

The Edinburgh Investment Trust plc As at 31 December 2014

Investment objective

The Company invests primarily in UK securities with the long term objective of achieving:

 an increase of the Net Asset Value per share by more than the growth in the FTSE All-Share Index; and
arowth in dividends per share by more than the rate of

2) growth in dividends per share by more than the rate of UK inflation.

Further details of the investment trust's Investment Policy and Risk and Investment Limits can be found in the Report of the Directors contained within the investment trust's Annual Financial Report.

Key facts		
Ticker		EDIN/LON
Total Assets		£1,478.4m
Ordinary Shares: Share Price Capital NAV (debt at par) Cum-Income NAV (debt at pa Capital NAV (debt at fair) Cum-Income NAV (debt at fai		651.3p 655.9p 667.3p 637.3p 648.7p
Discount to Cum-Income NAV	(debt at par)	2.4%
Premium to Cum-Income NAV	/ (debt at fair)	0.4%
Total Dividend		23.5p
Dividend Yield		3.6%
Gearing ²		13.6%
Ongoing Charges	0.60% (31 Dec	cember 2014)

² Gearing reflects the amount of net borrowings invested, i.e. borrowings less cash and investments in money market funds. It is based on net borrowings as a percentage of shareholders' funds.

The Company may borrow money to provide gearing to the equity portion upto 25% of net assets.

Financial calendar		
Year End		31 March
Annual Financial Report publ	lished	June
Half-Yearly Financial Report p	oublished	November
Interim Management Statem	ents	January and July
Ordinary Share Dividends: Final Paid Interims Paid	November, Februa	July ary and May
7.75% Debenture Stock 2022	2 Interest Paid 31 March and 30	September
Annual General Meeting		July

Ordinary share price 5-year performance¹



Industry breakdown	%
Financials	22.5
Consumer Goods	20.0
Health Care	19.1
Industrials	15.7
Consumer Services	8.8
Utilities	5.9
Telecommunications	5.5
Oil & Gas	2.5

Ordinary share price & NAV cumulative performance ¹			% growth		
	6 months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Share Price	8.5	12.1	55.7	120.1	210.7
Net Asset Value	4.4	11.5	54.8	101.7	149.9
FTSE All-Share Index	-0.4	1.2	37.3	51.8	107.6

Rolling 12-month NAV performance ¹				% growth	
	31.12.09 31.12.10	31.12.10 31.12.11	31.12.11 31.12.12	31.12.12 31.12.13	31.12.13 31.12.14
Net Asset Value	15.4	12.9	6.5	30.4	11.5
Updated on a quarterly basis.					

Standardised rolling 12-month performance				% growth	
	31.12.09 31.12.10	31.12.10 31.12.11	31.12.11 31.12.12	31.12.12 31.12.13	31.12.13 31.12.14
Ordinary Share Price	29.2	9.4	12.9	23.1	12.1
Indated on a quarterly basis					

Past performance is not a guide to future returns.

Top 10 holdings % po	rtfolio
Reynolds American - US common stock	5.0
British American Tobacco	5.0
Imperial Tobacco	4.9
AstraZeneca	4.7
BT Group	4.7
Roche - Swiss common stock	4.6
BAE Systems	4.3
GlaxoSmithKline	3.2
Altria - US common stock	3.0
SSE	2.8
Total	42.2

Breakdown by portfolio	% portfolio
FTSE 100	55.8
FTSE 250 ex Inv Companies	25.4
International Equities	14.4
FTSE Small Cap Fledgling AIM ex Inv Companies	4.3
Other Split Cap and Inv Companies	0.2
Cash & Cash Equivalent	-0.1
Total	100.0

Ordinary share price performance figures have been calculated using daily closing prices, on a sterling basis to 31 December 2014, except where otherwise stated, with dividends reinvested. Ordinary share NAV performance figures have been calculated using daily NAV, on a sterling basis to 31 December 2014 with dividends reinvested. The NAV used excludes current period revenue and values debt at par. Graph figures are at the end of the relevant month unless otherwise stated. Standardised past performance figures are to 31 December 2014. Source: Morningstar

1 All performance figures should be viewed in conjunction with the standardised rolling 12-month performance table.

Source: Invesco Perpetual unless otherwise stated.

