

# **Standard Life European Private Equity Trust PLC**

Interim Report and Accounts

for the six months ended 31 March 2012



## **SL Capital Partners**

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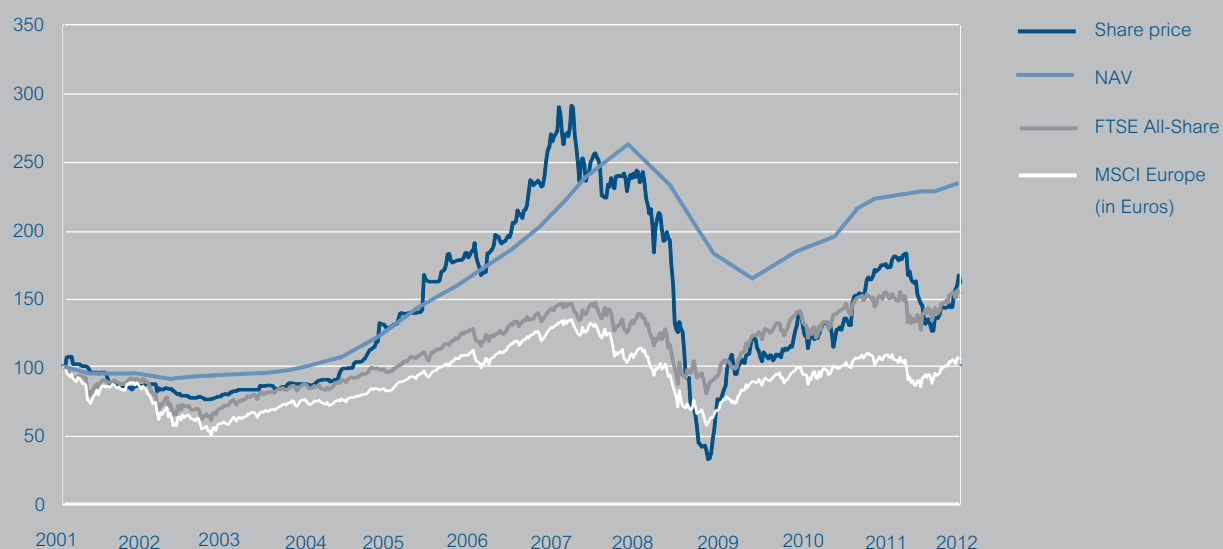
To achieve long-term capital gains through holding a diversified portfolio of private equity funds investing predominantly in Europe.

## Company Summary

<b>Investment policy</b>	Full details of the Company's investment policy can be found on page 6 of the Annual Report.
<b>Investment manager</b>	SL Capital Partners LLP ("The Manager")
<b>Shareholders' funds</b>	£381.9 million at 31 March 2012
<b>Market capitalisation</b>	£237.1 million at 31 March 2012
<b>Capital structure</b>	<p>162,378,566 ordinary shares of 0.2p each.</p> <p>Each ordinary shareholder is entitled to one vote on a show of hands and, on a poll, to one vote for every ordinary share held.</p> <p>3,596,981 founder A shares of 0.2p each.</p> <p>The above founder shares do not carry any right to vote, except in the case of changes to class rights.</p> <p>The above founder shares confer rights to convert into an equivalent number of ordinary shares.</p>
<b>Management and incentive fees</b>	<p>The base management fee is 0.8% per annum of the net assets of the Company. In addition, there is an incentive fee payable, which is calculated on the basis of 10% of the growth in the diluted net asset value total return in excess of an 8% hurdle rate, measured over the five year period ending 30 September 2016 (more details are provided in note 5).</p> <p>The notice period is twelve months.</p>
<b>ISA status</b>	The Company's ordinary shares are eligible for Individual Savings Accounts (ISAs).
<b>AIC membership</b>	The Company is a member of The Association of Investment Companies.

# Financial Summary

Performance (Total Return) since launch to 31 March 2012



Performance (Capital Only)	At 31 March 2012	At 30 September 2011	% Change
Net asset value per ordinary share ("NAV") (undiluted)	235.2p	228.7p	2.8%
NAV (diluted)	232.3p	225.9p	2.8%
Share price	146.0p	134.0p	9.0%
FTSE All-Share Index <sup>(1)</sup>	2,987.1	2,654.4	12.5%
MSCI Europe Index (in euros) <sup>(1)</sup>	91.0	78.4	16.1%
Discount (difference between share price and diluted net asset value)	37.2%	40.7%	–
Gearing (ratio of borrowing to shareholders' funds)	4.1%	8.6%	–

Performance (Total Return) <sup>(2)</sup>	Six months %	1 year %	Annualised 5 year %	Annualised since launch %
Share price	10.0	(5.5)	(8.8)	4.5
NAV (diluted)	3.4	6.0	3.3	9.1
FTSE All-Share Index <sup>(1)</sup>	15.0	1.4	1.8	4.0
MSCI Europe Index (in euros) <sup>(1)</sup>	17.7	(0.8)	(3.4)	0.5

High/low for the six months ended 31 March 2012	High	Low
Share price (mid)	151.0p	113.5p

<sup>(1)</sup>The Company has no defined benchmark; the indices above are solely for comparative purposes.

<sup>(2)</sup>Includes dividends reinvested.

# Ten Year Historical Record

## Summary financial information since the Company's listing

NAV and share price	Net assets £m	NAV (undiluted) p	NAV (diluted) p	Share price p	Premium/ (discount) to diluted NAV %
At 30 September 2002	143.8	90.3	90.3	82.00	(9.2)
At 30 September 2003	148.9	93.6	93.6	82.00	(12.4)
At 30 September 2004	168.6	105.9	105.9	94.50	(10.8)
At 30 September 2005	228.3	143.5	143.5	156.25	8.9
At 30 September 2006	289.8	182.1	179.6	183.50	2.1
At 30 September 2007	385.7	241.3	237.7	226.50	(4.7)
At 30 September 2008	375.5	234.8	231.4	161.00	(30.4)
At 30 September 2009	265.6	164.9	163.4	112.25	(31.3)
At 30 September 2010	315.2	195.3	193.3	113.75	(41.2)
At 30 September 2011	369.4	228.7	225.9	134.00	(40.7)
At 31 March 2012	381.9	235.2	232.3	146.00	(37.2)

Performance and dividends	NAV total return %	Share price total return <sup>1</sup> %	Dividend paid <sup>2</sup> £m	Dividend paid per ordinary share p	Expense ratio <sup>3</sup> %
Year to 30 September 2002	(3.8)	(14.6)	0.7	0.45	0.75 <sup>4</sup>
Year to 30 September 2003	5.0	1.6	1.9	1.20	1.07
Year to 30 September 2004	13.8	16.0	0.9	0.55	1.04
Year to 30 September 2005	36.9	67.3	1.9	1.20	1.01
Year to 30 September 2006	26.6	18.7	2.9	1.80	1.01
Year to 30 September 2007	35.4	24.8	3.8	2.40	0.97
Year to 30 September 2008	(1.3)	(27.8)	5.6	3.50	0.94
Year to 30 September 2009	(29.2)	(29.5)	0.6	0.70	0.92
Year to 30 September 2010	18.4	1.4	0.1	0.10	1.02
Year to 30 September 2011	17.0	18.0	0.2	0.20	1.02
Six months to 31 March 2012	3.4	10.0	1.0	1.30	1.05 <sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Data supplied by Fundamental Data.

<sup>2</sup> Represents the cash dividend paid during the year, declared for the previous financial year.

<sup>3</sup> The expense ratios have been re-calculated to follow the AIC's recommended methodology for calculating Ongoing Charges.

<sup>4</sup> For the period from the Company's listing until 1 July 2002 no management fee was charged on the Company's cash or money market holdings.

<sup>5</sup> Annualised for 2012.

