

# Midas Income & Growth Trust PLC

Annual Report and Accounts 30 April 2013



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# Corporate Summary

## Midas Income & Growth Trust PLC (the "Company")

The Company is an investment trust and its Ordinary shares are listed on the London Stock Exchange. The Company is a member of the Association of Investment Companies (the "AIC").

### Investment Objective

The Company's investment objective is to outperform 3-month LIBOR plus 3.0 per cent. over the longer term, with low volatility and the prospect of capital and income growth, through investment in a multi-asset portfolio.

The Directors intend to measure the Company's performance based upon rolling three year periods.

### Investment Policies

The asset classes included in the Company's portfolio are UK and overseas equities, fixed interest securities, property, alternative assets and structured products. The asset allocations vary around a core long-term position for each asset class with a view to adding value through tactical asset allocation within a range for each asset class. The core asset allocations and asset allocation ranges, which are calculated at the time of any relevant investment based on the Company's gross assets, are as follows:

	Core Asset Allocation %	Asset Allocation Range %
UK equities	35	15 - 60
Overseas equities	25	10 - 40
Total equities	60	25 - 85
Fixed interest	15	0 - 40
Alternative assets	15	0 - 25
Property	10	0 - 25

Ordinarily, exposure to overseas companies is achieved through the use of specialist collective investment schemes and products.

The Company will not:

- (i) invest more than 7.5 per cent. (calculated at the time of any relevant investment) in unquoted securities;
- (ii) hold more than 25 per cent. of its gross assets in cash;
- (iii) invest more than 10 per cent. (calculated at the time of any relevant investment) of its gross assets in other closed-ended funds with securities admitted to the Official List, provided that this restriction does not apply to investments in any such closed-ended funds which themselves have published investment policies to invest no more than 15 per cent. of their gross assets in other closed-ended funds with securities admitted to the Official List;
- (iv) invest, either directly or indirectly, or lend more than 20 per cent. (calculated at the time of any relevant investment or loan) of its gross assets (consolidated where appropriate) to

any single underlying issuer (including the underlying issuer's subsidiaries or affiliates) provided that this restriction does not apply to cash deposits awaiting investment;

- (v) invest in physical commodities;
- (vi) take legal or management control of any of its investments;
- (vii) conduct any significant trading activity;
- (viii) invest more than 20 per cent. (calculated at the time of any relevant investment) of its gross assets in one or more collective investment undertakings which may invest in excess of 20 per cent. of their gross assets in other collective investment undertakings (open-ended or closed-ended); and
- (ix) allow gearing to exceed 25 per cent. of its net assets at any time.

In the event of any breach of the investment restrictions applicable to the Company, shareholders will be informed of the actions to be taken by the Manager by an announcement issued through a Regulatory Information Service or a notice sent to shareholders at their registered addresses in accordance with the Articles.

The Company may borrow to gear the Company's returns when the Board believes it is in shareholders' interests to do so. The Company's existing borrowing policy allows gearing up to 25 per cent. of the Company's net assets. The Company's current credit facilities comprise the existing £7.0 million bank facility which was drawn down as at 30 April 2013 (equivalent to 12.6 per cent. of its net assets). Further details of the bank facility are in note 11. The Board believes these levels are appropriate for the Company at the present time.

### Investment Manager

The Company is managed by Miton Capital Partners Limited (previously Midas Capital Partners Limited) ("Miton", "Manager" or "Investment Manager"), a fund management company formed in early 2002. The Miton investment team of 11 investment managers has in aggregate more than 100 years of investment experience and boasts a pension fund track record which is 15th percentile over 10 years.

In March 2008 Midas Capital Partners Limited merged with iimia MitonOptimal plc, to form Midas Capital PLC, an AIM traded fund management company. The company changed its name to MAM Funds Plc in July 2010. In February 2011 the company appointed a new senior management team and carried out a placing, which raised £20 million, leaving it with net cash on the balance sheet. The company had assets under management of circa £1.8 billion at 31 December 2012.

The Company changed its name to Miton Capital Partners Limited on 25 January 2013.

# Corporate Summary (continued)

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## Investment Approach

The Company seeks to achieve its investment objective through a policy of investing in a diversified portfolio principally comprising UK equities and fixed interest securities but also other asset classes. By investing in overseas equities as well as diversifying into property, alternative assets (such as private equity, commodity funds and funds of hedge funds) and structured products, the Company aims to take advantage of a wide range of investment opportunities and reduce the risk profile of the Company's portfolio.

The Investment Manager endeavours to construct a balanced portfolio of assets with both market and non-market correlation with an emphasis on reducing volatility and risk and on achieving absolute returns. This is done by using a predominantly "top down" approach to portfolio construction. The Investment Manager assesses the risk/return characteristics of the main asset classes represented within the Company's portfolio on an ongoing basis, taking into account current valuations, expected returns and the major long-term themes driving investment markets.

The asset classes included within the portfolio are UK and overseas equities, fixed interest securities, property, alternative assets and structured products. The Investment Manager varies the asset allocation of the portfolio around a core long-term position for each asset class with a view to adding value through tactical asset allocation.

Individual investments are selected as the Investment Manager's best ideas through which to implement top down thematic decisions. Each investment, regardless of asset class, is expected to make a clear contribution to the achievement of one or more of the portfolio's aims, whether absolute return, income, capital growth, capital preservation or reduced volatility.

The equity element of the Company's portfolio is principally focused on companies in the FTSE 350 Index with strong balance sheet, cash flow and dividend growth characteristics. In addition, a significant proportion of the equity portfolio is also invested in overseas markets. This exposure is used to broaden the diversification of the Company's portfolio and to reduce dependence on UK equities in addressing the growth and income elements of the portfolio's objectives. Ordinarily, exposure to overseas companies is achieved through the use of specialist collective investment schemes and products.

The equity portfolio is complemented by a spread of investments in fixed interest securities, alternative investments, property and structured products. These are included as non-equity correlated assets and serve to diversify further the Company's portfolio and correspondingly reduce volatility. The alternative assets and structured products, in particular, aim to add an element of absolute return to the portfolio while the property and fixed interest elements aim to provide a degree of income security and further capital preservation.

The Investment Manager gains exposure to certain sectors by investing a proportion of the Company's portfolio in other investment funds where specialised management skills are necessary or where it would be uneconomic for the Company to invest directly.

The majority of the Company's investments are in listed securities. However, with the prior consent of the Board, the Investment Manager may invest in unquoted securities where it believes there exists a specific investment opportunity. Unquoted investments will not represent more than 7.5 per cent. of the portfolio by value, measured at the time of investment. Additionally, a number of investments may be made in unlisted collective investment schemes, such as unit trusts, in order to gain exposure to specialist sectors. Currently there is one unquoted holding in the portfolio, representing 3.8 per cent. of the gross assets.

Generally, the Investment Manager seeks to invest no more than 5 per cent. of the Company's total assets in any one security and to hold no more than 10 per cent. of the equity of any one company (although it may deviate from any such guidelines from time to time).

The Investment Manager expects the Company's assets will normally be fully invested. However, during periods in which changes in economic conditions or other factors so warrant, the Investment Manager may, with the Board's consent, reduce the Company's exposure to one or more asset classes and increase its position in cash and money market instruments.

The Company does not directly invest in, or use, derivative strategies (for efficient portfolio management or otherwise); however, certain of the Company's investments may themselves incorporate derivatives. In the event of adverse market movements this may result in the Company being exposed to the full value of such negative movements. The Investment Manager seeks to minimise this risk, and to achieve the Company's investment objective of targeting absolute returns, by investing in a diversified range of assets, including assets with a low correlation to equity markets.

The Company does not currently intend to enter into any direct currency hedging arrangements. Most of the overseas holdings within the portfolio are sterling denominated. In some instances, local currency returns may be hedged into sterling within the individual holding. The Investment Manager regards this range of currency exposure as part of the diversification of risk within the portfolio.

## Capital Structure

As at 30 April 2013 the Company had a capital structure comprising 39,896,361 Ordinary shares of 25p and bank borrowings of £7.0 million which rank for repayment ahead of any capital return to shareholders.

Shareholders are entitled to receive notice of, and to attend and speak at, General Meetings of the Company. On a show of hands, every member present or represented and voting has one vote and on a poll every member present or represented and voting has one vote for every share of which that member is a holder.

## Total Assets and Net Asset Value

The Company had total assets<sup>A</sup> of £62.6 million and a basic net asset value of 139.44p per Ordinary share at 30 April 2013.

## Website

[www.mitongroup.com/index.php/private/fund-pages/investment-trusts/midas-income-and-growth-trust-plc/](http://www.mitongroup.com/index.php/private/fund-pages/investment-trusts/midas-income-and-growth-trust-plc/)

## Company Secretary

R&H Fund Services Limited  
15-19 York Place  
Edinburgh EH1 3EB

## Principal Risks and Uncertainties

**Investment and Market Risks:** Managing a portfolio of shares and debt security investments necessarily involves certain risks, the more important of which are set out on pages 42 to 45 of this Report. A significant proportion of the assets of the Company may be invested in debt security investments and overseas equities. Whilst this broader spread of investments is intended to reduce the volatility and risk profile of the Company's portfolio this cannot be assured.

**Shares:** The market value of the Ordinary shares, as well as being affected by the net asset value, also takes into account their supply and demand. The market value of an Ordinary share can fluctuate and may not always reflect the underlying net asset value of the investee company. Investment in the Company should be regarded as long term in nature. There can be no guarantee that appreciation in the value of the Company's investments will occur and investors may not get back the full value of their original investment.

**Investment and Strategic Risks:** There is no guarantee that the investment policy adopted by the Company will provide the returns sought by the Company.

**Borrowings:** The Company currently utilises gearing in the form of bank borrowings (see 'Capital Structure' on page 3 and note 11 on page 40). Gearing has the effect of magnifying market falls and increasing market gains.

**Currency:** A proportion of the Company's portfolio may be invested in assets denominated in currencies other than sterling. This will increase the currency risk that the Company is exposed to as a result of fluctuations in the exchange rate between the denomination of the investments and the sterling denomination of the Company's base currency.

**Dividends:** The ability of the Company to pay dividends in respect of the Ordinary shares and any future dividend growth will depend on the level of income received from its investments. Accordingly, the amount of dividends paid to shareholders may fluctuate.

**Discount:** While the Board has a discount management policy, the ability to implement such a policy is dependent on a number of factors including; the ability to buy back shares in the market, the ability to fund share buybacks, the authority to buy back shares being renewed annually and the Board's discretion over the making and timing of any buybacks.

**Key Individuals:** The Company is substantially dependent on the services of key individuals working for its Investment Manager, namely Alan Borrows and Simon Callow. The loss of either or both of these individuals could have an adverse effect on the Company's performance.

**Taxation:** Any change in the Company's tax status or in taxation legislation (including the tax treatment of dividends or other investment income received by the Company) or failure to satisfy the conditions of Sections 1158 - 1159 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 (including the requirement for a listing) could affect the value of the investments held by the Company, affect the Company's ability to provide returns to shareholders or alter the post tax returns to shareholders.

<sup>A</sup> Total assets less current liabilities (excluding bank debt).

# Corporate Summary (continued)

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## Duration

Under Article 137 of the Company's Articles of Association, at each Annual General Meeting commencing with the Annual General Meeting to be held in 2013 the Directors are obliged to cause an ordinary resolution to be proposed to the effect that the Company continues as an investment trust (a "Continuation Resolution").

In the event that a Continuation Resolution is not passed, the Directors will cause a general meeting of the Company to be convened for a date not later than 180 days after the AGM at which the resolution to continue was not passed. Prior to, or with, the notice of such general meeting the Directors shall send to shareholders detailed proposals for the voluntary liquidation, open-ending or other reconstruction or reorganisation of the Company (which proposals may include a continuation of the Company in a revised form, including, without limitation, a new investment objective and/or policy). At any general meeting of the Company convened pursuant to Article 137 the Directors will cause a special resolution to be proposed instructing the Directors to implement the proposals. If such resolution is not passed as a special resolution: (a) if the Proposals included a voluntary liquidation of the Company, the Company shall continue as an investment trust; or (b) if the Proposals did not include a voluntary liquidation of the Company, the Directors will cause a further general meeting of the Company to be convened for a date not later than 60 days after the date of the general meeting convened in accordance with Article 137 at which further general meeting the Directors will cause a special resolution to be proposed to implement proposals which include a voluntary liquidation of the Company (and, in the event of such resolution, in its original or amended form, is not passed as a special resolution, the Company shall continue as an investment trust).

## Management Agreement

The Company has an agreement with Miton for the provision of management services, details of which are shown in note 3 to the financial statements.

The Investment Manager is entitled to receive an annual management fee of 0.9 per cent. of the Company's market capitalisation and there is no performance fee.

The Management Agreement is terminable on 12 months' notice.

The Directors have reviewed the terms of the Management Agreement and evaluated the performance of the Investment Manager and the Board confirms that it is satisfied that the continuing appointment of the Investment Manager on the terms agreed is in the interests of the shareholders as a whole. In arriving at this view, the Board considered the investment strategy and process of the Investment Manager and the support the Company receives from the Miton Group.

## Discount Management and Treasury

The Company is currently authorised to buyback up to 14.99 per cent. of its current issued Ordinary shares through the market which expires at the Annual General Meeting in 2013 and will seek annual (or, if required, more frequent) renewal of this authority. Subsequent to the year end no Ordinary shares have been purchased for cancellation. The Company is seeking to renew its buyback authority at the AGM.

The making and timing of any buyback is at the absolute discretion of the Board. Any Ordinary shares bought back may be cancelled or held in treasury. Ordinary shares held in treasury may be subsequently cancelled or, subject to shareholder approval at the relevant time, sold for cash. The Directors do not intend to sell any Ordinary shares held in treasury at a discount to the prevailing NAV per Ordinary share.

## Financial Calendar

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5 July 2013	Publication of Annual Financial Report Announcement for year ended 30 April 2013
3 September 2013	Annual General Meeting in London at 12.30p.m.
September 2013	First interim dividend payable for year ending 30 April 2014
December 2013	Publication of Half-Yearly Report for six months ending 31 October 2013
December 2013	Second interim dividend payable for year ending 30 April 2014
March 2014	Third interim dividend payable for year ending 30 April 2014
June 2014	Fourth interim dividend payable for year ending 30 April 2014

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# Your Board

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The Directors, all of whom are non-executive and independent of the Investment Manager, supervise the management of Midas Income & Growth Trust PLC and represent the interests of shareholders.

## **Hubert Valentine Reid**

Independent Non-Executive Chairman

**Age:** 72

**Length of service:** 17 years 3 months, appointed a Director on 19 March 1996, appointed Chairman on 15 September 2004

**Experience:** formerly chairman of Enterprise Inns plc, senior independent director of Michael Page International plc and deputy chairman of Majedie Investments plc. Prior to this he was managing director and then chairman of the Boddington Group plc, and a non-executive director and then chairman of Ibstock PLC, Bryant Group plc and the Royal London Group

**Last re-elected to the Board:** 4 September 2012

**Committee membership:** Audit Committee, Management Engagement Committee and Nomination Committee

**Remuneration:** £22,500 per annum

**All other public company directorships:** None

**Employment by the Manager:** None

**Other connections with Manager:** None

**Shared Directorships with any other Trust Directors:** None

**Shareholding in Company:** 110,000 Ordinary shares

## **Ian Richard Davis**

Independent Non-Executive Director and Chairman of the Audit Committee

**Age:** 53

**Length of service:** 8 years 8 months, appointed a Director on 1 November 2004 and Chairman of the Audit Committee on 15 December 2004

**Experience:** formerly a director of Corporate Finance with Hoare Govett Limited until 2002 having previously worked in Equity Capital Markets at De Zoete Bevan Limited and corporate finance at Baring Brothers & Co. Limited. Prior to this he qualified as a chartered accountant with Price Waterhouse

**Last re-elected to the Board:** 25 August 2011

**Committee membership:** Audit Committee, Management Engagement Committee and Nomination Committee

**Remuneration:** £20,000 per annum

**All other public company directorships:** None

**Employment by the Manager:** None

**Other connections with Manager:** None

**Shared Directorships with any other Trust Directors:** None

**Shareholding in Company:** 91,751 Ordinary shares

## **Adam David Cooke**

Independent Non-Executive Director

**Age:** 53

**Length of service:** 7 years 10 months, appointed a Director on 19 August 2005

**Experience:** formerly a global partner of Amvescap plc, one of the world's largest independent investment management organisations where he worked for Invesco UK. His experience covers Invesco's UK institutional business including investment trusts and collective investments. Mr Cooke is a member of the Chartered Institute of Bankers and is a non-executive director of City Natural Resources High Yield Trust PLC and Premier Energy and Water Trust PLC

**Last re-elected to the Board:** 4 September 2012

**Committee membership:** Audit Committee, Management Engagement Committee and Nomination Committee

**Remuneration:** £18,000 per annum

**All other public company directorships:** City Natural Resources High Yield Trust PLC and Premier Energy and Water Trust PLC

**Employment by the Manager:** None

**Other connections with Manager:** None

**Shared Directorships with any other Trust Directors:** None

**Shareholding in Company:** 60,000 Ordinary shares

## **Richard Alexander McGregor Ramsay**

Independent Non-Executive Director

**Age:** 63

**Length of service:** 3 months

**Experience:** formerly an investment banker with considerable experience of the investment trust sector gained as a Managing Director at Barclays de Zoete Wedd and a director at Intelli Corporate Finance. His experience also covers the fund management sector as a director with Ivory & Sime, the leisure sector as finance director at Aberdeen Football Club, the energy sector as a managing director Ofgem and the public sector as a director at the Shareholder Executive. He is currently chairman of Northcourt and URICA and a director of Castle Trust, all recent start-ups in the financial services sector; and chairman of Wolsey Group, a provider of finance to house builders. He is also chairman of Redcentric and a director of Redstone, two AIM quoted technology businesses.

