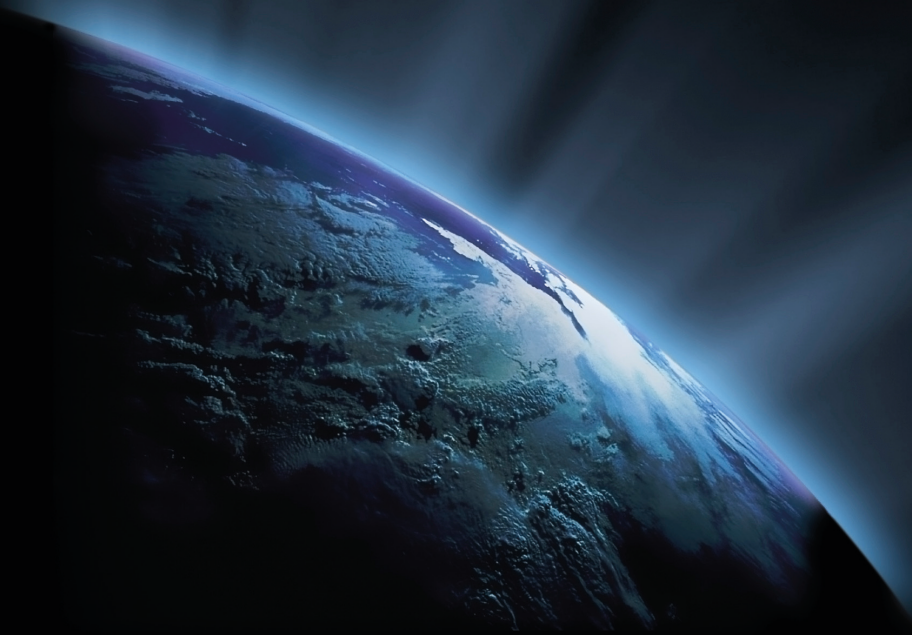


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Investment Trust plc

Half Yearly Financial Report  
31 March 2012



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Half Yearly Financial Report for the six months ended 31 March 2012

## **Investment Objective**

The Company's investment objective is to achieve long term capital growth from investment in companies operating in Frontier Markets (defined as any country which is not in either the MSCI Emerging Markets Index or the MSCI Developed Markets Index).

## **Summary Investment Policy**

The Company will seek to maximise total return by investing in the securities of companies domiciled or listed in, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in, Frontier Markets.



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# Performance Record

## Financial Highlights

	31 March 2012	30 September 2011
US Dollar		
Net assets (\$'000)	129,890	115,629
Net asset value per share (cum income)	137.06c	122.01c
Ordinary share price*	134.21c	116.84c
Sterling		
Net assets (£'000)*	81,298	74,226
Net asset value per share (cum income)*	85.79p	78.32p
Ordinary share price	84.00p	75.00p
Discount	2.1%	4.2%

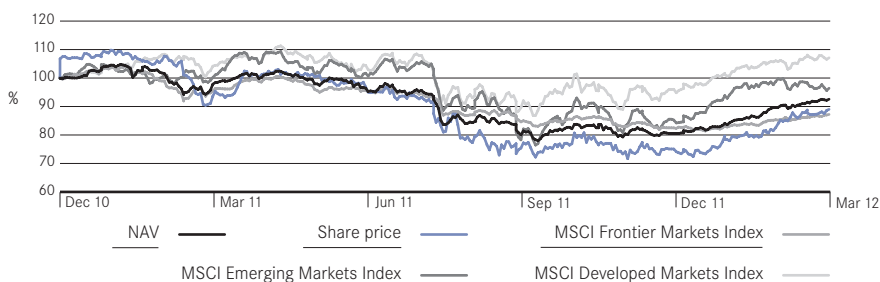
	Six months ended 31 March 2012	Period from launch*** (17 December 2010) to 30 September 2011
Performance – Total Return Basis		
US dollar		
Net asset value per share (net income reinvested)	15.0%	-19.5%
MSCI Frontiers Index – net return**	3.5%	-15.6%
MSCI Emerging Markets Index – net return**	19.1%	-19.3%
MSCI World Developed Markets Index – net return**	20.0%	-10.6%
Ordinary share price	17.8%	-24.5%
Sterling		
Net asset value per share (net income reinvested)	12.1%	-20.1%
MSCI Frontiers Index – net return**	0.9%	-16.2%
MSCI Emerging Markets Index – net return**	16.2%	-19.9%
MSCI World Developed Markets Index – net return**	17.5%	-11.2%
Ordinary share price	14.8%	-25.0%

\* Based on exchange rate of 1.5977 at 31 March 2012 and 1.5578 at 30 September 2011.

\*\* Net return indices calculate the reinvestment of dividends net of withholding taxes using the tax rates applicable to non-resident institutional investors.

\*\*\* The Company was incorporated on 15 October 2010 and its shares were admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange on 17 December 2010.

## Performance from launch to 31 March 2012



All performance figures calculated on a US Dollar basis with net income reinvested.

Source: BlackRock and Datastream.

# Chairman's Statement

For the six months ended 31 March 2012

I am pleased to present the interim report to shareholders of the BlackRock Frontiers Investment Trust plc for the six months ended 31 March 2012.

## Overview

Against a background of continuing global volatility, the Company's net asset value ("NAV") performed well over the period, increasing by 12.1% and outperforming the MSCI Frontier Markets Index by 11.2%. The Company's share price increased by 14.8% over the same period (all performance calculations are in sterling with net income reinvested). The Investment Manager's focus on quality companies considered to be underpriced relative to emerging and developed market peers proved successful in the period. In particular, stocks with exposure to Iraq increased significantly in value following the decision by Exxon to invest in the Kurdistan region of Iraq. The Investment Manager will continue to focus on careful stock selection in companies with attractive valuations and good growth prospects.

Since the period end, the Company's NAV has fallen by 2.9% and the share price has fallen by 2.4% (both on a sterling basis with net income reinvested).

## Revenue return and dividends

The Company's revenue return per share for the six month period amounted to 2.20 cents (period from incorporation on 15 October 2010 to 31 March 2011: 1.69 cents). Dividend receipts from portfolio investments have been strong in the first part of the year and in recognition of this the Directors are recommending an interim dividend of 1.2 cents per share payable on 22 June 2012 to shareholders on the Company's register on 25 May 2012. The Board believes that the promising start to the year provides a sound basis for the level of the final dividend, which will be announced at the time of the publication of the Company's annual results for the year ended 30 September 2012.

## Share capital

At 31 March 2012 the Company had in issue 94,766,267 shares with a nominal value of £1 per ordinary share. There were no share issues or share buybacks in the period.