Investment exposure	Fund manager as a % of net assets		Top 10 %	Fund investments as a % of net assets	
	Top 5 %	Top 10 %		Top 20 %	Top 30 %
At 30 September 2002	36.6	51.8	42.0	55.5	60.3
At 30 September 2003	49.1	72.3	61.3	81.9	85.2
At 30 September 2004	48.6	76.1	64.9	86.7	89.1
At 30 September 2005	44.9	75.5	60.7	78.3	81.4
At 30 September 2006	40.9	67.4	50.3	74.0	81.4
At 30 September 2007	41.0	66.5	42.5	64.8	80.4
At 30 September 2008	54.5	84.6	55.1	84.0	102.4
At 30 September 2009	55.5	87.2	61.1	93.8	109.0
At 30 September 2010	62.1	96.4	67.9	101.0	116.2
At 30 September 2011	57.9	89.1	69.0	95.4	106.8
At 31 March 2012	56.5	86.0	68.1	93.4	102.7



# Chairman's Statement

*The six months ended 31 March 2012 saw a challenging environment for European private equity. While many underlying investee companies continued to report rising earnings and listed equity markets rose over the period, transactional activity, notably for new investments, declined.*



Scott Dobbie, CBE

## Results and performance

Against this background the Company's net asset value per ordinary share ("NAV") rose by 2.8% to 235.2p (diluted – 232.3p), from 228.7p at 30 September 2011 (diluted – 225.9p). At 31 March 2012 the Company's net assets were £381.9 million (30 September 2011 – £369.4 million).

The 6.5p rise in NAV during the period comprised 9.3p of net realised gains and income from the Company's portfolio of 37 private equity fund interests and 8.0p of unrealised gains on the portfolio on a constant exchange rate basis, offset by 7.5p of negative exchange rate movements on the portfolio and 3.3p of costs and other movements.

The closing mid-market price of the Company's ordinary shares on 31 March 2012 was 146.0p, an increase of 9.0% over the period and a discount of 37.2% to the diluted NAV. This compares to rises in the FTSE All-Share Index and the MSCI Europe Index (in euros) over this period of 12.5% and 16.1% respectively.

In line with the Company's dividend policy, the Board has not declared an interim dividend.

## Portfolio and valuation

The Company's portfolio comprises 37 private equity fund interests. At 31 March 2012 the value of this portfolio was £396.0 million, of which net unrealised gains arising during the period were £0.8 million. 99.3% by value of the Company's private equity fund interests were valued by the relevant fund manager at 31 March 2012. In undertaking the valuations the fund managers have followed the International Private Equity and Venture Capital Valuation Guidelines.

In terms of the breakdown of net unrealised gains, unrealised gains on a constant exchange rate basis were £12.9 million (3.2% of the opening portfolio valuation), while negative exchange rate movements contributed an unrealised loss of £12.1 million (3.0% of the opening portfolio valuation). The uplift in unrealised gains on a constant exchange rate basis arose principally from a combination of increased earnings at many underlying investee companies and a rise in listed comparable valuation multiples.

## Investment activity and cashflows

The value and volume of all European private equity investments undertaken during the six months to 31 March 2012 fell, with a total of €19.9 billion of

transactions by enterprise value reported during the period (six months ended 31 March 2011 and six months ended 30 September 2011 – €40.7 billion and €46.4 billion respectively). This followed the trend seen since summer 2011, as political uncertainty in Europe and broader macro-economic weakness dominated financial markets and impacted the willingness of private equity managers to acquire, and the ability to obtain debt finance for, new investments. Most of the activity by value took the form of buy-out transactions, principally in the mid market segment of the market: this is transactions with an enterprise value of between €100 million and €1.0 billion and is one of the principal areas of investment focus for the Company.

In line with the decline in activity levels in the European private equity market, the Company funded £16.1 million of draw downs and received £33.4 million of distributions during the period. Importantly, this resulted in a net cash inflow from investment activities of £17.3 million. The distributions received generated net realised gains and income of £15.1 million, which was equivalent to an average return on the Company's acquisition cost of the realised investments of 1.8 times.

In October 2011 the Company made one new fund commitment, with a commitment of €35.0 million to BC European Capital IX, a €6.5 billion pan-European large buy-out fund. At 31 March 2012 the Company had £133.9 million of outstanding commitments.

At 31 March 2012 the Company's net indebtedness had fallen to £14.4 million. The Company has a £120 million syndicated revolving credit facility, led by The Royal Bank of Scotland plc. This facility expires on 31 December 2013.

In the period from 31 March 2012 to 28 May 2012 the Company received £4.5 million of distributions and funded £3.4 million of draw downs. At 28 May 2012 the Company's total outstanding commitments were £126.1 million and its net indebtedness was £13.2 million.

## The Board

I announced at the Annual General Meeting that Jo Taylor had been appointed to a full time post which was considered incompatible with membership of the Board and, accordingly, he had resigned with immediate effect. Although Jo's period of office was relatively short he made a strong contribution to the Company and he leaves with our best wishes for his future career.

## Outlook

The Company has made satisfactory progress in growing its NAV and improving cashflows during the six months ended 31 March 2012, against a challenging background in Europe. Although at an investee company level direct exposure to businesses headquartered in southern Europe is minimal, the Company's focus on Europe and the euro, which is the reporting currency of most of the fund interests, is clearly a source of uncertainty.

Despite this difficult background, the Board believes that the Company's portfolio, which is broadly mature, is well placed to generate strong future returns.

Scott Dobbie CBE  
Chairman

29 May 2012

# Manager’s Review

## Investment strategy

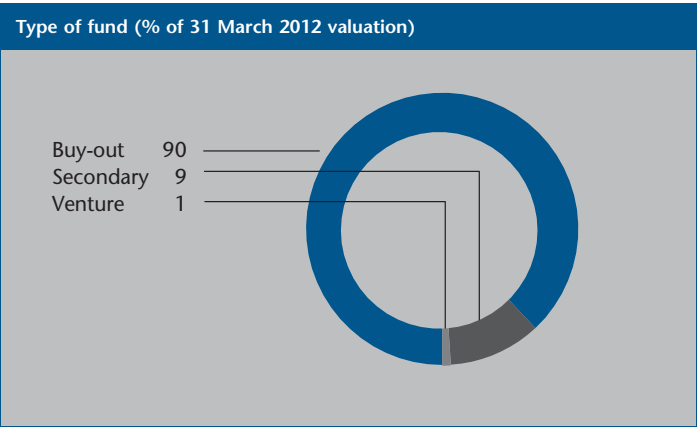
The Company’s investment strategy is to invest in the leading European private equity funds focused on mid to large sized buy-outs, which can be categorised as transactions with enterprise values ranging between €200 million and €2.0 billion.

The private equity funds in the Company’s portfolio principally invest in countries in Europe, which the Manager defines as EU Member States, EU Associate Member States and other western European countries. The Company has the flexibility to invest up to 20% of its gross assets, at the time of purchase, in private equity funds which invest principally outside Europe. At 31 March 2012 the Company had five fund investments – Collier International Partners IV, Collier International Partners V, Pomona Capital V Fund, Pomona Capital VI Fund and Towerbrook Investors II – which are likely to invest a majority of their capital outside Europe. In total these funds represented 11.1% of the Company’s gross assets by valuation and 10.8% by cost at 31 March 2012.

## Portfolio composition and performance

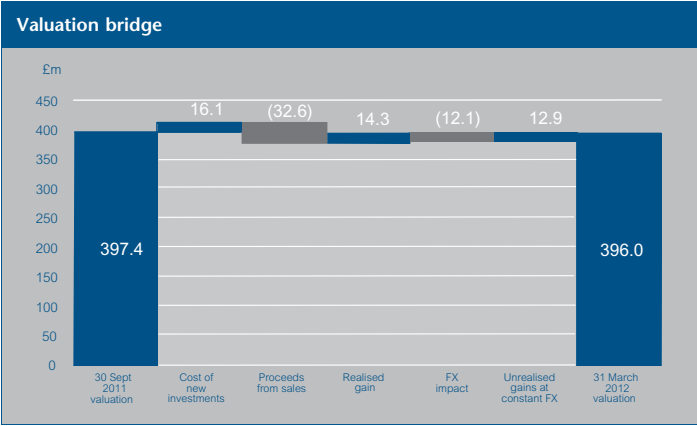
At 31 March 2012 the Company’s portfolio comprised 37 private equity fund interests with a value of £396.0 million which, together with its current assets less liabilities, resulted in the Company having net assets of £381.9 million. This represented an undiluted NAV of 235.2p (diluted NAV – 232.3p).

