody of the Company's investments, being the most significant area of risk for investment trusts.

It should be noted, however, that any system of internal financial controls can provide only a reasonable and not an absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

After making enquiries the Directors consider that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the accounts.

# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE continued

#### REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO SCHRODER MEDITERRANEAN FUND LIMITED ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE MATTERS

In addition to our audit of the accounts, we have reviewed the Directors' statement on page 13 on the Company's compliance with the paragraphs of the Code of Best Practice specified for our review by the London Stock Exchange. The objective of our review is to draw attention to non-compliance with those paragraphs of the Code which is not disclosed in the Directors' Statement.

#### Basis of opinion

We carried out our review in accordance with Bulletin 1995/1 "Disclosures relating to corporate governance" issued by the Auditing Practices Board. That Bulletin does not require us to perform the additional work necessary to, and we do not, express any opinion either on the effectiveness of the Company's system of internal financial controls or its corporate governance procedures or on the ability of the Company to continue in operational existence.

#### Opinion

With respect to the Directors' statement on internal financial controls and going concern on page 13, in our opinion the Directors have provided the disclosures required by paragraphs 4.5 and 4.6 of the Code (as supplemented by the related guidance for Directors) and such a statement is not inconsistent with the information of which we are aware from our audit work on the accounts.

Based on enquiry of certain Directors and officers of the Company and examination of relevant documents, in our opinion the Directors' statement on page 13 appropriately reflects the Company's compliance with the other paragraphs of the Code specified for

Coopers & Eybrand Chartered Accountants

Guernsey

12 April 1996

# DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Directors are responsible for preparing accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period and are in accordance with applicable laws.

The Directors are satisfied that the Company has adequate resources to continue in business and accordingly that the accounts should be drawn up on a going concern basis. Further, appropriate accounting policies, consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates, have been used in the preparation of these accounts and applicable accounting standards have been followed. These policies and standards, for which the Directors accept responsibility, have been discussed with the Auditors.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies (Guernsey) Law, 1994. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud, error and non-compliance with law and regulation.

The Directors believe that they have complied with these responsibilities.

# REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

#### TO THE MEMBERS OF SCHRODER MEDITERRANEAN FUND LIMITED

We have audited the accounts on pages 17 to 25.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 15 the Company's directors are responsible for the preparation of accounts. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those 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 accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements, 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 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 accounts.

#### Opinion

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 1995 and of its net revenue, recognised gains and losses, and cashflows for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies (Guernsey) Law, 1994.

Coopers & Lybrand Chartered Accountants

Guernsey 12 April 1996

# REVENUE ACCOUNT

for	the	year	ended	31	December	1995
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Income from listed investments Unfranked investment income	1b	1,034	919
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Other income receivable Deposit interest	***************************************	105	49
Total revenue		1,139	968
Administrative expenses	2	714	690
Profit on ordinary activities before interest			
Interest payable	3	425	278 25
Net revenue from ordinary activitie	s		
before taxation Taxation	4	425 146	253 157
Net revenue for the financial year			
after taxation Proposed final dividend		279	96
r toposed ilital dividend	·····	165	82
Surplus of revenue for the year			
Transferred to revenue reserve	14	114	14
Earnings per share	5	2.54 pence	0.87 pence
Dividends for the year per share		1.50 pence	0.75 pence

All items dealt with in arriving at the net revenue for the year ended 31 December 1995 and the year ended 31 December 1994 relate to continuing activities.

There is no difference between the net revenue for the year before taxation and the surplus of revenue for the year stated above and their historical cost equivalents.

BALA	NCE SI	HEET	
· a	t 31 December 1995	5	
FIXED ASSETS	Notes	1995 £'000	,
Investments Listed Overseas Listed in the United Kingdom	1a, 6 6	34,331 588	-
		34,919	31,768
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors Short-term deposits Cash at bank	7	455 2,018 3	
		2,476	1,665
CURRENT LIABILITIES Creditors: amounts falling due within one year Net current assets	8	1,184 1,292	366
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES Creditors: amounts falling due after mothan one year	ore 9	36,211	33,067
		36,210	33,063
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called up share capital Share premium account Capital reserve Revenue reserve	11 12 13 14	1,100 33,826 1,017 267	1,100 33,826 (2,016) 153
Shareholders' funds	15	36,210	33,063
Undiluted net asset value per share Diluted net asset value per share assumi full conversion of warrants	ng	329.18 pence	

The Accounts were approved by the Board of Directors on 12 April 1996 and signed on behalf of the Board by:

