

# **Montanaro UK Smaller Companies Investment Trust PLC** **(“MUSCIT” or the “Company”)**

**Half-yearly Report for the six months ended 30 September 2013**

MUSCIT was launched in March 1995 and is listed with the UKLA and its shares are traded on the London Stock Exchange.

## **Investment Objective**

The investment objective is capital appreciation through investing in small quoted companies listed on the London Stock Exchange or traded on the Alternative Investment Market (“AIM”) and to achieve relative outperformance of its benchmark, the Numis Smaller Companies Index (excluding Investment Companies) (“NSCI”)\*.

No unquoted investments are permitted.

## **Investment Policy**

The Company seeks to achieve its objective and to diversify risk by investing in a portfolio of quoted UK smaller companies. At the time of initial investment, a potential investee company must be profitable and smaller than the largest constituent of the NSCI, which represents the smallest 10% of the UK Stock Market by value.

In order to manage risk, the Manager will normally limit any one holding to a maximum of 4% of the Company’s investments. The portfolio weighting of each investment is closely monitored to reflect the underlying liquidity of the particular company. The Company’s AIM exposure is also closely monitored by the Board and is limited to 30% of total investments, with Board approval required for exposure to be above 25%.

The Manager is focused on identifying high quality companies operating in growth markets. This typically leads the Manager to invest in companies that enjoy high barriers to entry, pricing power, a sustainable competitive advantage and strong management teams. The portfolio is therefore constructed on a “bottom up” basis and there are no sectoral constraints placed on the Manager.

The Board, in consultation with the Manager, is responsible for determining the gearing strategy of the Company. Gearing is used to enhance returns when the timing is considered appropriate. The Company currently has a credit facility of £15 million through ING Bank of which £15 million was drawn as at 30 September 2013. The Board has agreed to limit borrowings to 25% of shareholders’ funds.

## **Change in Investment Manager’s fee**

The Company is pleased to announce that, with effect from 1 April 2014, the investment management fee will decrease from 1% p.a. to 0.85% pa of gross assets. In addition, the performance fee will be removed. Your Board believes that these fee reductions will provide a more competitive and simpler management fee structure. In addition, this will make fee comparisons with other investment vehicles easier. Montanaro Asset Management Limited (“Montanaro”) has a very successful long-term track record as an independent quoted small company specialist investing in high quality growth companies. Investment ideas for MUSCIT will continue to be generated internally by Montanaro through detailed and skilled due diligence on companies they consider to be undervalued.

## Highlights

for the six months to 30 September 2013

## Results

### Total Return

> Net Asset Value ("NAV")	+4.0% (£182 million)
> Gross Assets:	+2.4% (£198 million)
> Share Price:	+12.8%
> Gross Gearing:	8.2%
> Net Gearing:	1.4%
> Benchmark* (NSCI Total Return):	+12.5%

### Capital Return

	As at 30 September 2013	As at 31 March 2013	% Change
NAV per Ordinary share (excluding current period revenue):	<b>538.08p</b>	522.17p	3.1
Ordinary share price:	<b>486.00p</b>	437.00p	11.2
Benchmark* (NSCI Capital Return):	<b>6,125.54</b>	5,541.17	10.5

### NAV Performance vs Benchmark\* (to 30 September 2013)

	6 months	3 years	5 years	Since inception March 1995
	%	%	%	%
NAV (excluding current period revenue)	3.1	49.3	110.7	445.8
Benchmark*	10.5	40.4	61.0	97.3
(Underperformance)/outperformance	(7.4)	8.9	49.7	348.5

\* Previous benchmark of FTSE SmallCap (excluding Investment Companies) to 31 March 2013 and Numis Smaller Companies Index (excluding Investment Companies) from 1 April 2013.

### Capital Structure

As at 30 September 2013, the Company had 33,475,958 Ordinary shares of 10p each in issue (none of which were held in Treasury). Holders of Ordinary shares have unrestricted voting rights of one vote per share at all general meetings of the Company.

