

## BlackRock Commodities Income Investment Trust plc June 2014 Factsheet

### Performance (as at 30.06.2014)

Sterling:	1 M %	3 M %	6 M %	1 Y %	3 Y %	5 Y %
Net Asset Value	3.1	6.9	9.2	13.7	-12.6	48.5
Share Price	3.9	6.7	6.5	16.6	-12.5	47.4

Sources: Datastream, BlackRock

### Annual Performance to the Last Quarter End

	30/06/13	30/06/12	30/06/11	30/06/10	30/06/09
	30/06/14	30/06/13	30/06/12	30/06/11	30/06/10
	%	%	%	%	%
Net Asset Value Performance	13.7	-3.4	-20.5	39.0	22.3
Share Price Performance	16.6	-6.6	-19.7	37.4	22.6

Performance statistics sources: BlackRock, Datastream and Standard & Poor's Micropal. Performance figures are calculated on a mid market basis in sterling terms with income reinvested on the ex-dividend date.

- Past performance is not a guide to future performance and should not be the sole factor of consideration when selecting a product.
- The latest performance data can be found on the BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited website at [www.blackrock.co.uk/brci](http://www.blackrock.co.uk/brci).

The performance of the Company's portfolio, or Net Asset Value ("NAV") performance, is not the same as share price performance and shareholders may not realise returns which are the same as NAV performance.

### Ten Largest Equity Investments (in alphabetical order as at 30.06.2014)

Company	Region of Risk
BHP Billiton	Global
BP	Global
Canadian Oil Sands	Canada
Chevron	Global
Eni	Europe
ExxonMobil	Global
Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold	Asia
Rio Tinto	Global
Royal Dutch Shell	Global
Statoil	Europe

## Company Objective

To achieve an annual dividend target and, over the long term, capital growth by investing primarily in securities of companies operating in the mining and energy sectors.

## Key Risk Factors

All financial investments involve an element of risk. Therefore, the value of your investment and the income from it will vary and your initial investment amount cannot be guaranteed.

Overseas investments will be affected by currency exchange rate fluctuations.

The Company invests in economies and markets which may be less developed. Compared to more established economies, the value of investments may be subject to greater volatility due to increased uncertainty as to how these markets operate.

BlackRock Commodities Income Investment Trust plc invests in mining shares which typically experience above average volatility when compared to other investments. Trends which occur within the general equity market may not be mirrored by mining securities.

The Company may from time to time utilise gearing. Gearing works by magnifying the company's performance. If a company 'gears up' and then markets rise and the returns on the investments outstrip the costs of borrowing, the overall returns to investors will be even greater. But if markets fall and the performance of the assets in the portfolio is poor, then losses suffered by the investor will also be magnified.

The Company employs an active options overlay strategy utilising predominantly covered call options. Any use of derivatives for efficient portfolio management and options for investment purposes will be made on the basis of the same principles of risk spreading and diversification that apply to the Company's direct investments

## NMPI Status

The Company currently conducts its affairs so that its securities can be recommended by IFAs to ordinary retail investors in accordance with the FCA's rules in relation to non-mainstream investment products and intends to continue to do so for the foreseeable future. The securities are excluded from the FCA's restrictions which apply to non-mainstream investment products because they are shares in an investment trust.

## Comments from the Fund Managers

### Olivia Markham and Tom Holl

- Solid performance for both the mining and energy sectors during June, with the mining sector +2.9% (Euromoney Global Mining Index), and the energy sector +2.6% (MSCI World Energy Index), resulted in a total return for the portfolio of 3.1% (with dividends reinvested). At the end of June the Company's shares were trading at a 1.7% premium to their NAV, with a yield of 5.2%.
- The rapid escalation of violence in Iraq put upward pressure on the Brent oil price (+1.5% to US\$111/bbl) and highlighted the fragile state of Iraq's security structure. Iraq is a meaningful oil producer, exporting 3.3 million barrels per day which accounts for approximately 4% of global supply. Currently, the violence has not had any significant impact on exports and in our view substantial disruptions remain unlikely at this stage. Unrest also continued in Ukraine where President Petro Poroshenko ended a 10-day ceasefire with pro-Russian separatists, stating "we will attack and liberate our land."
- The mining sector was spurred by a consecutive positive month for the base metals sector with copper, aluminium and zinc rising by +2%, +3% and +8% respectively in June. Nickel, +37% year-to-date, was the only laggard -1% during the month as investors awaited the outcome of the Indonesian elections and subsequently the longevity of the current export ban. Iron ore remains the key detractor for the sector with investors focused on increased supply and weakening domestic Chinese steel demand year-to-date. The iron ore price continued to come under pressure during June. However we saw some recovery during the final days of the month as inventories held at steel mills reached 2 year lows. Iron ore finished the month at \$94.90/t (62% Fe), representing a +3.4% rise over the previous month.
- Precious metals posted another strong month during June with gold +5.8% and silver +9.8% respectively. There were a number of supportive factors underpinning gold, firstly escalating tensions in Iraq (which also buoyed the oil price) and drove some safe haven buying, as well as more dovish comments from the Chair of the US Federal Reserve on the timing and trajectory of US interest rate changes. The portfolio holding in Eldorado Gold contributed to performance during the month following a positive decision on the expansion of its Kisladag open pit mine in Turkey.

