**Company Number SC111955** 

Unaudited Interim Accounts for the period 1 October 2014 to 31 December 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**

•		Pe	riod 1.10.14				
		t	o 31.12.14		Year	ended 30.09	.14
	Notes	Revenue	Capital	Total	Revenue	Capital	Total
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Profit on investments							
held at fair value	7	-	7,082	7,082	-	9,585	9,585
Currency gains / (losses)		-	11	11	-	(4)	(4)
REVENUE							
Income	2	1,185	-	1,185	6,193	-	6,193
Other income	2		-	<u>-</u>	1		1
		1,185	7,093	8,278	6,194	9,581	15,775
EXPENSES							
Investment management fee	3	(106)	(197)	(303)	(392)	(728)	(1,120)
Other administrative expenses	4	(120)	•	(120)	(403)	•	(403)
Finance cost of borrowings	5	-			(5)	(10)	(15)
		(226)	(197)	(423)	(800)	(738)	(1,538)
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	•	959	6,896	7,855	5,394	8,843	14,237
Taxation	6	(16)	-	(16)	(86)		(86)
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD		943	6,896	7,839	5,308	8,843	14,151

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 1 (revised).

All items in the above statement derive from continuing operations.

No operations were acquired or discontinued in the period.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

## **Balance Sheet**

		As at 31.	As at 31.12.14		· As at 30.09.14	
	Notes	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
NON-CURRENT ASSETS						
Listed investments	7		157,451	_	150,656	
CURRENT ASSETS						
Accrued income & prepayments		482		690		
Trade and other receivables		169		737		
Cash and cash equivalents		6,709		2,755		
			7,360		4,182	
TOTAL ASSETS		_	164,811	_	154,838	
CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Trade and other payables		(411)		(1,447)		
TOTAL LIABILITIES			(411)		(1,447)	
NET ASSETS		_	164,400	_	153,391	
ISSUED CAPITAL AND RESERV	ES					
Called-up share capital	8		61,633		60,514	
Share premium account	9		1,936		86	
Special reserves	10		63,504		61,924	
Capital reserve	11		34,082		27,186	
Revenue reserve	13	_	3,245	_	3,681	
EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUN	DS		164,400	_	153,391	

Approved by the Board on 27 March 2015 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 2014 to 31 December 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 2014. 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 2014, 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.

		01.10.14 to	01.10.13 to
		31.12.14	30.09.14
2	REVENUE	£'000	£'000
	Income from investments		
	UK dividend income	1,077	5,618
	Overseas dividend income	108	575
		1,185	6,193
	Other income	0	1_
	Total income	1,185	6,194

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## 3 INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FEE

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.

4	OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		01.10.14 to 31.12.14 £'000	01.10.13 to 30.09.14 £'000
	Directors' remuneration - fees as directors		21	75
	Fees payable to auditors and associates: - as auditors		7	22
	Fees payable to auditors and associates: - taxation services		2	8
	Other administrative expenses		90	298
		_	120	403
5	FINANCE COSTS OF BORROWINGS	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000
	Period 01.10.14 to 31.12.14	2000	2000	2000
	Bank loans and overdrafts	0	0	0
	Year from 01.10.13 to 30.09.14 Bank loans and overdrafts	5	10	15
6	TAXATION	•	01.10.14 to 31.12.14 £'000	01.10.13 to 30.09.14 £'000
	Foreign tax suffered		16	86
Follo	owing changes to the Finance Bill 2009 dividends and other distribut	ions from foreign comp	anies received on o	r after 1 July

Following changes to the Finance Bill 2009 dividends and other distributions from foreign companies received on or after 1 July 2009 have largely been exempt from UK corporation tax. However, the Company continues to be subject to irrecoverable US withholding tax of 15% on income received from US portfolio holdings.