# Chairman's Statement continued

For the six months ended 31 March 2012

## Share rating and share buy backs

The Directors recognise the importance to investors of ensuring that the Company's share price does not trade at a significant discount to the underlying NAV. Accordingly, the Directors monitor the share rating closely and will consider share repurchases in the market if the discount to NAV widens significantly. In addition, the Board will provide shareholders with the opportunity to realise the value of their ordinary shares at NAV per share less costs in advance of the Company's fifth Annual General Meeting in 2016. For the six month period ended 31 March 2012 the Company's shares have traded at an average discount to NAV of 3.2%, and were trading at a discount of 1.6% on a cum income basis at the date of this report.

The Directors have the authority to buy back up to 14.99% of the Company's issued share capital. This authority, which has not so far been utilised, expires on the conclusion of the 2013 AGM, when a resolution will be put to shareholders to renew it.

## Outlook

The implementation of positive structural reforms, improving domestic liquidity and declining inflation in many Frontier Market countries should increase investor confidence and widen their appeal. Many institutional investors have little or no exposure to the asset class. Given these factors, combined with their global isolation from capital flows and rising dividends, Frontier Markets are likely to continue to demonstrate a low correlation with other global markets where conditions remain challenging. We continue to believe that Frontier Markets represent a compelling opportunity for investors, with attractive valuations and growth prospects relative to developed and emerging market peers.

Audley Twiston-Davies

11 May 2012

# Interim Management Report and Responsibility Statement

The Chairman's Statement on pages 3 and 4 and the Investment Manager's Report on pages 7 to 10 give details of the important events which have occurred during the period and their impact on the financial statements.

## Principal risks and uncertainties

A detailed explanation of the risks relating to the Company can be divided into various areas as follows:

- ▶ Performance;
- ▶ Income/Dividend risk;
- ▶ Market;
- ▶ Regulatory;
- ▶ Operational; and
- ▶ Financial.

The Board reported on the principal risks and uncertainties faced by the Company in the Annual Report and Accounts for the period ended 30 September 2011. A detailed explanation can be found in the Directors' Report on pages 15 to 16 and in note 16 on pages 44 to 50 of the Annual Report and Accounts which is available on the website maintained by the Investment Manager, BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited, at [www.blackrock.co.uk/brfi](http://www.blackrock.co.uk/brfi).

In the view of the Board, there have not been any changes to the fundamental nature of these risks since the previous report and these principal risks and uncertainties, as summarised, are equally applicable to the remaining six months of the financial year as they were to the six months under review.

## Related party disclosure

The Investment Manager is regarded as a related party and details of the management fees payable are set out in note 4 on page 24 and note 9 on page 27. The related party transactions with the Directors are set out in note 9 on page 27.

# Interim Management Report and Responsibility Statement continued

## **Directors' responsibility statement**

The Disclosure and Transparency Rules ("DTR") of the UK Listing Authority require the Directors to confirm their responsibilities in relation to the preparation and publication of the Interim Management Report and Financial Statements.

The Directors confirm to the best of their knowledge that:

- ▶ the condensed set of financial statements contained within the half yearly financial report has been prepared in accordance with the International Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting"; and
- ▶ the Interim Management Report, together with the Chairman's Statement and Investment Manager's Report, include a fair review of the information required by 4.2.7R and 4.2.8R of the FSA's Disclosure and Transparency Rules.

The half yearly financial report was approved by the Board on 11 May 2012 and the above responsibility statement was signed on its behalf by the Chairman.

Audley Twiston-Davies

By order of the Board

11 May 2012

# Investment Manager's Report

## Markets

In the 6 months to 31 March 2012, the NAV of the Company rose by 12.1%, outperforming the benchmark, the MSCI Frontier Markets Index, by 11.2%. Since inception, the NAV of the Company has returned -10.4%, outperforming the benchmark by 4.5%. (All performance figures are calculated on a Sterling basis with net income reinvested).

Global markets remained highly volatile, climbing a wall of worry in the fourth quarter of 2011, on fears over a disorderly unwinding of the Eurozone's debt problems. Equity markets also reacted adversely to renewed fears of a hard landing in China. Oil prices over this period remained stubbornly high as Iranian energy exports declined significantly as economic sanctions started to bite.

Markets recovered strongly in 2012 as the European Central Bank finally unleashed the much-needed liquidity in response to an escalating banking and sovereign debt crisis. The rally was also fuelled by better than expected global economic momentum. Markets turned optimistic on the prospects of a full-fledged US recovery, as the US housing and labour markets demonstrated signs of stabilization. Nevertheless, this optimism proved to be short-lived due to persistent worries over the solvency of peripheral Europe. Long-term conviction in equities remains absent despite record low bond yields and accommodative monetary policy in many developed economies. Notably, trading activity across major equity markets is subdued. Volumes on the New York Stock Exchange, for instance, are at decade lows.

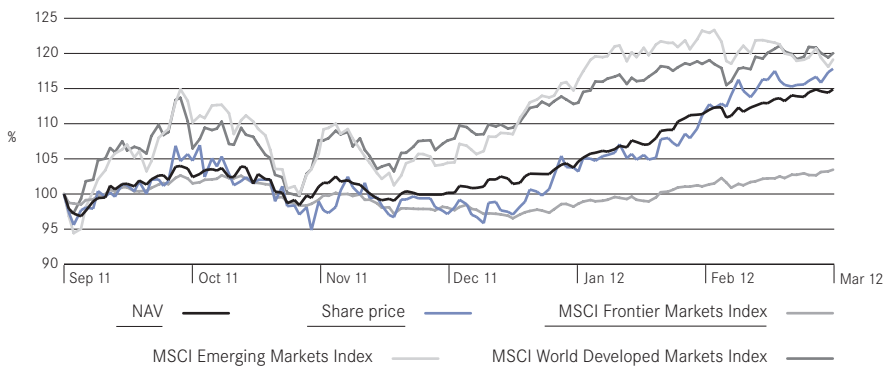
Frontier Markets ended the period in positive territory in a volatile period for global markets. There was a remarkable divergence in market performance across Frontier Markets, with domestic and company specific factors trumping global factors as drivers of returns. Kazakhstan, Kenya and Saudi Arabia delivered the best performance over the period. Argentina, Bangladesh and Ukraine were among the weakest performing markets.

Kazakhstan delivered strong returns over the period. The country is well positioned as an emerging energy power. The banking system is returning to growth after a prolonged period of repair and restructuring. The Saudi market also performed well, with daily trading volumes of US\$4 billion a day, surpassing the combined total of the Turkish and Russian domestic markets. The Saudi Stock Exchange has been driven up by an increasing participation of retail investors, buoyant government and consumer spending as well as acceleration in bank lending.



# Investment Manager's Report continued

## Performance for the six months ended 31 March 2012



All performance figures calculated on a US Dollar basis with net income reinvested.

Source: BlackRock and Datastream.