The split of the Company’s portfolio by type of private equity fund is set out in the pie chart below. Details of all of the Company’s private equity fund investments, and more detailed information on the ten largest fund investments, are shown on pages 9 to 12 of this report.



The valuation of the Company’s private equity fund interests at 31 March 2012 was carried out by the Manager and has been approved by the Board in accordance with the Company’s accounting policies. In undertaking the valuation, the most recent valuation of each fund prepared by the relevant fund manager has been used, adjusted where necessary for subsequent cashflows. The fund valuations are prepared in accordance with the International Private Equity and Venture Capital Valuation guidelines. These guidelines require investments to be valued at “fair value”.

Of the 37 private equity funds in which the Company is invested, 36 of the funds, or 99.3% of the portfolio by value, were valued by their fund managers at 31 March 2012. The Manager continues to believe that the use of such timely valuation information is important.



The value of the Company’s portfolio of private equity fund interests decreased during the period from £397.4 million at 30 September 2011 to £396.0 million at 31 March 2012. A breakdown of the £1.4 million movement in the Company’s portfolio during the period is detailed in the valuation bridge shown above. The decrease in value was driven by £32.6 million of realisation proceeds and £12.1 million of unrealised foreign exchange losses. The above decrease was offset by unrealised gains on the investment portfolio, at constant foreign exchange rates, of £12.9 million, together with £16.1 million of new investments and £14.3 million of realised gains. During the period to 31 March 2012 sterling appreciated by 3.3% relative to the euro and by 2.6% relative to the US Dollar.

## Investment activity

European private equity activity levels remained subdued during the six month period as a result of inter alia the ongoing European sovereign debt crisis. This was reflected in the relatively low level of drawdowns by, and to an extent distributions from, the Company’s portfolio of fund interests, which resulted in a net cash inflow of £17.3 million from investment activities. This lower level of new investment activity is expected to continue given the current macro-economic and political uncertainty in Europe. Notwithstanding, the maturity of the underlying portfolio should see realisation activity continue.

## Fund commitments

The Company made one new private equity fund commitment during the six month period, with a €35.0 million commitment to BC European Capital IX, a €6.5 billion private equity fund focused on European buyouts. The new commitment and its quantum was made in light of the Company’s positive net cashflow, the low level of outstanding commitments and a continued cautious approach on the part of the Board and the Manager.



It is envisaged that further new commitments will be made during 2012, as the Company continues to receive positive net cashflows from its investment portfolio and as net indebtedness declines. New commitments are likely to be in the form of new primary fund commitments and possibly the purchase of selective secondary interests. Secondary interests could enable the Company to gain exposure to attractive funds which are already partially invested, thus potentially widening the Company's vintage year diversification whilst adding a lower quantum of outstanding commitments.

At 31 March 2012 the Company had £133.9 million of outstanding commitments. After adjusting for excess available liquid resources, such outstanding commitments were equivalent to 7.5% of the Company's net assets.

## Analysis of underlying investments

At 31 March 2012 the Company's 37 private equity fund interests were collectively invested in a total of 531 underlying investments. The diversification of the underlying investments at 31 March 2012 and 30 September 2011 is set out in the four bar charts on page 8.

The bar charts demonstrate the broad diversification that applies by geography and by sector within the Company's underlying portfolio of investments at 31 March 2012. The UK still remains the single largest geographic exposure, although it has fallen from 64.0% at the time of the Company's listing in 2001 to 25.0% at 31 March 2012, as other European private equity markets have continued to develop. The broad sector diversification across a wide range of industries, including industrials, consumer services and financials, helps to mitigate the effect of volatility in any individual sector.

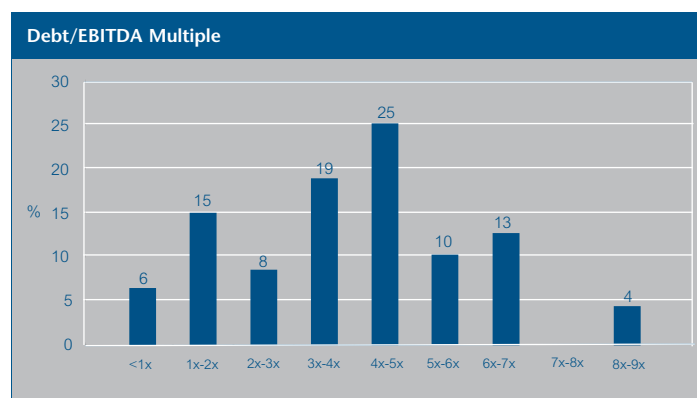
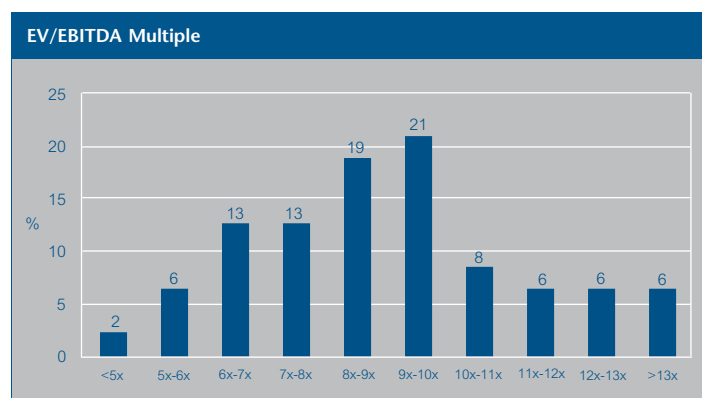
The bar chart showing the maturity exposure of underlying investments highlights the increasing maturity of the portfolio, as a result of the reduced level of new private equity investment over the last two to three years. The bar chart showing value relative to the original cost of underlying investments illustrates that, the portfolio remains healthy with 83.0% of the portfolio valued at or above cost.