**Last re-elected to the Board:** n/a

**Committee membership:** Audit Committee, Management Engagement Committee and Nomination Committee

**Remuneration:** £18,000 per annum

**All other public company directorships:** Redstone plc and Redcentric plc

**Employment by the Manager:** None

**Other connections with Manager:** None

**Shared Directorships with any other Trust Directors:** None

**Shareholding in Company:** nil

# Highlights

	30 April 2013	30 April 2012	% change
Total assets <sup>A</sup>	£62,633,000	£54,889,000	+14.1
Total equity shareholders' funds (net assets)	£55,633,000	£47,889,000	+16.2
Share price (mid market)	127.50p	104.50p	+22.0
Net asset value per share	139.44p	120.03p	+16.2
Discount	8.6%	12.9%	
Benchmark <sup>B</sup>	3.7%	6.9%	
Actual gearing	1.08	1.13	
Potential gearing	1.13	1.15	
Ongoing charges ratio	1.49%	1.78%	
<b>Dividend and earnings</b>			
Total return per share	24.61p	(1.95)p	+1,362.1
Revenue return per share	5.40p	5.80p	-6.9
Dividends per Ordinary share	5.25p	5.86p	-10.4
Revenue reserves	£714,000	£635,000	

<sup>A</sup> Total assets less current liabilities (excluding bank debt)

<sup>B</sup> 3 month LIBOR GBP +3% (2012 – composite benchmark following changes on 18 January 2012)

## Performance (total return)

	1 year % return	3 year % return	5 year % return	Since 19/08/05 % return
Share price	+28.5	+27.8	+22.5	+31.0
Net asset value	+21.2	+31.4	+19.0	+36.2
Benchmark <sup>B</sup>	+3.7	+19.7	+39.6	+71.9

## Dividends

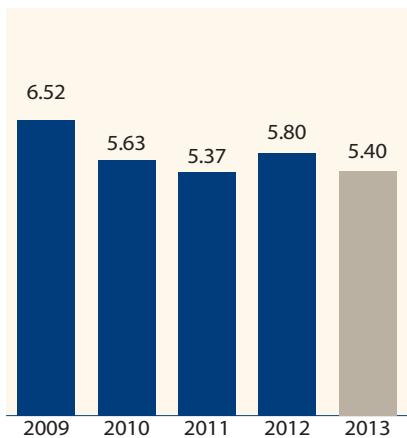
	Rate	xd date	Record date	Payment date
First interim 2013	1.30p	22 August 2012	24 August 2012	17 September 2012
Second interim 2013	1.30p	21 November 2012	23 November 2012	14 December 2012
Third interim 2013	1.30p	20 February 2013	22 February 2013	15 March 2013
Fourth interim 2013	1.35p	22 May 2013	24 May 2013	14 June 2013
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.25p</b>			
First interim 2012	1.63p	24 August 2011	26 August 2011	19 September 2011
Second interim 2012	1.63p	23 November 2011	25 November 2011	15 December 2011
Third interim 2012	1.30p	23 February 2012	24 February 2012	16 March 2012
Fourth interim 2012	1.30p	22 May 2012	25 May 2012	18 June 2012
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.86p</b>			

## Five Year Financial Record

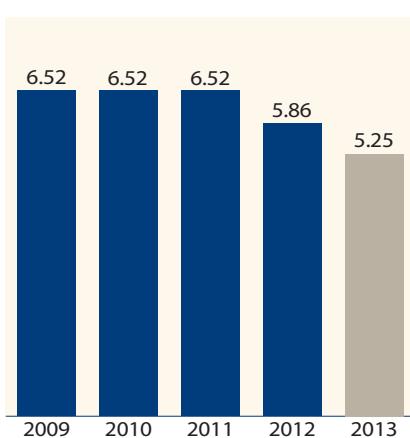
	Total return per share (basic) P	Net dividends paid per share P	Basic net asset value per share P	Equity shareholders' funds £'000
2009	(51.01)	6.52	100.12	38,374
2010	30.93	6.52	124.59	47,484
2011	11.28	6.52	128.12	51,307
2012	(1.95)	5.86	120.03	47,889
2013	24.61	5.25	139.44	55,633

The figures for net dividends paid have not been restated in accordance with FRS 21 'Events after the Balance Sheet Date' and still reflect the dividend for the years to which they relate.

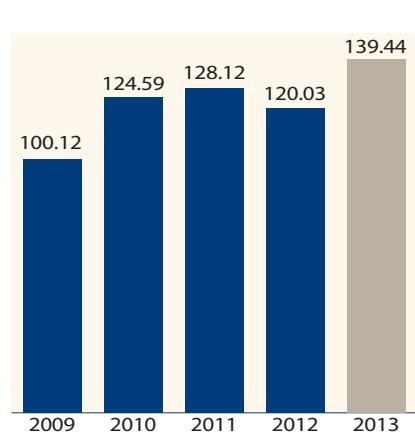
**Revenue return per share (pence)**



**Dividends per share (pence)**



**NAV per share (pence)**



# Chairman's Statement

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## Highlights

- Net asset value total return of 21.2%
- Share price total return of 28.5%
- Rebased dividend of 5.25 pence for the year
- Share price discount to net asset value of 8.6% at the period end

## Introduction

This Annual Report and Accounts covers the year from 1 May 2012 to 30 April 2013, which is the first full reporting period since shareholders approved changes to the Company's investment policy and other related matters on 18 January 2012. These changes included rebasing the dividend, increasing the core allocation to overseas equities, reducing the core allocation to fixed income and widening asset allocation ranges.

## Investment and Share Price Performance

I am pleased to report that your Company's net asset value total return for the year was 21.2%. This was well ahead of the new investment objective to outperform 3-month LIBOR plus 3.0% over the longer term, which in the year was 3.7%. Importantly, this outperformance was achieved in the context of a volatility level that was substantially lower than that of the market. We will not always enjoy the fair market winds that have characterised recent months, and this low volatility emphasises the defensive qualities that stood us in good stead during the equity declines that marked the start of the year under review. The Manager discusses volatility further in his Review.

The Company's share price total return was better still at 28.5%, the discount at which the Company's shares trade narrowing from 12.9% to 8.6% at the year end. This re-rating of the Company's shares is particularly welcome, signalled as it does the market's recognition of improved performance under the new investment policy.

## Dividends and Income

Your Company paid three interim dividends of 1.30 pence per share for the year and, in accordance with its intention of pursuing a progressive dividend policy, declared a fourth interim dividend of 1.35 pence. This represented a 3.8% increase on the 1.30 pence paid in respect of the fourth interim dividend last year. Earnings per share for the year were 5.40 pence per share. This means that for the first time in four years the Company's dividend was covered, and that the rebuilding of the revenue reserve could commence.

The policy regarding dividends is that these be paid as three interim dividends of an equal amount, with a fourth interim dividend giving the total dividend payable for each financial year. In deciding the level of the fourth interim dividend the Board will take into account current year performance and future year prospects.

## Gearing

The Company renewed its short term rolling debt facility of £7 million in June 2013. The new facility was renewed on better terms than its predecessor and runs until 31 October 2015. It can be cancelled at any time without cost to the Company. The Company was 8% geared at the end of April, somewhat less than the figure of 13% at 30 April 2012 and at the lower end of the gearing range during the year.

## Board Changes

I have been a Director of the Company since 1996, and became Chairman in 2004 before the Company changed its name from The Taverners Trust to Midas Income & Growth Trust. I spoke above of the significant changes to investment policy and related matters that have been implemented following shareholder approval in January last year. I am pleased with the progress that the Company has made since these changes took effect, and feel that the time is now right for a new Chairman to take the Company forward. Accordingly I am not offering myself for re-election at this year's Annual General Meeting and will stand down from the Board at the meeting's conclusion.

Against this backdrop I am particularly glad to welcome Richard Ramsay to the Board. Richard joined us on 2 April 2013 and brings broad experience and a range of skills to the Board, as well as a fresh eye. Richard will succeed me as Chairman, and we welcome him to the Board at what I believe is a particularly exciting time for the Company.

## Annual General Meeting

This year's Annual General Meeting will be held at 12.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 3 September 2013 at The Caledonian Club, 9 Halkin Street, London SW1X 7DR. I would be delighted if shareholders were to take this opportunity to meet with Board members and the investment managers over a post AGM buffet lunch.

Resolution 6 at this year's AGM represents the first annual continuation vote by shareholders on the Company's future. The Board believes this resolution to be in the best interests of the Company and its members as a whole, and strongly recommends that shareholders should vote in favour of Resolution 6 as the Board intends to do in respect of its own beneficial shareholdings of 261,751 shares.

## Chairman's Statement (continued)

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### Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive ("AIFMD")

Shareholders may be aware of the forthcoming AIFMD, which is due to take effect on 22 July 2013, with provision for transitional arrangements until 22 July 2014. The Board is currently assessing the most effective approach for the Company in complying with the Directive. It is prepared for July 2013 and expects to be fully compliant well in advance of the July 2014 deadline.

### Investment Strategy and Outlook

I outlined above certain changes to your Company's investment policy, including an increase in the core allocation to overseas equities and a reduction in the core allocation to fixed income. I said in my Interim Statement that it was particularly pleasing that it was this switch that had contributed most to your Company's strong performance during the period, and that remains the case during the second half of the year. The Manager speaks of this at greater length in his Review.

World markets allayed their concerns as to the United States' "fiscal cliff" in the New Year, and have shrugged off Eurozone stagnation, the Cyprus bail out and concerns as to the strength of the BRIC economies to move towards all time highs. The stutters that have accompanied any talk of the withdrawal of the stimulus of Quantitative Easing from the patient suggest, however, that all is not necessarily well.

Against this backdrop, a caution born of innate conservatism and a desire to protect capital leaves the Company well placed, while our commitment to income, preferably equity income, remains attractive during a time of low returns on cash. Your Company has made a strong start in its new incarnation and I believe that the portfolio is well positioned for the period ahead.

**Hubert Reid**

Chairman

5 July 2013

# Manager's Review

## Market Background

The period began with equity market declines. The problems within the Eurozone, slowing economic activity in the United States and concerns over a 'hard landing' for the Chinese economy all weighed heavily on investor appetite for risk assets. However, reassuring comments from the President of the European Central Bank (ECB), Mario Draghi, who announced that the ECB would do 'whatever it takes' to support the European currency, encouraged a strong rally in the second half of 2012. The improved sentiment was further supported by better economic data in the United States, the re-election of president Obama and a degree of economic and political stabilisation in China. The UK economy has remained becalmed over the period, with economic growth running at well below levels needed to provide support to industry and with the coalition Government retaining its commitment to austerity measures.

Markets have continued to 'climb the wall of worry' and indeed equity markets posted their strongest start to a year for some twenty years in the early part of 2013. There have been some signs that investors have been forced into higher risk assets due to the very low yields available in bonds and cash. However, the risks to higher inflation resulting from the loose money conditions, including quantitative easing policies by the major Western Central Banks, has almost certainly encouraged investors to look again at equity markets. Equity market valuations have been pushed to historically high levels in several of the traditionally more defensive sectors such as Consumer Staples, Tobacco and Utilities. However, the slowdown in World economic growth has also led to the more volatile commodity sectors performing poorly.

The problems within the UK economy have led to a generally poor performance by Sterling, giving some succour to domestic exporters, as the currency devalued against many of its major trading partners. This trend was particularly evident against the US Dollar. The weakness in Sterling also contributed to returns achieved by UK investors in international markets. The main exception to this came in Japan, where the currency saw significant weakness as the new political leadership moved to promote growth and target higher inflation through massive monetary stimulus.

Strong performance was recorded in international equity markets over the period with the United States S&P 500 Index producing a total return to UK investors of 22.2%. The Japanese stock market performed extremely well, producing a 27.9% return (Topix Index), as investors took encouragement that a weaker currency and monetary stimulus would support the country's major exporters and finally lead to better economic growth. European equity markets also made up some lost ground producing a total return of 23.1% (FTSE Europe ex UK Index), despite further evidence that economic growth is muted and with severe structural problems still to be resolved.

The UK equity market also saw strong returns, with the FTSE All Share Index producing a total return of 18.4%. However, the best returns from the UK market were found amid the small and

mid-sized companies, where returns in both cases stretched to 26.4%. Larger companies, in general, fared less well although the FTSE 100 (largest 100 companies) still produced a healthy total return of 17.0%. Asian equity market returns were strong with an outturn of 18.2% (FT Asia Pacific ex Japan Index), whilst the laggards were Emerging market equities with an overall total return of 10% (as measured by the FT Emerging Markets Equity Index).

Government bond markets performed well, although they failed to match up to the equity market euphoria. 10 year bond yields in the United States, Germany and United Kingdom all fell to below 2%, a level which seems strangely at odds with the potential effects of inflation on such assets, but largely explained by the massive levels of buying being undertaken by the Central Banks. Towards the end of the period there were tentative signs that bond yields were beginning to rise as the prospect of reduced central bank support was anticipated.

## Performance

The higher weighting towards equities put in place in early 2012 was a major contributor to returns over the period. However, the more general rally seen in risk assets also meant that returns were strong across most parts of the Company's investment portfolio. Strong relative performance by many of the overseas equity managers also added to the overall outturn, whilst UK equity selection was also positive, particularly in the mid cap holdings.

Over the period, the net asset value total return was a healthy 21.2%, whilst asset price volatility was contained to just over half of the FTSE 100 Index (as measured by Financial Express Analytics). The share price total return was even better at 28.5%, helped by a narrowing of the share price discount from 12.9% at the start of the period to 8.6% at the end. The benchmark return (LIBOR +3%) was 3.7% for the year.

## Asset Allocation

The changes to the investment objectives approved by shareholders in January 2012 have provided more flexibility to improve capital returns and further diversify the Company's assets. In particular, the move to rebase the dividend has allowed investment to be made with more emphasis on a growing income stream, offering the prospect of better future revenue performance and also improved capital returns.

The Company's exposure to equities has been increased further over the course of the year, as the relative attractions of well financed companies with strong business franchises and growing dividends have been increasingly emphasised within the portfolio. We also feel that equities offer better potential to protect against future inflationary pressures. This increased exposure was achieved through further investment in overseas equities, whilst the allocation to UK equities actually fell slightly, as profits were taken towards the end of the period following strong performance by several portfolio stocks. The excellent performance of overseas equity holdings was another major contributor to the higher period

## Manager's Review (continued)

end exposure, with Asian and Emerging Market managers being particularly successful in achieving market beating returns. However, manager selection and overall equity exposure has been carefully constructed to provide an element of downside protection, should the positive market environment deteriorate, supported by a strong emphasis on income orientated managers and direct UK equity investments.

Fixed interest positions have been broadly maintained over the period, although increased emphasis has been placed on shortening the duration of the portfolio to protect against potential future interest rates pressures and the detrimental effect of inflation. Cash balances have been maintained at between 4% to 7% over the period, which has given flexibility to take advantage of investment opportunities as they have been identified. At the period end cash stood at 4%.

Alternative asset holdings were again reduced this year, following a significant reduction in the previous year. Further profit was taken from the Company's private equity positions, whilst infrastructure and forestry positions were completely exited. Hedge fund holdings have been maintained and remain centred on managers positioned to profit from distressed debt markets.