## **Manager's Review**

The last six months have brought confirmation that central bankers in the developed world are the new rainmakers, waving their magic wands in ever more creative ways to keep investors happy. There is little doubt that the Bank of England, the Federal Reserve and the Bank of Canada have brought considerable innovation to the world of monetary policy since 2008 and have played a key role in the revival of equity markets. More recently, shortly after the Federal Reserve began to voice second thoughts about its Quantitative Easing programme, Mr Carney and Mr Draghi introduced forward guidance to lower interest rate expectations. Global equity markets applauded and pursued their upward march.

The positive momentum of UK equities was maintained throughout the period as investors continued to reappraise UK equity risk in the face of the constructive macroeconomic news flow. The closely-watched Purchasing Managers' Index climbed to a 31-month high in August 2013 and remained broadly stable in September 2013. The employment component of the index also showed that British factories are hiring at the fastest pace since May 2011. The recovery of the Euro Zone, the UK's largest trading partner, has raised hopes of an acceleration of export growth. Meanwhile, house prices have reached new highs, buoyed by the Government's "Help to Buy" schemes, creating a wealth effect that may encourage further consumer spending. There is little doubt that consumer confidence has improved.

The revival of the British economy, coupled with easier financial conditions for borrowers, produced a favourable backdrop for quoted smaller companies to maintain their leadership in the Stock Market. The NSCI rose by 10.5% over the six month period ending 30 September 2013, outperforming the FTSE 100 index by a remarkable 9.8% margin. Meanwhile, the NAV (excluding current period revenue) of the Company gained 3.1%, compared to 1.9% for the FTSE All-Share, but well below the NSCI benchmark index.

## **Outlook**

As often happens when investor confidence returns and we enjoy a period of "risk on", our "quality growth" investment style has been out of favour since the middle of 2012. We have suffered from the strong rotation into SmallCap Value, high beta, low quality and cyclical stocks. The large underweight to the consumer, a sector where we traditionally find it more difficult to discover very high quality businesses with sustainable competitive advantages that can be held for the long-term, has also been partly responsible for the underperformance.

Such periods of marked underperformance of MUSCIT are rare but they are a natural by-product of our long-term "Buy & Hold" investment strategy focused exclusively on high quality businesses. The consistency of our strategy has enabled MUSCIT to generate a capital return of 13.2% p.a. (after fees) over the ten year period ending 30 September 2013, significantly ahead of the NSCI benchmark index which saw returns of 10.2% p.a.

As we enter the final quarter of 2013, we are seeing SmallCap Value stocks lose a little steam after a phenomenal run that resulted in an outperformance of 32% relative to growth over the past 16 months (source: Numis). To us, this suggests that we are slowly moving to the next phase of the Bull Market that would typically be led by growth and quality companies. Having reduced our underweight to the consumer sectors to approximately 8%, we feel comfortable with the positioning of the Company and do not anticipate material changes to the portfolio in the coming quarter. We expect to increase the level of gearing gradually over the quarter and look forward to the second half of the year.

Montanaro Asset Management Limited  
28 November 2013.