Sri Lanka and Bangladesh lost 20% over the period. Both markets struggled to shake off concerns over a deteriorating macroeconomic environment. We have started to build positions in these markets, with a view that valuations have now rebased to attractive levels amidst indications of macroeconomic stabilisation. The IMF has committed to a US\$1 billion credit facility to Bangladesh. This development will help stabilise the finances of the country and is supportive of a robust growth outlook.

### Portfolio review

Positions in Iraq have been particularly profitable and were the largest contributors to performance. The entry of Exxon into the Kurdistan region of Iraq has proved to be extremely positive for the company's long term holdings in the region including Gulf Keystone and DNO, which rose nearly 140% and 90% over the period respectively.

The Company's holding in UAE Financial First Gulf Bank also reaped significant rewards. The stock appreciated 43% over the period, as the bank announced higher than expected dividends and record profits. We expect the UAE market to continue its path to recovery in 2012. The UAE economy continues to be a strong beneficiary of pan-regional capital and tourism flows, while Dubai's property market is showing signs of stabilisation after a four year slump.

Other positive contributors to performance include Saudi Arabian healthcare company, Mouwasat, which delivered strong earnings growth following the implementation of price increases and higher capacity utilisation. The Company also benefited from holding the energy company, Kazmunaigas, whose share price rose strongly from a very low valuation following a significant increase in its dividend.

The Company had no exposure to Kuwaiti telecoms firm, Zain, the largest constituent of the index. Our preference for Zain's, competitor, NMTC proved correct, as the latter rose by 18% over the period, compared to a decline of 8% for Zain. The portfolio remains materially underweight in Kuwait.

Broadly, our patience in holding stocks which were materially undervalued relative to their emerging or developed peers, given their underlying growth prospects, proved to be rewarding.

The biggest single stock detractors from performance were the holdings in Argentinian financial Banco Macro and Slovenian financial Novo Kreditna. Our purchase of Banco Macro proved to be premature. Despite its low valuation at just four times its earnings and delivering some of the highest returns on equity amongst Latin American financials, the stock sold off further on concerns over Argentina's macroeconomic stability.

## **Positioning and Outlook**

As at 31 March 2012, the Company held 44 long positions and 3 short positions in stocks across 23 markets.

Over the period, the investment team undertook research trips to Bangladesh, Ghana, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Myanmar, Nigeria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Ukraine and Vietnam.

In Nigeria, where we have a significant overweight position, we are encouraged by the government's efforts to address endemic power and infrastructure shortages, and improve the efficacy of government spending. Nigeria signed a landmark deal with General Electric which will build and operate power plants, which is a key step forward in raising power capacity. This follows a reduction in fuel subsidies implemented in January which will free up the government's spending for productive investment purposes.

# Investment Manager's Report continued

The portfolio is also overweight Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia's economy is in an enviable position, with oil production and FX reserves at historic highs, public debt at historic lows, and credit growth accelerating. The country is increasingly a focus of interest for international investors and is likely to see an inflow of capital should the Saudi market open to foreign investment in the future. The Manager has extensive connections in the region and is well positioned to benefit from these developments. Whilst we expect the market to be volatile given the vagaries of a retail driven market, we expect strong corporate earnings to remain an anchor for good performance.

Kazakhstan and Ukraine are both substantially overweight in the portfolio. The banking system in Kazakhstan has plentiful liquidity with interbank rates at only 1%, and its largest energy company Kazmunaigas trades on a cheap price to earnings ratio ("PE") of just 5x, with a dividend yield of 7%. While there are risks in Ukraine, we believe these are largely discounted considering the likelihood of an IMF deal if external pressures escalate. Our largest holding in Ukraine, poultry producer MHP, is growing earnings by 20% per annum given its competitive strengths and trades on just six times price to earnings.

We remain bullish on the Frontier Markets, and we continue to see a wealth of investment opportunities, with valuations and growth prospects superior to developed and emerging market peers. We think the implementation of positive structural reforms, improving domestic liquidity and declining inflation will prove to be powerful drivers for rising confidence in Frontier Equity Markets. With so much concern over banking leverage globally, frontier financial systems stand out for their high capital ratios, high levels of liquidity and low exposure to European sovereign debt, having emerged from their own respective domestic crises of previous years. Low levels of sovereign debt in Frontier Markets also leave them well placed to support domestic investment programmes despite global economic volatility.

Near-term, we are cognisant that the global macroeconomic backdrop for equities could deteriorate in the coming months with renewed concerns about European peripheral risks. US economic data could soften as the recent spate of positive surprises abates. Nevertheless, we think Frontier Markets will continue to demonstrate lower correlations with global markets, given their isolation from global pools of capital, the importance of domestic developments and their high and rising dividends.

Sam Vecht  
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited  
11 May 2012

# Ten Largest Investments\*

**Kazmunaigas Exploration Production** (Kazakhstan; Energy; 5.7% (2011: 5.1%); [www.kmgep.kz](http://www.kmgep.kz)) is the second largest Kazakh oil producing company with a proven oil reserve of 1,707m barrels which gives the company an estimated reserve life of 26 years.

**Zenith Bank** (Nigeria; Financials; 4.5% (2011: 4.9%); [www.zenithbank.com](http://www.zenithbank.com)) is Nigeria's second largest bank with 350 branches in Nigeria accounting for over 10% of the country's banking assets. Zenith offers a full range of retail and corporate banking services and has subsidiaries in Ghana, The Gambia and Sierra Leone.

**Qatar Electricity & Water** (Qatar; Utilities; 4.3% (2011: 5.3%); [www.qewc.com](http://www.qewc.com)) manages power generation and water desalination plants across Qatar. It started production in 1999 from a single plant and has grown to operate 10 plants. The company continues to expand capacity which reached 5,249MW in 2011, an increase of 18% from 2010 levels.

**Halyk Savings Bank** (Kazakhstan; Financial; 4.0% (2011: 3.3%); [www.halykbank.kz](http://www.halykbank.kz)) is one of Kazakhstan's leading financial services groups and a leading retail bank with the largest customer base and distribution network among Kazakhstan banks.

**Hrvatski Telekomunikacije** (Croatia; Telecommunications; 4.1% (2011: 4.9%); [www.t.ht.hr](http://www.t.ht.hr)) is the leading telecommunications operator in Croatia providing voice and data services through a range of wireless, fixed and broadband technologies.

**Commercial Bank of Qatar** (Qatar; Financials; 3.6% (2011: 4.2%); [www.cbq.com.qa](http://www.cbq.com.qa)) offers a full range of corporate, retail, Islamic, and investment banking services as well as owning and operating exclusive Diners Club franchises in Qatar and Oman. The Bank's countrywide network includes 34 full service branches and 148 ATMs.

**MHP** (Ukraine; Consumer Staples; 3.5% (2011: 3.4%); [www.mhp.com.ua](http://www.mhp.com.ua)) is Ukraine's largest poultry producer accounting for more than 40% of chicken commercially produced in the country. MHP is vertically integrated producing its own grain.