Property exposure was reduced, mainly through relative underperformance, although absolute returns remained positive. Asian property exposure was reduced over the period in favour of European commercial property financing opportunities.

The asset allocation across the portfolio at 30 April 2013 is shown in the table below.

Asset Class	Portfolio Weight	Core Allocation approved on 18/01/2012		Change to previous core allocation	New Allocation range
		%	%		
UK Equities	33.3 (34.5)		35		15-60
Overseas Equities	30.3 (23.2)		25	+10	10-40
<b>Total Equities</b>	<b>63.6 (57.7)</b>		<b>60</b>	<b>+10</b>	<b>25-85</b>
<b>Fixed Interest</b>	<b>19.3 (17.9)</b>		<b>25</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>15-45</b>
<b>Alternative Assets</b>	<b>11.7 (18.4)</b>		<b>15</b>		<b>0-25</b>
<b>Property</b>	<b>5.4 (6.0)</b>		<b>10</b>		<b>0-25</b>

All figures are expressed as a percentage of Gross assets.

30 April 2012 figures are shown in brackets.

### UK Equities (33.3%)

The strong rise in equity markets has left many companies trading at valuations which leave little room for disappointments we feel. Against this background exposure to the UK Equity market was reduced slightly over the period, with the prices of several holdings

in the consumer staples sectors being driven to valuations which appear very forward looking. The Company's holdings in Diageo, Reckitt Benckiser and Unilever were all sold, as strong advances pushed valuations to less attractive levels. Meanwhile the portfolio also benefited from strong performance from several other larger cap holdings such as Centrica, GlaxoSmithKline, SSE, Tesco and Vodafone – all of which produced returns in excess of 20%. Of particular note was the performance of Legal & General, which achieved a return of 51.2%.

Nonetheless, it was amid the mid cap holdings that some of the best gains were recorded. Amongst companies to add significant value were; D S Smith (+43.6%), GKN (+38.9%), W S Atkins (+28.8%) and of particular note was Intermediate Capital, which returned 77.3%. A degree of profit taking was carried out on these holdings towards the end of the period, but they remain core positions within the portfolio. Another equity holding that performed extremely well, namely William Hill, was top sliced during the course of the year and eventually exited having reached our price target.

Pharmaceutical company AstraZeneca was sold at a profit due to our concerns over the strategy now being followed by the new management team, whilst Kingfisher was also exited profitably, as senior management changes and a period of dull trading performance undermined our confidence. New holdings introduced to the portfolio included construction group Kier; bus and rail operator National Express; Standard Chartered Bank (funded by the sale of HSBC); property company Segro; and 'closed book' life assurance group Phoenix. We consider that whilst all these companies offer good current dividends, they should also be capable of providing decent growth over the medium term. Indeed, the new holdings offer yields higher than the companies sold, which will further enhance the revenue generated within the portfolio.

There were few disappointments within the UK portfolio with BHP Billiton being a name that performed less well, as investors became unconvinced that metal prices were sustainable at current levels. Meanwhile RSA Insurance, a relatively new holding, fell sharply as management rather surprisingly cut the dividend. We continue to hold both investments and believe that they still offer value over the medium term. Exposure to smaller UK companies was effectively increased over the period, with the acquisition of a holding in the Diverse Income Trust, which subsequently has performed well and traded consistently at a premium to net asset value.

### Overseas Equities (30.3%)

Overseas fund selection remains biased towards managers who emphasise the identification of dividend growing companies within their investment process. We are also attracted to managers who have proven defensive in less buoyant market conditions and who can deliver returns with lower volatility than their benchmark indices.

Exposure to overseas equity markets was further increased as additional allocations were made to the United States, Europe, Asia

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and Emerging Markets. These increased allocations were largely made through investment in new managers brought in to complement existing holdings, although strong performance also contributed to an increase in weightings.

**In the United States** the holding in Cullen North American High Value Dividend Fund produced a sterling return of 21.1% (within 1% of the S&P 500 index but with much lower volatility). This open ended vehicle forms the core holding to US equities. Exposure to the region was increased through an investment in the BlackRock North American Income Trust, in which the managers selectively enhance dividend income through a covered call writing strategy. The trust had produced a return of 13.6% by period end having been purchased in October. US equity exposure stood at 4.4% at the period end.

**In Europe** the positions in Argonaut European Equity Income Fund and Argonaut European Enhanced Income Fund produced returns of 27.8% and 22.5% respectively, with the latter suffering due to being fully hedged against the Euro and implementing a covered call overlay which tends to limit returns in very strong market conditions. We believe that part of the portfolio's exposure to the Euro should remain hedged to mitigate the risk posed should the Eurozone come under renewed pressure. European equity exposure was increased as markets sold off in early summer. A new holding in shape of the Henderson European Focus Trust was purchased at a 14% discount to net asset value. Since acquisition the discount has closed and has been improved due to strong underlying asset performance. Given the strong performance achieved, some profit was taken on this position later in the period, having recorded a very encouraging 33% uplift. Overall European Equity exposure was 4.4% at the end of April.

**Asian Equity** holdings represent the largest element of the overseas equity portfolio, with the Company's position being increased due to a combination of good relative performance and new investment. The long term attractions of the region being emphasised with a 9.5% weighting at the period end. Existing open ended positions performed well over the period with Prusik Asian Equity Income Fund (+36.2%), Newton Asian Equity Income Fund (+30.7%) and Schroder Asian Income Maximiser Fund (+23.7%) all providing returns that were not only well in excess of their benchmark, but also achieved with lower volatility. In addition the closed end holding in Schroder Oriental Income Fund produced a very satisfactory total return of 33.8%. A new position was added when we participated in the 'C' share issue by the Aberdeen Asian Income Fund, although this holding was subsequently top sliced as the shares quickly moved to a 10% premium to net asset value.

**Emerging Market equity exposure** was added to over the period with the developing markets lagging the overall advances seen across developed equity markets. The position in Magna Emerging Markets Dividend Fund was added to, with the fund proceeding to produce a very satisfactory return of 26.6%, well ahead of its benchmark. Somerset Emerging Markets Equity Dividend Growth Fund was also successful in beating the index return, with a 15.6% outturn. The performance of the UBS Emerging Markets Equity

Income Fund was slightly disappointing at 6.7%, although it has continued to deliver a strong income stream. This holding was increased further as a defensive exposure to Emerging Market equities. Another holding to be increased was the Aberdeen Latin American Income Fund, however, after a strong rally in the shares profit was taken on this purchase. At the end of the period Emerging Market equities represented 7.3% of the portfolio.

**Japanese equity exposure** increased over the period although no new money was committed. The Lindsell Train Japanese Equity Fund proved to be one of the best performing assets in the portfolio, giving a total return of 54.3% as it benefited from a strong market rally and also from being fully hedged against the weakening Yen. Portfolio exposure amounted to 2.8% at the end of April.

**Other Overseas exposure** held within the portfolio at the period end was largely represented by a holding in the BlackRock World Mining Trust, which was bought as a value switch out of the BlackRock Commodities Income Trust, with the latter trading at a premium to NAV and the former on a significant discount. Portfolio exposure amounted to 1.9% at the end of April.

### Fixed Interest (19.3% - including 4% cash)

Investment in **fixed interest markets** was increased slightly over the course of the year with positioning targeted towards the short end of the yield curve in short duration assets. The Company's position in Lloyds Banking Group 7.975% preference share was sold following a strong price rally, realising a significant gain. Other holdings reduced included Invesco Leveraged High Yield Fund, which returned 27.5% in the year and Thames River High Income Fund, where performance had proven disappointing, which was sold in its entirety. Of particular note was the performance of the Royal London Sterling Extra Yield Bond Fund, which returned 23.3% over the period. This is by some distance the largest holding within the fixed interest portfolio. Preference share holdings in Ecclesiastical Insurance and Royal Insurance also performed well as yields were driven lower over the course of the year.

A new position was commenced in the Royal London Short Duration Global High Yield Bond Fund, which can invest in high yield corporate debt on a global basis, which we anticipate should deliver a yield in excess of 5%, coupled with low levels of volatility. In addition, an investment in a new closed end vehicle, TwentyFour Income Fund, was made to give exposure to European asset backed securities, which have lagged the broad advances in fixed interest markets. Other transactions included the repurchase of a position in City Merchants High Yield Trust, which had been sold at higher levels in the previous year. A top up investment was also made in the Harbourvest Senior Loan Europe Fund with the shares trading at a discount to net asset value. The Company's holding in the AXA US Short Duration High Yield Fund was increased with the Fund offering a 5.5% yield and very low volatility. Cash balances stood at 4% at the period end, with the flexibility afforded by the reduced dividend allowing active cash management to better time investment opportunities.

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### Alternative Assets (17.7%)

**Private equity positions** have been reduced across the board over the period. The unquoted holding in A J Bell Holdings, the fast growing SIPP provider, was reduced early in the period at 500p per share through a sale to Invesco Perpetual. The carried value of the remaining position was subsequently increased to 575p from 500p following the release of the company's final results in December 2012. These results showed pre-tax profits in the financial year to 30 September 2012 had grown by 39%, revenue by 25% and dividends had increased by 18%. At 575p the holding is valued at a price earnings ratio of 11.7x historic earnings and a yield of 4.3%, which we feel is prudent and compares very favourably with the main quoted competitor, Hargreaves Lansdown.

The on-going quarterly redemptions offered by Partners Group Global Opportunities (PGGO) have been used to reduce the position, with well over £1 million being realised over the course of the year. PGO continues to generate cash-flows from realisations although returns over the year were somewhat muted and we intend to reduce this holding further to improve liquidity within the portfolio. This holding is carried at a 20% discount to nav and redemptions are therefore accretive to our own net asset value. The holding in Princess Private Equity was top sliced during the period following a significant rally in the shares and consequent narrowing of the discount - the period return was 27.6%.

The holding in Phaunos Timber was sold in September, following something of a 'dead cat bounce' in the shares. GCP Infrastructure was sold towards the end of the period at a large premium to NAV with investors pushing the shares ever higher due to the good yield offered.

**Hedge Fund** holdings remain concentrated on distressed credit strategies and weightings have been maintained over the period, although some profit was taken on Acenia Debt Strategies, which saw its discount to NAV narrow, producing an overall return of 19.3% in the year.

### Property (5.4%)

**Exposure to property** was reduced with the outright sale of Dolphin Capital and a partial reduction in Asian property holdings. The position in Celsius Asian Real Estate Income Fund (12% return) was reduced and profit was taken on Macau Property Opportunities having performed well rising 30.7% on the back of strong net asset value performance and asset sales. A new position was introduced to the portfolio in the shape of Starwood European Real Estate, which will invest in loans and mezzanine finance in

commercial property. This market looks attractive and should benefit from the withdrawal of banks finance, a theme we are keen to access within the portfolio. The existing position in Duet Real Estate Finance was a little dull (1.9%) as the investment period stretched beyond that envisaged on IPO. The position was increased with the shares trading at a discount to net asset value. The company is now fully invested and we expect a re-rating with the shares yielding over 8%.

### Outlook

Global stocks overcame concerns related to the US fiscal cliff, the trajectory of the Chinese economy, the Cyprus bail out and an inconclusive election in Italy to post further robust gains towards the end of the period. Whilst investor sentiment towards equities appears to be improving, this is driven by the paucity of returns from other assets, especially government bonds. Fund flows into equity mutual funds turned positive in early 2013 for the first time in years, but investors do not appear to have confidence in a true recovery in global economies, a reservation we share. With investors being driven into higher risk assets, the immediate focus has been very much on large, dependable companies which offer a degree of security. This has led to many such companies being driven to valuations which appear expensive and out of kilter with short to medium term trading prospects.

Income generation across the portfolio remains robust and has benefitted from sales of equity holdings where yields had fallen to less attractive levels following good price performance. A return to a more progressive dividend policy has been established, with the increase in the fourth interim dividend, and our thinking is firmly focused on producing a balance between capital growth and further dividend progress.

We remain of the view that equities are more attractive than bonds, but it is becoming increasingly difficult to argue that they are cheap unless economic activity picks up significantly as we move through the year. The Company has achieved a very competitive return over the year, whilst also offering some comfort that the conservative approach being adopted should prove defensive if market sentiment turns less positive. In an environment full of uncertainties, we feel a cautious approach remains warranted.

**Miton Capital Partners Limited**

5 July 2013

# Investment Portfolio

As at 30 April 2013

Company	Sector	Asset Class	Valuation	Total
			2013	assets <sup>A</sup>
			£'000	%
A J Bell <sup>B</sup>	Special & Other Finance	Alternative Assets	2,386	3.81
Lindsell Train Japanese Equity <sup>C</sup>	Unit Trusts & OEICS	Overseas Equities	1,776	2.84
Royal London Sterling Extra Yield Bond <sup>C</sup>	Unit Trusts & OEICS	Fixed Interest	1,692	2.70
Partners Group Global Opportunities <sup>C</sup>	Unit Trusts & OEICS	Alternative Assets	1,687	2.69
Newton Asian Income Institutional <sup>C</sup>	Unit Trusts & OEICS	Overseas Equities	1,591	2.54
Somerset Emerging Markets Dividend Growth <sup>C</sup>	Unit Trusts & OEICS	Overseas Equities	1,502	2.40
Magna Emerging Markets Dividend Fund <sup>C</sup>	Unit Trusts & OEICS	Overseas Equities	1,497	2.39
Schroder Unit Trusts Asian Income Maximiser <sup>C</sup>	Unit Trusts & OEICS	Overseas Equities	1,366	2.18
Prusik Asian Equity Income <sup>C</sup>	Unit Trusts & OEICS	Overseas Equities	1,354	2.16
AXA Investment Managers US Short Duration High Yield <sup>C</sup>	Unit Trusts & OEICS	Fixed Interest	1,303	2.08
<b>Top ten investments</b>			<b>16,154</b>	<b>25.79</b>
GlaxoSmithKline	Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology	UK Equities	1,245	1.99
Cullen North American High Dividend Value Equity Fund <sup>C</sup>	Unit Trusts & OEICS	Overseas Equities	1,194	1.91
Vodafone Group	Mobile Telecommunications	UK Equities	1,177	1.88
National Express	Travel & Leisure	UK Equities	1,146	1.83
Ecclesiastical Insurance 8.625% Pref Shs	Fixed Interest	Preference Shares	1,130	1.80
Centrica	Gas Water & Multi-utilities	UK Equities	1,113	1.78
Phoenix Group Holdings	Life Insurance	UK Equities	1,110	1.77
Legal & General Group	Life Insurance	UK Equities	1,101	1.76
Duet Real Estate Finance	Investment Companies	Property	1,099	1.75
Tesco	Food & Drug Retailer	UK Equities	1,098	1.75
<b>Top twenty investments</b>			<b>27,567</b>	<b>44.01</b>
Argonaut European Income Fund <sup>C</sup>	Unit Trusts & OEICS	Overseas Equities	1,076	1.72
Segro	Real Estate	UK Equities	1,063	1.70
DS Smith	General Industries	UK Equities	1,049	1.67
Acenia Debt Strategies	Special & Other Finance	Alternative Assets	1,040	1.66
Celsius Asian Real Estate Income	Unit Trusts & OEICS	Property	1,020	1.63
Royal London Short Duration Global High Yield Bond	Unit Trusts & OEICS	Fixed Interest	1,015	1.62
Royal Dutch Shell 'B'	Oil & Gas Producers	UK Equities	1,014	1.62
Schroder Oriental Income	Investment Companies	Overseas Equities	988	1.58
Standard Chartered	Financial Services	UK Equities	970	1.55
BlackRock World Mining Trust	Investment Companies	Overseas Equities	945	1.51
<b>Top thirty investments</b>			<b>37,747</b>	<b>60.27</b>

## Investment Portfolio (continued)

Company	Sector	Asset Class	Valuation	Total assets <sup>A</sup>
			2013 £'000	%
GKN	Consumer Goods	UK Equities	893	1.43
UBS Emerging Markets Equity Income <sup>C</sup>	Unit Trusts & OEICS	Overseas Equities	883	1.41
Kier Group	Construction & Materials	UK Equities	879	1.40
Argonaut Enhanced European Income <sup>C</sup>	Unit Trusts & OEICS	Overseas Equities	862	1.38
Blackrock North American Income	Investment Companies	Overseas Equities	857	1.37
Henderson Euro Focus Trust	Investment Companies	Overseas Equities	850	1.36
TwentyFour Income	Investment Companies	Fixed Interest	836	1.33
BHP Billiton	Mining	UK Equities	806	1.29
Blue Capital Global Reinsurance	Investment Companies	UK Equities	805	1.29
Starwood European Real Estate	Investment Companies	Property	797	1.27
The Diverse Income Trust	Investment Companies	UK Equities	794	1.27
Harbourvest Senior Loans Europe	Special & Other Finance	Fixed Interest	789	1.26
City Merchants High Yield	Investment Companies	Fixed Interest	772	1.23
WS Atkins	Support Services	UK Equities	763	1.22
Doric Nimrod Air Two 'C'	Investment Companies	UK Equities	763	1.22
Intermediate Capital	Financial Services	UK Equities	760	1.21
Scottish & Southern Energy	Electricity	UK Equities	739	1.18
Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance Group 7.3750% Cum Pref	Fixed Interest	Preference Shares	724	1.16
RSA Insurance Group	Non Life Insurance	UK Equities	723	1.15
Harewood US Enhanced Income	Investment Companies	Overseas Equities	705	1.13
Aberdeen Latin American Income Fund	Investment Companies	Overseas Equities	705	1.13
Assured Fund	Unit Trust & OEICS	Trade Life Policies	674	1.07
Aberdeen Asian Income	Investment Companies	Overseas Equities	647	1.02
Global Fixed Income Realisation	Investment Companies	Alternative Assets	620	0.99
Princess Private Equity Holding	Investment Companies	Alternative Assets	568	0.91
M&G European Loan 'C' <sup>C</sup>	Unit Trusts & OEICS	Fixed Interest	560	0.89
Unilever	Consumer Goods	UK Equities	557	0.89
Invesco Leveraged High Yield Fund	Investment Companies	Fixed Interest	487	0.78
Macau Property Opportunities	Investment Companies	Property	472	0.75
Other investments			857	1.37
<b>Total investments</b>			<b>59,894</b>	<b>95.63</b>
<b>Net current assets<sup>A</sup></b>			<b>2,739</b>	<b>4.37</b>
<b>Total assets<sup>A</sup></b>			<b>62,633</b>	<b>100.00</b>

With the exception of those companies' shares marked with a specific share class above, all investments are in the ordinary shares of the investee company.