## Valuation and leverage multiple analysis

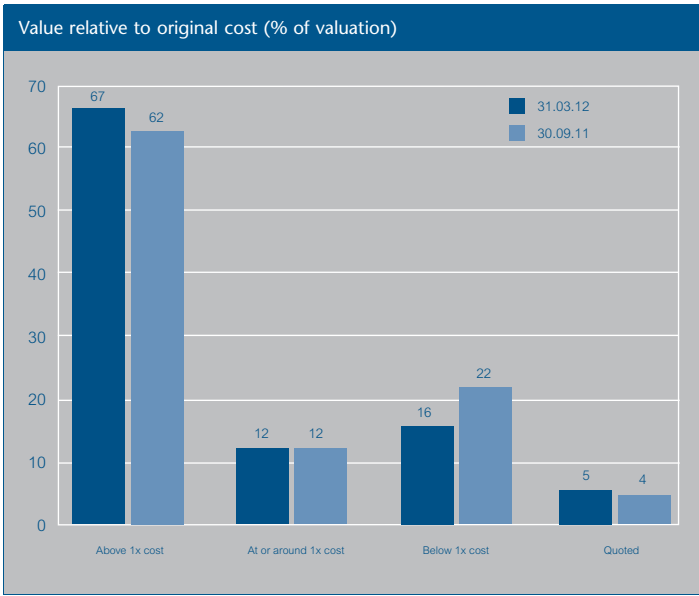
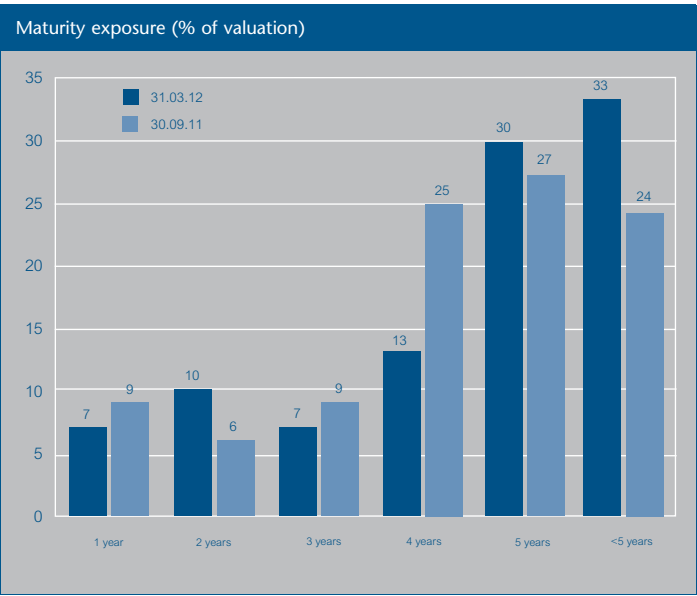
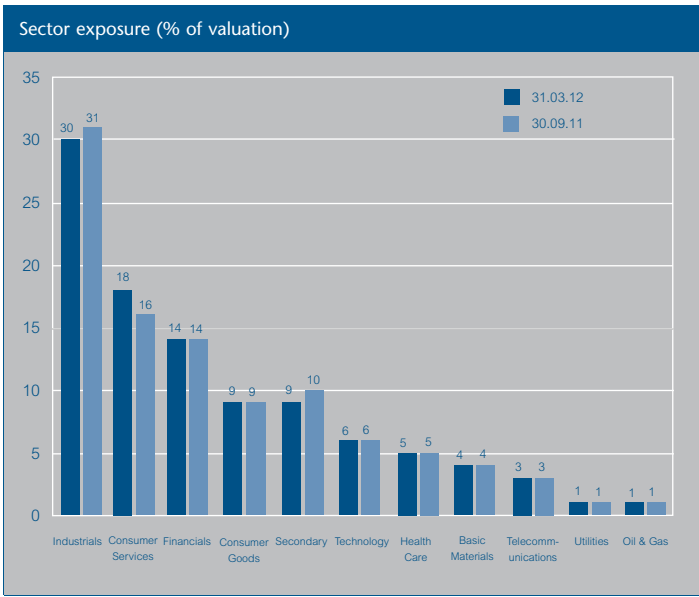
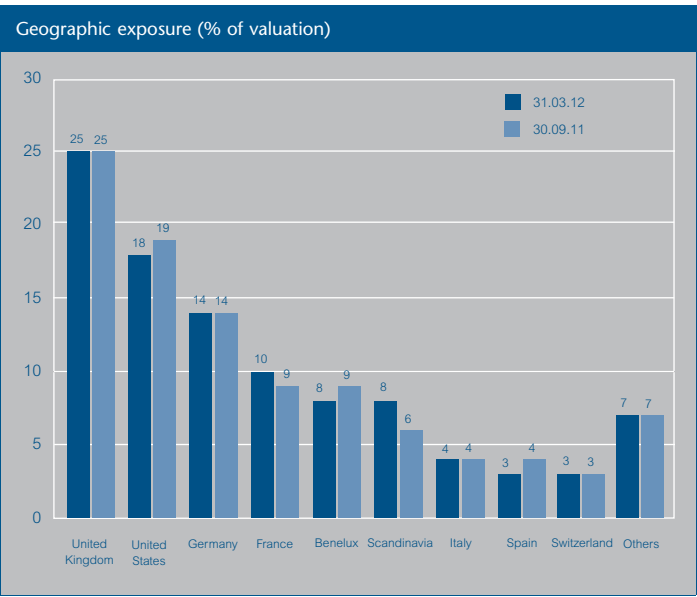
The bar charts below show the valuation and leverage multiples of the fifty largest underlying portfolio companies held by the Company's private equity fund interests at 31 December 2011, which in aggregate represented 53.7% of the Company's then net assets. This analysis is at 31 December 2011 due to the fact that most private equity funds provide detailed information on the underlying portfolio companies twice a year, in June and December, rather than quarterly.

The valuation multiples of each underlying portfolio company are derived using the relevant listed comparable companies, adjusted where appropriate, in line with the International Private Equity and Venture Capital Valuation guidelines.

The median valuation and leverage multiples for the top fifty underlying portfolio companies are 8-9x EV/EBITDA and 4-5x Debt/EBITDA respectively. These compare to the valuation and leverage multiples for the top fifty underlying portfolio companies at 30 June 2011 of 9-10x EV/EBITDA and 3-4x Debt/EBITDA. The Manager believes that these valuation and leverage multiples are in line with the European private equity market for similar sized deals and vintages.



# Manager's Review



The private equity funds in which the Company invests usually take the form of limited partnerships. Contractual commitments are made to the funds and these are drawn down by the managers of the funds as required for investment over time. Details of all of the Company's fund investments, by valuation, and a description of the ten largest fund investments follow:

Year of commitment	Fund	Type	Number of investments	Valuation date*	Outstanding commitments £'000	Cost £'000	Valuation £'000	% of net assets
2007	Equistone Partners Europe Fund III	Buy-out	30	31.03.12	5,540	36,444	43,628	11.4
2006	Charterhouse Capital Partners VIII	Buy-out	11	31.03.12	7,110	36,285	38,909	10.2
2007	Industri Kapital 2007	Buy-out	14	31.03.12	6,137	32,929	35,863	9.4
2007	Apax Europe VII	Buy-out	27	31.03.12	4,585	23,300	30,309	7.9
2005	Candover 2005 Fund	Buy-out	9	31.03.12	1,818	38,872	21,756	5.7
2005	Advent Global Private Equity V	Buy-out	13	31.03.12	1,313	6,551	20,808	5.4
2008	CVC European Equity Partners V	Buy-out	17	31.03.12	11,534	17,322	20,611	5.4
2006	Cinven Fourth Fund	Buy-out	14	31.03.12	3,390	12,596	16,424	4.3
2006	Coller International Partners V	Secondary	54	31.03.12	5,645	10,696	15,982	4.2
2006	3i Eurofund V	Buy-out	26	31.03.12	3,216	25,048	15,628	4.1
2006	Permira IV	Buy-out	16	31.03.12	1,575	14,339	13,606	3.5
2005	Pomona Capital VI Fund	Secondary	40	31.03.12	1,709	9,724	11,364	3.0
2005	CVC European Equity Partners IV	Buy-out	14	31.03.12	1,776	6,056	11,006	2.9
2006	HgCapital 5	Buy-out	11	31.03.12	2,771	9,820	10,582	2.8
2006	Terra Firma Capital Partners III	Buy-out	4	31.03.12	6,202	19,856	10,350	2.7
2008	Advent Global Private Equity VI	Buy-out	22	31.03.12	2,813	7,475	9,424	2.5
2006	Towerbrook Investors II	Buy-out	7	31.03.12	3,694	6,461	8,673	2.3
2000	CVC European Equity Partners III	Buy-out	7	31.03.12	920	5,155	7,840	2.1
2002	Charterhouse Capital Partners VII	Buy-out	6	31.03.12	2,710	7,755	7,507	2.0
2005	Equistone Partners Europe Fund II	Buy-out	18	31.03.12	1,789	10,206	6,331	1.7
2006	CVC Tandem Fund	Buy-out	14	31.03.12	822	4,383	5,698	1.5
2002	Coller International Partners IV	Secondary	37	31.03.12	2,629	270	5,670	1.5
2001	Cinven Third Fund	Buy-out	5	31.03.12	967	7,198	4,716	1.2
2004	Industri Kapital 2004	Buy-out	5	31.03.12	14	7,343	4,599	1.2
2001	Scottish Equity Partners II	Venture capital	11	31.12.11	–	3,955	2,886	0.8
2011	BC European Capital IX	Buy-out	1	31.03.12	26,080	3,239	2,830	0.7
2001	Pomona Capital V Fund	Secondary	75	31.03.12	106	6,542	2,744	0.7
2001	Alchemy Investment Plan	Buy-out	3	31.03.12	–	7,001	2,420	0.6
2001	Candover 2001 Fund	Buy-out	3	31.03.12	–	7,492	2,128	0.6
2011	Montagu IV	Buy-out	1	31.03.12	22,838	2,294	1,968	0.5
1998	CVC European Equity Partners II	Buy-out	8	31.03.12	1,082	2,725	1,584	0.4
2002	Equistone Partners Europe Fund	Buy-out	3	31.03.12	1,395	1,399	1,246	0.3
1999	Apax Europe IV	Balanced	2	31.03.12	–	7,417	517	0.1
2001	MUST 4	Buy-out	2	31.03.12	1,758	3,246	352	0.1
1995	Phildrew Fourth	Buy-out	1	31.03.12	–	499	19	–
1998	Phildrew Fifth	Buy-out	0	31.03.12	–	5,864	9	–
1998	Candover 1997 Fund	Buy-out	0	31.03.12	–	511	–	–
Total portfolio investments†			531		133,938	408,268	395,987	103.7
Current assets less liabilities							(14,049)	(3.7)
Shareholders' funds							381,938	100.0

\* valuation date refers to the date of the last valuation prepared by the manager of the relevant fund.

