Company Number SC111955

Unaudited Interim Accounts for the period 1 October 2013 to 30 June 2014

> **Prepared under Section 838** Companies Act 2006

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Statement of Directors' Responsibilities in respect of the interim accounts

Company Law requires the Directors to prepare interim accounts prior to making any distribution where the distribution would be found to contravene the relevant section of the Companies Act if reference were made only to the Company's last annual accounts. These accounts are required to be properly prepared under s838 Companies Act 2006 and must consist of:

A balance sheet which gives a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at the balance sheet date; and

A profit and loss account which gives a true and fair view of the Company's profit or loss for the period. This requirement is met by the presentation of the total column in the Income Statement.

In preparing these accounts the Directors are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the interim accounts; and

Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is appropriate to presume that the Company will not continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for ensuring that proper accounting records are maintained, which enable them to ensure that the interim accounts comply with the Companies Act. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and, therefore, for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Income Statement

Period 1.10.13 to 30.06.14 Year ended 30.09.13 Notes Capital Total Revenue Total Revenue Capital £'000 £'000 £'000 £'000 £'000 $\mathfrak{L}'000$ Profit on investments held at fair value 7 11,669 11,669 11,157 11,157 Currency (losses)/gains (2) (2) REVENUE 5,999 2 4,394 4,394 5,999 Income Other income 2 4,395 11,667 16,062 11,158 17,159 6,001 **EXPENSES** (1,041)Investment management fee 3 (292)(542)(834)(364)(677)(343) (343)Other administrative expenses 4 (307)(307)5 (15)Finance cost of borrowings (5) (10)(15)(5) (10)(604)(552)(1,156)(712)(687)(1,399)PROFIT BEFORE TAX 3,791 11,115 14,906 5,289 10,471 15,760 Taxation 6 (68)(68)(95)(95)10,471 PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD 11,115 3,723 14,838 15,665 5,194

The total column of this statement represents the Company's Statement of Comprehensive Income, prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ('IFRS').

The revenue and capital columns are supplementary to this and are prepared under guidance published by the Association of Investment Companies.

The 'profit for the period' is also the 'total comprehensive income for the period' as defined in International Accounting Standard I (revised).

No operations were acquired or discontinued in the period.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Balance Sheet

		As at 3	0.06.14	As at 30	.09.13
	Notes	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
NON-CURRENT ASSETS					
Listed investments	7		148,046	_	141,239
CURRENT ASSETS					
Accrued income & prepayments		973		684	
Cash and cash equivalents		3,701		4,243	
			4,674		4,927
TOTAL ASSETS			152,720	_	146,166
				-	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Trade and other payables		(423)		(388)	
TOTAL LIABILITIES			(423)		(388)
NET ASSETS			152,297	-	145,778
ISSUED CAPITAL AND RESERVES	S				
Called-up share capital	8		60,514		60,514
Share premium account	9		36,547		36,432
Special reserve	10		53,633		58,163
Capital reserve	11		(1,785)		(12,900)
Revenue reserve	13		3,388	-	3,569
EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	S		152,297	_	145,778

Approved by the Board on A September 2014 and signed on behalf of the Board by:

David Warnock, Director

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this balance sheet.

Notes to the Financial Statements Period from 1 October 2013 to 30 June 2014

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting and the accounting policies set out in the statutory accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 September 2013. The financial statements do not include all the information required for full annual financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the financial statements of the Company for the year ended 30 September 2013, which were prepared under full IFRS requirements, to the extent that they have been adopted by the European Union. The disclosures within these financial statements have been limited to those required to meet the statutory requirements of section 838 Companies Act 2006, requisite in respect of interim accounts prepared for a proposed distribution by a public company.

The financial statements are presented in Sterling which is regarded as the functional currency and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand pounds (£'000) except where otherwise indicated.

The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below. These policies have been applied consistently throughout the current and prior periods. Where the presentational guidance set out in the Statement of Recommended Practice ("the SORP") for investment trusts issued by the Association of Investment Companies ("the AIC") in January 2009 is consistent with the requirements of IFRS, the Directors have sought to prepare the financial statements on a basis compliant with the recommendation of the SORP.