I P Sedgwick

J Pain

Directors

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for	the year	ended 31 I	December 1995	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
	Notes	£'000	1995 £'000	£'000	1994 £'000
OPERATING ACTIVITIES Cash received from investments Interest received Administrative expenses		1,050 105 (699)		921 41 (685)	
Net cash inflow from operating activities	16		456		277
RETURNS ON INVESTME SERVICING OF FINANCE	NTS AI				
Dividends paid Bank loan interest paid		(82)		(82) (29)	
Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance			(82)		(111)
			(02)	······	(111)
TAXATION UK tax paid Overseas tax paid		(93) (108)		(10) (145)	
Total tax paid			(201)	()	(155)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES Exchange loss on currency Purchase of investments Sale of investments	13 17 18	(15,891) 16,314		(40) (19,782) 22,123	
Net cash inflow from investing activities			423		2,301
Net cash inflow before financing			596		2,312
FINANCING Repayment of bank loan Costs of capitalisation issue		*******		(1,990) (3)	
Net cash outflow from financing					(1,993)
NET CASH INFLOW			596		319
Increase in cash and equivalents	19		596		319

# STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

for the year ended 31 I	December 1995		
	Notes	1995 £'000	1994 £'000
Capital profit on investments			
Realised surplus on investments sold	13	629	5,197
Unrealised surplus/(deficit)	13	2,404	(7,515)
Capital surplus/(deficit) for the year		3,033	(2,318)
Revenue profit available for distribution	15	279	96
Total recognised surplus/(deficit) for the year		3,312	(2,222)
Distributable profit on investments			
Revenue profit available for distribution		279	96
Dividends		(165)	(82)
Transfer to distributable reserves		114	14
Non-distributable profit			
Transfer to non-distributable reserves		3,033	(2,318)
		3,147	(2,304)

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### a Investments

Listed investments are stated at market value. Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments are included in the capital reserve.

#### b Income recognition

Investment income is credited by reference to due payment date. Other income is recognised on an accruals basis.

#### c Translation of foreign currencies

Foreign currency transactions during the period are translated into Sterling at exchange rates ruling at the transaction dates. Monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into Sterling at market rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Exchange gains or losses on foreign currency translations are dealt with in the revenue account, with the exception of net currency gains or losses relating to investments, which are included in the capital reserve.

d Deferred taxation is provided to take account of short-term timing differences expected to reverse in the foreseeable future.

	714	690
Non-audit	2	1
Audit	12	9
Auditors' remuneration		
General expenses	46	43
Directors' emoluments	52	52
Custodian fee	83	81
Investment Management fee	519	504
	£'000	£'000
	1995	1994
2 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		

#### Directors' emoluments:

The emoluments of the Chairman, who was also the highest-paid Director, were £10,000 (1994: £10,000).

The following table shows the number of Directors receiving emoluments in the bands stated:

The above expenses include irrecoverable value added tax where appropriate.

3 INTEREST PAYABLE		
On bank loans:	. 1995 £'000	1994 £'000
Repayable within 5 years, not by instalments	-	25

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS continued

#### 4 TAXATION

The charge for taxation on the net revenue for the period is made up as follows:

	1995	1994
United Kingdom taxation:	£'000	£'000
Corporation tax	106	37
Irrecoverable advance corporation tax	41	17
Deferred taxation (see note 9)		4
	147	58
Less Double taxation relief	(106)	(37)
	41	21
Overseas withholding taxes	105	136
	146	157

Corporation tax at 25 per cent (1994: 25 per cent) has been provided on the unfranked income for the period after deducting expenses.

#### **5** EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of the earnings per share is based on 11,000,100 shares in issue during the year and on the earnings of  $\pounds$ 279,000 (1994:  $\pounds$ 96,000). The earnings per share calculated on the nil distribution basis are 2.91 pence (1994: 1.03 pence) based on earnings of £320,000 (1994: £113,000) which exclude the irrecoverable advance corporation tax shown in note 4.

Market value at 31 December	34,331	588	34,919	31,231	537	31,768
Unrealised (deficit)/surplus on investments	(614)	32	(582)	(2,967)	(19)	(2,986)
Cost at 31 December	34,945	556	35,501	34,198	556	34,754
Disposals at cost	(15,840)		(15,840)	(14,602)	(1,000)	(15,602)
Additions at cost	16,587		16,587	17,198	1,000	18,198
Cost at 1 January	34,198	556	34,754	31,602	556	32,158
	<b>£'</b> 000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
	Overseas	in UK	Total	Overseas	UK	Total
	Listed	Listed		Listed	Listed in	
			1995			1994
6 INVESTMENTS						

The investments are valued on the basis set out in note 1(a). The value placed on the equity shares included under listed investments is £34,919,000 (1994: £31,768,000).

