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# Unaudited **Statement of Total Return**

(incorporating the Revenue Account*) of the Company for the period to 31 March 1999

| | Six months from 1 October 1998 to 31 March 1999 (unaudited) | | | Period from 17 November 1997 to 31 March 1998 (unaudited) | | | Period from 17 November 1997 to 30 September 1998 (audited) | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Revenue £ | Capital £ | Total £ | Revenue £ | Capital £ | Total £ | Revenue £ | Capital £ | Total £ |
| Gains and losses on investments | – | 101,929 | 101,929 | – | 121,154 | 121,154 | – | 208,000 | 208,000 |
| Income | 260,577 | – | 260,577 | 237,060 | – | 237,060 | 571,681 | – | 571,681 |
| Investment management fees | (32,612) | (97,837) | (130,449) | (21,057) | (63,170) | (84,227) | (50,845) | (152,533) | (203,378) |
| Other expenses | (86,406) | – | (86,406) | (41,810) | – | (41,810) | (116,942) | – | (116,942) |
| **Return on ordinary activities before taxation** | 141,559 | 4,092 | 145,651 | 174,193 | 57,984 | 232,177 | 403,894 | 55,467 | 459,361 |
| Taxation on ordinary activities | (29,727) | 20,546 | (9,181) | (36,581) | 13,266 | (23,315) | (84,754) | 32,032 | (52,722) |
| **Return attributable to equity shareholders** | 111,832 | 24,638 | 136,470 | 137,612 | 71,250 | 208,862 | 319,140 | 87,499 | 406,639 |
| Dividends in respect of equity shares | (109,427) | – | (109,427) | – | – | – | (317,425) | – | (317,425) |
| **Transfer to reserves** | 2,405 | 24,638 | 27,043 | 137,612 | 71,250 | 208,862 | 1,715 | 87,499 | 89,214 |
| **Return per ordinary share** | 1.0p | 0.2p | 1.2p | 1.5p | 0.7p | 2.2p | 3.1p | 0.9p | 4.0p |

* The revenue column of this statement is the profit and loss account of the Company.

**Notes**

1. Earnings for the first six months should not be taken as a guide to the results for the full year.
2. All revenue and capital items in the above statement derive from continuing operations.
3. An interim dividend of 1.0p per Ordinary Share for the period to date will be paid on 6 August 1999, having a record date of 23 July 1999.
4. Basic revenue return per Ordinary Share is based on the net revenue on ordinary activities after taxation. For the six months to 31 March 1999, this return was based on 10,944,777 shares (1998: 9,469,966) being the weighted average number of Ordinary Shares in issue during the period.
5. On 1 February 1999 the Company purchased in the market 2,520 ordinary shares at 84p per share and on 20 April 1999 the Company purchased 12,000 ordinary shares at 91.5p per share. Both purchases were made to support the market in the Company's shares and were financed out of the proceeds of previous share issues.
6. In accordance with the policy statement published under "Management and Administration" in the Company's prospectus dated 1 October 1997, the Directors have charged 75% of the investment management expenses to the capital reserve.
7. The financial information set out in this report has not been audited and does not comprise full financial statements within the meaning of Section 240 of the Companies Act 1985. The financial statements for the period ended 30 September 1998 have been filed with the Registrar of Companies. The auditors have reported on those financial statements and that report was unqualified and did not contain a statement under Section 237 (2) of the Companies Act 1985.
8. Copies of this statement are being sent to all shareholders. Further copies are available free of charge from the Company's registered office.

# Unaudited **Balance Sheet**

as at 31 March 1999

| | 31 March 1999 (unaudited) | | 31 March 1998 (unaudited) | | 30 September 1998 (audited) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| **Fixed assets** | | | | | | |
| Investments | | **10,026,569** | | 471,153 | | 1,737,999 |
| Monies held pending investment | | **299,668** | | 9,266,817 | | 8,936,087 |
| | | **10,326,237** | | 9,737,970 | | 10,674,086 |
| **Current assets** | | | | | | |
| Debtors and prepayments | **294,960** | | 61,368 | | 168,251 | |
| Cash at bank | **31,226** | | 10,659 | | 16,077 | |
| | **326,186** | | 72,027 | | 184,328 | |
| **Creditors:** | | | | | | |
| amounts falling due within one year | **(249,728)** | | (35,037) | | (480,242) | |
| Net current assets/liabilities | | **76,458** | | 36,990 | | (295,914) |
| Net assets | | **10,402,695** | | 9,774,960 | | 10,378,172 |
| ***Capital and reserves*** | | | | | | |
| Called up share capital | | **109,427** | | 101,767 | | 109,457 |
| Share premium account | | **10,177,011** | | 9,464,331 | | 10,179,501 |
| Capital reserves | | **112,137** | | 71,250 | | 87,499 |
| Revenue reserves | | **4,120** | | 137,612 | | 1,715 |
| | | **10,402,695** | | 9,774,960 | | 10,378,172 |
| ***Net asset value per share*** | | | | | | |
| For Ordinary Shares of 1p each | | 95.1p | | 96.1p | | 94.8p |

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