\* As a percentage of gross market exposure. Percentages in brackets represent the value of the holding as at 30 September 2011.

## Ten Largest Investments\* continued

**Qatar Navigation** (Qatar; Industrials; 3.3% (2011: 4.0%); [www.qatarnav.com](http://www.qatarnav.com)) operates in Qatar's transport, shipping and logistics sectors. The company's key businesses include offshore oil and gas support services, port services, marine transport and industrial equipment. Qatar Navigation also owns 25% of Qatar Gas Transport, the largest LNG vessel owner in the world.

**National Mobile Telecommunications** (Kuwait; Telecom; 3.2% (2011: 3.1%); [www.wataniya.com](http://www.wataniya.com)) known locally as Wataniya, the company is the second largest telecom operator in Kuwait and has witnessed remarkable expansion in the Middle East. Wataniya's subsidiaries are the largest and second largest telecoms operators in Tunisia and Algeria respectively.

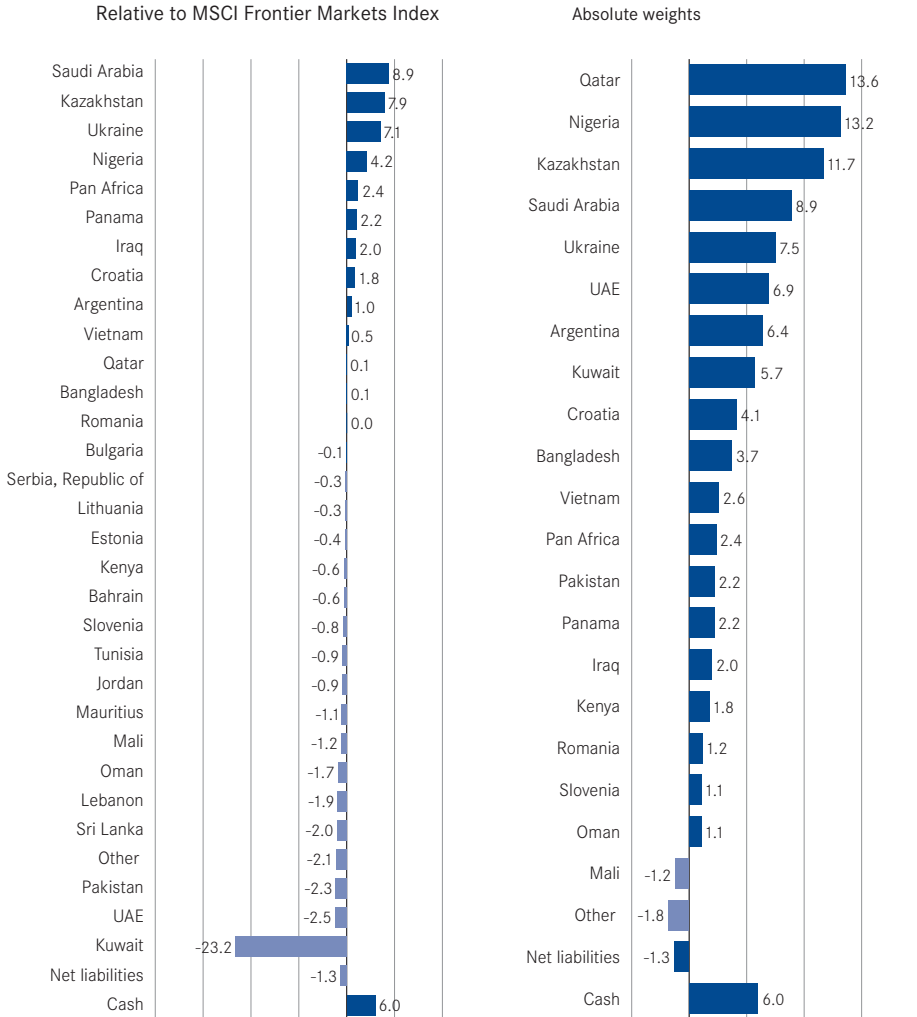
**Air Arabia** (UAE, Industrial; 3.1% (2011: 3.0%); [www.airarabia.com](http://www.airarabia.com)) is the largest Middle East low-cost carrier based at Sharjah International Airport, in the UAE. Air Arabia has grown significantly and also operates carriers based out of Casablanca, Morocco and Alexandria, Egypt. Air Arabia currently operates a total fleet of 27 (leased and owned) Airbus A320 aircraft and flies to more than 65 destinations within the Middle East, North Africa, Asia and Europe.

\* As a percentage of gross market exposure. Percentages in brackets represent the value of the holding as at 30 September 2011.

# Country and Sector Allocation

31 March 2012

## Country allocation (%)\*



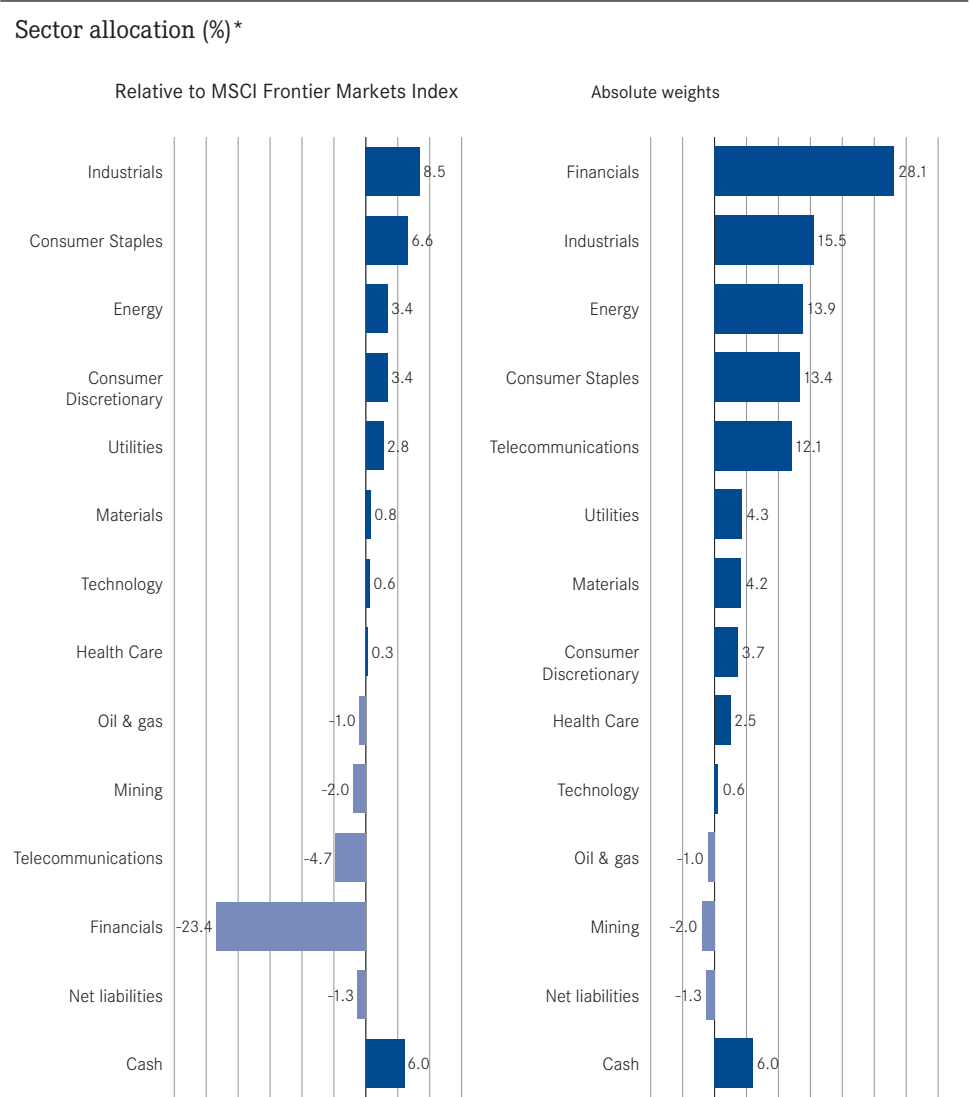
Source: BlackRock and Datastream.

