(Registered Number 172158)

**INTERIM ACCOUNTS** 

FOR THE YEAR

TO 31 MAY 2001

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## **Profit and Loss Account**

	Notes	Year to 31 May 2001 £'000	Year to 31 May 2000 £'000
INCOME		74.00	,2 222
Franked investment income Unfranked investment income Deposit interest Other income	-	3,331 63 254	3,087 71 131 1
Total income	1	3,648	3,290
EXPENSES			
Administrative expenses		(669)	(540)
Revenue before taxation		2,979	2,750
Taxation	2	(51)	(34)
Available for ordinary shareholders		2,928	2,716
Dividend		(2,871)	(2,712)
Transfer to revenue reserve	:	57	4
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Earnings per Ordinary Share		8.31p	7.71p
Dividend per Ordinary Share		8.15p	7.70p

## **Balance Sheet**

		Notes	As at 31 May 2001 £'000	As at 31 May 2000 £'000
FIXE	D ASSETS - INVESTMENTS			
Inves	tments	3	98,628	102,613
CURI	RENT ASSETS			
	Debtors Cash at bank and on deposit Creditors	4	449 6,871	907 3,313
	(amounts falling due within one year)	5	(1,107)	(1,642)
	Net current assets		6,213	2,578
	Total assets less current liabilities		104,841	105,191 ——
CAPI	TAL AND RESERVES			
	Ordinary shares Zero dividend preference shares Share premium account Capital reserve realised Capital reserve unrealised Redemption reserve Revenue reserve Shareholders' funds	6 6 7 8 8 8 8	3,522 35,224 40,607 (25,189) 21,625 28,163 889 ——————————————————————————————————	3,522 35,224 40,607 (19,306) 21,263 23,049 832 ———————————————————————————————————
Net A	sset Value per Ordinary Share		117.69p	133.20p

Director August 2001

#### **Accounting Policies**

#### **BASIS OF PREPARATION**

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention modified to include revaluation of investments. The accounts are prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

#### **INVESTMENTS**

Investments listed on the London Stock Exchange and quoted on The Unlisted Securities Market or alternative markets, are valued at middle market prices. Unlisted investments are valued by the Directors on the basis of all information available to them at the time of valuation.

#### CAPITAL AND RESERVES

(a) Capital reserve realised - gains and losses on realisation of investments are dealt with in this reserve.

(b) Capital reserve unrealised - increases and decreases in the valuation of investments held are dealt with in this reserve.

#### **INCOME**

- (a) Dividends from UK securities are included in the Profit and Loss Account on an accruals basis when the security is first quoted "ex-dividend". Dividends taken by the Company as stock are included in the Profit and Loss Account on an accruals basis.
- (b) Deposit interest is included on an accruals basis.
- (c) Underwriting commission is included on an accruals basis.

#### **EXPENSES**

Administrative expenses and interest payable are dealt with on an accruals basis.

		Year to 31 May 2001 £′000	Year to 31 May 2000 £′000
1.	INCOME		
	Listed on the London Stock Exchange	3,394	3,158
	Deposit interest	254	131
	Other income	-	1
		3,648	3,290
2.	TAXATION		_
	Corporation tax	51	34
		51	34
3.	FIXED ASSETS - INVESTMENTS	<del></del>	
	Cost at 31 May 2000	81,350	
	Additions at cost	8,515	
	Disposals at cost	(12,862)	
	Cost at 31 May 2001	77,003	
	Unrealised appreciation	21,625	
	Valuation at 31 May 2001	98,628	
	Investments listed on the London Stock Exchange	98,628	

## Notes to the Accounts

		As at 31 May 2001 £'000	As at 31 May 2000 £'000
4.	DEBTORS		
	Due from brokers	-	440
	Taxation	13	25
	Prepayments and accrued income	436	442
		449	907

## 5. CREDITORS - AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

Due to brokers	-	635
Dividend	749	696
Other creditors	358	311
	1,107	1,642

## 6. SHARE CAPITAL

	Authorised		Allotted Issued And Fully Paid	
	Number	Nominal Value	Number	Nominal Value
Ordinary Shares of 10p	60,000,000	£6,000,000	35,223,639	£3,522,364
Zero Dividend Preference Shares of 100p each	60,000,000	£60,000,000	35,223,639	£35,223,639

## Notes to the Accounts

7.	SHARE PREMIUM ACCOUNT	£′000
	At 31 May 2000 and 31 May 2001	40,607
8.	RESERVES	
	Capital reserve realised	
	At 31 May 2000	(19,306)
	Loss on sale of investments during the period Exchange losses Management fees charged to capital Taxation Transfer to redemption reserve At 31 May 2001	(158) (1) (660) 50 (5,114) (25,189)
	Capital reserve unrealised	***************************************
	At 31 May 2001	21,263
	Appreciation of investments during the period	362
	At 31 May 2001	21,625
	Redemption Reserve	
	At 31 May 2000	23,049
	Transfer from capital reserve realised	5,114
	At 31 May 2001	28,163
	Revenue Reserve	
	At 31 May 2000	832
	Transfer to revenue account	57
	At 31 May 2001	889
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