	01.10.14 to	01.10.13 to
	31.12.14	30.09.14
LISTED INVESTMENTS	£'000	£'000
Opening value	150,656	141,239
Purchases for cash	2,398	25,625
Sales - proceeds	(2,685)	(25,793
Sales - net (losses) / gains on sales	(589)	4,964
Movement in investment holdings gains	7,671	4,621
Closing value	157,451	150,656
Closing book cost	121,860	122,736
Closing fair value gains on investments held	35,591	27,920
Closing fair value	157,451	150,656
GAIN ON INVESTMENTS		
Net (losses) / gains on sales of investments	(589)	4,964
Movement in investment holdings gains	7,671	4,621
<del>-</del> -	7,082	9,585

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8	CALLED-UP SHARE CAPITAL						
		At 31.12.			At 30.09.14		
	Allotted, called up and fully paid	Number	£'000	Number	£'000		
	At period end	246,532,445	61,633	239,488,445	59,872		
	Held in treasury		-	2,569,000	642		
	Ordinary shares of 25 pence each	246,532,445	61,633	242,057,445	60,514		
				At 31.12.14	At 30.09.14		
9	SHARE PREMIUM ACCOUNT			£'000	£'000		
	Opening balance			86	36,432		
	Premium on issue of new shares			1,866	311		
	Costs incurred on issue of new shares			(7)	-		
	Discount control costs			(9)	(36)		
	Cancellation of share premium			-	(36,621)		
	Closing balance		=	1,936	86		
		Distributable	Special	Total	Total		
		Capital Reserve	Reserve	Special Reserves	Special Reserves		
		At 31.12.14	At 31.12.14	At 31.12.14	At 30.09.14		
10	SPECIAL RESERVES	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		
10	01.202.12.12021(.20						
	Opening balance	5,347	56,577	61,924	58,163		
	Cancellation of Share Premium	-	-	-	36,621		
	Transfer to Capital Reserve	-	•	-	(31,243)		
	Costs of cancellation of Share Premium	(4)	-	(4)	(31)		
	Shares bought back into treasury	-	-	•	(7,002)		
	Shares issued from treasury		1,584	1,584	5,416		
	Closing balance	5,343	58,161	63,504	61,924		
				At 31.12.14	At 30.09.14		
11	CAPITAL RESERVES			£'000	£'000		
	Opening balance			27,186	(12,900)		
	Net (losses) / gains on sales of investments du	ring the period (note 7	n	(589)	4,964		
	Gains on holdings of listed investments (note		,	7,671	4,621		
	Currency gains / (losses)	')		11	(4)		
	Management fee			(197)	(728)		
	Finance cost of borrowings			•	(10)		
	Transfer from Special Reserve			_	31,243		
	Closing balance		-	4,082	. 27,186		
	-		=				
				01.10.14 to	01.10.13 to		
				31.12.14	30.09.14		
12	DIVIDENDS ON EQUITY SHARES	£'000	£'000				
	Fourth interim dividend of 2012/13 of 0.55p	-	1,331				
	Fourth interim dividend of 2013/14 of 0.575p	1,379	•				
	Three interim dividends for 2013/14 totalling		•		3,865		
			_	1,379	5,196		

The Company declared a first interim dividend in respect of the year to 30 September 2015 of 0.575p per share which was paid on 30 January 2015. The total amount payable in respect of this dividend is £1,421,587.

# Notes to the Financial Statements Period from 1 October 2014 to 31 December 2014

13	REVENUE RESERVE	•	At 31.12.14	At 30.09.14
			£'000	£'000
	Opening balance		3,681	3,569
	Profit for the period		943	5,308
	Dividends paid (note 12)		(1,379)	(5,196)
	Closing balance		3,245	3,681
	REVENUE RESERVE POST PAYMENT OF FIRST INT	ERIM DIVIDEND		
	B/f revenue reserve at 30 September 2014 per Annual Repo	ort		3,681
	Less: Fourth interim dividend of 2013/14 of 0.575p per sha	re paid on 31 October 2014		(1,379)
	Adjusted revenue reserves at 1 October 2014 (Companies A	act basis)		2,302
	Current period (see Revenue Account)			£'000
	Revenue on ordinary activities after taxation			943
	First interim dividend paid for 2014/15 of 0.575p per share paid on 30 January 2015			(1,422)
	Current year revenue reserves after dividends paid			(479)
	Adjusted revenue reserves at 1 October 2014			2,302
	Current year revenue reserves after dividends paid		_	(479)
	Revenue reserve post payment of 1st interim dividend for 2	015	=	1,823
14	NET ASSET VALUE			
• •	NET NOOE TABLE	31.12.14		30.09.14
	Net assets attributable	164,400,000		153,391,000
	Number of ordinary shares	246,532,445		239,488,445
	Net asset value per share (pence)	66.68		64.05