**Investment Portfolio**  
as at 30 September 2013

Holding	Sector	Value £'000	% of portfolio	Market cap £m
Devro	Food Producers	5,938	3.2	541
Domino's Pizza	Travel and Leisure	5,723	3.1	961
Mears Group	Support Services	5,665	3.1	419
Consort Medical	Health Care Equipment and Services	5,568	3.0	255
Victrex	Chemicals	4,976	2.7	1,354
Dechra Pharmaceuticals	Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology	4,739	2.6	626
James Fisher	Industrial Transportation	4,667	2.5	531
Berendsen	Support Services	4,175	2.3	1,565
Jupiter Fund Management	General Financials	4,110	2.2	1,680
Dialight	Electronic and Electrical Equipment	4,109	2.2	367
Brewin Dolphin	General Financials	4,061	2.2	739
Latchways	Support Services	3,927	2.1	145
Big Yellow Group	Real Estate/Real Estate Investment Trusts	3,872	2.1	622
Shaftesbury	Real Estate/Real Estate Investment Trusts	3,864	2.1	1,489
RPS Group	Support Services	3,806	2.1	590
Cranswick	Food Producers	3,781	2.1	572
NCC Group	Software and Computer Services	3,780	2.1	308
Marshalls	Construction and Materials	3,754	2.0	352
Helical Bar	Real Estate/Real Estate Investment Trusts	3,712	2.0	351
Brammer	Support Services	3,670	2.0	541
<b>Twenty Largest Holdings</b>		<b>87,897</b>	<b>47.7</b>	
Senior	Aerospace and Defence	3,664	2.0	1,125
Genus	Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology	3,652	2.0	872
AG Barr	Beverages	3,587	1.9	616
N Brown	General Retailers	3,570	1.9	1,488
Telecity Group	Software and Computer Services	3,544	1.9	1,682
Halma	Electronic and Electrical Equipment	3,541	1.9	2,142
Clarkson	Industrial Transportation	3,487	1.9	427
EnQuest	Oil and Gas Producers	3,456	1.9	1,047
Bovis Homes	Household Goods and Home Construction	3,451	1.9	964
Fenner	Industrial Engineering	3,409	1.9	772
Domino Printing Sciences	Electronic and Electrical Equipment	3,328	1.8	718
Cineworld	Travel and Leisure	3,322	1.8	569
Carclo	Chemicals	3,230	1.7	251
Croda International	Chemicals	3,186	1.7	3,605
Hilton Food	Food Producers	3,078	1.7	310
Renishaw	Electronic and Electrical Equipment	3,065	1.7	1,312
Aveva Group	Software and Computer Services	2,988	1.6	1,659
Rathbone Brothers	General Financials	2,862	1.6	716
Hunting	Oil Equipment Services and Distribution	2,811	1.5	1,177
KCOM Group	Fixed Line Telecommunications	2,730	1.5	470
Restaurant Group	Travel and Leisure	2,713	1.5	1,067
Ted Baker	Personal Goods	2,631	1.4	836
Anite	Software and Computer Services	2,527	1.4	338
Dignity	General Retailers	2,328	1.3	771
Dunelm Group	General Retailers	2,315	1.3	1,872
Xaar	Electronic and Electrical Equipment	2,314	1.3	602
Innovation Group	Software and Computer Services	2,135	1.2	289
Ocean Wilson Holdings	Industrial Transportation	2,103	1.1	336
Telecom Plus	Fixed Line Telecommunications	2,089	1.1	897
Wilmington Group	Media	1,884	1.0	174
Diploma	Support Services	1,866	1.0	739
Fidessa Group	Software and Computer Services	1,718	0.9	747

Paypoint	Support Services	1,464	0.8	721
Games Workshop	Leisure Goods	1,441	0.8	261
Euromoney Institutional Investor	Media	751	0.4	1,467
<b>Total Holdings</b>		<b>184,137</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

### Analysis of Investment Portfolio by FTSE Classification as at 30 September 2013

Classification	% of portfolio
FTSE 100	1.7
FTSE 250*	7.1
Numis Smaller Companies	91.2
AIM	0.0

\* represents those holdings that are in the FTSE 250 and are above the threshold for Numis Smaller Companies holdings.

## Interim Management Report and Responsibility Statement

### Interim Management Report

The important events that have occurred during the period under review and the key factors influencing the financial statements are set out in the Manager's Review.

The principal risks and uncertainties for the remaining six months of the financial year are reviewed in the Outlook section of the Manager's Review. The Company actively monitors its counterparty exposures and has been particularly vigilant during the period.

The principal risks facing the Company are substantially unchanged since the date of the Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2013 and continue to be as set out in that report on pages 14 to 16 and pages 37 to 39.

Risks faced by the Company include, but are not limited to, Investment Manager, investment and strategy, portfolio liquidity, liquidity of MUSCIT shares, discount volatility, credit risk, market price risk, interest rate risk, Share liquidity risk, gearing, regulatory risk, operational risk, financial risk, banking, reputational and Company viability.

Under the Listing Rules the Manager is regarded as a related party of the Company. The amounts paid to the Manager during the period were £956,000 (six months to 30 September 2012: £1,075,000; year to 31 March 2013: £1,714,000). At 30 September 2013, the amount due to Montanaro, included in creditors, was £227,000.