† the 531 underlying investments represent holdings in 504 separate companies.

# Ten Largest Fund Investments

at 31 March 2012

Equistone Partners Europe Fund III		31 March 2012	30 September 2011
Equistone Partners Europe Fund III is a €1.8 billion private equity fund focused on European middle market buy-outs. The fund is managed, alongside €800 million from Barclays Bank, by Equistone Partners Europe, the former private equity arm of Barclays PLC. The manager operates from offices in London, Paris, Munich, Zurich, Birmingham and Manchester with a focus on sourcing investments in the UK, France and Germany.	Value (£'000)	43,628	38,811
	Cost (£'000)	36,444	36,195
	Commitment (€'000)	60,000	60,000
	Amount Funded	88.9%	87.5%
	Holding in Fund	3.3%	3.3%
	Income (£'000)	89	797
Charterhouse Capital Partners VIII		31 March 2012	30 September 2011
Charterhouse Capital Partners VIII is a €4.0 billion private equity fund focused on European buy-outs. The fund is managed by Charterhouse Capital Partners, one of the oldest private equity firms in the UK. The manager operates across western Europe from its London office and has a long track record of delivering superior returns for investors. The investment strategy is to target large corporate buy-outs with an equity requirement of €200 million to €450 million per transaction.	Value (£'000)	38,909	38,880
	Cost (£'000)	36,285	36,192
	Commitment (€'000)	60,000	60,000
	Amount Funded	85.8%	84.0%
	Holding in Fund	1.5%	1.5%
	Income (£'000)	11	–
Industri Kapital 2007		31 March 2012	30 September 2011
Industri Kapital 2007 is a €1.7 billion private equity fund focused on northern European buy-outs. The fund is managed by IK Investment Partners, which is headquartered in Stockholm, Sweden with further offices in the UK, Norway, France and Germany. IK targets the buy-out of businesses with enterprise values of between €100 million and €500 million.	Value (£'000)	35,863	37,207
	Cost (£'000)	32,929	33,639
	Commitment (€'000)	50,000	50,000
	Amount Funded	85.3%	81.4%
	Holding in Fund	3.0%	3.0%
	Income (£'000)	–	–
Apax Europe VII		31 March 2012	30 September 2011
Apax Europe VII is a €11.1 billion private equity fund predominantly focused on the European market. The fund is managed by Apax Partners, one of the leading and most experienced private equity managers in Europe. Apax operates from offices in London, Munich, Milan, Stockholm and Barcelona in Europe, with further offices in New York, Tel Aviv and across Asia. Apax Europe VII focuses on buy-outs and targets Apax Partners' six chosen sectors of information technology, telecommunications, healthcare, media, financial services and retail.	Value (£'000)	30,309	27,231
	Cost (£'000)	23,300	22,265
	Commitment (€'000)	41,385	41,385
	Amount Funded	86.7%	82.5%
	Holding in Fund	0.4%	0.4%
	Income (£'000)	–	565
Candover 2005 Fund		31 March 2012	30 September 2011
The Candover 2005 Fund is a €3.5 billion private equity fund focused on European buy-outs. The fund is managed by Arle Capital Partners. Historically, Candover concentrated on larger buy-outs in the UK market, however, investments in continental Europe are a significant part of this fund's strategy.	Value (£'000)	21,756	26,068
	Cost (£'000)	38,872	40,487
	Commitment (€'000)	60,000	60,000
	Amount Funded	96.4%	95.9%
	Holding in Fund	1.7%	1.7%
	Income (£'000)	–	–

# Ten Largest Fund Investments

at 31 March 2012

Advent Global Private Equity V		31 March 2012	30 September 2011
Advent Global Private Equity V is a €2.5 billion private equity fund focused on global buy-outs. The Company's commitment is to the euro denominated partnership that only invests in European transactions. The fund is managed by Advent International, which has a strong track record in Europe, where it operates from offices in London, Paris, Frankfurt, Milan and Madrid. Advent targets middle market buy-out transactions across a range of sectors.	Value (£'000)	20,808	17,430
	Cost (£'000)	6,551	7,037
	Commitment (€'000)	22,500	22,500
	Amount Funded	93.0%	93.0%
	Holding in Fund	8.0%	8.0%
	Income (£'000)	–	–
CVC European Equity Partners V		31 March 2012	30 September 2011
CVC European Equity Partners V is a €10.7 billion private equity fund predominantly focused on European buy-outs. The fund is managed by CVC Capital Partners Europe, one of the leading European private equity managers. CVC operates primarily from offices in London, Paris, Frankfurt, Amsterdam, Brussels, Copenhagen, Madrid, Stockholm, Zurich and Milan in Europe, with further offices in New York and across Asia. CVC targets medium and large sized buy-out transactions.	Value (£'000)	20,611	18,347
	Cost (£'000)	17,322	16,153
	Commitment (€'000)	35,000	35,000
	Amount Funded	60.5%	56.4%
	Holding in Fund	0.4%	0.4%
	Income (£'000)	32	107
Cinven Fourth Fund		31 March 2012	30 September 2011
Cinven Fourth Fund is a €6.5 billion private equity fund, targeting large buy-outs of European headquartered companies. Cinven, the manager, operates from offices in London, Frankfurt, Milan and Paris. The team applies a sector based approach by focusing on the business services, consumer, healthcare, industrials, retail & leisure, and telecoms/media/technology sectors. The enterprise value of target companies is generally in excess of €500 million.	Value (£'000)	16,424	12,786
	Cost (£'000)	12,596	10,776
	Commitment (€'000)	21,000	21,000
	Amount Funded	80.6%	70.2%
	Holding in Fund	0.8%	0.8%
	Income (£'000)	–	585
Coller International Partners V		31 March 2012	30 September 2011
Coller International Partners V is a \$4.5 billion private equity fund focused on secondary private equity opportunities. The fund is managed by Coller Capital, one of the most established managers of secondary funds, which was founded in 1990 and is led by Jeremy Coller. The manager operates from offices in London and New York and targets secondary positions, which may be either limited partner positions in private equity funds or portfolios of direct investments in private companies.	Value (£'000)	15,982	18,211
	Cost (£'000)	10,696	12,829
	Commitment (\$'000)	40,000	40,000
	Amount Funded	77.5%	74.9%
	Holding in Fund	0.8%	0.8%
	Income (£'000)	–	–
3i Eurofund V		31 March 2012	30 September 2011
3i Eurofund V is a €5.0 billion private equity fund, including a commitment of €2.8 billion from 3i Group plc, focused on mid to large sized European buy-outs. The fund is managed by 3i Private Equity, a division of 3i Group plc, an investment company listed on the London Stock Exchange. 3i is one of the oldest and most experienced private equity managers in Europe and operates from a network of offices, including Amsterdam, London, Madrid, Paris and Stockholm. 3i targets buy-out transactions with enterprise values of between €100 million and €1.0 billion, across a wide range of sectors.	Value (£'000)	15,628	17,962
	Cost (£'000)	25,048	25,438
	Commitment (€'000)	40,000	40,000
	Amount Funded	90.4%	87.5%
	Holding in Fund	0.8%	0.8%
	Income (£'000)	–	–

# Top 30 Underlying Investments

at 31 March 2012

The table below summarises the top 30 underlying investments, by value, in the Company's portfolio of private equity funds. The valuations are gross, before any carry provision.