	455	240
Investment income receivable	_	16
Prepayments .	3	3
Sundry debtors	14	11
Interest receivable	. 15	15
Sales for future settlement	155	_
Taxation recoverable	268	195
Amounts due within one year:	~	~
	€'000	€,'000
	1995	1994
7 DEBTORS		

8 CREDITORS		
•	1995	1994
	£'000	£'000
a Amounts falling due within one year:		
Purchases for future settlement Creditors and accrued charges	778	82
Proposed final dividend	200 165	185 82
Current taxation	41	17
	1,184	366
b Amounts falling due after more than one year:	1,107	300
Deferred taxation (see note 9)	1	4
	1	4
9 DEFERRED TAXATION		
	1995	1994
	€,000	€,'000
The movements on the provision for deferred taxation are as follows:		, ,
At 1 January	4	-
Adjustment for ACT set-off Transferred to Revenue Account (see note 4)	(3)	
	<del>-</del>	4
At 31 December	1	4
short-term timing differences and has been included under amounts falling  10 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES	due after more tha	n one year.
The Company had no contingent liabilities at the balance sheet date.		
11 SHARE CAPITAL	100=	4004
Authorised:	1995	1994 £'000
20,000,000 shares of £0.10 each	£'000 2,000	2,000
	-,444	2,000
Allotted, Called Up and Fully Paid: 11,000,100 shares of £0.10 each		
	1 100	1 100
	1,100	1,100
2,199,900 warrants lapsed on 31 December 1995, the last day on which	<del> </del>	
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At 31 December

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# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS continued

O CHAIN ENCOUNTE		
·	1995	1994
	€'000	£'000
Realised surplus/(deficit) on investments at 1 January	970	(4,227)
Net surplus on investments sold	629	5,237
Net loss on currency transactions		(40)
At 31 December	1,599	970
Unrealised (deficit)/surplus on investments at 1 January	(2,986)	4,529
Increase in unrealised surplus/(deficit) on investments	2,404	(7,515)
At 31 December	(582)	(2,986)
Capital Reserve at 31 December	1,017	(2,016)

The net profit on investments sold represents the difference between the net proceeds of sale and the original cost of the investments sold.

The unrealised (deficit)/surplus on investments is the difference between the market value of the investments held on 31 December 1995 and their original cost.

Revenue reserve at 31 December	267	153
Transfer from revenue account	114	14
At 1 January	153	139
	£'000	£'000
	1995	1994
14 REVENUE RESERVES		

15 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN	SHAREHOLDERS' FUI	VDS
Revenue profit available for distribution Dividends	1995 £'000 279 (165)	1994 £'000 96 (82
Distributable profits less dividends Non-distributable capital surplus Costs of capitalisation issue	114 3,033	(2,318) (3)
Net addition/(reduction) to shareholders' funds Shareholders' funds at 1 January	3,147 33,063	(2,307) 35,370
Shareholders' funds at 31 December	36,210	33,063

# 16 RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING PROFIT TO NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Net cash inflow from operating activities	456	277
Movements in debtors	h-1	(1)
Movements in creditors	· 15	5
Movements in accrued income	16	(5)
Net revenue before interest payable and taxation	425	278
	£'000	€,000
	1995	1994

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17 ANALYSIS OF PAYMENTS FOR	INVESTMENT	S ACQUIRED	
	•	1995	1994
511111		€,000	€,000
Brokers' payables accrued at 1 January Acquisitions at cost		82 16 597	1,655
Less: Brokers' payables accrued at 31 December		16,587 (778)	18,198 (82
Add: Refund on rights issue purchase			11
		15,891	19,782
18 ANALYSIS OF RECEIPTS FROM	DISPOSALS C	F INVESTMENT	rs
		1995	1994
<b>5.4</b>		€,000	£'000
Brokers' receivables accrued at 1 January		45.040	1,284
Disposals at cost Realised surplus on disposals		15,840 629	15,602 5,237
Less: Brokers' receivables accrued at 31 Decemb	er	(155)	5,237
		16,314	22,123
19 ANALYSIS OF THE BALANCE C AS SHOWN IN THE BALANCE SHI	EET		LENTS
	Balance at	Balance at	
	31 December 1995	31 December 1994	Change in
	₹,000	£;'000	Year £'000
Short term deposits	2,018	1,423	595
Cash at bank	3	2	1
	2,021	1,425	596
20 ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN C	ASH AND CA	SH	
EQUIVALENTS DURING YEAR			
		1995	1994
		£'000	£'000
Balance at 1 January		1,425	1,106
tcash inflow before adjustments for the effect of	foreign	<b>#</b> 0.7	20-
exchange Effect of foreign exchange rate changes		596	325
			(6)
Balance at 31 December		2,021	1,425