In order better to reflect the activities of an investment trust company, and in accordance with guidance issued by the AIC, supplementary information which analyses the Income Statement between items of a revenue and capital nature has been presented alongside the Income Statement. Additionally, the net profit is the measure the Directors believe is appropriate in assessing the Company's compliance with certain requirements set out in section 1159 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010.

(a) Investments - Securities held at Fair Value

Investments are recognised or derecognised on the trade date where a purchase or sale is under a contract whose terms require delivery within the timeframe established by the market concerned, and are initially measured at fair value.

As the Company's business is investing in financial assets with a view to profiting from their total return in the form of interest, dividends or increases in fair value, listed equities and fixed interest securities are designated as fair value through profit or loss on initial recognition.

All investments designated upon initial recognition as held at fair value through profit or loss are measured at subsequent reporting dates at their fair value, which is the bid price as at close of business on the balance sheet date.

Gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are included in net profit or loss for the period as a capital item. Expenses which are incidental to the acquisition and disposal of investments are treated as capital costs.

(b) Income

Dividend income from equity investments including preference shares which have a discretionary dividend is recognised when the shareholders' right to receive payment has been established, normally the ex-dividend date.

(c) Expenses

All expenses are accounted for on an accruals basis. In respect of the analysis between revenue and capital items presented within the Income Statement, all expenses have been presented as revenue items except where a connection with the maintenance or enhancement of the value of the investments held can be demonstrated. Accordingly the investment management fee and finance costs have been allocated 35% to revenue and 65% to capital.

		01.10.13 to	01.10.12 to
		30.06.14	30.09.13
2	REVENUE	£'000	£'000
	Income from investments		
	UK dividend income	3,934	5,365
	Overseas dividend income	460	634
		4,394	5,999
	Other income	1	2
	Total income	4,395	6,001

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3 INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FEE

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Troy Asset Management Limited act as investment manager to the Company and their fee is at an annual rate of 0.75% of the amount of net assets up to £175 million and at a rate of 0.65% of the net assets at or above £175 million. The fee is calculated monthly and paid quarterly and has been allocated 35% to revenue and 65% to capital.

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4	OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		01.10.13 to 30.06.14 £'000	01.10.12 to 30.09.13 £'000
	Directors' remuneration - fees as directors		58	76
	Fees payable to auditors and associates: - as auditors		19	22
	Fees payable to auditors and associates: - taxation services		6	8
	Other administrative expenses		224	237
	-		307	343
5	FINANCE COSTS OF BORROWINGS	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000
	Period 01.10.13 to 30.06.14			
	Bank loans and overdrafts	5	10	15
	Year from 01.10.12 to 30.09.13			
	Bank loans and overdrafts	5	10	15
6	TAXATION		01.10.13 to 30.06.14 £'000	01.10.12 to 30.09.13 £'000
	Foreign tax suffered		68	95
2009	owing changes to the Finance Bill 2009 dividends and other distribution have largely been exempt from UK corporation tax. However, the Coholding tax of 15% on income received from US portfolio holdings.			
			01.10.13 to	01.10.12 to
			30.06.14	30.09.13
7	LISTED INVESTMENTS		£'000	£'000

		01.10.13 to	01.10.12 to
		30.06.14	30.09.13
7	LISTED INVESTMENTS	£'000	£'000
	Opening value	141,239	118,440
	Purchases for cash	18,522	21,615
	Sales - proceeds	(23,384)	(9,973)
	Sales - net gains on sales	5,275	2,214
	Movement in investment holdings gains	6,394	8,943
	Closing value	148,046	141,239
	Closing book cost	118,353	117,940
	Closing fair value gains on investments held	29,693	23,299
	Closing fair value	148,046	141,239
	GAIN ON INVESTMENTS		
	Net gains on sales of investments	5,275	2,214
	Movement in investment holdings gains	6,394	8,943
	5 6	11,669	11,157