Entity	Description	Fund	Year of Investment	% of net assets
Global Blue	Travel related payment services	Equistone Partners Europe Fund III	2007	3.3
Acromas	Travel assistance and financial services	Charterhouse Capital Partners VII & VIII, CVC European Equity Partners IV & CVC Tandem	2004	2.5
Elior	Catering provider	Charterhouse Capital Partners VII & VIII	2006	2.3
Stork	Manufacturing and engineering conglomerate	Candover 2005 Fund	2008	1.9
Parques Reunidos	Amusement parks	Candover 2005 Fund	2007	1.9
bpost	Belgian postal service	CVC European Equity Partners III, V & CVC Tandem	2006	1.7
ista	Heat and water metering	Charterhouse Capital Partners VIII	2007	1.7
Not disclosed	Supplier of oxo chemicals and derivatives	Advent Global Private Equity V	2007	1.5
Evonik Industries	Chemicals, power generation, real estate	CVC European Equity Partners V & CVC Tandem	2008	1.5
Vivarte	Footwear and apparel retailer	Charterhouse Capital Partners VIII	2007	1.5
Vistra	Trust, fiduciary, corporate and fund services	Industri Kapital 2007	2009	1.3
AWAS/Pegasus	Aircraft lessor	Terra Firma Capital Partners III	2007	1.3
Schenck Process	Provides industrial weighing and measuring systems	Industri Kapital 2007	2007	1.1
GHD GesundHeits Deutschland	Home care product sales	Industri Kapital 2007	2010	1.1
Bankrate	Internet based banking and finance network	Apax Europe VII	2009	1.1
Cengage Learning	Publisher of books for the higher education sector	Apax Europe VII	2007	1.1
Hugo Boss & Valentino	Fashion group	Permira IV	2007	1.1
Starbev	Leading brewer in Central and Eastern Europe	CVC European Equity Partners V & CVC Tandem	2009	1.1
Not disclosed	Provider of extended warranties	Advent Global Private Equity V	2007	1.0
SHL	UK market leader in psychometric testing	HgCapital 5	2006	0.9
Flabeg	Manufacturer of industrial mirror glass components	Industri Kapital 2007	2008	0.9
Formula One	Organiser of leading motor racing championship	CVC European Equity Partners IV	2006	0.9
PHS	UK business services	Charterhouse Capital Partners VII	2005	0.9
Not disclosed	Producer of refractory metals	Advent Global Private Equity V	2007	0.9
Tunstall Healthcare	Social alarms and telecare systems provider	Charterhouse Capital Partners VIII	2008	0.9
Savena	Functional, nutritional and culinary solutions	Industri Kapital 2007	2011	0.9
Numéricable/Completel	French cable operator	Cinven Third Fund	2005	0.9
NDS	Provider of digital pay-TV solutions	Permira IV	2009	0.9
A-Plan Holdings	Retail insurance broking	Equistone Partners Europe Fund III	2008	0.8
Minimax	Producer of fire suppression systems	Industri Kapital 2004 & 2007	2006	0.8
Total of Top 30 Underlying Investments				39.7



## Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The principal risks facing the Company relate to the Company's investment activities and include the following:-

- market risk;
- currency risk;
- over-commitment risk;
- liquidity risk;
- credit risk;
- interest rate risk; and
- operating and control environment risk

Information on each of these risks, and an explanation of how they are managed, is contained in the Company's Annual Report for the year ended 30 September 2011.

The Company's principal risks and uncertainties have not changed materially since the date of that Report and are not expected to change materially for the remaining six months of the Company's financial year.

## Directors' Responsibility Statement

The Directors are responsible for preparing the half-yearly financial report, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. The Directors confirm that to the best of their knowledge:-

- the condensed set of financial statements within the half-yearly financial report has been prepared in accordance with the UK Accounting Standards Board's Statement "Half-yearly financial reports";
- the Chairman's Statement and Manager's Review (together constituting the interim management report) includes a fair view of the information required by 4.2.7R of the FSA's Disclosure and Transparency Rules, being an indication of important events that have occurred during the first six months of the financial year;
- the Statement of Principal Risks and Uncertainties shown above is a fair review of the information required by DTR 4.2.7R; and
- in accordance with 4.2.8R of the FSA's Disclosure and Transparency Rules there have been no changes in the nature or magnitude of related party transactions during the first six months of the financial year and, therefore, nothing to report on any material effect by such a transaction on the financial position or the performance of the Company during that period.

The half-yearly financial report was approved by the Board on 29 May 2012.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors of Standard Life European Private Equity Trust PLC

Scott Dobbie CBE  
Chairman

Edinburgh  
29 May 2012

# Income Statement

		For the six months to 31 March 2012 (unaudited)		
	Notes	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000
Gains on investments		–	15,087	15,087
Currency gains/(losses)		–	537	537
Income	4	948	–	948
Investment management fee	5	(151)	(1,357)	(1,508)
Administrative expenses		(451)	–	(451)
<b>Net return on ordinary activities before finance costs and taxation</b>		346	14,267	14,613
Finance costs		(106)	(964)	(1,070)
<b>Return on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		240	13,303	13,543
Taxation		(64)	55	(9)
<b>Return on ordinary activities after taxation</b>		176	13,358	13,534
<b>Net return per ordinary share</b>	7	0.11p	8.26p	8.37p
<b>Diluted net return per ordinary share</b>	7	0.11p	8.23p	8.34p

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

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

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

No operations were acquired or discontinued in the period.

# Income Statement

For the six months to 31 March 2011 (unaudited)			For the year ended 30 September 2011 (audited)		
Revenue	Capital	Total	Revenue	Capital	Total
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
—	46,577	46,577	—	56,281	56,281
—	(950)	(950)	—	(4)	(4)
2,588	—	2,588	4,521	—	4,521
(141)	(1,271)	(1,412)	(294)	(2,644)	(2,938)
(374)	—	(374)	(714)	—	(714)
2,073	44,356	46,429	3,513	53,633	57,146
(144)	(1,294)	(1,438)	(285)	(2,565)	(2,850)
1,929	43,062	44,991	3,228	51,068	54,296
(334)	317	(17)	(565)	547	(18)
1,595	43,379	44,974	2,663	51,615	54,278
0.99p	26.87p	27.86p	1.65p	31.97p	33.62p
0.98p	26.72p	27.70p	1.64p	31.74p	33.38p

## Reconciliation of Movement in Shareholders' Funds

### For the six months ended 31 March 2012 (unaudited)

	Share capital £'000	Share premium account £'000	Special reserve £'000	Capital redemption reserve £'000	Capital reserves £'000	Revenue reserve £'000	Total £'000
Balance at 30 September 2011	357	79,817	79,148	3	202,037	8,002	369,364
Total recognised gains	—	—	—	—	13,358	176	13,534
Scrip issue of ordinary shares	2	1,137	—	—	—	—	1,139
Dividends paid	—	—	—	—	—	(2,099)	(2,099)
Balance at 31 March 2012	359	80,954	79,148	3	215,395	6,079	381,938

### For the six months ended 31 March 2011 (unaudited)

	Share capital £'000	Share premium account £'000	Special reserve £'000	Capital redemption reserve £'000	Capital reserves £'000	Revenue reserve £'000	Total £'000
Balance at 30 September 2010	357	79,650	79,148	3	150,422	5,662	315,242
Total recognised gains	—	—	—	—	43,379	1,595	44,974
Scrip issue of ordinary shares	—	167	—	—	—	—	167
Dividends paid	—	—	—	—	—	(323)	(323)
Balance at 31 March 2011	357	79,817	79,148	3	193,801	6,934	360,060