# LIST OF INVESTMENTS

		Value of	Percentage of Share-
FRANCE		Holdings £'000	holders' Funds
Financials		₺,000	1 ands
Cetelem	Financial services	1,364	
Credit National	Financial institution/services	474	
		1,838	5.08
Energy			
Elf Aquitaine	Oil	628	
		628	1.73
Transport			
Calberson Cie Gle	Transport	127	
Locamion	Transport	140	
		267	0.74
Consumer Goods			
Clarins	Health & household products	686	
Galeries Lafayette	Retail trading	686	
Groupe Kindy	Children's clothes	75	
Teisseire	Beverages	257	
		1,704	4.71
Capital Goods			
Legrand	Electrical equipment	513	
Plastic Omnium	Plastics	535	
Schneider (ex Spep)	Electrical equipment	8	
SGS Thomson Micro	Electronics/instruments	494	
Sidel	Packaging machinery	581	
Technip	Engineering	777	
		2,908	8.03
Basic Industries			
Securidev	Business Service	56	
Lapeyre	Construction/building materials	611	
		667	1.84
Other			
Manutan	Mail Order	736	
Sogeparc	Car Parks	347	
		1,083	2.99
Total France		9,095	25.12

			Percentage
		Value of	of Share-
GREECE		Holdings	holders'
Financials		£'000	Funds
Alpha Credit Bank	Bank	373	
A		373	1.03
0 0 1			2100
Consumer Goods	D		
Hellenic Bottling	Beverage manufacturer	606	1 67
	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	000	1.67
Basic Industries			
Silver & Baryte Ores	Mining, metals	299	
Titan Cement	Building materials	860	
		1,159	3.20
Tree-1 Consess		2.420	
Total Greece		2,138	5.90
ISRAEL Technology ECI Telecom	Telecommunications	411	1.14
			1.1.
Financials and Holding			
Companies			
First International Bank Koor Industries	Bank	157	
Aooi industries	Diversified holding company	384	
		541	1.49
Consumer Goods			
Osem	Food/grocery products	122	
Super-Sol	Retail trade	247	
		369	1.02
Pharmaceuticals			•
Teva Pharmaceuticals	Pharmaceuticals	421	
		421	1.16
Total Israel		1,742	4.81
		1,/42	4.81

# LIST OF INVESTMENTS continued

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	·	,	Percentage
		Value of	of Share-
ITALY		Holdings	holders
Financials		£'000	Fund
La Previdente	Insurance	273	
Unipol	Insurance	110	
		383	1.06
Basic Industries	-		
Montedison	Diversified holding company	532	
	, , , , , ,	532	1.47
Utilities		······································	
Sondel	Electric utility	605	
Telecom Italia Mobile	Telecom utility	850	
		1,455	4.02
Consumer Goods			
Mondadori	Publishing	782	
Parmalat Finanziaria	Food manufacturer	252	
Safilo	Spectacle frames	1,051	
Zucchi	Textile	219	
		2,304	6.36
Capital goods			
Brembo	Auto components	516	
IMA	Mechanical engineering	521	
Saes Getters	Electronics	559	
Sasib	Mechanical engineering	501	
Tecnost	Business equipment	408	
		2,505	6.92
Total Italy		7,179	19.83
		,,1/	17.03
MOROCCO			
Bank Bqe Comm Marocco	Bank	100	
Eqe Comm Marocco	Dank	123	0.34
~ 11		123	0.54
Holding company ONA	Holding company	283	
	120-ing with and		0.70
		283	0.78
Total Morocco		406	1.12

Total Portugal		4,139	11.43
		514	1.42
Somec	Construction/building material	13	
<b>Basic Industries</b> Semapa	Cement	501	
			0.23
		91	0.25
Capital Goods Efacec	Mechanical engineering	91	
		2,527	6.98
TVI - Televisao Ind.	Entertainment/leisure/toys	480	
Jeronimo Martins	Retailing	1,789	
Consumer Goods ITI Soc de Invest	Leisure	258	
		411	1.14
Utilities Portugal Telecom	. Telecommunications	411	
		596	1.64
Financials Banco Espirito Santo	Banking	596	
PORTUGAL		Value of Holdings £'000	Percentage of Share- holders' Funds
			D