Manager's report

Market and economic review

After a strong November the UK equity market retreated in December to finish the year 1.2% higher than at the start of the year (total return). Positive news on the UK rate of inflation, which fell to a 12 year low in November, was offset by concerns that global debt levels are still high and that UK export growth has slowed.

Provident Financial, one of the largest UK non-standard lenders, continued its positive run post a positive update in November. In contrast the share price of Drax Group fell sharply after the UK Government issued a proposal which might lead to a reduction in a subsidy for its electricity generated by biomass. Meanwhile Roche announced that it was scrapping one of its treatments for Alzheimers on the back of disappointing trials and this weighed on its share price.

Portfolio review

The investment trust strategy remains unchanged from the recent past. The fund manager favours companies in the market which offer visibility of revenues, profits and cash-flows in this low growth world and which are managed for the sole purpose of delivering shareholder value in the form of a sustainable and growing dividend. We continue to believe that well managed companies which seek to deliver sustainable dividend growth provide the best potential long term risk-reward trade-off.

Investment trust history and structure

The Company has recently appointed Invesco Fund Managers Limited ('the Manager') as its Alternative Investment Fund Manager. The Manager is an associated company of Invesco Asset Management Limited ('IAML'), the Company's previous investment manager, which will continue to act as portfolio manager under delegated authority from the Manager and as company secretary and administrator. No changes are proposed to the way the Company's assets are invested as a result of the implementation of Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive.

The current number of ordinary shares in issue is 195,116,734.

The investment trust is authorised to buy back up to 14.99% of its ordinary shares for cancellation.

The Directors also obtained shareholder approval to authorise the allotment of up to 10% of the Company's issued share capital.

These authorities are renewed yearly to assist in discount control management. The current authorities were approved by shareholders at the 18 July 2014 AGM.

The investment trust has the following prior charges in issue:

£100 million 7.75% debenture stock 2022

 $\pounds100$ million 364 day credit facility with Bank of New York Mellon

Shares in the investment trust are listed on the London Stock Exchange.

The investment trust is managed by Mark Barnett.

Important information

Issued on behalf of the board of the Edinburgh Investment Trust plc by Invesco Fund Managers Limited.

The value of investments and any income will fluctuate (this may partly be as a result of exchange rate fluctuations) and investors may not get back the full amount invested.

The investment trust may invest in derivatives. This means that the net asset value of the investment trust may, at times, be highly volatile. The use of derivative instruments involves certain risks (including market or communication breakdown, counterparty failure and credit risk) and there is no assurance that the objectives for the use of such instruments will be achieved.

The investment trust may use borrowings to invest in the market. The use of borrowings may enhance total return when the value of the investment trust's assets is rising, but it will have the opposite effect when asset values fall. The use of borrowings may increase the volatility of the share price and the net asset value per share. In certain circumstances, the investment trust may be required to repay borrowings and this could adversely affect income and capital returns.

When making an investment in an investment trust you are buying shares in a company that is listed on a stock exchange. The price of the shares will be determined by supply and demand. Consequently, the share price of an investment trust may be higher or lower than the underlying net asset value of the investments in its portfolio and there can be no certainty that there will be liquidity in the shares.

Where securities are mentioned in this document they do not necessarily represent a specific portfolio holding and do not constitute a recommendation to purchase, hold or sell.

Where Invesco Perpetual has expressed views and opinions, these may change.

Telephone calls may be recorded.

For more information on our products, please refer to the Investment Trust ISA and Savings Scheme Key Features and Terms & Conditions and the latest Annual or Half-Yearly Financial Reports. This information is available using the contact details shown.

Further information

Broker Services Telephone 0800 028 2121 adviserenguiry@invescoperpetual.co.uk Investor Services Telephone 0800 085 8677 enquiry@invescoperpetual.co.uk

www.invescoperpetual.co.uk/investmenttrusts

Invesco Perpetual is a business name of Invesco Fund Managers Limited and Invesco Asset Management Limited Perpetual Park, Perpetual Park Drive, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, RG9 1HH, UK Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.