### For the year ended 30 September 2011 (audited)

	Share capital £'000	Share premium account £'000	Special reserve £'000	Capital redemption reserve £'000	Capital reserves £'000	Revenue reserve £'000	Total £'000
Balance at 30 September 2010	357	79,650	79,148	3	150,422	5,662	315,242
Total recognised gains	—	—	—	—	51,615	2,663	54,278
Scrip issue of ordinary shares	—	167	—	—	—	—	167
Dividends paid	—	—	—	—	—	(323)	(323)
Balance at 30 September 2011	357	79,817	79,148	3	202,037	8,002	369,364

## Balance Sheet

		At 31 March 2012 (unaudited) £'000	At 31 March 2011 (unaudited) £'000	At 30 September 2011 (audited) £'000
	Notes			
<b>Non-current assets</b>				
Investments at fair value through profit or loss	8	395,987	410,889	397,433
<b>Current assets</b>				
Debtors		736	865	709
Cash and short term deposits		1,475	4,380	3,384
		2,211	5,245	4,093
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>				
Bank loan	10	(15,836)	(55,774)	(31,868)
Other creditors		(424)	(300)	(294)
		(16,260)	(56,074)	(32,162)
<b>Net current liabilities</b>		(14,049)	(50,829)	(28,069)
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		381,938	360,060	369,364
<b>Capital and reserves</b>				
Called up share capital		359	357	357
Share premium		80,954	79,817	79,817
Special reserve		79,148	79,148	79,148
Capital redemption reserve		3	3	3
Capital reserves		215,395	193,801	202,037
Revenue reserve		6,079	6,934	8,002
<b>Total shareholders' funds</b>		381,938	360,060	369,364
<b>Analysis of shareholders' funds</b>				
Equity interests (ordinary shares)		381,904	360,026	369,330
Non-equity interests (founder shares)		34	34	34
<b>Total shareholders' funds</b>		381,938	360,060	369,364
<b>Net asset value per equity share</b>	9	235.2p	222.9p	228.7p
<b>Net asset value per equity share (diluted)</b>	9	232.3p	220.3p	225.9p

# Cashflow Statement

	Six months to 31 March 2012 (unaudited) £'000	Six months to 31 March 2011 (unaudited) £'000	Year to 30 September 2011 (audited) £'000
Net return before finance costs and taxation	14,613	46,429	57,146
Adjusted for:			
Gains on disposal of unquoted investments	(14,290)	(8,884)	(31,094)
Revaluation of unquoted investments	(797)	(37,693)	(25,187)
Currency (gains)/losses	(537)	950	4
Increase in debtors	(28)	(757)	(601)
Increase in creditors	104	57	41
Tax deducted from non – UK income	(9)	(17)	(18)
<b>Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities</b>	<b>(944)</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>291</b>
<b>Net cash outflow from servicing of finance</b>	<b>(1,043)</b>	<b>(1,449)</b>	<b>(2,851)</b>
<b>Net cash flow from taxation</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Financial investment</b>			
Purchase of investments	(16,096)	(28,968)	(49,604)
Disposal of underlying investments	32,629	34,286	78,082
<b>Net cash inflow from financial investment</b>	<b>16,533</b>	<b>5,318</b>	<b>28,478</b>
<b>Ordinary dividend paid</b>	<b>(954)</b>	<b>(150)</b>	<b>(156)</b>
<b>Net cash inflow before financing</b>	<b>13,592</b>	<b>3,804</b>	<b>25,762</b>
Net costs of issue of ordinary shares	(6)	(6)	—
Net repayment of loan	(16,032)	(4,871)	(28,777)
<b>Net cash outflow from financing</b>	<b>(16,038)</b>	<b>(4,877)</b>	<b>(28,777)</b>
<b>Decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(2,446)</b>	<b>(1,073)</b>	<b>(3,015)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net debt</b>			
Decrease in cash as above	(2,446)	(1,073)	(3,015)
Net repayment of loan	16,032	4,871	28,777
Currency movements	537	(950)	(4)
<b>Movement in net debt in the period</b>	<b>14,123</b>	<b>2,848</b>	<b>25,758</b>
Opening net debt	(28,484)	(54,242)	(54,242)
<b>Closing net debt</b>	<b>(14,361)</b>	<b>(51,394)</b>	<b>(28,484)</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>			
Cash and short term deposits	1,475	4,380	3,384
Bank loans	(15,836)	(55,774)	(31,868)
	<b>(14,361)</b>	<b>(51,394)</b>	<b>(28,484)</b>



## 1. Financial Information

The financial information in this report comprises non-statutory accounts as defined in sections 434–436 of the Companies Act 2006. The financial information for the year ended 30 September 2011 has been extracted from the published accounts that have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies and on which the report of the auditors was unqualified under section 498 of the Companies Act 2006.

The auditors have reviewed the financial information for the six months ended 31 March 2012 in accordance with the applicable standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board for use in the United Kingdom. The independent auditors review report is on page 23.

## 2. Basis of preparation and going concern

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified to include the revaluation of investments, and in accordance with applicable UK Accounting Standards and with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Financial Statements of Investment Trust Companies and Venture Capital Trusts' (issued in January 2009). They have also been prepared on the assumption that approval as an investment trust will continue to be granted by HM Revenue & Customs. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The financial statements, and the net asset value per equity share figures, have been prepared in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("UK GAAP"). The Directors consider the Company's functional currency to be sterling, as the Company is registered in Scotland, the Company's shareholders are predominantly based in the UK and the Company is subject to the UK's regulatory environment. The interim accounts have been prepared using the same accounting policies as the preceding Annual Accounts. In addition, they have been prepared in accordance with the Statement "Half-yearly financial reports" issued by the UK Accounting Standards Board and the applicable guidance within the Disclosure and Transparency Rules of the Financial Services Authority.

	At 31 March 2012	At 31 March 2011	At 30 September 2011
<b>3. Exchange rates</b>			
Rates of exchange to sterling were:			
Euro	1.1998	1.1296	1.1611
US Dollar	1.5978	1.6030	1.5578

	Six months ended 31 March 2012 £'000	Six months ended 31 March 2011 £'000	Year ended 30 September 2011 £'000
<b>4. Income</b>			
Income from unquoted investments	946	2,587	4,514
Interest receivable on cash	2	1	7
Total income	948	2,588	4,521

	Six months ended 31 March 2012			Six months ended 31 March 2011			Year ended 30 September 2011		
	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000
<b>5. Investment management and incentive fees</b>									
Investment management fee	151	1,357	1,508	141	1,271	1,412	294	2,644	2,938

The investment management fee payable to the Manager is 0.8% per annum of the investments and other assets of the Company and any subsidiaries less the aggregate of the liabilities of the Company and any subsidiaries. The investment management fee is allocated 90% to the realised capital reserve and 10% to the revenue account. The management agreement between the Company and the Manager is terminable by either party on twelve months' written notice.

For an incentive fee to be payable at the end of the five year period, the Company's net asset value total return must grow by more than 8% compound per annum (before any accrual for the incentive fee) over the period to 30 September 2016. Should this hurdle rate be achieved, the Manager will be entitled to an incentive fee of 10% of the growth in NAV (before any accrual for the incentive fee) in excess of the hurdle rate, multiplied by the number of ordinary shares in issue on 1 October 2011 (adjusted in certain circumstances to reflect subsequent share issuance and/or a material reduction in the Company's issued share capital). No provision is required in respect of the incentive fee at 31 March 2012.

# Notes to the Accounts

## 6. Dividend on Ordinary shares

A dividend of 1.30p per ordinary share, declared as a final dividend, was paid on 6 February 2012 in respect of the year ended 30 September 2011 (dividend of 0.20p per ordinary share paid on 28 January 2011).

The Company issued 881,969 ordinary shares of 0.2p as a result of elections received following a scrip dividend offer in respect of the 2011 final dividend. One new ordinary share was issued for every 129.9p otherwise payable as a cash dividend.

There will be no interim dividend for the six months ended 31 March 2012. Shareholders are reminded that the objective of the Company is long-term capital appreciation.