\*Based on portfolio gross market exposure as a % of net assets, compared to the MSCI Frontier Markets Index – net return.

Net return indices calculate the reinvestment of dividends net of withholding taxes using the tax rates applicable to non-resident institutional investors.

# Country and Sector Allocation continued

31 March 2012



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# Investments

as at 31 March 2012

Company	Principal country of operation	Sector	Fair value and gross market exposure <sup>2</sup> US\$'000	Gross market exposure as a % of net assets <sup>3</sup>
<b>Equity portfolio</b>				
Banco Macro	Argentina	Financials	1,819	1.4
Bank Muscat	Oman	Financials	1,388	1.1
Central European Media	Romania	Consumer Discretionary	1,499	1.2
Commercial Bank of Qatar	Qatar	Financials	4,691	3.6
Copa Holdings	Panama	Industrials	2,832	2.2
DNO International	Iraq	Energy	1,746	1.3
Doha Bank	Qatar	Financials	1,217	0.9
Eurasian Natural Resources	Kazakhstan	Materials	2,609	2.0
Grupo Financiero Galicia	Argentina	Financials	981	0.8
Halyk Savings Bank	Kazakhstan	Financials	5,187	4.0
Heritage Oil	Iraq	Energy	821	0.6
Hrvatski Telekomunikacije	Croatia	Telecommunications	5,291	4.1
Industries Of Qatar	Qatar	Industrials	2,286	1.8
JKX Oil & Gas	Ukraine	Energy	2,602	2.0
Kazmunaigas Exploration Production	Kazakhstan	Energy	7,382	5.7
Kernel Holdings	Ukraine	Consumer Staples	2,636	2.0
Kuwait Foods (Americana)	Kuwait	Consumer Discretionary	3,310	2.5
MHP	Ukraine	Consumer Staples	4,539	3.5
National Mobile Telecommunications	Kuwait	Telecommunications	4,158	3.2
Qatar Electricity & Water	Qatar	Utilities	5,556	4.3
Qatar Navigation	Qatar	Industrials	4,236	3.3
Shikun & Binui	Pan Africa	Industrials	3,050	2.3
Tenaris	Argentina	Energy	1,910	1.5
YPF Sociedad Anonima	Argentina	Energy	3,541	2.7
Equity investments			75,287	58.0
Investment in BlackRock's Institutional Cash Fund			14,470	11.1
Total Equity Investments			89,757	69.1



# Investments continued

as at 31 March 2012

Company	Principal country of operation	Sector	Fair value and gross market exposure <sup>2</sup> US\$'000	Gross market exposure as a % of net assets <sup>3</sup>
<b>P-Notes</b>				
Abdullah Al Othaim Mrkts P-Note 13/08/14	Saudi Arabia	Health Care	2,659	2.0
Abdullah Al Othaim Mrkts P-Note 30/08/13	Saudi Arabia	Health Care	629	0.5
Al Mouwasat Medical Serv P-Note 09/10/12	Saudi Arabia	Industrials	3,679	2.8
Al Rajhi Bank P-Note 13/08/14	Saudi Arabia	Financials	1,361	1.1
Saudi Arabian Amiantit P-Note 03/09/12	Saudi Arabia	Consumer Staples	3,192	2.5
Total P-Notes			11,520	8.9
Total investments excluding CFDs			101,277	78.0

Company	Principal country of operation	Sector	Fair value \$'000	Gross market exposure <sup>2</sup> US\$'000	Gross market exposure as a % of net assets <sup>3</sup>
<b>CFD portfolio</b>					
<b>Long positions:</b>					
Air Arabia	United Arab Emirates	Industrials		3,991	3.1
Ecobank Transnational Emirates	Nigeria	Financials		2,652	2.1
First Bank of Nigeria	United Arab Emirates	Financials		1,259	1.0
First Gulf Bank	Nigeria	Financials		2,890	2.2
FPT Corp	United Arab Emirates	Financials		3,690	2.8
Grameenphone	Vietnam	Technology		783	0.6
Guinness Nigeria	Bangladesh	Telecommunications		3,908	3.0
Kinh Do Corporation	Nigeria	Consumer Staples		1,962	1.5
Lucky Cement	Vietnam	Consumer Staples		2,581	2.0
Marico Bangladesh	Pakistan	Materials		2,850	2.2
	Bangladesh	Consumer Staples		845	0.7

Company	Principal country of operation	Sector	Fair value <sup>1</sup> \$'000	Gross market exposure <sup>2</sup> \$'000	Gross market exposure as a % of net assets <sup>3</sup>
Nova Kreditna Banka Maribor	Slovenia	Financials		1,478	1.1
Safaricom	Kenya	Telecommunications		2,322	1.8
Unilever Nigeria	Nigeria	Consumer Staples		1,660	1.3
United Bank For Africa	Nigeria	Financials		2,002	1.5
Zenith Bank	Nigeria	Financials		5,884	4.5
<b>Total long CFD positions</b>			<b>(2,835)</b>	<b>40,757</b>	<b>31.4</b>
<b>Total short CFD positions</b>			<b>414</b>	<b>(3,887)</b>	<b>(3.0)</b>
<b>Total CFD portfolio</b>			<b>(2,421)</b>	<b>36,870</b>	<b>28.4</b>
<b>Equity investments (excluding BlackRock Cash Fund) and P-Notes</b>					
			<b>86,807</b>	<b>86,807</b>	<b>66.9</b>
<b>BlackRock's Institutional Cash Fund<sup>4</sup></b>			<b>14,470</b>	<b>7,826</b>	<b>6.0</b>
<b>Total investments</b>			<b>98,856</b>	<b>131,503</b>	<b>101.3</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents<sup>4</sup></b>			<b>32,647</b>		
<b>Net current liabilities</b>			<b>(1,613)</b>	<b>(1,613)</b>	<b>(1.3)</b>
<b>Net assets</b>			<b>129,890</b>	<b>129,890</b>	<b>100.0</b>