<sup>A</sup> Excluding bank loan of £7,000,000.

<sup>B</sup> Unquoted.

<sup>C</sup> Open-ended.

## Top Ten Holdings Comparative Value

Company	Sector	Asset Class	2013 £'000	2012 £'000
A J Bell <sup>A</sup>	Special & Other Finance	Alternative Assets	2,386	3,250
Lindsell Train Japanese Equity <sup>B</sup>	Unit Trusts & OEICS	Overseas Equities	1,776	1,194
Royal London Sterling Extra Yield Bond <sup>B</sup>	Unit Trusts & OEICS	Fixed Interest	1,692	1,476
Partners Group Global Opportunities <sup>B</sup>	Unit Trusts & OEICS	Alternative Assets	1,687	2,364
Newton Asian Income Institutional <sup>B</sup>	Unit Trusts & OEICS	Overseas Equities	1,591	1,243
Somerset Emerging Markets Dividend Growth <sup>B</sup>	Unit Trusts & OEICS	Overseas Equities	1,502	1,339
Magna Emerging Markets Dividend Fund <sup>B</sup>	Unit Trusts & OEICS	Overseas Equities	1,497	n/a
Schroder Unit Trusts Asian Income Maximiser <sup>B</sup>	Unit Trusts & OEICS	Overseas Equities	1,366	932
Prusik Asian Equity Income <sup>B</sup>	Unit Trusts & OEICS	Overseas Equities	1,354	1,048
AXA Investment Managers US Short Duration High Yield <sup>B</sup>	Unit Trusts & OEICS	Fixed Interest	1,303	671

<sup>A</sup> Unquoted.

<sup>B</sup> Open-ended

### A J Bell Holdings PLC – Unquoted Investment

A J Bell Holdings (A J Bell) is one of the leading providers of pension administration services in the United Kingdom. The company offers online, low cost Self Invested Personal Pension (SIPP) services, together with offering third party SIPP administration solutions.

In the company's financial year ended 30 September 2012, revenues increased by 25% to £51.8 million, whilst pre-tax profits were £26.5 million, a rise of 39.5%. The company paid dividends of 24.75p, an increase of 18% over the previous year. Net assets attributable to the company were £38.4 million (£27.6 million), whilst assets under administration increased by 17% to £17.5 billion.

The holding of 415,000 A J Bell shares (2012: 650,000 shares) represents 1.05% of the shares in issue. These shares have a book value of £433,112 (2012: £672,848) and were valued at £2,386,250 (2012: £3,250,000) based on the most recent Director's valuation on 20 June 2013.

## Classification of Investment Portfolio

As at 30 April	2013 %	2012 %
UK Equities	33.42	34.48
Overseas Equities	30.59	23.34
Fixed Interest	15.15	9.52
Alternative Assets	10.31	18.33
Property	5.44	5.98
Traded Life Policies	1.08	-
Precious Metals	0.22	0.09
UK Preference Shares	-	4.91
Cash	3.79	3.35
	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>

## Analysis of Investment Portfolio

As at 30 April	2013		2012	
	Valuation £'000	Total assets %	Valuation £'000	Total assets %
Listed	36,452	60.86	32,167	60.91
Unlisted	21,053	35.15	16,376	31.01
Unquoted	2,386	3.99	3,250	6.15
AIM	3	-	1,018	1.93
	<b>59,894</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>52,811</b>	<b>100.00</b>

# Your Company's Capital History

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39,896,361 Ordinary shares of 25p as at 30 April 2013

## Capital History

19 March 1996	Offer of up to 40,000,000 Ordinary shares of 25p with up to 8,000,000 Warrants attached
4 April 1996	Dealings commence in units comprising 5 Ordinary shares and 1 Warrant per unit
15 May 1996	Dealings commence separately in Ordinary shares and Warrants
7 September 1999	88,000 Ordinary shares of 25p issued following the exercise of 88,000 Warrants in the period to 31 August 1999
19 August 2005	Name changed from The Taverners Trust PLC to Midas Income & Growth Trust PLC
13 September 2005	3,900 Ordinary shares of 25p issued following the exercise of 3,900 Warrants in the period to 31 August 2005
27 February 2006	26,776,127 C shares of 100p each issued in connection with a Placing and Offer at 100p per share
28 April 2006	The C shares of 100p were converted into 16,649,636 new Ordinary shares of 25p each on the basis of 0.621809 new Ordinary shares for each C share held
31 August 2006	1,043,589 Ordinary shares of 25p issued following the exercise of 1,043,589 Warrants in the period to 31 August 2006
8 March 2007	21,647,145 new C shares of 100p each issued in connection with a Placing and Offer at 100p per share
27 April 2007	The C shares of 100p were converted into 12,622,125 new Ordinary shares of 25p each on the basis of 0.583085 new Ordinary shares for each C share held
17 September 2007	99,700 Ordinary shares of 25p issued following the exercise of 99,700 Warrants in the period to 31 August 2007
Year to 30 April 2008	During the year to 30 April 2008 a total of 2,715,000 Ordinary shares were purchased in the market and cancelled
Year to 30 April 2009	During the year to 30 April 2009 a total of 5,313,000 Ordinary shares were purchased in the market and cancelled
Year to 30 April 2010	During the year to 30 April 2010 a total of 215,000 Ordinary shares were purchased in the market and cancelled
6 September 2010	1,934,411 Ordinary shares of 25p issued following the final subscription date for the Warrants on 31 August 2010
Year to 30 April 2012	During the year to 30 April 2012 a total of 150,000 Ordinary shares were purchased in the market and cancelled

# Directors' Report

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The Directors present their Report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2013.

## Business Review

A review of the Company's activities is given in the Corporate Summary on pages 1 to 4, the Chairman's Statement on pages 9 and 10 and the Manager's Review on pages 11 to 14. This includes a review of the business of the Company and its principal activities, recommended dividends, likely future developments of the business and details of the Company's policy on share capital management. The principal risks and uncertainties associated with the Company are detailed in the Corporate Summary on page 3 and in note 18 to the financial statements. The Company has exposure to financial instruments, details of which are disclosed in note 18 to the financial statements. Further details of the risk management objectives and policies are provided in the Statement of Corporate Governance on pages 24 to 27.

The Key Performance Indicators (NAV movements together with details of the share price performance and ongoing charge ratio) for the Company are shown in the Highlights on page 7.

The Company makes no political donations or expenditures or donations for charitable purposes and, in common with most investment trusts, the Company has no employees.

## Results and Dividends

Details of the Company's results and dividends paid are shown on page 7 of this Report.

## Principal Activity

The business of the Company is that of an investment trust investing in a diversified portfolio principally comprising UK and overseas equities and fixed interest securities but also other asset classes. By investing in overseas equities as well as diversifying into property, bonds, alternative assets and structured products, the Company seeks to take advantage of a wide range of investment opportunities and reduce the risk profile of the Company's portfolio.

## Status

The Company is registered as a public limited company, and is an investment company as defined by Section 833 of the Companies Act 2006 and is registered in England and Wales with registered number 03173591. The Company is also a member of the Association of Investment Companies ("AIC").

The Company carries on business as an investment trust. It has been approved by HM Revenue and Customs as an investment trust for accounting periods commencing on or after 1 May 2012 subject to the Company continuing to meet the eligibility conditions of Section 1158 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 and the ongoing requirements for approved companies in chapter 3 of Part 2 Investment Trust (Approved Company) (Tax) Regulations 2011 (Statutory Instrument 2011/2999).

The Company intends to manage its affairs so as to be a qualifying investment for inclusion in an Individual Savings Account ("ISA") and it is the Directors' intention that the Company should continue to qualify.

## Significant Contracts

The Company has an Investment Management Agreement with Miton Capital Partners Limited, further details of which are provided in note 3 to the financial statements. There is also an Administration Agreement with R&H Fund Services Limited. Further details are disclosed in note 4 to the financial statements.

## Share Capital

As at 30 April 2013 there were 39,896,361 Ordinary shares in issue.

## The Large and Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (the "Regulations")

The following further information is disclosed in accordance with the Regulations:

- the Company's capital structure and voting rights are summarised on page 3;
- details of the substantial shareholders in the Company are listed on page 21;
- the rules concerning the appointment and replacement of Directors are contained in the Company's Articles of Association and are summarised on page 25;
- amendment of the Company's Articles of Association and powers to issue or buy back the Company's shares require a special resolution to be passed by shareholders;

- there are: no restrictions concerning the transfer of securities in the Company; no special rights with regard to control attached to securities; no agreements between holders of securities regarding their transfer known to the Company; and no agreements which the Company is party to that might affect its control following a takeover bid; and
- there are no agreements between the Company and its Directors concerning compensation for loss of office.

## Corporate Governance

The Statement of Corporate Governance forms part of this Directors' Report and covers the Company's compliance with the UK Corporate Governance Code and is shown on pages 24 to 27.

## Directors

Details of the current Directors of the Company are shown on page 6.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, Directors must offer themselves for re-election at least once every three years.

Mr I R Davis will retire by rotation and offer himself for re-election at the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") to be held on 3 September 2013.

Mr R A M Ramsay will stand for election at the AGM following his appointment in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association.

Mr H V Reid will retire from the Board immediately following the AGM.

The Directors at 30 April 2013 and at 1 May 2012 had no interest other than those interests, all of which are beneficial interests, shown below in the share capital of the Company:

	At 30 April 2013	At 30 April 2012
	Ordinary shares	Ordinary shares
H V Reid (Chairman)	110,000	110,000
A D Cooke	60,000	60,000
I R Davis	91,634	91,135
R A M Ramsay	nil	n/a

Mr Davis is a member of the Aberdeen Investment Trust Share Plan and has elected to reinvest his dividends. Consequently his beneficial interests have increased since 30 April 2013 by 117 shares as at 5 July 2013, being the latest practicable date prior to the signing of this Report. There were no other changes to report at this date. Mr Alan Borrows and Mr Simon Callow of the Company's Investment Manager are beneficially interested in 200,000 and 4,500 Ordinary shares respectively.

No Director has a service contract with the Company. No Directors were interested in any contracts with the Company.

## Management of Conflicts of Interest

The Board has a procedure in place to deal with a situation where a Director has a conflict of interest, as required by the Companies Act 2006. As part of this process, the Directors prepare a list of other positions held and all other conflict situations that may need to be authorised either in relation to the Director concerned or his connected persons. The Board considers each Director's situation and decides whether to approve any conflict, taking into consideration what is in the best interests of the Company and whether the Director's ability to act in accordance with his wider duties is affected. Each Director is required to notify the Company Secretary of any potential or actual conflict situations that will need authorising by the Board. Authorisations given by the Board are reviewed at each Board meeting.

## Substantial Interests

The Board has been advised that the following shareholders owned 3% or more of the issued share capital of the Company at 5 July 2013, being the nearest practicable date prior to the signing of this Report.

Shareholder	Number of shares held	% held
Brewin Dolphin, stockbrokers	5,013,476	12.57
Miton Capital Partners	4,569,989	11.45
HIM Capital	3,837,901	9.62
Midas Investment Management	3,810,746	9.55
Jupiter Asset Management	3,025,000	7.58
Philip J Milton, stockbrokers	1,545,073	3.87
Charles Stanley, stockbrokers	1,355,302	3.40

## Annual General Meeting

The Notice of Annual General Meeting is contained on page 49.

## Directors' Authority to Allot Relevant Securities

Among the resolutions being put to the Annual General Meeting as Special Business, Resolution 7, which is an ordinary resolution, will, if passed, renew the Directors' existing general power to allot relevant securities but will also provide a further authority (subject to certain limits) to allot shares pursuant to fully pre-emptive rights issues. Resolution 7 authorises the Directors to generally allot shares up to an aggregate nominal amount of £6,649,394 representing approximately two-thirds of the existing issued capital of the Company, of which a maximum nominal amount of £3,324,697 (approximately one-third of the existing issued share capital) may only be applied to fully pre-emptive rights issues.

The authority granted by Resolution 6 will expire at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting in 2014.

The Directors do not have any present intention of allotting further shares.

The Company does not currently hold any shares in treasury.

# Director's Report (continued)

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Resolution 8, which is a special resolution, will, if passed, renew the Directors' existing authority until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting to make limited allotments of shares for cash other than according to the statutory pre-emption rights which require all shares issued for cash to be offered first to all existing shareholders. The disapplication of pre-emption rights relates to shares that the Company issues pursuant to the authority conferred by Resolution 7 or transfers from treasury (if any). This resolution limits the authority conferred by Resolution 7 to issues of Ordinary shares (or sales of treasury shares) to a maximum aggregate nominal amount of £997,409 representing approximately 10 per cent. of the Company's existing issued share capital.

The authority granted by Resolution 8 will expire at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting in 2014.

The Directors do not have any present intention of exercising this authority.

## Purchase of the Company's Shares

Resolution 9 which is a Special Resolution will be proposed to renew the Directors' authority to make market purchases of the Company's shares in accordance with the provisions contained in the Companies Act 2006 and the Listing Rules of the Financial Services Authority. The minimum price to be paid per Ordinary share shall be not less than 25p per share (being the nominal value). Under the Listing Rules, the maximum price that may be paid on the exercise of this authority must not exceed the higher of (i) 105% of the average of the middle market quotations for the shares over the five business days immediately preceding the date of purchase and (ii) the higher of the last independent trade and the highest current independent bid on the trading venue where the purchase is carried out. Under the Companies Act 2006, a listed company is able to hold shares in treasury rather than cancel them. Any shares purchased under the authority granted by Resolution 8 will either be cancelled and the number of Ordinary shares reduced accordingly or held in treasury. It is possible that the issued share capital of the Company will change between the date of this document and the Annual General Meeting and therefore the authority sought will be in respect of 14.99% of the issued share capital as at the date of the Annual General Meeting rather than the date of this document. The authority being sought shall expire at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting in 2014 unless such authority is renewed prior to such time. These powers will give Directors additional flexibility going forward and the Board considers that it will be in the interest of the Company that such powers be available. In particular, the Directors will not use this authority to purchase the Company's Shares unless to do so would result in an increase in net asset value per share.

If Resolution 9 is passed then an announcement will be made on the date of the Annual General Meeting which will detail the exact number of Ordinary shares to which this authority relates.

## Notice of Meeting

Resolution 10, which is a Special Resolution, will be proposed to authorise the Directors to call general meetings of the Company (other than Annual General Meetings), on 14 clear days' notice as permitted by the Companies Act 2006 and as amended by the Companies (Shareholders' Rights) Regulations 2009. The Company will also need to meet the Companies Act 2006 requirements for electronic voting before it may call a general meeting on 14 clear days' notice. The Directors confirm that, in the event that a general meeting is called, they will give as much notice as is practicable and will only utilise the authority granted by Resolution 10 in limited and time sensitive circumstances.