# LIST OF INVESTMENTS continued

			Percentage
	•	Value of	of Share-
		Holdings	holders'
SPAIN		€,000	Funds
Financials		~	
Banco de Valencia	Banking	619	
Banco Popular Espanol	Banking	487	
Mapfre Vida	Insurance	772	
		1,878	5.19
Utilities	•		
Empresa Nac. Hidroelectrica	Utilities	882	
Electricas Reun, de Zaragoza	Utilities	575	
Sevillana de Electricidad	Utilities	450	
-		1,907	5.26
Trongnost			
Transport Autopistas del Mar	Motorway concession operator	529	
2240002400	1410wiway concession operator		
		529	1.46
Consumer Goods			
Cortefiel	Retail trading	620	
Centros Commerc. Pryca	Retailing	919	
Fasa Autom. Renault	Automobiles	167	
Grupo Anaya	Publishing and printing	198	
<del></del>		1,904	5.26
Basic Industries			
Cristaleria Espanola	Glass manufacturer	505	
Obrascon	Construction	294	
Portland Valderrivas	Cement	434	,
Uralita	Construction/building materials	479	
		1,712	4.73
Total Spain		7,930	21.90

			Percentage
		Value of	of Share-
		Holdings	holders'
TURKEY		£'000	Funds
Financials		~ ~ ~ ~	
Global Menkul Dege	Financial institution	109	
Finansbank	Banking	239	
Finansleasing	Leasing	45	
Ottoman Bank	Banking	588	
		981	2.71
Capital goods			
Netas	Telecommunications equipment	185	
		185	0.51
Consumer Goods			
Aksu Iplik Dokuma	Textiles	. 71	
Migros	Retailing :	212	
Tofas Otomobil Fab	Automobiles	75	
Trakya Cam	Household durables	138	
Turk Demir Dokum	Consumer dutables	146	
USAS	Food/grocery products	91	
		733	2.02
Basic Industries			
Ege Seramic	Construction/building materials	214	
Eyap	Construction/building materials	177	
		391	1.08
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Total Turkey		2,290	6.32
Total Investment Portfolio		34,919	96.43
Other net assets		1,291	3.57
Shareholders' Funds		36,210	100.00

### NOTICES AND AGENDA

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Schroder Mediterranean Fund Limited will be held at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 7 May 1996 at St Pierre Park, The Rohais, St Peter Port, Guernsey, Channel Islands for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions which will be proposed as ordinary resolutions:

- 1. That the Report of the Directors and the Accounts be adopted.
- 2. That a Final Dividend of 1.50 pence per share be declared, payable on 16 May 1996 to shareholders on the register as at 23 April 1996.
- 3. That Mr Alonso Alvarez de Toledo y Urquijo be re-elected as a Director of the Company
- 4. That Mr Henri Chermont be re-elected as a Director of the Company
- 5. That Mr Mark Evans be re-elected as a Director of the Company.
- 6. That Coopers & Lybrand be reappointed as Auditors of the Company.
- 7. That the Board be authorised to agree with the Auditors a sum to cover their remuneration.

Registered Office: Barfield House St Julian's Avenue St Peter Port Guernsey, GY1 3QL 12 April 1996

By Order of the Board Schroder Investment Management Limited Secretary

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of Schroder Mediterranean Fund Limited will be held on Tuesday, 7 May, 1996 at St. Pierre Park, The Rohais, St. Peter Port, Guernsey, Channel Islands at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting convened for 10.30 a.m. for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolution which will be proposed as a special resolution:

That the Company be wound up in accordance with its Articles of Association.

Registered Office: Barfield House St Julian's Avenue St Peter Port Guernsey, GY1 3QL 12 April 1996

By Order of the Board Schroder Investment Management Limited Secretary

#### **NOTES**

- 1 A member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting or the Extraordinary General Meeting may appoint a proxy or proxies to attend and on a poll to vote in his stead. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. Forms appointing proxies must be lodged with the Company's Registrar not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the Meeting. The completion and return of a form of proxy will not preclude a holder entitled to attend and vote in person at the Meeting from doing so if he or she wishes.
- 2 In accordance with the requirements of The Stock Exchange, London, a statement of all transactions of each Director and of his family interests in the shares of the Company will be available for inspection at the registered office of the Company and at Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4EJ, during normal business hours from the date of this notice to the conclusion of the Meeting. None of the Directors has a contract of service with the Company.

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