1. Fair value is determined as follows:

- Listed and AIM quoted investments are valued at bid prices where available, otherwise at published price quotations.
- The sum of the fair value column for the CFD contracts totalling negative US\$2,421,000 represents the fair valuation of all the CFD contracts, which is determined based on the difference between the purchase price and the value of the underlying shares in the contract (in effect the unrealised gains/(losses) on the exposed positions). The cost of purchasing the securities held through long CFD positions directly in the market would have amounted to US\$43,592,000 at the time of purchase, and subsequent market falls in prices have resulted in unrealised losses on the CFD contracts of US\$2,835,000, resulting in the value of the total market exposure to the underlying securities falling to US\$40,757,000 as at 31 March 2012. The cost of acquiring the securities to which exposure was gained via the short CFD positions would have been US\$4,301,000 at the time of entering into the contract, and subsequent price falls have resulted in unrealised profits on the short CFD positions of US\$414,000 and the value of the market exposure of these investments decreasing to US\$3,887,000 at 31 March 2012. If the short positions had been closed on 31 March 2012 this would have resulted in a profit of US\$414,000 for the Company.
- P-Notes are valued based on the quoted bid price of the underlying equity security to which they relate.

2. Market exposure in the case of equity and P-Note investments is the same as Fair Value. In the case of CFDs it is the market value of the underlying shares to which the portfolio is exposed via the contract.

3. % based on the gross market exposure.

4. The gross market exposure column for Cash and Cash Fund investments has been adjusted to assume the Company purchased direct holdings in investments rather than exposure being gained through CFDs.

# Statement of Comprehensive Income

## for the six months ended 31 March 2012

	Notes	Revenue \$'000			Capital \$'000			Total \$'000		
		Six months ended 31.03.12 (unaudited)	For the period 15.10.10 to 30.09.11 (audited)	For the period 15.10.10 to 31.03.11 (unaudited)	Six months ended 31.03.12 (unaudited)	For the period 15.10.10 to 31.03.11 (unaudited)	For the period 15.10.10 to 30.09.11 (audited)	Six months ended 31.03.12 (unaudited)	For the period 15.10.10 to 31.03.11 (unaudited)	For the period 15.10.10 to 30.09.11 (audited)
Gains/(losses) on investments held at fair value through profit or loss		-	-	-	10,514	867	(20,389)	10,514	867	(20,389)
Net capital gains/(losses) from contracts for difference		-	-	-	5,613	(3,160)	(10,381)	5,613	(3,160)	(10,381)
(Loss)/profit on credit default swap		-	-	-	(4)	-	128	(4)	-	128
Income from investments held at fair value through profit or loss	3	1,937	778	2,066	-	-	-	1,937	778	2,066
Net income from contracts for difference	3	783	1,635	2,791	-	-	-	783	1,635	2,791
Other income	3	11	2	9	-	-	-	11	2	9
<b>Total revenue</b>		<b>2,731</b>	<b>2,415</b>	<b>4,866</b>	<b>16,123</b>	<b>(2,293)</b>	<b>(30,642)</b>	<b>18,854</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>(25,776)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>										
Investment management and performance fees	4	(135)	(90)	(231)	(1,265)	(710)	(924)	(1,400)	(800)	(1,155)
Other expenses	5	(208)	(152)	(505)	(71)	-	(19)	(279)	(152)	(524)
<b>Total operating expenses</b>		<b>(343)</b>	<b>(242)</b>	<b>(736)</b>	<b>(1,336)</b>	<b>(710)</b>	<b>(943)</b>	<b>(1,679)</b>	<b>(952)</b>	<b>(1,679)</b>
<b>Net profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		<b>2,388</b>	<b>2,173</b>	<b>4,130</b>	<b>14,787</b>	<b>(3,003)</b>	<b>(31,585)</b>	<b>17,175</b>	<b>(830)</b>	<b>(27,455)</b>
Taxation		(305)	(572)	(807)	234	191	239	(71)	(381)	(568)
<b>Net profit/(loss) on ordinary activities after taxation</b>		<b>2,083</b>	<b>1,601</b>	<b>3,323</b>	<b>15,021</b>	<b>(2,812)</b>	<b>(31,346)</b>	<b>17,104</b>	<b>(1,211)</b>	<b>(28,023)</b>
<b>Earnings per ordinary share (US cents)</b>	8	<b>2.20</b>	<b>1.69</b>	<b>3.51</b>	<b>15.85</b>	<b>(2.97)</b>	<b>(33.08)</b>	<b>18.05</b>	<b>(1.28)</b>	<b>(29.57)</b>

The total column of this statement represents the Company's Statement of Comprehensive Income, prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as adopted by the European Union. The supplementary revenue and capital columns are both prepared under guidance published by the Association of Investment Companies ("AIC"). All items in the above statement derive from continuing operations. No operations were acquired or discontinued during the period. All income is attributable to the equity holders of BlackRock Frontiers Investment Trust plc. There were no minority interests.

# Statement of Changes in Equity

## for the six months ended 31 March 2012

	Ordinary share capital US\$'000	Share premium account US\$'000	Special reserve US\$'000	Capital reserve US\$'000	Revenue reserve US\$'000	Total US\$'000
<b>for the six months ended 31 March 2012 (unaudited)</b>						
At 30 September 2011	948	-	142,704	(31,346)	3,323	115,629
Total Comprehensive Income:						
Net profit for the period	-	-	-	15,021	2,083	17,104
Transactions with owners, recorded directly to equity:						
Dividend paid*	-	-	-	-	(2,843)	(2,843)
<b>At 31 March 2012</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>142,704</b>	<b>(16,325)</b>	<b>2,563</b>	<b>129,890</b>
<b>For the period 15 October 2010 (date of incorporation) to 31 March 2011 (unaudited)</b>						
Opening balance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income:						
Net (loss)/profit for the period	-	-	-	(2,812)	1,601	(1,211)
Transactions with owners, recorded directly to equity:						
Shares issued	948	145,636	-	-	-	146,584
Share issue costs	-	(2,932)	-	-	-	(2,932)
<b>At 31 March 2011</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>142,704</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(2,812)</b>	<b>1,601</b>	<b>142,441</b>
<b>For the period 15 October 2010 (date of incorporation) to 30 September 2011 (audited)</b>						
Opening balance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income:						
Net (loss)/profit for the period	-	-	-	(31,346)	3,323	(28,023)
Transactions with owners, recorded directly to equity:						
Shares issued	948	145,636	-	-	-	146,584
Share issue costs	-	(2,932)	-	-	-	(2,932)
Cancellation of share premium account	-	(142,704)	142,704	-	-	-
<b>At 30 September 2011</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>142,704</b>	<b>(31,346)</b>	<b>3,323</b>	<b>115,629</b>

\* Final dividend of 3.00 US cents per share for the year ended 30 September 2011, declared on 2 December 2011 and paid on 24 February 2012.