## 7. Net return per ordinary share

The net return per ordinary share is based on the following figures:

	Six months ended 31 March 2012 p £'000		Six months ended 31 March 2011 p £'000		Year ended 30 September 2011 p £'000	
Revenue net return	0.11	176	0.99	1,595	1.65	2,663
Capital net return	8.26	13,358	26.87	43,379	31.97	51,615
Total net return	8.37	13,534	27.86	44,974	33.62	54,278
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue	161,771,309		161,414,968		161,455,894	

The fully diluted net return per ordinary share is based on the following figures:

	Six months ended 31 March 2012 p £'000		Six months ended 31 March 2011 p £'000		Year ended 30 September 2011 p £'000	
Revenue net return (fully diluted)	0.11	176	0.98	1,595	1.64	2,663
Capital net return (fully diluted)	8.23	13,358	26.72	43,379	31.74	51,615
Total net return (fully diluted)	8.34	13,534	27.70	44,974	33.38	54,278

Fully diluted net returns have been calculated on the basis set out in Financial Reporting Standard 22 'Earnings per share' ('FRS 22'). For the six months ended 31 March 2012, this is based on 162,590,484 shares, comprising the weighted average 161,771,309 ordinary shares and 819,175 founder A shares deemed to be issued for no consideration on exercise of all founder A shares by reference to the average share price of the ordinary shares during the period. For the six months ended 31 March 2011, this is based on 162,374,866 shares, comprising the weighted average 161,414,968 ordinary shares and 959,898 founder A shares capable of conversion. For the year ended 30 September 2011, this is based on the weighted average of 162,597,933 ordinary shares, comprising the weighted average 162,455,894 ordinary shares and 1,142,039 founder A shares capable of conversion.

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	At 31 March 2012 £'000	At 31 March 2011 £'000	At 30 September 2011 £'000
<b>8. Fixed asset investments</b>			
Fair value through profit or loss:			
Opening market value	397,433	369,630	369,630
Opening investment holding losses	13,078	38,265	38,265
Opening book cost	410,511	407,895	407,895
Movements in the period:			
Additions at cost	16,096	28,968	49,604
Disposals of underlying investments by funds	(32,629)	(34,286)	(78,082)
	393,978	402,577	379,417
Gains on disposal of underlying investments	14,290	11,285	35,157
Losses on disposal of fund investments	—	(2,401)	(4,063)
Closing book cost	408,268	411,461	410,511
Closing investment holding losses	(12,281)	(572)	(13,078)
Closing market value	395,987	410,889	397,433
<b>9. Net asset value per ordinary share</b>	At 31 March 2012	At 31 March 2011	At 30 September 2011
Basic:			
Ordinary shareholders' funds	£381,903,457	£360,026,000	£369,330,320
Number of ordinary shares in issue	162,378,566	161,496,597	161,496,597
Net asset value per ordinary share	235.2p	222.9p	228.7p
Diluted:			
Ordinary shareholders' funds	£385,500,438	£363,622,981	£372,927,301
Number of ordinary shares in issue	165,975,547	165,093,578	165,093,578
Net asset value per ordinary share	232.3p	220.3p	225.9p

During the period the Company issued 881,969 ordinary shares of 0.2p as a result of elections received following a scrip dividend offer in respect of the 2011 final dividend. One new ordinary share was issued for every 129.9p otherwise payable as a cash dividend.

For the six months ended 31 March 2012, the diluted NAV per ordinary share is based on the number of shares in issue of 165,975,547, being 162,378,566 ordinary shares and 3,596,981 founder A shares.

The net asset value per ordinary share and ordinary shareholders' funds are calculated in accordance with the Company's articles of association.

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	At 31 March 2012 £'000	At 31 March 2011 £'000	At 30 September 2011 £'000
<b>10. Bank loans</b>			
Unsecured bank loans repayable within one year:			
€16,000,000 at 2.923% repayable 30 April 2012	13,336	—	—
€3,000,000 at 2.958% repayable 20 April 2012	2,500	—	—
€37,000,000 at 3.857% repayable 31 October 2011	—	—	31,868
€63,000,000 at 3.448% repayable 28 April 2011	—	55,774	—
	<b>15,836</b>	<b>55,774</b>	<b>31,868</b>

At 31 March 2012, the Company had a £120 million committed, multi-currency syndicated revolving credit facility led by The Royal Bank of Scotland plc of which £15.8m has been drawn down in euros. The facility expires on 31 December 2013. The interest rate on this facility is LIBOR plus 2.5% and the commitment fee payable on non-utilisation is 1.0% per annum.

## 11. Parent undertaking and related party transactions

The ultimate parent undertaking of the Company is Standard Life PLC. The accounts of the ultimate parent undertaking are the only group accounts incorporating the accounts of the Company.

There are no changes in the nature or magnitude of the related parties' transactions described in the last Annual Report that have had a material effect on the financial position or performance of the Company during the period ended 31 March 2012.

## Independent review report to Standard Life European Private Equity Trust PLC

### Introduction

We have been engaged by Standard Life European Private Equity Trust PLC (the "Company") to review the condensed set of financial statements in the half-yearly financial report for the six months ended 31 March 2012, which comprise the Income Statement, the Reconciliation of Movements in Shareholders' Funds, the Balance Sheet, the Cashflow Statement and related notes. We have read the other information contained in the half-yearly financial report and considered whether it contains any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the information in the condensed set of financial statements.

### Directors' responsibilities

The half-yearly financial report is the responsibility of, and has been approved by, the Directors. The Directors are responsible for preparing the half-yearly financial report in accordance with the Disclosure and Transparency Rules of the United Kingdom's Financial Services Authority.

As disclosed in note 2, the annual financial statements of the Company are prepared in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The condensed set of financial statements included in this half-yearly financial report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement "Half-yearly financial reports" issued by the UK Accounting Standards Board.

### Our responsibility

Our responsibility is to express to the Company a conclusion on the condensed set of financial statements in the half-yearly financial report based on our review. This report, including the conclusion, has been prepared for and only for the Company for the purpose of the Disclosure and Transparency Rules of the Financial Services Authority and for no other purpose. We do not, in producing this report, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come, save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

### Scope of review

We conducted our review in accordance with the International Standard on Review Engagements (UK and Ireland) 2410, "Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity" issued by the Auditing Practices Board for use in the United Kingdom. A review of interim financial information consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

### Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the condensed set of financial statements in the half-yearly financial report for the six months ended 31 March 2012 is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Statement "Half-yearly financial reports" issued by the UK Accounting Standards Board and the Disclosure and Transparency Rules of the United Kingdom's Financial Services Authority.

### PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Chartered Accountants

Edinburgh

29 May 2012

# Information for Investors

## Registered address

This report has been mailed to shareholders at the address shown on the Company's share register. Any change of address should be advised to the Registrars at the following address under the signature of the shareholder:

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Registrars' shareholder helpline: 0871 384 2618\*

Registrars' broker helpline: 0906 559 6025

\* Calls to this number are charged at 8p per minute from a BT landline. Other telephone providers costs may vary.

If your shares are held via nominees you should contact them with any change of address.

## Ordinary share price and net asset value

The Company's ordinary share price is published in the Financial Times.

The Stock Exchange code for the Company's ordinary shares is SEP.

The Company's Sedol number is 3047468 and the ISIN number is GB0030474687.

In view of the unlisted nature of the Company's investment portfolio, the NAV is announced to the Stock Exchange quarterly.

## ISA (Individual Savings Accounts)

Lump sum and regular savings ISAs in the Company's ordinary shares are offered by Standard Life Savings Limited. These provide a tax efficient vehicle for investors wishing to invest up to £11,280 in the tax year 2012/2013. There is no initial charge and no annual management charge for the plans. Further details are available from Standard Life Savings Limited, 12 Blenheim Place, Edinburgh EH7 5ZR, or by telephoning 0845 602 4247.

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# Financial Calendar

September – Quarterly trading statement announced

December – Preliminary results for the year announced

December – Annual report and accounts published

January – Annual General Meeting

March – Quarterly trading statement announced

May – Interim results announced

June – Interim report published



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