However, the existence of an independent Board of Directors demonstrates that the Company is free to pursue its own financial and operating policies. Therefore, in terms of FRS 8 "Related Party Transactions", the Manager is not considered a related party.

### Responsibility Statement

The Directors confirm that to the best of their knowledge:

- The condensed set of financial statements has been prepared in accordance with the Statement 'Half-Yearly Financial Reports' issued by the UK Accounting Standards Board and gives a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit of the Company;
- The Manager's Review (constituting the interim management report) includes a fair review of the information required by DTR 4.2.7R of the Disclosure and Transparency Rules, being an indication of important events that have occurred during the first six months of the financial year and their impact on the condensed set of financial statements;
- The statement of principal risks and uncertainties for the remaining six months of the financial year above is a fair review of the information required by DTR 4.2.7R; and

- The financial statements include a fair review of the information required by DTR 4.2.8R of the Disclosure and Transparency Rules, being related party transactions that have taken place in the first six months of the current financial year and that have materially affected the financial position or performance of the Company during that period, and any changes in the related party transactions described in the last Annual Report that could do so.

This Half-yearly Report was approved by the Board of Directors on 28 November 2013 and the above Responsibility Statement was signed on its behalf by Kathryn Matthews, Chairman.

**Income Statement (unaudited)**

for the six months to 30 September 2013

	6 months to 30 September 2013			6 months to 30 September 2012			Year to 31 March 2013		
	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000
Gains on investments designated at fair value through profit or loss	-	5,604	5,604	-	10,106	10,106	-	32,574	32,574
Dividends and interest	2,760	-	2,760	2,209	-	2,209	3,844	-	3,844
Management fee	(478)	(478)	(956)	(409)	(409)	(818)	(857)	(857)	(1,714)
Management performance fee	-	-	-	-	(256)	(256)	-	-	-
Other expenses	(208)	-	(208)	(173)	-	(173)	(315)	-	(315)
Movement in fair value of derivative financial instruments	-	276	276	-	(423)	(423)	-	(479)	(479)
<b>Net return before finance costs and taxation</b>	<b>2,074</b>	<b>5,402</b>	<b>7,476</b>	<b>1,627</b>	<b>9,018</b>	<b>10,645</b>	<b>2,672</b>	<b>31,238</b>	<b>33,910</b>
Interest payable and similar charges	(162)	(162)	(324)	(161)	(162)	(323)	(322)	(322)	(644)
<b>Net return before taxation</b>	<b>1,912</b>	<b>5,240</b>	<b>7,152</b>	<b>1,466</b>	<b>8,856</b>	<b>10,322</b>	<b>2,350</b>	<b>30,916</b>	<b>33,266</b>
<b>Taxation (Note 2)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net return after taxation</b>	<b>1,912</b>	<b>5,240</b>	<b>7,152</b>	<b>1,466</b>	<b>8,856</b>	<b>10,322</b>	<b>2,350</b>	<b>30,916</b>	<b>33,266</b>
<b>Return per Ordinary share</b>	<b>5.71p</b>	<b>15.65p</b>	<b>21.36p</b>	<b>4.38p</b>	<b>26.45p</b>	<b>30.83p</b>	<b>7.02p</b>	<b>92.35p</b>	<b>99.37p</b>

The total column of this statement is the profit and loss account of the Company. The supplementary revenue and capital columns are presented under guidance issued by the Association of Investment Companies.

All revenue and capital items in the above statement derive from continuing operations. No operations were acquired or discontinued in the period.

No Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses has been prepared as all such gains and losses are shown in the Income Statement.

