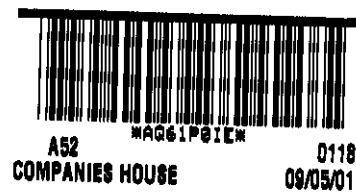


AIM DISTRIBUTION TRUST PLC

INTERIM ACCOUNTS

1 APRIL 2000 TO 31 MARCH 2001

COMPANY NUMBER 3150868



STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND CAPITAL RETURNS

	YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2001			YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2000		
	Revenue £	Capital £	Total £	Revenue £	Capital £	Total £
(Losses)/gains on investments	-	(11,792,147)	(11,792,147)	-	19,847,157	19,847,157
Income	599,715	-	599,715	746,442	-	746,442
Investment management fees	(100,067)	(807,155)	(907,222)	(87,041)	(1,255,907)	(1,342,948)
Other expenses	(167,466)	-	(167,466)	(121,762)	-	(121,762)
Return on ordinary activities before finance costs and taxation	332,182	(12,599,302)	(12,267,120)	537,639	18,591,250	19,128,889
Interest payable and similar charges	(667)	-	(667)	(135)	-	(135)
Return on ordinary activities before taxation	331,515	(12,599,302)	(12,267,787)	537,504	18,591,250	19,128,754
Taxation on ordinary activities	(13,983)	-	(13,983)	(23,891)	23,891	-
Return attributable to equity shareholders	317,532	(12,599,302)	(12,281,770)	513,613	18,615,141	19,128,754
Dividends in respect of equity shares	(292,402)	(1,503,783)	(1,796,185)	(537,718)	(3,360,739)	(3,898,457)
Transfer to reserves	25,130	(14,103,085)	(14,077,955)	(24,105)	15,254,402	15,230,297
	Revenue pence	Capital pence	Total pence	Revenue pence	Capital pence	Total pence
Return per ordinary share	1.90	(75.27)	(73.37)	3.06	110.78	113.84

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

The accounts have been prepared using the accounting standards and policies adopted at the year end.

In order to enable the Trust to make a capital distribution, the Trust has revoked its investment company status and is accordingly unable to take advantage of the accounting exemptions that status permits. The results of the Trust set out on page 2 have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Schedule IV of the Companies Act. In order to enable investors to compare the results of the Trust against those of other Venture Capital Trusts and Investment Trusts and also to show the taxation basis of returns, a statement of revenue and capital returns is set out on this page. This statement does not form part of the financial statements.

Reference to revenue and capital in the notes to these financial statements reflect the basis on which taxation is calculated and the treatment applied in determining the amounts available for revenue dividend distribution.

Return per ordinary share.

Basic revenue return per ordinary share is based on the net revenue on ordinary activities after taxation and net revenue attributable to the ordinary shareholders of £317,532 (2000: £513,613) divided by 16,739,931 (2000: 16,803,234), being the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period.

Basic capital return per ordinary share is based on net capital loss for the period of £12,599,302 (2000: gain £18,615,141), divided by 16,739,931 (2000: 16,803,234) ordinary shares, being the weighted average number of shares in issue during the period.

AIM DISTRIBUTION TRUST PLC
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	Notes	YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2001		YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2000	
		£	£	£	£
Revenue received on investments	2		599,715		746,442
Investment management fees	3	(907,222)		(1,342,948)	
Other expenses	4	(167,466)		(121,762)	
Net revenue			(1,074,688)		(1,464,710)
			(474,973)		(718,268)
Gains/(losses) on investments	10		610,654		6,559,448
Profit before interest and tax			135,681		5,841,180
Interest payable and similar charges	6		(667)		(135)
Profit before tax			135,014		5,841,045
Tax on ordinary activities	7		(13,983)		-
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation			121,031		5,841,045
Dividend					
Revenue	8	(292,402)		(537,718)	
Capital	8	(1,503,783)		(3,360,739)	
			(1,796,185)		(3,898,457)
Retained profit/(loss)			(1,675,154)		1,942,588
Transfer (to)/from capital reserve	18		1,700,284		(1,966,693)
Retained revenue (losses) / profit			25,130		(24,105)
Earnings per share	9		0.72p		34.76p

RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

		YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2001	YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2000
Profit for the period		121,031	5,841,045
Movement in revaluation reserve	10	(12,402,801)	13,287,709
Total recognised gains and losses during the period		(12,281,770)	19,128,754