Source: Datastream (quoted in US dollars unless otherwise stated).

#### Fund Information (as at 30.06.2014)

Net Asset Value (capital only)	112.43p
Net Asset Value (cum income)**	112.93p
Share Price	114.87p
Premium to NAV (cum income)	1.7%
Net Yield	5.2%
Net Gearing (cum income)	5.4%
Total assets ^^	£117.9m
Ordinary shares in issue*	101,008,000
Gearing range (as a % of net assets):	0-20%

\* Since 30 June 2014, the Company has issued a further 450,000 ordinary shares.

\*\*Includes net revenue of 0.50p

^^ includes current year revenue.

The Company's ongoing charges, calculated as a percentage of average net assets and using expenses, excluding any interest costs and excluding taxation were 1.4%

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#### Country Analysis (as at 30.06.2014)

	% of Total Assets
Global	35.5
Canada	20.9
USA	15.5
Europe	10.9
Latin America	8.2
Asia	4.5
Africa	3.5
China	1.9
Australia	1.0
Net Current liabilities	(1.9)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0</b>

#### Sector Analysis (as at 30.06.2014)

	% of Total Assets
Integrated Oil	36.1
Diversified	17.4
Exploration & Production	11.8
Copper	8.3
Oil Sands	5.3
Gold	5.2
Oil Services	4.2
Coal	3.3
Distribution	2.9
Iron Ore	2.3
Nickel	1.9
Silver	1.7
Uranium	0.8
Platinum	0.4
Fertilizers	0.3
Net Current liabilities	(1.9)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Reference to the names of each company in this communication is merely for explaining the investment strategy, and should not be construed as investment advice or investment recommendation of those companies.

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## Key Company Details

### Fund Characteristics:

Launch Date	13 December 2005
Dealing Currencies	Sterling
AIC Sector	Sector Specialist: Commodities and Natural Resources
Benchmark	n/a
Traded	London Stock Exchange

### Fund Codes:

ISIN	GB00B0N8MF98
Sedol	B0N8MF9
Bloomberg	BRCI:LN
Reuters	BRCI.L
Ticker	BRCI/LON

## Financial Calendar

Year end	30 November
Results announced	July (half yearly) January (final)
AGM	March
Dividends paid	April/July/October and January (quarterly)

## Management

Alternative Investment Fund Manager (with effect from 2 July 2014)	BlackRock Fund Managers Limited
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Fund Managers	Olivia Markham Tom Holl
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Savings Plan and stocks and shares ISA	Available via BlackRock. Please see the Investment Trust brochure and Key Features document for more information.
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- ▶ BlackRock Commodities Income Investment Trust plc will not invest more than 15% of its gross assets in other listed investment trusts.
- ▶ BlackRock Commodities Income Investment Trust plc is traded on the London Stock Exchange and dealing may only be through a member of the Exchange.

**BlackRock has not considered the suitability of this investment against your individual needs and risk tolerance. To ensure you understand whether this product is suitable, please read the Key Features document and the current Annual and Half Yearly Financial Reports which provide more information about the risk profile of the investment.**

**If after reading this factsheet you have any questions or would like any additional information, please contact your financial adviser or speak to our Investor Services Team.**

The purpose of this factsheet is to provide summary information concerning the Company and does not constitute a recommendation to buy or sell its shares. If you are in any doubt as to the suitability of any of our funds for your investment needs, please contact your Financial Adviser.

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## Gearing

- ▶ Investment companies can borrow to purchase additional investments. This is called 'gearing'. It allows investment companies to take advantage of a long-term view on a sector or to take advantage of a favourable situation or a particularly attractive stock without having to sell existing investments.
- ▶ Gearing works by magnifying the company's performance. If a company 'gears up' and then markets rise and the returns on the investments outstrip the costs of borrowing, the overall returns to investors will be even greater. But if markets fall and the performance of the assets in the portfolio is poor, then losses suffered by the investor will also be magnified.

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