**Reconciliation of Movements in Shareholders' Funds (unaudited)**  
for the six months to 30 September 2013

	Called-up share capital £'000	Share premium account £'000	Capital redemption reserve £'000	Special reserve £'000	Capital reserve £'000	Distributable revenue reserve £'000	Total equity shareholders funds £'000
<b>6 months to 30 September 2013</b>							
<b>As at 1 April 2013</b>	<b>3,348</b>	<b>19,307</b>	<b>1,362</b>	<b>4,642</b>	<b>144,259</b>	<b>4,233</b>	<b>177,151</b>
Fair value movement of investments	-	-	-	-	5,604	-	5,604
Costs allocated to capital	-	-	-	-	(640)	-	(640)
Net revenue for the period	-	-	-	-	-	1,912	1,912
Movement in fair value of derivative financial instruments	-	-	-	-	276	-	276
Dividends paid in period	-	-	-	-	-	(2,263)	(2,263)
<b>As at 30 September 2013</b>	<b>3,348</b>	<b>19,307</b>	<b>1,362</b>	<b>4,642</b>	<b>149,499</b>	<b>3,882</b>	<b>182,040</b>
<b>6 months to 30 September 2012</b>							
<b>As at 1 April 2012</b>	3,348	19,307	1,362	4,642	113,343	4,146	146,148
Fair value movement of investments	-	-	-	-	10,106	-	10,106
Costs allocated to capital	-	-	-	-	(827)	-	(827)
Net revenue for the period	-	-	-	-	-	1,466	1,466
Movement in fair value of derivative financial instruments	-	-	-	-	(423)	-	(423)
Dividends paid in period	-	-	-	-	-	(2,263)	(2,263)
<b>As at 30 September 2012</b>	<b>3,348</b>	<b>19,307</b>	<b>1,362</b>	<b>4,642</b>	<b>122,199</b>	<b>3,349</b>	<b>154,207</b>
<b>Year to 31 March 2013</b>							
<b>As at 1 April 2012</b>	3,348	19,307	1,362	4,642	113,343	4,146	146,148
Fair value movement of investments	-	-	-	-	32,574	-	32,574
Costs allocated to capital	-	-	-	-	(1,179)	-	(1,179)
Net revenue for the year	-	-	-	-	-	2,350	2,350
Movement in fair value of derivative financial instruments	-	-	-	-	(479)	-	(479)
Dividends paid in the year	-	-	-	-	-	(2,263)	(2,263)
<b>As at 31 March 2013</b>	<b>3,348</b>	<b>19,307</b>	<b>1,362</b>	<b>4,642</b>	<b>144,259</b>	<b>4,233</b>	<b>177,151</b>



**Balance Sheet (unaudited)**  
as at 30 September 2013

	As at 30 September 2013 £'000	As at 30 September 2012 £'000	As at 31 March 2013 £'000
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Investments designated at fair value through profit and loss	184,137	164,603	179,446
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	1,132	553	711
Cash at bank	12,523	5,241	12,961
	<b>13,655</b>	<b>5,794</b>	<b>13,672</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>			
Other creditors	(474)	(692)	(413)
Revolving credit facility	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)
	<b>(15,474)</b>	<b>(15,692)</b>	<b>(15,413)</b>
<b>Net current liabilities</b>	<b>(1,819)</b>	<b>(9,898)</b>	<b>(1,741)</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>182,318</b>	<b>154,705</b>	<b>177,705</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>			
Interest rate swap	(278)	(498)	(554)
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>182,040</b>	<b>154,207</b>	<b>177,151</b>
<b>Share capital and reserves</b>			
Called-up share capital	3,348	3,348	3,348
Share premium account	19,307	19,307	19,307
Capital redemption reserve	1,362	1,362	1,362
Special reserve	4,642	4,642	4,642
Capital reserve	149,499	122,199	144,259
Distributable revenue reserve	3,882	3,349	4,233
<b>Total equity shareholders' funds</b>	<b>182,040</b>	<b>154,207</b>	<b>177,151</b>
<b>Net asset value per Ordinary share</b>	<b>543.79p</b>	<b>460.65p</b>	<b>529.19p</b>

## Summarised Statement of Cash Flows (unaudited)

as at 30 September 2013

	Note	As at 30 September 2013 £'000	As at 30 September 2012 £'000	As at 31 March 2013 £'000
<b>Net cash inflow from operating activities</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1,813</b>	456	874
<b>Servicing of finance</b>				
- Interest and similar charges paid		(322)	(323)	(646)
<b>Net cash outflow from servicing of finance</b>		<b>(322)</b>	(323)	(646)
<b>Capital expenditure and financial investment</b>				
- Purchases of investments		(66,135)	(18,255)	(28,187)
- Sales of investments		66,469	11,660	29,217
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from capital expenditure and financial investment</b>		<b>334</b>	(6,595)	1,030
Equity dividends paid		(2,263)	(2,263)	(2,263)
<b>Decrease in cash</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>(438)</b>	(8,725)	(1,005)

## Notes to the Financial Statements

as at 30 September 2013

### 1 Financial information

The financial information contained in this report does not constitute full statutory accounts as defined in section 434 of the Companies Act 2006. The financial information for the six months to 30 September 2013 and 30 September 2012 has not been audited or reviewed by the Company's Auditor pursuant to the Auditing Practices Board guidance on such reviews.