All revenue and capital returns are derived from continuing activities

The notes on pages 5 to 9 form part of these accounts

AIM DISTRIBUTION TRUST PLC

BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	AS AT 31 MARCH 2001 £	AS AT 31 MARCH 2000 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	10	20,246,939	33,862,870
Current assets			
Debtors	12	332,608	625,793
Cash at bank	13	1,905,710	4,097,999
		<u>2,238,318</u>	<u>4,723,792</u>
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year			
Creditors	14	906,732	1,200,502
Revenue dividend		167,406	268,859
Capital dividend		1,503,783	3,360,739
		<u>2,577,921</u>	<u>4,830,100</u>
Net current liabilities		<u>(339,603)</u>	<u>(106,308)</u>
Provisions for liabilities and charges	15	(318,984)	-
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>19,588,352</u>	<u>33,756,562</u>

Capital and reserves

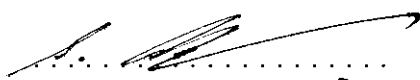
Called up share capital	16	4,177,174	4,195,924
Share premium account	18	-	-
Special reserve	18	12,328,362	12,418,617
Capital reserve - realised	18	2,784,212	2,706,208
Capital reserve - unrealised	18	192,119	14,373,208
Capital redemption reserve	18	23,750	5,000
Revenue reserve	18	82,735	57,605
Equity shareholders' funds		<u>19,588,352</u>	<u>33,756,562</u>

Net Asset Value per Ordinary share	20	117.23p	201.13p
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The notes on pages 5 to 9 form part of these accounts

The above financial information for the year ended 31 March 2001 does not constitute statutory financial statements as defined in Section 240 of the Companies Act 1985. The statutory accounts for the year to 31 March 2000, which contained an unqualified auditors report, have been lodged with the Registrar of Companies and did not contain a statement required under Section 237(2) or (3) of the Companies Act 1985.

These accounts were approved by the Board of Directors on 4 May 2001 and were signed on its behalf by: -



Sir A Brocklebank (Chairman)

AIM DISTRIBUTION TRUST PLC
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
**YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2001**
**YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2000**

	Notes	£	£
Operating activities			
Investment income received		583,450	674,479
Bank deposit interest received		93,008	65,111
Underwriting commission received		-	-
Investment management fees paid		(1,447,947)	(357,532)
Other expenses paid		(157,341)	(120,237)
Net cash inflow	21	(928,830)	261,821
Servicing of finance			
Interest paid		(669)	(135)
Net cash outflow		(669)	(135)
Taxation			
Income tax paid		0	(67,954)
Net cash outflow		-	(67,954)
Capital expenditure and financial investment			
Purchases of investments		(4,622,442)	(8,159,245)
Disposal of investments		7,235,763	11,577,346
Expenses allocated to capital		-	-
Net cash inflow/(outflow)		2,613,321	3,418,101
Equity dividends paid		(3,754,594)	(571,326)
Net cash (outflow)/inflow before financing		(2,070,773)	3,040,507
Financing			
Issue of ordinary shares		-	-
Share cancellations		-	-
Expenses of share issue		(121,516)	(26,135)
Net cash inflow from financing		(121,516)	(26,135)
Net cash inflow after financing		(2,192,289)	3,014,372
(Decrease)/increase in cash	22	(2,192,289)	3,014,372

The notes on pages 5 to 9 form part of these accounts

1. NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

at 31 MARCH 2001

Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of fixed assets at Directors' valuation and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards in the United Kingdom.

The principal accounting policies, all of which have been applied consistently throughout the period, are set out below.

(a) Presentation of financial statements

In order to enable the Trust to make a capital distribution, the Trust has revoked its investment company status and is accordingly unable to take advantage of the accounting exemptions that status permits. The results of the Trust set out on page 2 have been prepared in accordance with the requirements Schedule IV of the Companies Act. In order to enable investors to compare the results of the Trust against those of other Venture Capital Trusts and Investment Trusts and also to show the taxation basis of returns, a statement of revenue and capital returns is set out on page 1. This statement does not form part of the financial statements.

Reference to revenue and capital in the notes to these financial statements reflect the basis on which taxation is calculated and the treatment applied in determining the amounts available for revenue dividend distribution.