## Recommendation

Your Board in its opinion considers the passing of the Resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting to be in the best interests of the Company and its members as a whole. Accordingly, your Board unanimously recommends that shareholders should vote in favour of the Resolutions as they intend to do in respect of their own beneficial shareholdings amounting to 261,751 Ordinary shares.

## Creditor Payment Policy

It is the policy of the Company to settle all investment transactions in accordance with the terms and conditions of the relevant market in which it operates. All other expenses are paid on a timely basis in the ordinary course of business. The Directors do not consider any creditors to represent trade creditors (2012: nil).

## Discount Management

In order to sustain the rating of the Company's shares, the Board has a discount management policy. However, the making and timing of any share buybacks will be at the absolute discretion of the Board.

## Going Concern

As of 2013, shareholders will be given the opportunity to vote on an ordinary resolution to continue the Company as an investment trust at each Annual General Meeting of the Company. Such a resolution has been proposed as Resolution 6 within the notice of the Annual General Meeting on pages 49 and 50.

After making enquiries, and having considered the Company's investment objective, nature of the investment portfolio, bank facility and expenditure projections, the Directors consider that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, and in light of the Company's recent strong investment record, the Directors are satisfied that it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the accounts, notwithstanding that the Company is subject to an annual continuation as described above.

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Resolution 6 at this year's AGM represents the first annual continuation vote by shareholders on the Company's future. The Board believes this resolution to be in the best interests of the Company and its members as a whole, and strongly recommends that shareholders should vote in favour of Resolution 6 as it intends to do in respect of its own beneficial shareholdings.

### Accountability and Audit

The respective responsibilities of the Directors and Auditors in connection with the financial statements are set out on pages 29 and 30.

Each Director confirms that, so far as he is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware, and he has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a Director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information. Additionally, there are no significant events since the year end. The Directors in office at the year end were Messrs H V Reid, A D Cooke, I R Davis and R A M Ramsay. The Directors' interests in the share capital of the Company together with any changes that have been reported up to the date of this Report are disclosed on page 21.

### Disclosure of Information to the Auditor

The Directors confirm that, so far as each of them are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware and the Directors have taken all the steps that they might to have taken as Directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

### Independent Auditors

Ernst & Young LLP have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The Directors will place a Resolution before the Annual General Meeting for the reappointment of Ernst & Young LLP as independent auditors of the Company for the ensuing year, and to authorise the Directors to determine their remuneration.

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5 July 2013

By order of the Board  
**R & H Fund Services Limited**  
Secretaries

# Statement of Corporate Governance

## Introduction

The UK Listing Authority requires all listed companies to describe how they have complied with the principles of the UK Corporate Governance Code published in May 2010 (the "Governance Code"), which is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website: [www.frc.org.uk](http://www.frc.org.uk). The Governance Code covers in particular the annual re-appointment of Directors, Board diversity, external evaluation, the Board's responsibilities in relation to risk, and a clear explanation of business model and strategy.

The Association of Investment Companies has also published a Code of Corporate Governance ("AIC Code") and a Corporate Governance Guide for Investment Companies ("AIC Guide") which are available on the AIC's website: [www.theaic.co.uk](http://www.theaic.co.uk). The AIC Code, as explained by the AIC Guide, addresses all of the principles set out in Section 1 of the Governance Code, as well as setting out additional principles and recommendations on issues that are of specific relevance to investment companies.

The Board considers that reporting against the principles and recommendations of the AIC Code, and by reference to the AIC Guide (which incorporates the Governance Code), will provide better information to shareholders.

## Application of the Principles of the Codes

The Company has complied with the provisions of the AIC Code and the Governance Code, except for the Governance Code provisions relating to:

- The role of the chief executive (A 1.2)
- Executive directors' remuneration (B 2.1)
- The need for an internal audit function (C 3.5)

As indicated by the AIC Code the above exceptions are not believed to be applicable to an externally managed investment company.

## The Board

The Board currently consists of a non-executive Chairman and three non-executive Directors. All Directors are considered by the Board to be independent of the Investment Manager and free of any material relationship with the Investment Manager. Each Director has the requisite level and range of business and financial experience which enables the Board to provide clear and effective leadership and proper stewardship of the Company. The Board considers that the post of chief executive officer is not relevant for an investment trust company as this role has effectively been delegated to the Manager, under the terms of the Investment Management Agreement. Mr H V Reid has been identified as the Senior Independent non-executive Director, to whom any concerns can be conveyed by the other Directors. Given the size and composition of the Board it is not felt necessary to separate the roles of Chairman and Senior Independent Director. Mr H V Reid has served on the Board as a Director with effect from 19 March 1996 and as Chairman from 15 September 2004; he is standing down at the conclusion of the AGM on 3 September 2013 and is not standing for re-election. The Board takes the view that

independence is not compromised by length of tenure and that experience and continuity can add significantly to the Board's strength.

During the year ended 30 April 2013 the Board met 7 times. In addition, there were 2 Audit Committee meetings, 1 Management Engagement Committee meeting, 2 Nomination Committee meetings and 6 other ad hoc Committee meetings (to approve dividends and the Half Yearly and Annual Reports). Between meetings the Board maintains regular contact with the Investment Manager.

Directors have attended Board and Committee meetings during the year ended 30 April 2013 as follows (with their eligibility to attend the relevant meeting in brackets):

	Audit Management Engagement Committee meetings and Nomination	Other committee meetings
Board meetings		
H V Reid (Chairman)	7 (7)	5 (5)
I R Davis	7 (7)	5 (5)
A D Cooke	7 (7)	5 (5)
R A M Ramsay	- (-)	- (-)
(Appointed 2 April 2013)		

The Board has a schedule of matters reserved to it for decision and the requirement for Board approval on these matters is communicated directly to the senior staff of the Investment Manager. Such matters include strategy, borrowings, treasury and dividend policy. Full and timely information is provided to the Board to enable the Directors to function effectively and to discharge their responsibilities. The Board also reviews the financial statements, performance and revenue budgets.

The Board has put in place necessary procedures to conduct, on an annual basis, an appraisal of the Chairman of the Board as well as a performance evaluation of the Board as a whole, the individual Directors and the Board Committees. The appraisals are undertaken by way of a questionnaire.

The Board has reviewed the Chairman's and Directors' other commitments and is satisfied that the Chairman and other Directors are capable of devoting sufficient time to the Company. The Directors have reviewed the proposed election of Mr R A M Ramsay and re-election of Mr I R Davis and are of the opinion that both Directors bring a significant range of business, financial and management skills and experience to the Company and the Board supports their re-election. The annual evaluation of the Board and the Directors has been completed and the Directors have concluded that the Board continues to function effectively and individually the Directors remain independent and there are no relationships or circumstances which are likely to affect the judgement of the Directors.

There is an agreed procedure for Directors to take independent professional advice if necessary and at the Company's expense. This

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is in addition to the access which every Director has to the advice and services of the Company Secretary, R & H Fund Services Limited, which is responsible to the Board for ensuring that Board procedures are followed and that applicable rules and regulations are complied with.

## Board Committees

### Audit Committee

An Audit Committee has been established with written terms of reference and comprises four independent Directors, Mr I R Davis (Chairman), Mr H V Reid, Mr A D Cooke and Mr R A M Ramsay. The Audit Committee members have recent and relevant financial experience. The terms of reference of the Audit Committee are reviewed and re-assessed for their adequacy on an annual basis and are disclosed on the Company's website. Further copies are available on request.

A summary of the Committee's main audit review functions is shown below:

- to review and monitor the internal control systems and risk management systems on which the Company is reliant;
- to consider annually whether there is a need for the Company to have its own internal audit function;
- to monitor the integrity of the interim and annual financial statements of the Company by reviewing, and challenging where necessary, the actions and judgements of the Manager and Administrator;
- to meet with the external Auditor to review their proposed audit programme of work and their findings. The Board shall also use this as an opportunity to assess the effectiveness of the audit process;
- to develop and implement policy on the engagement of the external Auditor to supply non-audit services. (During the period under review, fees amounting to £9,000 inc. VAT were paid to the Auditor in respect of non audit services in connection with taxation work (2012: £4,000) - the Board will review any future fees in the light of the requirement to maintain the Auditor's independence);
- to review an annual statement from the Manager and Administrator detailing the arrangements in place whereby the staff of the Manager and of the Administrator may, in confidence, escalate concerns about possible improprieties in matters of financial reporting or other matters;
- to make recommendations in relation to the appointment of the external Auditor and to approve the remuneration and terms of engagement of the external Auditor; and,
- to monitor and review annually the external Auditor's independence, objectivity, effectiveness, resources and qualification. At its June meeting the Audit Committee confirmed its view that the Auditor remained independent and objective.

### Management Engagement Committee

A separate Management Engagement Committee has been established. The Management Engagement Committee annually reviews matters concerning the management contract which exists between the Company and the Investment Manager. Details of the Management Agreement are shown in note 3 to the financial statements.

### Stewardship Code

The Financial Reporting Council ("FRC") published "The UK Stewardship Code" for institutional shareholders on 2 July 2010. The purpose of the Code is to enhance the quality of engagement between institutional investors and companies to help improve long-term returns to shareholders and the efficient exercise of governance responsibilities.

The FRC is encouraging institutional investors to make a statement of their commitment to the Code.

The Board has delegated responsibility for actively monitoring the activities of investee companies to the Manager. The Manager is responsible for reviewing, on a regular basis, the annual reports, circulars and other publications produced by the investee company, and for attending company meetings. The Manager, in the absence of explicit instruction from the Board, is empowered to use discretion in the exercise of the Company's voting rights. The Manager's policy is to assess each voting opportunity individually and to vote only in cases where it is believed that the Company's best interests need to be protected. The Board has reviewed, and endorses, the Manager's Statement of Compliance with the Code, which appears on the Manager's website, at [www.mitongroup.com](http://www.mitongroup.com).

The Board will also receive from the Manager regular reports on the exercise by the Manager of the Company's voting rights.

### Nomination Committee

Appointments to the Board of Directors are considered by the Nominations Committee which comprises the entire Board and whose Chairman is the Chairman of the Company. Possible new Directors are identified against the requirements of the Company's business and the need to have a balanced Board. The Terms of Reference of the Nomination Committee are available on the Company's website and further copies are available on request. External search consultants may be used to assist in the appointment of new Directors should it be considered expedient. Every Director is entitled to receive appropriate training as deemed necessary. A Director appointed during the year is required, under the provisions of the Company's Articles of Association, to retire and seek election by shareholders at the next Annual General Meeting. The Articles of Association require that one third of the Directors retire by rotation at each Annual General Meeting.

# Statement of Corporate Governance (continued)

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## Remuneration Committee

Under the UK Listing Rules, where an investment trust has only non-executive directors, the Governance Code principles relating to directors' remuneration do not apply. The full Board acts as the Remuneration Committee whose Chairman is the Chairman of the Company.

The remuneration of the Directors has been set in order to attract individuals of a calibre appropriate to the future development of the Company. The Company's policy on Directors' remuneration, together with details of the remuneration of each Director, is detailed in the Directors' Remuneration Report on page 28.

## Internal Control

The Board is ultimately responsible for the Company's system of internal control and for reviewing its effectiveness. Following publication of the Financial Reporting Council's "Internal Control: Revised Guidance for Directors on the Combined Code" (the "FRC guidance") the Board confirms that there is an ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the significant risks faced by the Company. This process has been in place for the year under review and up to the date of approval of this Annual Report and is regularly reviewed by the Board and accords with the FRC Guidance.

The Board has reviewed the effectiveness of the system of internal control. In particular, it has reviewed and updated the process for identifying and evaluating the significant risks affecting the Company and policies by which these risks are managed. The significant risks faced by the Company are as follows:

- financial;
- operational; and
- compliance.

The key components designed to provide effective internal control are outlined below:

- R&H Fund Services Limited as Company Secretary and Administrator together with the Investment Manager prepares forecasts and management accounts which allow the Board to assess the Company's activities and review its performance;
- the Board and Investment Manager have agreed clearly defined investment criteria, specified levels of authority and exposure limits. Reports on these issues, including performance statistics and investment valuations, are regularly submitted to the Board and there are meetings with the Investment Manager as appropriate;
- as a matter of course the Investment Manager's compliance department continually reviews the Investment Manager's operations and reports to the Board on a quarterly basis;

- written agreements are in place which specifically define the roles and responsibilities of the Investment Manager, Administrator and other third party service providers;
- the Board has considered the need for an internal audit function but, because of the compliance and internal control systems in place at the Investment Manager and the Administrator, has decided to place reliance on the Investment Manager's and the Administrator's systems and internal audit procedures.

At its June meeting, the Audit Committee carried out an annual assessment of internal controls for the year ended 30 April 2013 by considering documentation from the Investment Manager and the Administrator, including the internal audit and compliance functions and taking account of events since 30 April 2013. The results of the assessment were then reported to the Board at the next Board meeting.

Internal control systems are designed to meet the Company's particular needs and the risks to which it is exposed. Accordingly, the internal control systems are designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives and by their nature can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against mis-statement and loss.

The principal risks and uncertainties affecting the Company are disclosed on page 3.

## Exercise of Voting Powers

The Investment Manager, in the absence of explicit instruction from the Board, is empowered to exercise discretion in the use of the Company's voting rights in respect of investee companies. The underlying aim of exercising such voting rights is to protect the return from an investment.

## Relations with Shareholders

The Directors place a great deal of importance on communication with shareholders. The Annual Report and Accounts are widely distributed to other parties who have an interest in the Company's performance. Shareholders and investors may obtain up to date information on the Company through the Investment Manager's website. The Company responds to letters from shareholders on a wide range of issues.

The Notice of the Annual General Meeting included within the Annual Report and Accounts is sent out 20 working days in advance of the meeting. All shareholders have the opportunity to put questions to the Board or Manager, either formally at the Company's Annual General Meeting or at the subsequent buffet luncheon for shareholders. The Company Secretary is available to answer general shareholder queries at any time throughout the year.

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## Socially Responsible Investment Policy

The Board is aware of its duty to act in the interests of the Company. The Board acknowledges that there are risks associated with investment in companies which fail to conduct business in a socially responsible manner.

The Manager considers social, environmental and ethical factors which may affect the performance or value of the Company's investments. The Directors, through the Company's Investment Manager, encourage companies in which investments are made to adhere to best practice in the area of Corporate Governance. They believe that this can best be achieved by entering into a dialogue with company management to encourage them, where necessary, to improve their policies in this area. The Company's ultimate objective however is to deliver superior investment returns for its shareholders. Accordingly, whilst the Investment Manager will seek to favour companies which pursue best practice in the above areas, this must not be to the detriment of the return on the investment portfolio.

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5 July 2013

By order of the Board  
**R & H Fund Services Limited**  
Secretaries

# Directors' Remuneration Report

The Board has prepared this report in accordance with the requirements of Section 421 of the Companies Act 2006. An ordinary resolution for the approval of this Report will be put to the members at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. As the Board of Directors is comprised solely of non-executive Directors, it is exempt under the Listing Rules from appointing a Remuneration Committee. The determination of the Directors' fees is a matter dealt with by the whole Board. This Report has been divided into separate sections for unaudited and audited information.

## Unaudited Information

### Remuneration Policy

The Company's Articles of Association limit the aggregate fees payable to the Board of Directors to a total of £100,000 per annum. Subject to this overall limit, it is the Company's policy to determine the level of Directors' fees having regard to the level of fees payable to non-executive directors in the industry generally, the role that individual Directors fulfill in respect of Board and Committee responsibilities, and the time committed to the Company's affairs. It is intended that this policy will continue for the year ending 30 April 2014 and subsequent years. The Chairman receives fees of £22,500 per annum, the Audit Committee Chairman receives fees of £20,000 per annum and £18,000 is payable to other Directors. The Board reviews fees from time to time.

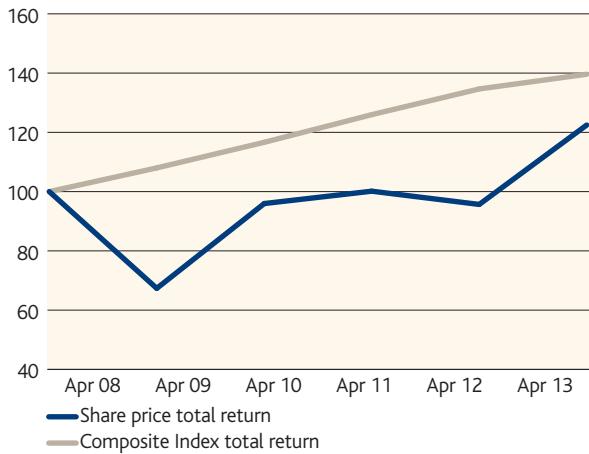
No Director has a service contract with the Company. Letters of appointment are in place under which the Directors are appointed to the Board subject, *inter alia*, to reappointment in accordance with the Articles of Association.