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8	CALLED-UP SHARE CAPITAL				
		At 30.06.1	14	At 30.0	9.13
	Allotted, called up and fully paid	Number	£'000	Number	£'000
	At period end	234,748,445	58,687	242,057,445	60,514
	Held in treasury	7,309,000	1,827	-	-
	Ordinary shares of 25 pence each	242,057,445	60,514	242,057,445	60,514
9	SHARE PREMIUM ACCOUNT			At 30.06.14 £'000	At 30.09.13 £'000
,	SHARE I REMION ACCOONT			£.000	2.000
	Opening balance			36,432	30,941
	Premium on issue of new shares			148	5,529
	Costs incurred on issue of new shares			(6)	1
	Contributions to costs incurred on issue of new	shares		-	(3)
	Discount control costs			(27)	(36)
	Closing balance		_	36,547	36,432
	Closing balance		=	36,347	

On 29 August 2014 the Court of Session confirmed the cancellation of the Share Premium Account to create a distributable capital reserve, which can be used to fund share buy backs and make capital distributions. The Court of Session also confirmed that the Special Reserve (Note 10) can be used to fund share buy backs and make capital distributions.

10	SPECIAL RESERVE	At 30.06.14 £'000	At 30.09.13 £'000
	Opening balance	58,163	58,163
	Share buybacks	(7,002)	, -
	Share issues	2,492	_
	Provision of Court costs for share premium reduction	(20)	-
	Closing balance	53,633	58,163
11	CAPITAL RESERVES	At 30.06.14 £'000	At 30.09.13 £'000
	Opening balance	(12,900)	(23,371)
	Net gains on sales of investments during the period (note 7)	5,275	2,214
	Gains on holdings of listed investments (note 7)	6,394	8,943
	Currency (losses)/gains	(2)	0,745
	Management fee	(542)	(677)
	Finance cost of borrowings	(10)	(10)
	Closing balance	(1,785)	(12,900)
		01.10.13 to	01.10.12 to
		30.06.14	30.09.13
12	DIVIDENDS ON EQUITY SHARES	£'000	£'000
	Fifth interim dividend of 2011/12 of 0.125p per share paid on 26 October 2012	-	282
	Fourth interim dividend of 2012/13 of 0.55p per share paid on 25 October 2013	1,331	-
	Three interim dividends for 2012/13 totalling 1.575p per share	-,	3,714
	First interim dividend for 2013/14 of 0.55p per share paid on 31 January 2014	1,291	-,
	Second interim dividend for 2013/14 of 0.55p per share paid on 25 April 2014	1,282	-
		3,904	3,996

The Company declared a third interim dividend in respect of the year to 30 September 2014 of 0.55p per share which was paid on 25 July 2014. The total amount paid in respect of this dividend is £1,291,116.

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13	REVENUE RESERVE		At 30.06.14 £'000	At 30.09.13 £'000
	Opening balance		3,569	2,371
	Profit for the period		3,723	5,194
	Dividends paid (note 12)		(3,904)	(3,996)
	Closing balance		3,388	3,569
	REVENUE RESERVE POST PAYMENT OF INTERIM DIVID	ENDS		
	B/f revenue reserve at 30 September 2013 per Annual Report			3,569
	Less: Fourth interim dividend of 2012/13 of 0.55p per share paid	on 25 October 2013		(1,331)
	Adjusted revenue reserves at 1 October 2013 (Companies Act bas		_	2,238
	Current period (see Revenue Account)			£'000
	Revenue on ordinary activities after taxation		3,723	
	First interim dividend paid for 2013/14 of 0.55p per share paid on		(1,291)	
	Second interim dividend paid for 2013/14 of 0.55p per share paid on 25 April 2014 Third interim dividend paid for 2013/14 of 0.55p per share paid on 25 July 2014			(1,282)
				(1,291)
	Current year revenue reserves after dividends paid		_	(141)
	Adjusted revenue reserves at 1 October 2013			2,238
	Current year revenue reserves after dividends paid Revenue reserve post payment of 1st, 2nd and 3rd interim dividends for 2014			(141)
			=	2,097
14	NET ASSET VALUE			
14	NEI ASSEI VALUE	30.06.14		30.09.13
	Net assets attributable	152,297,000		145,778,000
	Number of ordinary shares	234,748,445		242,057,445
	Net asset value per share (pence)	64.88		60.22