(b) Investments

Investments are treated as fixed assets and are shown in the balance sheet at Directors' valuation. Listed investments, including those traded on the Alternative Investment Market ('AIM') and Off-Exchange ('OFEX'), are valued at mid market price at the balance sheet date. The Directors are conscious of the fact that because shares are traded on AIM and OFEX this does not guarantee their liquidity. The nature of AIM and OFEX investments is such that the prices can be volatile and realisation may not achieve current book value especially when such sale represents a significant proportion of that Company's market capital. Nevertheless on the grounds that the investments are not intended for immediate realisation they regard mid market price as the most objective and appropriate method of valuation.

Unlisted fixed interest securities are at Director's valuation based on the assumption that they will be held to maturity. To the extent that such securities are purchased at a premium to nominal value, the premium is transferred from capital to revenue over the remaining life of the security in such a way as to maintain a consistent return for the Trust over the period the securities are held. If there is no fixed period of investment for a security no adjustment is made in respect of any premium paid.

(c) Revenue

Dividends receivable on quoted equity shares and undated non - equity shares are brought into account on the ex-dividend date.

Fixed returns on non - equity shares are recognised on a time apportionment basis so as to reflect the effective yield on the shares.

The return on fixed interest securities is recognised on a time apportionment basis from the date of purchase so as to reflect the effective yield on the securities.

2. INCOME

	YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2001 £	YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2000 £
Income from investments		
Dividends	330,513	418,049
Interest	206,641	210,312
	<u>537,154</u>	<u>628,361</u>
Other income		
Deposit interest	62,561	118,081
Underwriting commission	-	-
	<u>62,561</u>	<u>118,081</u>
Total income	<u>599,715</u>	<u>746,442</u>

AIM DISTRIBUTION TRUST PLC
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
at 31 MARCH 2001

3. INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FEE

	YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2001			YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2000		
	Revenue £	Capital £	Total £	Revenue £	Capital £	Total £
Annual management fee a)	7,071	21,212	28,283	6,768	20,307	27,075
Management incentive fee - to 30 September 1999 b)	92,996	278,986	371,982	-	-	-
- from 1 October 1999 c)	-	-	-	24,894	74,683	99,577
Capital dividend incentive fee d)	-	-	-	55,379	166,138	221,517
	-	506,957	506,957	-	994,779	994,779
	100,067	807,155	907,222	87,041	1,255,907	1,342,948

The Company's investments are managed by Johnson Fry AIM VCT Managers Limited of which the Company owns 2 'A' ordinary shares representing all of that class of shares and 2% of the total share capital. Consolidated accounts have not been prepared as the amounts involved are immaterial.

The Manager has been appointed for a term of at least five years from 23 February 1996. The agreement appointing the manager can only be terminated after 23 February 2001 and only by either the Company or the Manager giving 12 months' notice.

The Manager is entitled to the following fees:

- a) A fee payable quarterly in advance originally set at £25,000 per annum subject to annual increases in line with the Retail Price Index.
- b) Until 30 September 1999, the Manager was also paid a management incentive fee equal to one-third of the dividend plus related tax credit.
- c) With effect from 1 October 1999 in addition to the fee payable quarterly in advance as described in a) above, the Manager receives a management fee calculated at the rate of 1.5% per annum of the value of assets under management, accrued quarterly in arrears.
- d) From the same date, the incentive fee is 25% of the aggregate amount of any cash distributions (before deduction of the incentive fee and net of any associated tax credit that is non-reclaimable by investors) in excess of a hurdle rate of 4.5p per share paid to shareholders for the period concerned. If the hurdle of 4.5p per share is not met in a particular year the shortfall will be carried forward to subsequent years and taken into account when calculating any future incentive fee.

4. OTHER EXPENSES

	YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2001			YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2000		
	Revenue £	Capital £	Total £	Revenue £	Capital £	Total £
Auditors remuneration (including irrecoverable VAT) for:						
audit	14,125	-	14,125	13,921	-	13,921
other services to the Company	-	-	-	3,043	-	3,043
Directors' emoluments (note 5)	66,595	-	66,595	57,737	-	57,737
Registrar fees	7,014	-	7,014	7,790	-	7,790
Other expenses	79,732	-	79,732	39,271	-	39,271
	167,466	-	167,466	121,762	-	121,762

5. DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS

	YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2001				YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2000	
	Fees £	Irrecoverable VAT £	Employers' NI £	Total £	Total £	
RFC Zamboni (Chairman)	9,083	-	573	9,656	16,243	
Sir Aubrey Brocklebank	20,688	3,620	-	24,308	14,100	
SA Goldsmith	12,000	-	930	12,930	13,294	
CC Powell	12,000	2,100	-	14,100	14,100	
R. Jaynes	4,767	834	-	5,601		
	58,538	6,554	1,503	66,595	57,737	

The remuneration of the highest paid Director was £20,688

No other emoluments or pension contributions were paid by the Company to, or on behalf of, any Director.

6. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES

	YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2001			YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2000		
	Revenue £	Capital £	Total £	Revenue £	Capital £	Total £
On bank overdraft	667	-	667	135	-	135
	667	-	667	135	-	135

7. TAXATION

	YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2001			YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2000		
	Revenue £	Capital £	Total £	Revenue £	Capital £	Total £
UK Corporation tax at 20% (2000 : 20%)	200	(200)	-	23,891	(23,891)	-
Irrecoverable ACT written off	13,783	200	13,983	-	-	-
Underprovision for tax in previous year	-	-	-	-	-	-
	13,983	-	13,983	23,891	(23,891)	-

As a Venture Capital Trust, the Trust is not liable to taxation on its realised capital gains

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
at 31 MARCH 2001

8. DIVIDENDS

	YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2001 £	YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2000 £
Revenue dividends on equity shares :		
16,708,698 (2000 : 16,803,698) ordinary - 1st interim paid of 0.75p (2000 : 1.6p) per share	125,315	268,859
16,708,698 (2000 : 16,803,698) ordinary - 2nd interim declared of 1.00p (2000 : 1.60p) per share	167,087	268,859
Capital dividends on equity shares :		
16,708,698 (2000 : 16,803,698) ordinary - interim declared of 9.00p (2000 : 20.0p) per share	1,503,783	3,360,739
	<u>1,796,185</u>	<u>3,898,457</u>

9. EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic earnings per ordinary share is based on the retained profit on ordinary activities after taxation of £121,031 (2000: £5,841,046) divided by 16,739,931 (2000: 16,803,234), being the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period.

10. INVESTMENTS

	AS AT 31 MARCH 2001 £	AS AT 31 MARCH 2000 £
Investments listed on the London Stock Exchange	7,398,238	8,017,479
Investments of companies traded on AIM	11,503,954	23,602,984
Investments of companies traded on OFEX	1,246,337	2,143,997
Unlisted investments	98,410	98,410
	<u>20,246,939</u>	<u>33,862,870</u>
	Total	
	£	
Opening book cost	19,489,662	16,610,258
Opening unrealised appreciation	14,373,208	950,415
Opening valuation	<u>33,862,870</u>	<u>17,560,673</u>
Movements in the period:		
Acquisitions at cost	5,221,192	8,159,245
Amortisation - realised	21,972	(6,474)
Amortisation - unrealised	15,122	33,307
Sales		
- proceeds	(7,082,070)	(11,731,038)
- realised gains on sales	2,388,942	6,424,364
(Decrease)/increase in unrealised appreciation	(14,181,089)	13,422,793
Closing valuation	<u>20,246,939</u>	<u>33,862,870</u>
Closing book cost	20,054,820	19,489,662
Closing unrealised appreciation	192,119	14,373,208
	<u>20,246,939</u>	<u>33,862,870</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
at 31 MARCH 2001

10. INVESTMENTS cont.

	YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2001	YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2000
	£	£
Realised gains/(losses) on sales	2,388,942	6,424,364
Brought forward net unrealised losses/(gains) in period	(1,778,288)	135,084
	610,654	6,559,448
Increase/(decrease) in unrealised appreciation	(12,402,801)	13,287,709
	(11,792,147)	19,847,157

An analysis of the investment portfolio by broad industrial or commercial sector and a full list of the portfolio holding by their aggregate market values are contained within the Investment Manager's report section of the Annual Report.