The Directors have not had any interests in contractual arrangements with the Company either during the period or subsequently.

No Director past or present has any entitlement to pensions and the Company has not awarded any share options or long-term performance incentives to any of the Directors.

Directors' and officers' liability insurance cover is maintained by the Company on behalf of the Directors. The Company's Articles of Association indemnify each of the Directors out of the assets of the Company against any liabilities incurred by them as a Director of the Company in defending proceedings or in connection with any application to the Court in which relief is granted and separate deeds of indemnity exist in this regard between the Company and each Director.

The chart shown below illustrates the total shareholder return for a holding in the Company's shares as compared to the notional annualised return of 8% from 1 May 2008 to 18 January 2012 and 3 month LIBOR plus 3% from 18 January 2012 to 30 April 2013.



Source: R&H Fund Services Limited

## Audited Information

### Directors' Emoluments

The Directors who served in the year received the following fees:

	2013 £'000	2012 £'000
H V Reid (Chairman and highest paid Director)	22.5	22.5
Ian R Davis	20	20
A D Cooke	18	18
R A M Ramsay	1.5	-
(Appointed 2 April 2013)		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>60.5</b>

The amounts paid by the Company to the Directors were for services as non-executive Directors.

By order of the Board

**R & H Fund Services Limited**

Secretaries

5 July 2013

# Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

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The Directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and financial statements, in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

Under company law the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the Company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that its financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, where applicable. They are responsible for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Under applicable law and regulations, the Directors are also responsible for preparing a Directors' Report, Directors' Remuneration Report and Statement of Corporate Governance that comply with that law and those regulations. The financial statements are published on [www.mitongroup.com/index.php/private/fund-pages/investment-trusts/midas-income-and-growth-trust-plc/](http://www.mitongroup.com/index.php/private/fund-pages/investment-trusts/midas-income-and-growth-trust-plc/) which is a website maintained by the Company's Manager. The Directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Company's website. Legislation in the UK governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The Directors confirm that to the best of our knowledge:

- the financial statements, prepared in accordance with the applicable UK Accounting Standards, give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Company; and
- the Directors' Report includes a fair review of the development and performance of the business and the position of the Company, together with a description of the principal risks and uncertainties that the Company faces.

For Midas Income & Growth Trust PLC

Hubert Reid  
Chairman

5 July 2013

# Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Midas Income & Growth Trust PLC

We have audited the financial statements of Midas Income & Growth Trust PLC for the year ended 30 April 2013 which comprise the Income Statement, the Balance Sheet, the Reconciliation of Movements in Shareholders' Funds, the Cash Flow Statement, and the related notes 1 to 21. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

## Respective Responsibilities of Directors and Auditor

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities set out on page 29, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

## Scope of the Audit of the Financial Statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Midas Income & Growth PLC annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

## Opinion on Financial Statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 30 April 2013 and of its net profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

## Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion:

- the part of the Directors' Remuneration Report to be audited has been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006; and,
- the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

## Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following:

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- Adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- The financial statements and the part of the Directors' Remuneration Report to be audited are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- Certain disclosures of Directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- We have not received all the information we require for our audit.

## Under the Listing Rules we are required to review:

- The Directors' statement on page 29 in relation to going concern;
- The part of the Statement of Corporate Governance relating to the Company's compliance with the nine provisions of the UK Corporate Governance Code specified for our review; and,
- Certain elements of the report to the shareholders by the Board on Directors' remuneration.

**Julian Young**

(Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP (Statutory Auditor)  
London

5 July 2013

# Income Statement

	Notes	Year ended 30 April 2013			Year ended 30 April 2012		
		Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000
Gains/(losses) on investments	9	-	7,941	7,941	-	(2,745)	(2,745)
Income	2	2,780	-	2,780	3,075	4	3,079
Investment management fee	3	(198)	(198)	(396)	(225)	(225)	(450)
Administrative expenses	4	(353)	-	(353)	(418)	-	(418)
Exchange losses	15	-	(4)	(4)	-	(8)	(8)
<b>Net return on ordinary activities before interest payable and taxation</b>		2,229	7,739	9,968	2,432	(2,974)	(542)
Finance costs	5	(74)	(74)	(148)	(118)	(118)	(236)
<b>Net return on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		2,155	7,665	9,820	2,314	(3,092)	(778)
Taxation	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Return on ordinary activities after taxation</b>		<b>2,155</b>	<b>7,665</b>	<b>9,820</b>	<b>2,314</b>	<b>(3,092)</b>	<b>(778)</b>
<b>Return per share (pence)</b>	8	<b>5.40</b>	<b>19.21</b>	<b>24.61</b>	<b>5.80</b>	<b>(7.75)</b>	<b>(1.95)</b>

The total column of this statement represents the profit and loss account of the Company.

All revenue and capital items in the above statement derive from continuing operations.

No operations were acquired or discontinued in the year.

A Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses has not been prepared as all gains and losses are recognised in the Income Statement.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

# Balance Sheet

	Notes	As at 30 April 2013 £'000	As at 30 April 2012 £'000
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Investments at fair value through profit or loss	9	59,894	52,811
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors and prepayments	10	520	347
Cash and short term deposits		2,355	1,828
		2,875	2,175
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	11		
Bank loan		(7,000)	(7,000)
Other creditors		(136)	(97)
		(7,136)	(7,097)
<b>Net current liabilities</b>		(4,261)	(4,922)
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>55,633</b>	<b>47,889</b>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called-up share capital	12	9,974	9,974
Share premium account		1,445	1,445
Special reserve		41,783	41,783
Capital redemption reserve		2,099	2,099
Capital reserve	13	(382)	(8,047)
Revenue reserve		714	635
<b>Equity shareholders' funds</b>		<b>55,633</b>	<b>47,889</b>
<b>Net asset value per share (pence)</b>	17	<b>139.44</b>	<b>120.03</b>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 5 July 2013 and were signed on its behalf by:

H V Reid  
Chairman

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

## Reconciliation of Movements in Shareholders' Funds

For the year ended 30 April 2013

	Share capital £'000	Share premium account £'000	Special reserve £'000	Capital redemption reserve £'000	Capital reserve £'000	Revenue reserve £'000	Total £'000
Balance at 30 April 2012	9,974	1,445	41,783	2,099	(8,047)	635	47,889
Return on ordinary activities after taxation	-	-	-	-	7,665	2,155	9,820
Dividends paid (see note 7)	-	-	-	-	-	(2,076)	(2,076)
<b>Balance at 30 April 2013</b>	<b>9,974</b>	<b>1,445</b>	<b>41,783</b>	<b>2,099</b>	<b>(382)</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>55,633</b>

For the year ended 30 April 2012

	Share capital £'000	Share premium account £'000	Special reserve £'000	Capital redemption reserve £'000	Capital reserve £'000	Revenue reserve £'000	Total £'000
Balance at 30 April 2011	10,012	1,445	41,954	2,061	(4,955)	790	51,307
Purchase of own shares for cancellation	(38)	-	(171)	38	-	-	(171)
Return on ordinary activities after taxation	-	-	-	-	(3,092)	2,314	(778)
Dividends paid (see note 7)	-	-	-	-	-	(2,469)	(2,469)
<b>Balance at 30 April 2012</b>	<b>9,974</b>	<b>1,445</b>	<b>41,783</b>	<b>2,099</b>	<b>(8,047)</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>47,889</b>

The revenue reserve represents the amount of the Company's reserves distributable by way of dividend.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

# Cash Flow Statement

	Notes	Year ended 30 April 2013 £'000	Year ended 30 April 2012 £'000
<b>Net cash inflow from operating activities</b>	14	1,875	2,286
<b>Servicing of finance</b>			
Bank and loan interest paid		(126)	(250)
<b>Taxation</b>			
Tax payable on non UK income		-	-
<b>Financial investment</b>			
Purchases of investments		(24,589)	(16,814)
Sales of investments		25,447	18,782
<b>Net cash inflow from financial investment</b>		858	1,968
<b>Equity dividends paid</b>		(2,076)	(2,469)
<b>Net cash inflow before financing</b>		531	1,535
<b>Financing</b>			
Buyback of shares		-	(171)
<b>Net cash outflow from financing</b>		-	(171)
<b>Increase in cash</b>		531	1,364
<b>Reconciliation of net cash flow to movements in net debt</b>			
Increase in cash as above		531	1,364
Exchange movements		(4)	(8)
<b>Movement in net debt in the year</b>		527	1,356
Net debt at 1 May		(5,172)	(6,528)
<b>Net debt at 30 April</b>	15	(4,645)	(5,172)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

# Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 April 2013

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## 1 Accounting policies

### (a) Basis of preparation and going concern

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the applicable UK Accounting Standards and with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Financial Statements of Investment Trust Companies and Venture Capital Trusts'. They have also been prepared on the assumption that approval as an investment trust will continue to be granted. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Directors believe this is appropriate for the reasons outlined in the Directors' Report on page 22.

### (b) Investments

Investments have been designated upon initial recognition as fair value through profit or loss. Investments are recognised and de-recognised at trade date where a purchase or sale is under a contract whose terms require delivery within the time frame established by the market concerned, and are initially measured as fair value. Subsequent to initial recognition, investments are valued at fair value. For listed investments, this is deemed to be bid market prices or closing prices for SETS (London Stock Exchange's electronic trading service) stocks sourced from the London Stock Exchange. Unlisted investments held are not quoted on a recognised stock exchange, however there is a quoted price available, and is considered by the Directors to approximate fair value. The unquoted investments held (see note 9) are valued by the Directors using primary valuation techniques, such as earnings multiples, recent transactions and net assets, which equate to their fair values. Gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are included in net profit or loss for the period as a capital item in the Income Statement.

### (c) Income

Income from investments (other than special dividends), including taxes deducted at source, is included in revenue by reference to the date on which the investment is quoted ex dividend. Special dividends are credited to capital or revenue, according to the circumstances. The fixed returns on debt securities are recognised on a time apportionment basis so as to reflect the effective yield on the debt securities and shares. Interest receivable on short term deposits is treated on an accruals basis.

### (d) Expenses

All expenses are accounted for on an accrual basis. Expenses are charged to revenue within the Income Statement except as follows:

- transaction costs on the acquisition or disposal of investments are charged to capital;
- expenses are charged to the capital reserve where a connection with the maintenance or enhancement of the value of investments can be demonstrated. In this respect the investment management fee and loan interest on the £7 million bank loan have been allocated 50% to capital and 50% to revenue within the Income Statement;
- loan break costs are charged 100% to the capital reserve within the Income Statement.

### (e) Capital reserve

Gains or losses on realisation of investments and changes in fair values of investments which are readily convertible to cash, without accepting adverse terms, are transferred to the capital reserve.

Also, expenses and finance costs, together with the related taxation effect, are charged to this reserve in accordance with (d) above.

### (f) Deferred taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the profit for the year and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. Deferred taxation is provided using the liability method on all timing differences, calculated at the rate at which it is anticipated the timing differences will reverse. Deferred tax assets are recognised only when, on the basis of available evidence, it is more likely than not that there will be taxable profits in future against which the deferred tax asset can be offset.

Due to the Company's status as an investment trust company, and the intention to continue meeting the conditions required to obtain approval in the foreseeable future, the Company has not provided deferred tax on any capital gains and losses arising on the revaluation or disposal of investments.

### (g) Foreign currency

Transactions involving foreign currencies are converted to sterling, being the Company's functional currency, at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction.

Translation of all other foreign currency balances including foreign assets and foreign liabilities is at the middle rates of exchange at the year end. Differences arising from translation are treated as a gain or loss to capital or revenue within the Income Statement depending upon the nature of the gain or loss.

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

		2013 £'000	2012 £'000
<b>2 Income</b>			
<b>Income from investments</b>			
UK franked income		1,147	1,580
UK unfranked dividend income		533	507
UK unfranked interest income		79	280
Overseas dividends		1,012	697
		<b>2,771</b>	<b>3,064</b>
<b>Other income</b>			
Deposit interest		9	11
		<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Total income</b>		<b>2,780</b>	<b>3,075</b>
<b>Income from investment</b>			
Listed UK		1,824	1,697
Listed overseas		-	379
Unlisted		865	944
Stock dividend		82	44
		<b>2,771</b>	<b>3,064</b>
<b>3 Investment management fees</b>			
		2013	2012
	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000
Investment management fee	<b>198</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>396</b>
		<b>Revenue £'000</b>	<b>Capital £'000</b>
		<b>225</b>	<b>225</b>
		<b>450</b>	<b>450</b>

Miton Capital Partners Limited ('Miton') were appointed the Investment Manager on 19 August 2005 and the management fee payable is calculated by reference to the Company's market capitalisation, at a rate of 0.9%. The agreement is terminable by either party on twelve months' notice. The fee is chargeable 50% to capital and 50% to revenue within the Income Statement. The balance due to Miton at the year end was £37,000 (2012 - £31,000).

	2013			2012		
	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000
<b>4 Administrative expenses</b>						
Administration fees	105	-	105	132	-	132
Directors' fees	62	-	62	60	-	60
Printing and stationery	14	-	14	11	-	11
Auditors' remuneration:						
- audit (inclusive of VAT)	29	-	29	29	-	29
- for review of half yearly financial report (inclusive of VAT)	-	-	-	7	-	7
- other services (inclusive of VAT)	9	-	9	4	-	4
Other	134	-	134	175	-	175
	<b>353</b>	-	<b>353</b>	<b>418</b>	-	<b>418</b>

The Company has an agreement with R&H Fund Services Limited ("R&H") for the provision of administration services.

R & H is entitled to a fixed fee of £80,000 per annum (index-linked) and a variable fee of 0.075 per cent per annum of the Company's total assets in excess of £50 million, subject to a maximum variable fee of £50,000 per annum.

The agreement is terminable by either party on three months' notice. No sum was due to R&H at the year end (2012 - no sum was due to the Company's previous administrators, Aberdeen Asset Management PLC).

The administrator was changed from Aberdeen Asset Management PLC to R&H on 1 July 2012.

	2013			2012		
	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000
<b>5 Finance costs</b>						
On bank loans and overdrafts	74	74	148	118	118	236

Finance costs relate to interest charged on the revolving loan facility, details of which are disclosed in note 11.

	2013			2012		
	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000
<b>6 Taxation</b>						
<b>(a) Analysis of charge for the year</b>						
Overseas withholding tax	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>(b) Factors affecting the tax charge for the year</b>						
The tax assessed for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK.						
	2013			2012		
	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000
<b>Net profit (loss) on ordinary activities before taxation</b>	<b>2,155</b>	<b>7,665</b>	<b>9,820</b>	<b>2,314</b>	<b>(3,092)</b>	<b>(778)</b>
Corporation tax at 23.92% (2012 - 25.83%)	515	1,833	2,348	598	(799)	(201)
Effects of:						
Non-taxable UK dividends	(274)	-	(274)	(408)	-	(408)
Non-taxable overseas dividends	(242)	-	(242)	(249)	-	(249)
Movement in unutilised management expenses	1	66	67	59	88	147
(Gains)/Losses on investments not taxable	-	(1,899)	(1,899)	-	711	711
<b>Current tax payable</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### (c) Factors that may affect future tax changes

There was no provision for deferred taxation made for either this year or the previous year. The Company has not recognised a deferred tax asset of £1,403,301 (2012 - £1,331,000) arising as a result of non-trading deficits and eligible unrelieved foreign tax. These deficits will only be utilised if the Company has profits chargeable to corporation tax in future accounting periods. It is considered too uncertain that the Company will generate such profits and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised.

7	Dividends	2013	2012
		£'000	£'000
Amounts recognised as distributions to equity holders in the period:			
	Fourth interim dividend for 2012 - 1.30p (2011 - 1.63p)	519	650
	First interim dividend for 2013 - 1.30p (2012 - 1.63p)	519	650
	Second interim dividend for 2013 - 1.30p (2012 - 1.63p)	519	650
	Third interim dividend for 2013 - 1.30p (2012 - 1.30p)	519	519
		<b>2,076</b>	<b>2,469</b>

A fourth interim dividend has been declared for the year of 1.35p (2012 - 1.30p) per share, amounting to £539,000 (2012 - £519,000). There is no final dividend proposed for the year (2012 - nil).