During the period the Company incurred purchase transaction costs of US\$65,000 (for the period from 15 October 2010 to 31 March 2011: US\$172,000; for the period 15 October 2010 to 30 September 2011: US\$287,000), and sales transaction costs of US\$52,000 (for the period from 15 October 2010 to 31 March 2011: US\$11,000; for the period 15 October 2010 to 30 September 2011: US\$49,000). All transaction costs have been included within the capital reserve.

# Statement of Financial Position

as at 31 March 2012

		31 March 2012 US\$'000 (unaudited)	31 March 2011 US\$'000 (unaudited)	30 September 2011 US\$'000 (audited)
	Notes			
<b>Non current assets</b>				
Investments designated as held at fair value through profit or loss		101,277	68,649	91,787
<b>Current assets</b>				
Other receivables		1,043	1,588	887
Derivative financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss		4,179	1,947	1,770
Cash held on margin deposit with brokers		4,469	2,281	11,846
Cash and cash equivalents		28,178	78,636	23,331
		37,869	84,452	37,834
<b>Current liabilities</b>				
Other payables		(2,637)	(6,027)	(4,166)
Derivative financial liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss		(6,600)	(4,614)	(9,807)
		(9,237)	(10,641)	(13,973)
<b>Net current assets</b>		28,632	73,811	23,861
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		129,909	142,460	115,648
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>				
Preference shares of £1.00 each (one quarter paid)		(19)	(19)	(19)
<b>Net assets</b>		129,890	142,441	115,629
<b>Capital and reserves</b>				
Ordinary share capital	7	948	948	948
Share premium account		-	142,704	-
Special reserve		142,704	-	142,704
Capital reserves		(16,325)	(2,812)	(31,346)
Revenue reserve		2,563	1,601	3,323
<b>Total equity</b>		129,890	142,441	115,629
<b>Net asset value per share (US cents)</b>	8	137.06	150.31	122.01

# Cash Flow Statement

for the six months ended 31 March 2012

	Six months ended 31 March 2012 US\$'000 (unaudited)	For the period 15 October 2010 to 31 March 2011 US\$'000 (unaudited)	For the period 15 October 2010 to 30 September 2011 US\$'000 (audited)
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities before financial activities</b>	<b>1,660</b>	<b>(64,237)</b>	<b>(109,854)</b>
<b>Financing activities</b>			
Proceeds from the issue of preference shares	–	19	19
Proceeds from the issue of ordinary shares	–	146,584	146,584
Share issue costs paid	(1,289)	(1,257)	(1,316)
Dividend paid	(2,843)	–	–
<b>Net cash (outflow)/inflow from financing activities</b>	<b>(4,132)</b>	<b>145,346</b>	<b>145,287</b>
<b>(Decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(2,472)</b>	<b>81,109</b>	<b>35,433</b>
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	(58)	(192)	(256)
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(2,530)</b>	<b>80,917</b>	<b>35,177</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at start of period	35,177	–	–
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>32,647</b>	<b>80,917</b>	<b>35,177</b>
<b>Comprised of:</b>			
Cash at bank and money market deposits	32,647	80,917	35,177
	<b>32,647</b>	<b>80,917</b>	<b>35,177</b>

## Reconciliation of Net income before Taxation to Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities

	Six months ended 31 March 2012 US\$'000 (unaudited)	For the period 15 October 2010 to 31 March 2011 US\$'000 (unaudited)	For the period 15 October 2010 to 30 September 2011 US\$'000 (audited)
Profit/(loss) before taxation	17,175	(830)	(27,455)
(Gains)/losses on investments and CFDs held at fair value through profit or loss (including transaction costs)	(16,372)	2,293	29,974
Realised losses on closure of CFD contracts	(3,129)	(426)	(4,570)
Gains on realisation of CFDs	2,725	89	3,277
Proceeds/(cost) of Credit Default Swap	646	–	(522)
Increase in other receivables	(677)	(1,588)	(366)
Increase in other payables	174	1,008	1,701
Decrease/(increase) in amounts due from brokers	521	–	(521)
(Decrease)/increase in amounts due to brokers	(355)	3,036	355
Net sales/(purchases) of investments held at fair value through profit or loss	1,023	(67,746)	(111,642)
Taxation on investment income included within gross income	(71)	(73)	(85)
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities</b>	<b>1,660</b>	<b>(64,237)</b>	<b>(109,854)</b>

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## 1. Principal activity

The principal activity of the Company is that of an investment trust company within the meaning of section 1158 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010.

## 2. Basis of preparation

The half yearly financial statements have been prepared using the same accounting policies as set out in the Company's annual report and financial statements for the period ended 30 September 2011 (which were prepared in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the EU and as applied in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006) and in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34. Insofar as the Statement of Recommended Practice ("SORP") for the investment trust companies and venture capital trusts issued by the Association of Investment Companies ("AIC"), revised in January 2009 is compatible with IFRS, the Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with guidance set out in the SORP.

## 3. Income

	Six months ended 31 March 2012 (unaudited) US\$'000	For the period 15 October 2010 to 31 March 2011 (unaudited) US\$'000	For the period 15 October 2010 to 30 September 2011 (audited) US\$'000
<b>Investment income:</b>			
UK listed dividends	-	-	106
Overseas listed dividends	1,937	778	1,960
Income from contracts for difference	783	1,635	2,791
	2,720	2,413	4,857
<b>Other income:</b>			
Deposit interest	11	2	9
<b>Total income</b>	<b>2,731</b>	<b>2,415</b>	<b>4,866</b>



# Notes to the Financial Statements continued

## 4. Investment management and performance fees

	Six months ended 31 March 2012 (unaudited)			For the period 15 October 2010 to 31 March 2011 (unaudited)			For the period 15 October 2010 to 30 September 2011 (audited)		
	Revenue US\$'000	Capital US\$'000	Total US\$'000	Revenue US\$'000	Capital US\$'000	Total US\$'000	Revenue US\$'000	Capital US\$'000	Total US\$'000
Investment management fee	135	541	676	90	362	452	231	924	1,155
Performance fee	-	724	724	-	348	348	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>1,265</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>1,155</b>

An investment management fee equivalent to 1.10 per cent per annum of the Company's gross assets is payable to the Investment Manager. In addition, the Investment Manager is also entitled to receive a performance fee at a rate of 10 per cent of any increase in the NAV at the end of a performance period over and above what would have been achieved had the cumulative NAV since launch increased in line with the MSCI Frontiers Markets Index ("the Reference Index"). The performance fee payable in any year is capped at an amount equal to 2.5% or 1% of the gross assets if there is any increase or decrease in the NAV per share at the end of the relevant performance period respectively. Any capped excess outperformance for a period may be carried forward to the next two performance periods, subject to the then applicable annual cap. The performance fee is also subject to a high watermark such that any performance fee is only payable to the extent that the cumulative relative outperformance of the NAV is greater than what would have been achieved had the NAV increased in line with the reference index since the last date in relation to which a performance fee had been paid.