The information for the year ended 31 March 2013 has been extracted from the latest published audited financial statements, which have been filed with the Registrar of Companies. The Report of the Auditors on those financial statements was unqualified and did not contain a statement under section 498(2) or (3) of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out in note 1 on pages 30 and 31 of the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2013.

### 2 Tax credit/charge on ordinary activities

The tax charge for the half year is nil (six months to 30 September 2012: nil; year to 31 March 2013: nil) based on an estimated effective tax rate of 0% for the year ending 31 March 2014. The estimated effective tax rate is 0% as investment gains are exempt from tax owing to the Company's status as an investment trust and there is expected to be an excess of management expenses over taxable income.

### 3 Reconciliation of net return before finance costs and taxation to net cash inflow from operating activities

	6 months to 30 September 2013 £'000	6 months to 30 September 2012 £'000	Year to 31 March 2013 £'000
Net return before finance costs and taxation	7,476	10,645	33,910
Gains on investments designated at fair value through profit or loss	(5,604)	(10,106)	(32,574)
Movement in fair value of derivative financial instruments	(276)	423	479
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	59	(519)	(796)
Decrease/(increase) in prepayments and accrued income	158	13	(145)
<b>Net cash inflow from operating activities</b>	<b>1,813</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>874</b>

### 4 Reconciliation of net cash flows to movements in net debt

	6 months to 30 September 2013 £'000	6 months to 30 September 2012 £'000	Year to 31 March 2013 £'000
Decrease in cash in the period	(438)	(8,725)	(1,005)
Movement in net debt	(438)	(8,725)	(1,005)
Net debt at beginning of period	(2,039)	(1,034)	(1,034)
Net debt at end of period	(2,477)	(9,759)	(2,039)

### 5 Analysis of net debt

	As at 1 April 2013 £'000	Cash flows £'000	As at 30 September 2013 £'000
Cash at bank	12,961	(438)	12,523
Debt due in less than one year	(15,000)	-	(15,000)
	(2,039)	(438)	(2,477)

### 6 Going Concern

The Company has adequate financial resources to meet its investment commitments and as a consequence, the Directors believe that the Company is well placed to manage its business risks. After making appropriate enquiries and due consideration of the Company's cash balances, the liquidity of the Company's investment portfolio and the cost base of the Company, the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate available financial resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and accordingly have concluded that it is appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the Half-yearly Report, consistent with previous years.

## **Directors**

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Roger Cuming  
Michael Moule  
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## **Montanaro UK Smaller Companies Investment Trust PLC**

**Registered in England and Wales No. 3004101**  
**An investment company as defined under**  
**Section 833 of the Companies Act 2006**

**Sources of further information**

The Company's share price is listed in the Financial Times under "Investment Companies".

Information on the Company is also available on the Manager's website: [www.montanaro.co.uk](http://www.montanaro.co.uk) and the Company's website: [www.montanarouksmaller.co.uk](http://www.montanarouksmaller.co.uk)

**Key Dates**

March	Company Year End
June	Annual Results
July	Annual General Meeting
November	Interim Results

**Frequency of NAV Publication**

The Company's NAV is released to the London Stock Exchange on a daily basis.

**ISA Status**

The Company is fully eligible for inclusion in ISAs.

**Association of Investment Companies ("AIC")**

The Company is a member of the AIC.

**National Storage Mechanism**

A copy of the Annual Report 2013 has been submitted to the National Storage Mechanism ("NSM") and is available for inspection at the NSM, which is situated at: [www.morningstar.co.uk/uk/NSM](http://www.morningstar.co.uk/uk/NSM)

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