**Company Number SC111955** 

Unaudited Interim Accounts for the period 1 October 2007 to 30 June 2008

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## Income Statement for the period 1 October 2007 to 30 June 2008

	Notes	Revenue £	Capıtal £	Total £
Losses on investments	6		(28,338,144)	(28,338,144)
REVENUE				
Dividend income	2	3,619,996		3,619,996
Fixed interest income	2	1,802,417		1,802,417
Deposit interest	2 2	389,518		389,518
Traded Option premiums	2	448,341		448,341
Other Income	2	16,735		16,735
		6,277,007	(28,338,144)	(22,061,137)
EXPENSES				
Investment management fee	3	(280,835)	(280,835)	(561,670)
Other administrative expenses	4	(223,026)		(223,026)
Finance cost of borrowings	5	(9,427)	(9,427)	(18,854)
Zero coupon finance costs	7		(2,630,225)	(2,630,225)
		(513,288)	(2,920,487)	(3,433,775)
PROFIT BEFORE TAX		5,763,719	(31,258,631)	(25,494,912)
Taxation		(600,242)	81,272	(518,970)
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PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD		5,163,477	(31,177,359)	(26,013,882)
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The total column of this statement represents the Company's Income Statement, prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. The revenue and capital columns are supplementary to this and are prepared under guidance published by the Association of Investment Companies.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement All items in the above statement derive from continuing operations. No operations were acquired or discontinued in the period

# Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2008

	Notes	£	£
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Listed investments	6		131,163,072
Zero coupon finance call options	7		11,764,575
Zero coupon finance put options	7		11,880,725
Investment in subsidiary undertaking	8		5,000
			154,813,372
CURRENT ASSETS			
Trade and other receivables	9	2,515,440	
Cash and cash equivalents	,	12,350,092	
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			14,865,532
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TOTAL ASSETS			169,678,904
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CURRENT LIABILITIES Trade and other payables	10	(1,748,644)	
Trade and other payables Short term borrowings	11	(1,740,044)	
Short term borrowings	11		
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			(1,748,644)
Zero coupon finance call options	7	(41,579,075)	
Zero coupon finance put options	7	(42,923,825)	
			(84,502,900)
			(04,502,500)
TOTAL LIABILITIES			(86,251,544)
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NET ASSETS			83,427,360
ISSUED CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	12		30,485,629
Share premium account	13		53,203,872
Special reserve	14		4,683,562
Realised capital reserve	15		18,921,276
Unrealised capital reserve	15		(27,331,067)
Revenue reserve	16		3,464,088
EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS			83,427,360

Approved by the Board of Directors on 15 July 2008 and signed on its behalf

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this balance sheet

# Statement of Changes in Equity for the period 1 October 2007 to 30 June 2008

	Notes	Share Capital	Share Premium	Capital Redemption Reserve	Realised Capital Reserve	Unrealised Capital Reserve	Retained Revenue Reserve	Total
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
As at 1 October 2007		30,485,629	53,205,025	5,000,000	17,097,216	5,670,352	3,375,329	114,833,551
Revenue for the period	16						5,163,477	5,163,477
Capital losses for the period	15				1,824,060	(33,001,419)		(31,177,359)
Equity dividends paid	17						(5,074,718)	(5,074,718)
Share issue expenses	13		(1,153)					(1,153)
Buy back of share capital	12			(316,438)				(316,438)
As at 30 June 200	8	30,485,629	53,203,872	4,683,562	18,921,276	(27,331,067)	3,464,088	83,427,360

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#### Notes to the Financial Statements

#### ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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The financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) The principal accounting policies are as follows

#### (a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis except that investments and derivative financial instruments are stated at their fair value

#### (b) Investments

At 1 October 2005, the Company designated all its investments into the financial assets at fair value through profit and loss category. The fair value of investments is based upon their quoted market bid price at close of business on the balance sheet date.

#### (c) Gains and losses on investment transactions

Gains and losses arising on sales of investments are taken to realised capital reserve. Changes in the fair value of investments are recognised in the income statement through the unrealised capital reserve.

#### (d) Income and expenditure

Dividends on equity investments are credited to revenue on the date when the investment is first quoted ex-dividend at the amount receivable without any attributable tax credit

Interest income from certain fixed interest securities is recognised in the income statement as it accrues, using the effective interest rate of the instrument calculated at the acquisition date. Interest income includes the amortisation of any discount or premium or other differences between the initial carrying amount of the interest bearing instrument and its amount at maturity calculated on an effective interest rate basis.

Interest from deposits, interest payable and expenses of management are dealt with on an accruals basis

The finance costs of borrowings and the fee payable to the Company's managers are charged partly to capital and partly to revenue in proportion to the expected long term split of returns in the form of capital gains and income from the Company's entire investment portfolio All other expenses of management are charged to revenue

The Company has in place medium term funding in the form of zero coupon finance through a series of option transactions on the FTSE 100 Index. These options are classed as derivative financial instruments and are shown separately at their fair values on the face of the balance sheet. Movements in the fair value of these instruments are recognised in the income statement and charged against the unrealised capital reserve.