11. SIGNIFICANT INTERESTS

The Company has a holding of 3% or more that is material in the context of the financial statements in the following investments :

Name of undertaking	Percentage held	Name of undertaking	Percentage held
Xpertise Group	8.97	XS Leisure Ord 1p	3.89
Premier Direct Group, Ord 5p	8.62	Keystone Solutions Ord 5p	3.88
Cityjobs.Com Ord 1p	8.55	Dawn Til Dusk Holdings, Ord 10p	3.63
Fieldens, Ord 50p	7.02	Adval Group, Ord 1p	3.43
Connaught, Ord 10p	5.55	Blooms of Bressingham Holdings 50p	3.36
Recycling Services Group, Ord 25p	4.67		

12. DEBTORS - amounts falling due within one year

	AS AT 31 MARCH 2001	AS AT 31 MARCH 2000
	£	£
Sales for future settlement	-	153,692
Dividends receivable	-	99,125
Accrued loan interest	49,074	69,923
Taxation recoverable	255,423	238,425
Prepayments	301	6,371
Accrued income	27,810	58,257
	332,608	625,793

13. CASH AT BANK

	AS AT 31 MARCH 2001	AS AT 31 MARCH 2000
	£	£
Cash at bank	1,905,710	4,097,999
Short term deposits	-	-
	1,905,710	4,097,999

14. CREDITORS - amounts falling due within one year

	AS AT 31 MARCH 2001	AS AT 31 MARCH 2000
	£	£
Purchases for future settlement	598,750	-
Share cancellations	-	31,261
Taxation	-	4,526
Bank interest	-	-
Capital dividend incentive fee	187,973	994,779
Other creditors	120,009	169,936
	906,732	1,200,502

15. PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

	AS AT 31 MARCH 2001	AS AT 31 MARCH 2000
	£	£
Provision for incentive fee	318,984	-

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
at 31 MARCH 2001

16. SHARE CAPITAL	Authorised £	Authorised No. of shares	Issued and fully paid £	Issued and fully paid No. of shares
Ordinary shares of 25p each				
At 31 March 2000	6,000,000	24,000,000	4,195,924	16,783,698
Shares cancelled during period			(18,750)	(75,000)
			-	-
At 31 March 2001	6,000,000	24,000,000	4,177,174	16,708,698

17. COMMITMENTS

At 31 March 2001 there were outstanding commitments in respect of investments carrying an obligation for future subscriptions amounting to £ nil (2000: £ nil).

18. RESERVES

	Special £	Capital (realised) £	*Capital (unrealised) £	Revenue £	Capital redemption £
Beginning of period	12,418,617	2,706,208	14,373,208	57,605	5,000
Transfer between reserves *	-	-	-	-	-
Share repurchases	(90,255)	-	-	-	-
Repurchase expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Cancellation of repurchased shares	-	-	-	-	18,750
Transfer on disposals	-	1,778,288	(1,778,288)	-	-
Movement in unrealised appreciation	-	-	(12,402,801)	-	-
Retained for the period	-	(1,700,284)	-	25,130	-
End of period	12,328,362	2,784,212	192,119	82,735	23,750

* The Capital unrealised reserve represents the Trust's Revaluation Reserve

The retained capital profit/(loss) for the period comprises:

Capital expenses	£
Tax relief thereon	(807,155)
Capital dividend	(1,503,783)
Realised gains/(losses) arising in period	610,654
	(1,700,284)

19. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDER FUNDS

	YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2001 £	YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2000 £
Opening balance	33,756,562	18,583,660
Total recognised gains and losses arising during the period	(12,281,770)	19,128,754
Dividends	(1,796,185)	(3,898,457)
Movement in share capital:		
Share issue		
Share repurchase and repurchase expenses	(90,255)	(57,395)
Closing balance	19,588,352	33,756,562

20. NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE

Net asset value per share at 31 March 2001 has been calculated by reference to net assets of £19,588,352 (2000: £33,756,562) and 16,708,698 (2000: 16,783,698) ordinary shares

21. CASHFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	£	£
Net revenue before taxation	(474,973)	(718,268)
Tax deductible at source from investment income	(35,505)	(35,867)
Amortisation charge	(37,094)	(26,833)
Decrease in accrued income	150,421	55,850
Increase/(decrease) in accrued expenses	(537,749)	993,063
Decrease/(increase) in other debtors	6,070	(6,124)
	(928,830)	261,821

22. RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO NET FUNDS

	£	£
Net cash (outflow)/inflow	(2,192,289)	3,014,372
Change in net funds	(2,192,289)	3,014,372
Balance at 1 April 2000	4,097,999	1,083,627
Balance at 31 March 2001	1,905,710	4,097,999