We set out below the total dividends paid and proposed in respect of the financial year, which is the basis on which the requirements of Section 1158-1159 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 are considered. The revenue available for distribution by way of dividend for the year is £2,155,000 (2012 - £2,314,000).

	2013	2012
	£'000	£'000
First interim dividend for 2013 - 1.30p (2012 - 1.63p)		
	519	650
Second interim dividend for 2013 - 1.30p (2012 - 1.63p)	519	650
Third interim dividend for 2013 - 1.30p (2012 - 1.30p)	519	519
Fourth interim dividend for 2013 - 1.35p (2012 - 1.30p)	539	519
	<b>2,096</b>	<b>2,338</b>

## 8 Return per Ordinary share

The return per Ordinary share is based on the following figures:

2013			2012		
Revenue P	Capital P	Total P	Revenue P	Capital P	Total P
5.40	19.21	24.61	5.80	(7.75)	(1.95)

The revenue return per Ordinary share is calculated on net revenue on ordinary activities after taxation for the year of £2,155,000 (2012 – £2,314,000) and on 39,896,361 (2012 – 39,903,738) Ordinary shares, being the weighted average number of Ordinary shares in issue during the year.

The capital return per Ordinary share is calculated on net capital return for the year of £7,665,000 (2012 – losses of £3,092,000) and on 39,896,361 (2012 – 39,903,738) Ordinary shares, being the weighted average number of Ordinary shares in issue during the year.

The total return per Ordinary share is calculated on total return for the year of £9,820,000 (2012 – losses of £778,000) and on 39,896,361 (2012 – 39,903,738) Ordinary shares, being the weighted average number of Ordinary shares in issue during the year.

9	<b>Investments</b>	<b>Listed in the UK £'000</b>	<b>Unquoted and unlisted £'000</b>	<b>Total £'000</b>
<b>Fair value through profit or loss:</b>				
	Opening book cost	34,129	21,334	55,463
	Opening fair value losses on investments held	(2,231)	(421)	(2,652)
	Opening valuation	31,898	20,913	52,811
Movements in year:				
	Purchases at cost	20,830	3,759	24,589
	Sales - proceeds	(21,896)	(3,551)	(25,447)
	- (loss)/profit on sales	(795)	1,204	409
	Movement in fair value of investments held	7,301	231	7,532
	Closing fair value of investments held	<b>37,338</b>	<b>22,556</b>	<b>59,894</b>
	Closing book cost	32,268	22,746	55,014
	Closing fair value gains/(losses) on investments held	5,070	(190)	4,880
		<b>37,338</b>	<b>22,556</b>	<b>59,894</b>

<b>Gains/(losses) on investments</b>	<b>2013 £'000</b>	<b>2012 £'000</b>
Gains/(losses) on sales	409	(1,652)
Increase/(decrease) in fair value of investments held	7,532	(1,093)
	<b>7,941</b>	<b>(2,745)</b>

# Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

## Transaction costs

During the year expenses were incurred in acquiring or disposing of investments classified as fair value through profit or loss. These have been expensed through capital and are included within gains/(losses) on investments in the Income Statement. The total costs were as follows:

	2013 £'000	2012 £'000
Purchases	23	57
Sales	33	21
	<b>56</b>	<b>78</b>

## 10 Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2013 £'000	2012 £'000
Dividends and interest receivable	496	333
Prepayments and other debtors	24	14
	<b>520</b>	<b>347</b>

## 11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2013 £'000	2012 £'000
Bank loan	7,000	7,000
Interest payable	30	8
Other creditors	106	89
	<b>7,136</b>	<b>7,097</b>

The Company has a £7 million revolving loan facility in place with Royal Bank of Scotland plc, of which at 30 April 2013 the full amount had been drawn down at an all-in rate of 2.247%. The Company renewed its short term rolling loan facility of £7 million in June 2013. The new facility runs until October 2015 and can be cancelled at any time without cost to the Company.

The final draw down of the old facility was repaid on 21 June 2013. A new £7 million was drawn down under the new facility until 21 August 2013 at an all in rate of 1.649%.

## 12 Called up share capital

	2013 £'000	2012 £'000
<b>Authorised</b>		
390,000,000 (2012 - 390,000,000) Ordinary shares of 25p	97,500	97,500
<b>Called-up, allotted and fully paid</b>		
39,896,361 (2012 - 39,896,361) Ordinary shares of 25p	9,974	9,974

		2013 £'000	2012 £'000
<b>13 Capital reserve</b>			
Balance brought forward		(8,047)	(4,955)
Movement in fair value gains/(losses)		7,941	(2,745)
Foreign exchange movement		(4)	(8)
Capitalised expenses		(272)	(343)
Capitalised income		-	4
<b>Balance carried forward</b>		<b>(382)</b>	<b>(8,047)</b>

The capital reserve includes investment holding gains amounting to £4,880,000 (2012 - losses of £2,652,000), as disclosed in note 9.

		2013 £'000	2012 £'000
<b>14 Reconciliation of net revenue before finance costs and taxation to net cash inflow from operating activities</b>			
Net return/(loss) before finance costs and taxation		9,968	(542)
Adjustments for:			
(Gains)/losses on investments		(7,941)	2,745
Exchange losses		4	8
(Increase)/decrease in accrued income		(163)	105
Increase in other debtors		(10)	(9)
Increase/(decrease) in other creditors		17	(21)
Net cash inflow from operating activities		<b>1,875</b>	<b>2,286</b>

	1 May 2012 £'000	Cash flow £'000	Exchange movements £'000	30 April 2013 £'000
<b>15 Analysis of changes in net debt</b>				
Cash and short term deposits	1,828	531	(4)	2,355
Debt due in less than one year	(7,000)	-	-	(7,000)
	<b>(5,172)</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>(4,645)</b>

## 16 Commitments and contingencies

As at 30 April 2013 there were no contingent liabilities (2012 - nil).

As at 30 April 2013 there was no commitment fee payable to The Royal Bank of Scotland as the bank loan was fully drawn down (2012 - nil).

	2013	2012
<b>17 Net asset value per equity share</b>		
Net assets attributable	£55,633,000	£47,889,000
Number of Ordinary shares in issue	39,896,361	39,896,361
Net asset value per Ordinary share	139.44p	120.03p

# Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

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## 18 Risk management, financial assets and liabilities

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The Company's financial instruments comprise:

- Equities and debt security investments that are held in accordance with the Company's investment objectives, which are set out on page 1 of this Report;
- Term loans and bank overdrafts, the main purpose of which are to raise finance for the Company's operations; and
- Cash and liquid resources that arise directly from the Company's operations.

The main risks arising from the Company's financial instruments are market risk, interest rate risk and foreign currency risk. There may also be exposure to interest rate risk from time to time. The Board regularly reviews and agrees policies for managing each of these risks and they are summarised below. These policies have remained unchanged since the inception of the Company.

### **Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. Liquidity risk is not considered to be significant as the Company's assets comprise of mainly readily realisable securities, which can be sold to meet funding commitments if necessary.

### **Market risk**

Market risk arises mainly from uncertainty about future prices of financial instruments held. It represents the potential loss the Company might suffer through holding market positions in the face of price movements.

To mitigate the risk the Board's investment strategy is to select investments for their fundamental value. Stock selection is therefore based on disciplined accounting, market and sector analysis, with the emphasis on long term investments. The Investment Manager actively monitors market prices throughout the year and reports to the Board, which meets regularly in order to consider investment strategy.

A list of the investments held by the Company at 30 April 2013 is shown in the 'Investment Portfolio' table on pages 15 and 16. All investments are stated at fair value.

### **Interest rate risk**

### **Financial assets**

Prices of bonds, open ended investment companies (on a look-through basis) and floating rate notes together with preference share yields, are determined by market perception as to the appropriate level of yields given the economic background. Key determinants include economic growth prospects, inflation, the Government's fiscal position, short-term interest rates and international market comparisons. The Investment Manager takes all these factors into account when making any investment decisions as well as considering the financial standing of the potential investee company.

Returns from bonds, floating rate notes and preference shares are fixed at the time of purchase, as the fixed coupon payments are known, as are the final redemption proceeds. This means that if a bond is held until its redemption date, the total return achieved is unaltered from its purchase date. However, over the life of a bond the market price at any given time will depend on the market environment at that time. Therefore, a bond sold before its redemption date is likely to have a different price to its purchase level and a profit or loss may be incurred.

### **Financial liabilities**

The Company finances its operations through the use of a loan facility. The Board sets borrowing limits to ensure gearing levels are appropriate to market conditions and reviews these on a regular basis.

The interest rate profile of the Company (excluding short term debtors and creditors) at 30 April 2013 and 30 April 2012 was as follows:

Type	Total (as per Balance Sheet £'000)		Floating rate £'000		Fixed rate £'000		Financial assets on which no interest is paid £'000		Weighted average interest rate <sup>A</sup> %		Weighted average period for which rate is fixed <sup>B</sup> years	
	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012
<b>Assets</b>												
Equities	34,481	31,876	-	-	-	-	34,481	31,876	-	-	-	-
OEICs	21,052	14,017	-	-	-	-	21,052	14,017	-	-	-	-
Corporate Bonds	122	1,932	-	-	122	1,932	-	-	10.00	10.58	0.67	6.31
Preference shares	1,853	1,736	-	-	1,853	1,736	-	-	6.72	7.45	n/a	1.93
Unquoted	2,386	3,250	-	-	-	-	2,386	3,250	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank - Sterling	2,355	1,828	2,355	1,828	-	-	-	-	-	0.31	-	-
	62,249	54,639	2,355	1,828	1,975	3,668	57,919	49,143	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Liabilities</b>												
Bank loan - Sterling	(7,000)	(7,000)	-	-	(7,000)	(7,000)	-	-	2.25	2.66	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,249</b>	<b>47,639</b>	<b>2,355</b>	<b>1,828</b>	<b>(5,025)</b>	<b>(3,332)</b>	<b>57,919</b>	<b>49,143</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>

<sup>A</sup> The 'weighted average interest rate' is based on the current yield of each asset, weighted by their market value. This excludes all equities and stocks where payments have been suspended.

<sup>B</sup> The 'weighted average period for which rate is fixed' excludes stocks with no maturity date.

### Maturity profile

The maturity profile of the Company's financial assets and liabilities at 30 April 2013 and 30 April 2012 was as follows:

At 30 April 2013	Within 1 year £'000		Within 1-5 years £'000		More than 5 years £'000		Total £'000
	Fixed rate	Floating rate	Fixed rate	Floating rate	Fixed rate	Floating rate	
Corporate Bonds	122	-	-	-	-	-	122
Preference shares	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank loan	(7,000)	-	-	-	-	-	(7,000)
	(6,878)	-	-	-	-	-	(6,878)
<b>Floating rate</b>							
Cash	2,355	-	-	-	-	-	2,355

Details of the Company's loans are shown in note 11. All the other financial assets (including Corporate Bonds of £nil (2012 - £715,000) and Preference shares of £1,853,000 (2012 - £1,022,000)) and liabilities do not have a maturity date.

# Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

At 30 April 2012	Within 1 year £'000	Within 1-5 years £'000	More than 5 years £'000	Total £'000
<b>Fixed rate</b>				
Corporate Bonds	-	269	948	1,217
Preference shares	-	714	-	714
Bank loan	(7,000)	-	-	(7,000)
	<b>(7,000)</b>	<b>983</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>(5,069)</b>
<b>Floating rate</b>				
Cash	<b>1,828</b>	-	-	<b>1,828</b>

## Interest rate sensitivity

The sensitivity analyses below have been determined based on the exposure to interest rates for floating and fixed interest investments and borrowings at the Balance Sheet date and the stipulated change taking place at the beginning of the financial year and held constant throughout the reporting period in the case of investments that have floating rates.

If interest rates had been 100 basis points higher or lower respectively and all other variables were held constant, the Company's:

- Profit before tax for the year ended 30 April 2013 would increase/ decrease by £44,000 (2012- £52,000). This is mainly attributable to the Company's exposure to interest rates on its variable rate borrowings and floating rate cash balances. These positions have been calculated based on cash balance and borrowing positions at each year end.
- Profit before tax for the year ended 30 April 2013 would increase/ decrease by £498,000 (2012- £554,000). This is mainly attributable to the Company's exposure to interest rates on its directly held fixed interest securities and third party managed debt funds, which are both fixed and variable rate vehicles. This is based on modified duration calculations on directly held fixed interest holdings and assumptions of modified duration on third party funds held.

In the opinion of the Directors, the above sensitivity analyses are not representative of the year as a whole, since the level of exposure changes frequently as part of the interest rate risk management process used to meet the Company's objectives. The risk parameters used will fluctuate depending on the current market perception.

## Foreign currency risk

The income and capital value of the Company's investments are mainly denominated in Sterling; therefore, the Company is not subject to any material risk of currency movements. At the year end the Company held the following investments:

	2013		2012	
	Currency '000	Sterling equivalent £'000	Currency '000	Sterling equivalent £'000
Euro	2,660	2,255	3,880	3,162
US Dollar	3,509	2,260	3,216	1,980

At the year end the Company held foreign currency cash balances with the sterling equivalent of £nil (2012 - nil).

## Other price risk

Other price risks (ie changes in market prices other than those arising from interest rate or currency risk) may affect the value of the quoted investments.

It is the Board's policy to hold an appropriate spread of investments in the portfolio in order to reduce the risk arising from factors specific to a particular country or sector. The allocation of assets to international markets and the stock selection process, as detailed on page 2, both act to reduce market risk. The Manager actively monitors market prices throughout the year and reports to the Board, which meets regularly in order to review investment strategy. The investments held by the Company are listed on various stock exchanges worldwide.

### **Other price risk sensitivity**

If market prices at the Balance Sheet date had been 10% higher or lower while all other variables remained constant, the return attributable to ordinary shareholders for the year ended 30 April 2013 would have increased/decreased by £5,751,000 (2012 - increase/decrease of £4,853,000) and equity reserves would have increased/decreased by the same amount.

### **Credit risk**

Credit risk represents the failure of the counterparty to a transaction to discharge its obligations under that transaction that could result in the Company suffering a loss.

The risk is not considered significant, and is managed as follows:

- where the Investment Manager makes an investment in a bond, corporate or otherwise, the credit rating of the issuer is taken into account so as to minimise the risk to the Company of default;
- investments in quoted bonds are made across a variety of industry sectors and geographic markets so as to avoid concentrations of credit risk;
- transactions involving derivatives are entered into only with investment banks, the credit rating of which is taken into account so as to minimise the risk to the Company of default;
- investment transactions are carried out with a large number of brokers, the credit rating of which is taken into account prior to undertaking the transaction so as to minimise the risk to the Company of default;
- investment transactions are carried out with a large number of brokers, whose credit-standing is reviewed periodically by the Investment Manager, and limits are set on the amount that may be due from any one broker;
- the risk of counterparty exposure due to failed trades causing a loss to the Company is mitigated by the review of failed trade reports by the Administrator on a daily basis. In addition, the Administrator carries out a stock reconciliation to the Custodian's records on a weekly basis to ensure discrepancies are picked up on a timely basis. The Manager's Compliance department carries out periodic reviews of the Custodian's operations and reports its findings to the Manager's Risk Management Committee.
- cash is held only with reputable banks with high quality external credit enhancements.

None of the Company's financial assets are secured by collateral or other credit enhancements.

## **19 Capital management policies and procedures**

The Company's capital management objectives are:

- to ensure that the Company will be able to continue as a going concern; and
- to maximise the income and capital return to its equity shareholders through an appropriate balance of equity capital and debt.

The Board normally seeks to limit gearing to 20% of net assets.

The Board monitors and reviews the broad structure of the Company's capital on an ongoing basis. This review includes the nature and planned level of gearing, which takes account of the Manager's views on the market and the extent to which revenue in excess of that which is required to be distributed should be retained.

