

ABERDEEN PREFERRED SECURITIES PLC (formerly Aberdeen Preferred Income Investment Trust PLC)

INTERIM ACCOUNTS

for the period ended 31st March 1998



ABERDEEN PREFERRED INCOME INVESTMENT TRUST PLC BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 1998

	Notes	£
Fixed assets		40.401
Investments	4	49,431
Current assets		
Debtors	5	591
Creditors:		
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(2,742)
Net current assets		(2,151)
Total assets less current liabilities		47,280
Provision for liabilities and charges	7	(1)
Net assets		47,279
Capital and reserves		
Called up Zero dividend		
preference shares	8	1,200
Share premium	9	12,091
Redemption reserve	9	12,388
Non equity shareholders' funds		25,679
Called up Capital Shares	8	1,900
Share premium	9	15,958
Capital redemption reserve	9	(12,388)
Capital reserve	9	4,184
Unrealised appreciation reserve	9	11,403
Revenue reserve	9	543
Equity shareholders' funds		21,600
Total shareholders' funds		47,279
Net asset value per share		
Ordinary share		113.68p
Zero dividend preference		213.99p

These accounts were approved by the Directors on 9 March 1998 and signed on behalf of the Board of Directors by:

Director

ABERDEEN PREFERRED INCOME INVESTMENT TRUST PLC REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE TEN MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 1998

	Notes	£'000
		£
Income from investments		
Franked investment income		2,867
Unfranked investment income		375
Other income		
Bank interest		15
Underwriting income		-
		3,257
Administrative expenses		(466)
Revenue from ordinary activities before taxation		2,791
Taxation	2	(559)
Revenue from ordinary activities after taxation		2,232
Ordinary Dividends		
First interim - 3.25p per share		(618)
Second interim - 5.00p per share		(950)
Third interim - 2.7p per share		(513)
Fourth interim - 9.95p per share		(1,891)
Revenue deficit	9	(1,740)
Manufacture 1		
Earnings per share	3	11.75p

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE TEN MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 1998

1. Accounting policies

The accounting policies adopted by the Company in the preparation of the financial statements to 31 March 1998 are as follows:

(a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified to include the revaluation of investments, and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards.

(b) Valuation of investments

Quoted investments are valued at middle market prices. Where trading in the securities of an investee company is suspended the investment is valued at the Board's estimate of its net realisable value. Unlisted investments are included in the financial statements at valuation determined by the Directors. Realised surpluses or deficits on the disposal of investments and permanent impairments in the value of investments are taken to capital reserve realised and and unrealised surpluses or deficits on the revaluation of investments are taken to capital reserve unrealised.

(c) Income

Dividends receivable on equity shares are brought into account on the ex-dividend date. Dividends receivable on equity shares where no dividend date is quoted are brought into account when the Company's right to receive payment is established. Fixed returns on non-equity shares are recognised where material on a time apportioned basis so as to reflect the effective yield on shares. Otherwise returns on non-equity shares are recognised when the right to the return is established. The fixed return on a debt security is recognised on a time apportioned basis so as to reflect the effective yield on the debt security.

Where the company has elected to receive its dividends in the form of additional shares rather than in cash, the amount of the cash dividend is recognised as income. Any excess in the value of the shares received over the amount of the cash dividends is recognised in capital reserves.

(d) Expenses and interest payable

All expenses are accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenses are charges through the revenue account except as follows:

- expenses which are incidental to the acquisition of an investment are included within the cost of the investment
- expenses which are incidental to the disposal of an investment are deducted from the disposal proceeds of the investment.

(e) Taxation

Advance corporation tax (ACT) payable on dividends paid or provided for in the period is written off, except when recoverability is considered to be reasonably certain and foreseeable. Irrecoverable ACT is charged to the revenue account except to the extent that it arises because of the allocation of expenses to capital, in which case it is charged to capital.

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2.	Tax on ordinary activities	1998 £'000
	Tax attributable to franked investment income	573
	Amount recoverable (s242 claim)	-14
		559
3.	Earnings per share	
	The calculation of earnings per Ordinary share is based on earnings of £2,232,000 and 19,000,042 shares in issue throughout the period.	
		1998
4.	Fixed asset investments	£'000
	Valuation at 1 June 1997	39,102
	Unrealised appreciation at 1 June 1997	(3,984)
	Book cost at 1 June 1997	35,118
	Acquisitions at cost	13,879
	Disposals at cost	(10,969)
	Book cost at 31 March 1998	38,028
	Unrealised appreciation at 31 March 1998	11,403
	Valuation at 31 March 1998	49,431
5.	Webbann America C.P	1998
5.	Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year Outstanding settlements	£'000
	Other debtors	500
	Tax recoverable	91
		591
		1998
6.	Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	£'000
	Outstanding settlements	138
	Bank overdraft - unsecured	575
	Other creditors	138
	Proposed dividends	1,891

7. Provision for liabilities and charges

	Deferred tax				_	1
8.	Called up share capital				No ('000)	1998 £'000
	Authorised Zero dividend preference shares Ordinary shares				12,000 19,000	1,200 1,900
	Allotted, called up and fully paid Zero dividend preference shares Ordinary shares				12,000 19,000	1,200 1,900
9.	Reserves Zero dividend preference shares				Share Premium reserve £'000	Capital redemption account £'000
	Beginning of year Accrued redemption premium on non-equity shares				12,091	10,113 2,275
	End of period				12,091	12,388
	Ordinary shares	Share Premium reserve £'000	Capital redemption account £'000	Capital reserve - realised £'000	Capital reserve - unrealised £'000	Revenue Reserve £'000
	Beginning of year Accrued redemption premium on non-equity shares	15,958	(10,113) (2,275)	1,750 -	3,972	2,283
	Capital losses on fixed interest stocks Net gain on investments Increase in unrealised appreciation Revenue deficit		- - -	(11) 2,445 -	- - 7,431 -	- - (1,740)
	End of period	15,958	(12,388)	4,184	11,403	543