For the six months ended 31 March 2012, the Company's NAV had outperformed the MSCI Frontiers Markets Index by 11.2% in US\$ terms and a performance fee of US\$724,000 had been accrued. As the outperformance had been generated predominantly through capital returns, the performance fee has been charged 100% to capital. The fee does not crystallise until 30 September 2012 but is accrued daily in the Company's NAV based on daily performance data, in line with best practice under the SORP.

## 5. Operating expenses

	Six months ended 31 March 2012 (unaudited) US\$'000	For the period 15 October 2010 to 31 March 2011 (unaudited) US\$'000	For the period 15 October 2010 to 30 September 2011 (audited) US\$'000
Custody fee	70	23	76
Directors' fees	85	33	107
Other administration costs	53	96	322
	208	152	505

For the six months ended 31 March 2012, expenses of US\$71,000 charged to the capital column of the Statement of Comprehensive Income relate to US\$14,000 of transaction costs and US\$57,000 of fees in relation to investing in new markets. For the period 15 October 2010 to 30 September 2011 expenses of US\$19,000 were charged to the capital column of the Statement of Comprehensive Income. These related to transaction costs (US\$6,000) and interest charges relating to the Credit Default Swap (US\$13,000).

## 6. Dividend

The Board has declared an interim dividend of 1.20 cents per share payable on 22 June 2012 to shareholders on the register at 25 May 2012. No interim dividend has previously been paid. This dividend has not been accrued in the financial statements for the six months ended 31 March 2012, as under IFRS, interim dividends are not recognised until paid. Dividends are debited directly to reserves.

## 7. Share capital

	Number of shares in issue	Total shares in issue	Nominal value US\$'000
<b>Authorised share capital comprised:</b>			
Ordinary shares of 1 cent each:			
<b>Allotted, issued and fully paid:</b>			
At 30 September 2011	94,766,267	94,766,267	948
At 31 March 2012	94,766,267	94,766,267	948

# Notes to the Financial Statements continued

## 8. Earnings and net asset value per ordinary share

	Six months ended 31 March 2012 (unaudited)	For the period 15 October 2010 to 31 March 2011 (unaudited)	For the period 15 October 2010 to 30 September 2011 (audited)
Net revenue profit attributable to ordinary shareholders (US\$'000)	2,083	1,601	3,323
Net capital profit/(loss) attributable to ordinary shareholders (US\$'000)	15,021	(2,812)	(31,346)
Total earnings attributable to ordinary shareholders (US\$'000)	17,104	(1,211)	(28,023)
Revenue earnings per share – (US cents)	2.20	1.69	3.51
Capital earnings/(loss) per share – (US cents)	15.85	(2.97)	(33.08)
Total earnings/(loss) per share – (US cents)	18.05	(1.28)	(29.57)

	31 March 2012 (unaudited)	31 March 2011 (unaudited)	30 September 2011 (audited)
Total equity attributable to ordinary shareholders (US\$'000)	129,890	142,441	115,629
Net asset value per share basic and diluted – (US cents)	137.06	150.31	122.01
Share price*	134.21	145.08	116.84
The weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period on which the return per ordinary share was calculated was:	94,766,267	94,766,267	94,766,267
The actual number of ordinary shares in issue at the end of each period on which the net asset value was calculated was:	94,766,267	94,766,267	94,766,267

\* The Company's share price is quoted in sterling and the above represents the US dollar equivalent

Basic and diluted earnings per share and net asset value per share are the same as the Company does not have any dilutive securities outstanding.

## 9. Related party transactions

The Board consists of five non-executive Directors, all of whom are considered to be independent by the Board. None of the Directors has a service contract with the Company. The Chairman receives an annual fee of £28,000, the Chairman of the Audit and Management Engagement Committee receives an annual fee of £23,000 and each other Director receives an annual fee of £20,000.

Five members of the Board hold ordinary shares in the Company. Audley Twiston-Davies holds 85,000 ordinary shares, Lynn Ruddick holds 26,000 ordinary shares, John Murray holds 100,000 ordinary shares, Nick Pitts-Tucker holds 75,000 ordinary shares and Sarmad Zok holds 30,000 ordinary shares.

The Investment Manager, BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited, is also a related party. The investment management and performance fees accrued and payable for the period ended 31 March 2012 are set out in note 4. As at 31 March 2012 an amount of US\$676,000 was outstanding in respect of management fees. A further US\$724,000 had been accrued in respect of the performance for the six months ended 31 March 2012. The final performance fee for the full year to 30 September 2012 will not crystallise and fall due until the calculation date of 30 September 2012.

The Company has an investment in BlackRock's Institutional Cash Fund of US\$14,470,000 at the period end.

## 10. Publication of non statutory accounts

The financial information contained in this half yearly report does not constitute statutory accounts as defined in section 435 of the Companies Act 2006. The financial information for the six months ended 31 March 2012 has not been audited.

# Independent Review Report

## Introduction

We have been engaged by 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 comprises the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Financial Position, Summarised Cash Flow Statement, Reconciliation of Net Income before Finance Costs and Taxation to Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities and the related notes 1 to 10. 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 condensed set of financial statements.

This report is made solely to the Company in accordance with guidance contained in International Standard on Review Engagements 2410 (UK and Ireland) “Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity” issued by the Auditing Practices Board. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusions we have formed.

## 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 Listing Rules of the Financial Services Authority. As disclosed in note 2, the annual financial statements of the Company are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) as adopted in the European Union and the Companies Act 2006. The condensed set of financial statements included in this half yearly financial report has been prepared in accordance with the Accounting Standards Board Statement “Half Yearly Financial Reports”.

## 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.

### Scope of review

We conducted our review in accordance with 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 Accounting Standards Board Statement “Half Yearly Financial Reports” and the Disclosure and Transparency Rules of the United Kingdom’s Financial Services Authority.

Ernst & Young LLP  
London  
11 May 2012

# Directors, Management and Administration

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