

BlackRock Commodities Income Investment Trust plc April 2015 Factsheet

Performance (as at 30.04.2015)

Sterling:	1 M %	3 M %	6 M %	1 Y %	3 Y %	5 Y %
Net Asset Value	7.2	8.4	-2.2	-13.5	-13.0	-13.9
Share Price	4.9	3.7	-4.8	-15.7	-14.5	-14.4

Source: BlackRock, Datastream

Annual Performance to the Last Quarter End

	31/03/14	31/03/13	31/03/12	31/03/11	31/03/10
	31/03/15	31/03/14	31/03/13	31/03/12	31/03/11
	%	%	%	%	%
Net Asset Value Performance	-16.5	-5.7	0.0	-17.0	20.3
Share Price Performance	-16.2	-4.7	-2.2	-14.1	16.7

Performance statistics sources: BlackRock and Bank of New York Mellon. 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.

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 30.04.2015)

Company	Region of Risk	% Total Assets
BHP Billiton	Global	6.1
Chevron	Global	6.1
ExxonMobil	Global	5.9
Rio Tinto	Global	5.7
Enbridge Income	Canada	4.6
First Quantum Minerals	Global	4.4
Eni	Europe	3.4
Glencore	Global	3.4
Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold	Asia	3.3
ConocoPhillips	USA	3.3

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

- The mining and energy sectors both had a strong month. Both equities and the underlying commodities rallied as a weaker US dollar and optimism around stimulus measures in China offset weaker than expected economic data releases from the world's largest consumer of metals.
- Oil prices recovered strongly over the month, with Brent and WTI crudes rising by 20.2% and 24.9% respectively. Data from the International Energy Agency showed that global oil demand grew by 1.4% year-on-year during the first quarter of 2015, with the acceleration led by OECD Americas and OECD Europe. Meanwhile on the supply side, US oil production began to show the first signs of rolling over as US daily production fell by ~170,000bbls/day over the month. Heightened geopolitical risk, owing to Saudi Arabia resuming air strikes in Yemen, provided further support to the oil price.
- M&A activity within the sector continued to gain momentum, with RD Shell announcing an \$80bn bid for BG, which represented a 52% premium to BG's 90 day trading average. On completion of this deal, RD Shell will become the largest player in the LNG market and will gain some growth projects in Brazil and East Africa. This deal, along with Repsol's \$8bn acquisition of Talisman and the \$35bn merger of Halliburton and Baker Hughes, are all typical signs of reaching the bottom of the industry cycle.
- The base metals had a strong month, bouncing back after a weak March and benefitting from the dollar weakness; zinc and nickel led the way, rising by 14.2% and 12.8%, whilst aluminium and copper increased by 8.5% and 5.0% respectively.
- Volatility in natural resource equities continues to be high relative to general equity markets. The Company continued to write options during the month including calls on a Chinese coal company and puts in one of our favoured gold companies.

Source: BlackRock

Fund Information (as at 30.04.2015)

Net Asset Value (capital only)	89.51p
Net Asset Value (cum income)*	90.11p
Share Price	90.25p
Premium to NAV (cum income)	0.2%
Net Yield	6.7%
Gearing (cum income)	4.1%
Total assets ^^	£100.3m
Ordinary shares in issue	106,858,000
Gearing range (as a % of net assets):	0-20%
Ongoing charges**	1.5%

*Includes net revenue of 0.60p.

^^includes current year revenue.

** calculated as a percentage of average net assets and using expenses, excluding any interest costs and excluding taxation for the year ended 30 November 2014.

Country Analysis (as at 30.04.2015)

	% Total Assets
Global	44.0
USA	22.8
Canada	11.6
Europe	8.8
Latin America	3.6
Asia	3.3
Africa	2.9
Australia	1.8
China	1.2
Current Assets	0.0
TOTAL	100.0

Sector Analysis (as at 30.04.2015)

	% Total Assets
Integrated Oil	30.8
Diversified	18.6
Exploration & Production	14.3
Copper	11.0
Gold	6.4
Distribution	4.6
Nickel	3.8
Silver	2.6
Oil Sands	2.2
Coal	2.1
Oil Services	1.5
Agriculture Science	1.0
Diamonds	0.4
Iron Ore	0.4
Fertilizers	0.3
Current Assets	0.0
TOTAL	100.0

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/February (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.

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.

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.

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