Underwriting commission is taken to revenue, unless any shares underwritten are required to be taken up, in which case the commission received is deducted from the cost of the investment

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

#### 2 REVENUE

	£
Income from investments Dividend income	3,619,996
Fixed interest income	1,802,417
	5,422,413
Other revenue	
Interest receivable from deposits	389,518
Traded Option Premiums	448,341
Other Income	16,735
Total income	6,277,007

#### 3. SECRETARIAL AND MANAGEMENT FEE

Aberdeen Asset Managers Limited acts as investment manager and Aberdeen Asset Management PLC as secretaries to the Company under a contract which is subject to one year's notice of termination. The fee is at an annual rate of 0.75% of the amount of net assets calculated monthly and paid quarterly. The fee has been allocated 50% to capital and 50% to revenue

#### 4 OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

	Directors' remuneration fees as director	re		£ 45,061
	Fees payable to auditors and associates			13,625
	Other management expenses	Tor other sorvices		164,340
				223,026 ======
5.	FINANCE COSTS OF BORROWINGS			
		Revenue £	Capital £	Total £
	Bank loans and overdrafts	9,427	9,427 ======	18,854

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

6	LISTED INVESTMENTS	£
	Value at 1 October 2007	171,414,866
	Purchases	37,356,506
	Amortised cost adjustments to fixed interest securities	14,060
	Sales proceeds net profits on sales	(49,361,424) 2,033,376
	Movement in unrealised appreciation	(30,294,312)
	Value at 30 June 2008	131,163,072
	Cost at 30 June 2008 Unrealised appreciation at 30 June 2008	150,083,663 (18,920,591)
	Value at 30 June 2008	131,163,072
	LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS	c
	Net gains on sales of investments  Movement in unrealised appreciation of investments  Other profits on Investments  Movement in fair value of traded options	£ 2,033,376 (30,294,312) (327) (76,881)
		(28,338,144)

#### 7 ZERO COUPON FINANCE

The zero coupon finance arrangement comprises a set of separately traded financial instruments (FTSE 100 Index options) As stated in note 1(d), these options are classed as derivative financial instruments and are shown separately at their fair values on the face of the balance sheet

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2,630,225
60,857,600

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

## 7 ZERO COUPON FINANCE (continued)

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The amounts outstanding in respect of zero coupon finance comprise	
	£
Non Current Assets	
Call Options:	
Expiring in December 2008	326,700
Expiring in January 2010	2,608,200
Expiring in April 2011	8,829,675
	11,764,575
Put options	
Expiring in December 2008	900
Expiring in January 2010	5,135,900
Expiring in April 2011	6,743,925
	11,880,725
Non Current Liabilities	
Call options	
Expiring in December 2008	(4,706,100)
Expiring in January 2010	(17,259,200)
Expiring in April 2011	(19,613,775)
	(41,579,075)
Put options	<del> </del>
Expiring on December 2008	(870,300)
Expiring on January 2010	(19,674,200)
Expiring on April 2011	(22,379,325)
	$(\overline{42,923,825})$
Net Zero Coupon Finance Liability	(60,857,600)
SUBSIDIARY UNDERTAKING	
Shares at cost	£5,000

The Company owns the whole of the ordinary share capital of GIT Securities Limited, an investment dealing company registered in Scotland

In the opinion of the Directors, the value of this investment is not less than cost

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

## 9. TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES

			£
	Due from Brokers Accrued income		816,366 1,686,660
	Prepayments & other debtors		12,414
			2,515,440
10	TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES		£
	Due to brokers Traded Options at fair value		891,566 71,500
	Accrued charges		256,722 347,481
	Corporation Tax due Due to subsidiary undertaking		181,375
			1,748,644
11	SHORT TERM BORROWINGS		£
	Short term bank loans		~
12	CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL		
	Authorised 200,000,000 ordinary shares of 25 pence each		£50,000,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid Ordinary shares of 25 pence each	Number	£
	At 1 October 2007	121,942,517	30,485,629
	Shares buyback into Treasury shares	(478,985)	
	At 30 June 2008	121,463,532	£30,485,629
13	SHARE PREMIUM ACCOUNT		c
	At 1 October 2007		£ 53,205,025
	Issue Expense Paid		(1,153)
	At 30 June 2008		53,203,872

## Notes to the Financial Statements

14	SPECIAL RESERVE	
	At 1 October 2007	£5,000,000
	Share buyback into Treasury Shares	(316,438)
	At 30 June 2008	£4,683,562
15	OTHER CAPITAL RESERVES	c
	Realised capital reserve	£
	At 1 October 2007	17,097,216
	Net gains on sales of investments during the period (note 6) Management fee Finance cost of borrowings Tax credit from revenue Other Profits on Investment	2,033,376 (280,835) (9,427) 81,274
	At 30 June 2008	$\frac{(327)}{18,921,276}$
	Unrealised capital reserve	<del>2.</del>
	At 1 October 2007	5,670,351
	Movement during the period Listed investments (note 6) Movement in fair value of zero coupon finance (note 7) Amortisation of expenses Movement in fair value of traded options	(30,294,312) (2,630,225) (76,881)
	At 30 June 2008	(27,331,067)
	The capital reserves are not distributable by way of dividend	
16	REVENUE RESERVE	£
	At 1 October 2007	3,375,329
	Profit for the period Dividends paid (note 17)	5,163,477 (5,074,718)
	At 30 June 2008	3,464,088

## Notes to the Financial Statements

## 17 DIVIDENDS ON EQUITY SHARES

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Fifth interim dividend of 2006/07 of 1 8865p per share paid on 31 October 2007 First interim dividend of 2007/08 of 1 138p per share paid on 31 January 2008 Second interim dividend of 2007/08 of 1 138p per share paid on 30 April 2008	2,300,445 1,387,704 1,386,569
	5,074,718

The Company has declared a third interim dividend in respect of the year to 30 September 2008 of 1 138p per share which is payable on 31 July 2008. The total amount payable in respect of this dividend is £1,382,255