	2013 £'000	2012 £'000
<b>Capital management</b>		
<b>Debt</b>		
Bank loan	7,000	7,000
<b>Equity</b>		
Equity share capital	9,974	9,974
Retained earnings and other reserves	45,659	37,915
	<b>55,633</b>	<b>47,889</b>
Debt as a % of net assets	12.58	14.62

# Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

## 20 Fair value hierarchy

The Company adopted the amendments to FRS 29 'Financial Instruments: Disclosures' which requires an entity to classify fair value measurements using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

- Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the assets or liabilities, either directly (ie as prices) or indirectly (ie derived from prices); and
- Level 3: inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

The financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value in the Balance Sheet are grouped into the fair value hierarchy at 30 April 2013 as follows:

	Note	Level 1 £'000	Level 2 £'000	Level 3 £'000	Total £'000
<b>Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</b>					
Quoted Equities	a)	34,481	-	-	34,481
OEICs	a)	18,131	2,921	-	21,052
Corporate Bond	a)	122	-	-	122
Preference shares	a)	1,853	-	-	1,853
Unquoted Equities	b)	-	-	2,386	2,386
<b>Net fair value</b>		<b>54,587</b>	<b>2,921</b>	<b>2,386</b>	<b>59,894</b>

### a) Quoted Equities

The fair value of the Company's investments in quoted equities have been determined by reference to their quoted bid prices at the reporting date. Quoted equities included in Fair Value Level 1 are actively traded on recognised stock exchanges.

### b) Unquoted Equities

The fair value of the Company's investments in unquoted stocks have been determined by reference to primary valuation techniques described in note 1 (b).

A reconciliation of fair value measurements in Level 3 is set out in the following table:

	Equity investments £'000	Total £'000
Opening balance	3,250	3,250
Purchases	-	-
Sales	(1,171)	(1,171)
Total gains or losses included in gains on investments in the Income Statement:		
- on assets sold	928	928
- on assets held at the end of the year	(621)	(621)
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>2,386</b>	<b>2,386</b>

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## 21 Related parties

The following are considered related parties – the Board of Directors ("the Board") and Miton Capital Partners ("the Investment Manager") and are the only related parties with whom the Company has transacted during the year.

All transactions with related parties are carried out at an arms length basis.

There are no other transactions with the Board other than aggregated remuneration for services as Directors as disclosed in the Directors' Remuneration Report on page 28. The beneficial interests of the Directors in the shares of the Company are disclosed on page 21. There are no outstanding balances to the Board at the year end.

Details of the fee arrangements with the Investment Manager are included within the Corporate Summary on page 1 and are disclosed in Note 3.

# Glossary of Terms and Definitions

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<b>Actual Gearing</b>	Total assets (as below) less all cash divided by shareholders' funds.
<b>Asset Cover</b>	The value of a company's net assets available to repay a certain security. Asset cover is usually expressed as a multiple and calculated by dividing the net assets available by the amount required to repay the specific security.
<b>Discount/Premium</b>	The amount by which the market price per share of an investment trust is lower or higher than the net asset value per share. The discount or premium is normally expressed as a percentage of the net asset value per share.
<b>Dividend Cover</b>	Earnings per share divided by dividends per share expressed as a ratio.
<b>Dividend Yield</b>	The annual dividend expressed as a percentage of the share price.
<b>Net Asset Value or NAV</b>	The value of total assets less liabilities. Liabilities for this purpose included current and long-term liabilities. To calculate the net asset value per Ordinary share the net asset value divided by the number of shares in issue produces the net asset value per share.
<b>Potential Gearing</b>	Total assets (as below) divided by shareholders' funds.
<b>Price/Earnings Ratio</b>	The ratio is calculated by dividing the middle-market price per share by the earnings per share. The calculation assumes no change in earnings but in practice the multiple reflects the stock market's view of a company's prospects and profit growth potential.
<b>Prior Charges</b>	The name given to all borrowings including debentures, loan and short term loans and overdrafts that are to be used for investment purposes, reciprocal foreign currency loans, currency facilities to the extent that they are drawn down, index-linked securities, and all types of preference or preferred capital and the income shares of split capital trusts, irrespective of the time until repayment.
<b>Redemption Yield</b>	The measure of the annualised total return on the current price of a security up to the date of its repayment. The calculation is based on aggregated income and capital returns, no account being taken of taxation.
<b>Total Assets</b>	Total assets less current liabilities (before deducting prior charges as defined above).
<b>Total Return</b>	Total return involves reinvesting the net dividend in the month that the share price goes xd. The NAV total return involves investing the same net dividend in the NAV of the trust on the date to which that dividend was earned, eg quarter end, half year or year end date.

# Notice of Annual General Meeting

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Notice is hereby given that the seventeenth Annual General Meeting of Midas Income & Growth Trust PLC will be held at The Caledonian Club, 9 Halkin Street, London SW1X 7DR, at 12.30 p.m. on 3 September 2013 to consider the following resolutions:

## As Ordinary Business

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions which will be proposed as Ordinary Resolutions:

1. To receive the Directors' report and financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2013, together with the auditors' report thereon.
2. To elect Mr R A M Ramsay, as a Director.
3. To re-elect Mr I R Davis, as a Director.
4. To reappoint Ernst & Young LLP as auditor of the Company and to authorise the Directors to agree their remuneration.
5. To approve the Directors' Remuneration Report.

## As Special Business

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:

6. That, pursuant to Article 137 of the Company's Articles of Association, the Company shall continue as an investment company until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting.

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an Ordinary Resolution:

7. THAT, in substitution for all existing powers the Directors of the Company be generally and unconditionally authorised for the purposes of Section 551 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "Act"), to allot shares in the Company, and to grant rights ("Relevant Rights") to subscribe for, or to convert any security into, shares in the Company:
  - (a) up to an aggregate nominal amount of £3,324,697; and
  - (b) up to a further aggregate nominal amount of £3,324,697 in connection with an offer made by means of a negotiable document to (a) all holders of Ordinary shares of 25p each in the capital of the Company ("Ordinary shares") in proportion (as nearly as may be) to the respective numbers of such Ordinary shares held by them (but subject to such exclusions, limits or restrictions or other arrangements as the Directors of the Company may consider necessary or appropriate to deal with treasury shares, fractional entitlements, record dates or legal, regulatory or practical problems in or under the laws of any territory, or the requirements of any regulatory body or any stock exchange in any territory or otherwise howsoever); and,

such authorisation to expire at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held in 2014 unless previously renewed, revoked or varied by the Company in general meeting, save that the Company may at any time before the expiry of this authorisation make an offer or enter into an agreement which would or might require shares to be allotted or Relevant Rights to be granted after the expiry of this authorisation and the Directors of the Company may allot shares or grant Relevant Rights in pursuance of any such offer or agreement as if the authorisation conferred hereby had not expired.

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as a Special Resolution:

8. THAT, subject to the passing of resolution numbered 7 above and in substitution for all existing powers the Directors be empowered pursuant to Sections 570 and 573 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "Act") to allot equity securities (within the meaning of Section 560 (1), (2) and (3) of the Act) pursuant to the authorisation under Section 551 of the Act as conferred by resolution 7 above or by way of sale of treasury shares, in each case as if Section 561(1) of the Act did not apply to such allotment, provided that this power shall be limited to:
  - (a) the allotment of equity securities (otherwise than pursuant to sub-paragraph (b) below) up to an aggregate nominal amount of £997,409 which are, or are to be, wholly paid up in cash, at a price not less than the net asset value per share at allotment, as determined by the Directors; and
  - (b) the allotment of equity securities in connection with an offer to (a) all holders of ordinary shares of 25p each in the capital of the Company ("Ordinary shares") in proportion (as nearly as may be) to the respective numbers of Ordinary shares held by them and (b) to holders of other equity securities as required by the rights of those securities (but subject in either case to such exclusions, limits or restrictions or other arrangements as the Directors may consider necessary or appropriate to deal with treasury shares, fractional entitlements, record dates, legal, regulatory or practical problems in or under the laws of, or requirements of, any territory, regulatory body or any stock exchange in any territory or otherwise howsoever) at a price of not less than the net asset value per share at allotment, as determined by the Directors; and

such power shall expire at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held in 2014, but so that this power shall enable the Company to make offers or agreements before such expiry which would or might require equity securities to be allotted after such expiry and the Directors may do so as if such expiry had not occurred.

# Notice of Annual General Meeting (continued)

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To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as a Special Resolution:

9. THAT, the Company be generally and unconditionally authorised in accordance with Section 701 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "Act") to make market purchases (within the meaning of Section 693(4) of the Act) of Ordinary shares of 25p each in the capital of the Company ("Ordinary shares"), and to cancel or hold in treasury such shares provided that:
  - (a) the maximum number of Ordinary shares hereby authorised to be purchased is the amount equal to 14.99 per cent. of the Ordinary shares in issue as at the date of the passing of this Resolution 9;
  - (b) the minimum price which may be paid for an Ordinary share is 25p;
  - (c) the maximum price (exclusive of expenses) which may be paid for an Ordinary share shall not be more than the higher of (i) an amount equal to 5 per cent. above the average of the middle market quotations for an Ordinary share taken from the London Stock Exchange Daily Official List for the five business days immediately preceding the date on which the Ordinary share is contracted to be purchased and (ii) the higher of the price of the last independent trade and the current highest independent bid on the trading venue where the purchase is carried out;
  - (d) the authority hereby conferred shall expire at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held in 2014 unless such authority is renewed, revoked or varied prior to such time by the Company in general meeting; and
  - (e) the Company may make a contract to purchase Ordinary shares under the authority hereby conferred prior to the expiry of such authority which will or may be executed wholly or partly after the expiration of such authority and may make a purchase of Ordinary shares pursuant to any such contract.

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as a Special Resolution:

10. THAT, a general meeting other than an Annual General Meeting may be called on not less than 14 clear days' notice.

By order of the Board

**R&H Fund Services Limited**

15-19 York Place

Edinburgh EH1 3EB

5 July 2013

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Notes:

1. In accordance with Section 311A of the Companies Act 2006, the contents of this Notice of Meeting, details of the total number of shares in respect of which members are entitled to exercise voting rights at the AGM and, if applicable, any members' statements, members' resolutions or members' matters of business received by the Company after the date of this notice will be available on the Company's website [www.mitongroup.com/index.php/private/fund-pages/investment-trusts/midas-income-and-growth-trust-plc](http://www.mitongroup.com/index.php/private/fund-pages/investment-trusts/midas-income-and-growth-trust-plc).
2. As a member, you are entitled to appoint a proxy or proxies to exercise all or any of your rights to attend, speak and vote at the Meeting. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. You may appoint more than one proxy provided each proxy is appointed to exercise rights attached to different shares. You may not appoint more than one proxy to exercise the rights attached to any one share. A form of proxy is enclosed.
3. To be valid, any proxy form or other instrument of proxy and any power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which they are signed or a notarially certified copy of that power of attorney or authority should be sent to the Company's registrars so as to arrive not less than 48 hours before the time fixed for the meeting. The return of a completed proxy form or other instrument of proxy will not prevent you attending the Meeting and voting in person if you wish to do so.
4. The right to vote at the meeting is determined by reference to the Company's Register of Members as at 6.00 p.m. on 1 September 2013 or, if this meeting is adjourned, at 6.00 p.m. on the day two days prior to the adjourned meeting. Changes to the entries on that Register after that time shall be disregarded in determining the rights of any member to attend and vote at the meeting.
5. CREST members who wish to appoint a proxy or proxies by utilising the CREST electronic proxy appointment service may do so for the Meeting and any adjournment(s) thereof by utilising the procedures described in the CREST Manual which can be viewed at [www.euroclear.com](http://www.euroclear.com). CREST Personal Members or other CREST sponsored members, and those CREST members who have appointed a voting service provider(s), should refer to their CREST sponsor or voting service provider(s), who will be able to take the appropriate action on their behalf.
6. In order for a proxy appointment made by means of CREST to be valid, the appropriate CREST message (a "CREST Proxy Instruction") must be properly authenticated in accordance with Euroclear UK & Ireland Limited's ("EUI") specifications and must contain the information required for such instructions, as described in the CREST Manual. The message must be transmitted so as to be received by the issuer's agent (ID RA19) by the latest time(s) for receipt of proxy appointments specified in the notice of Meeting. For this purpose, the time of receipt will be taken to be the time (as determined by the timestamp applied to the message by the CREST Applications Host) from which the issuer's agent is able to retrieve the message by enquiry to CREST in the manner prescribed by CREST.
7. CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting service providers should note that EUI does not make available special procedures in CREST for any particular messages. Normal system timings and limitations will therefore apply in relation to the input of CREST Proxy Instructions. It is the responsibility of the CREST member concerned to take (or, if the CREST member is a CREST personal member or sponsored member or has appointed a voting service provider(s), to procure that his CREST sponsor or voting service provider(s) take(s)) such action as shall be necessary to ensure that a message is transmitted by means of the CREST system by any particular time. In this connection, CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting service providers are referred, in particular, to those sections of the CREST Manual concerning practical limitations of the CREST system and timings.
8. The Company may treat as invalid a CREST Proxy Instruction in the circumstances set out in Regulation 35(5)(a) of the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001.
9. Any person to whom this notice is sent who is a person nominated under Section 146 of the Companies Act 2006 to enjoy information rights (a "Nominated Person") may, under an agreement between them and the member by whom they were nominated, have a right to be appointed (or to have someone else appointed) as a proxy for the Meeting.

If a Nominated Person has no such proxy appointment right or does not wish to exercise it, they may, under any such agreement, have a right to give instructions to the member as to the exercise of voting rights. Any person holding 3% of the total voting rights in the Company who appoints a person other than the Chairman as his or her proxy(ies) will need to ensure that both he or she and such proxy(ies) comply with their respective disclosure obligations under the UK Disclosure and Transparency Rules.

10. The statement of the rights of members in relation to the appointment of proxies in paragraphs 2 and 3 above does not apply to Nominated Persons. The rights described in these paragraphs can only be exercised by members of the Company.

# Notice of Annual General Meeting (continued)

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11. As at close of business on 5 July 2013 (being the latest practicable date prior to publication of this document), the Company's issued share capital comprised 39,896,361 Ordinary shares of 25 pence each. Each Ordinary share carries the right to one vote at a general meeting of the Company and therefore the total number of voting rights in the Company as at close of business on 5 July 2013 is 39,896,361.
12. No Director has a service contract with the Company, however, copies of Directors' letters of appointment will be available for inspection for at least 15 minutes prior to the meeting and during the meeting.
13. Under Section 338 of the Companies Act 2006, members may require the Company to give, to members of the Company entitled to receive this Notice of Meeting, notice of a resolution which may properly be moved and is intended to be moved at the Meeting. Under Section 338A of that Act, members may request the Company to include in the business to be dealt with at the Meeting any matter (other than a proposed resolution) which may be properly included in the business.
14. Members should note that it is possible that, pursuant to requests made by the Members of the Company under Section 527 of the Companies Act 2006, the Company may be required to publish on a website a statement setting out any matter relating to: (i) the audit of the Company's accounts (including the auditor's report and the conduct of the audit) that are to be laid before the Meeting; or (ii) any circumstances connected with an auditor of the Company ceasing to hold office since the previous meeting at which annual accounts and reports were laid in accordance with Section 437 of the Companies Act 2006. The Company may not require the Members requesting any such website publication to pay its expenses in complying with Sections 527 or 528 of the Companies Act 2006. Where the Company is required to place a statement on a website under Section 527 of the Companies Act 2006, it must forward the statement to the Company's auditor not later than the time when it makes the statement available on the website. The business which may be dealt with at the Meeting includes any statement that the Company has been required under Section 527 of the Companies Act 2006 to publish on the website.
15. There are special arrangements for holders of shares through Aberdeen's Investment Plan for Children, Investment Trust Share Plan and Investment Trust Individual Savings Account ('Plan Participants'). These are explained in the separate 'Letter of Direction' which Plan Participants will have received with this Annual Report.
16. You may not use any electronic address provided either in this Notice of Meeting or any related documents (including the Form of Proxy) to communicate with the Company for any purposes other than those expressly stated.
17. Pursuant to Section 319A of the Companies Act 2006, the Company must cause to be answered at the AGM any question relating to the business being dealt with at the AGM which is put by a member attending the meeting, except in certain circumstances, including if it is undesirable in the interests of the Company or the good order of the meeting that the question be answered or if to do so would involve the disclosure of confidential information.
18. In accordance with Section 311A of the Companies Act 2006, the contents of this notice of meeting, details of the total number of shares in respect of which members are entitled to exercise voting rights at the AGM and, if applicable, any members' resolutions or members' matters of business received by the Company after the date of this notice will be available on the Company's website [www.mitongroup.com/index-php/private/fund-pages/investment-trusts/midas-income-and-growth-trust-plc](http://www.mitongroup.com/index-php/private/fund-pages/investment-trusts/midas-income-and-growth-trust-plc).

# Corporate Information

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Website [www.mitongroup.com/index.php/private/fund-pages/investment-trusts/midas-income-and-growth-trust-plc](http://www.mitongroup.com/index.php/private/fund-pages/investment-trusts/midas-income-and-growth-trust-plc).

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