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## Aberdeen New Dawn Investment Trust PLC

Half-Yearly Report

Six months ended 31 October 2010



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## Highlights and Financial Calendar

### Financial highlights

	31 October 2010	30 April 2010	% Change
Total assets <sup>A</sup> (£'000)	<b>237,989</b>	212,782	+11.8
Total equity shareholders' funds (£'000)	<b>226,121</b>	201,969	+12.0
Share price (mid-market) <sup>B</sup>	<b>875.0p</b>	723.5p	+20.9
Net asset value per share <sup>B</sup>	<b>907.8p</b>	810.8p	+12.0
Discount to net asset value	<b>3.6%</b>	10.8%	
MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index (currency adjusted, capital gains basis) <sup>B</sup>	<b>537.0</b>	522.9	+2.7

<sup>A</sup>Total assets less current liabilities (excluding loans)

<sup>B</sup>Percentage change figures are on a capital return basis.

### Performance (total return)

	Six months ended 31 October 2010	Year ended 30 April 2010
Share price	<b>+22.6%</b>	+66.4%
Net asset value	<b>+13.3%</b>	+68.7%
MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index (currency adjusted, capital gains basis)	<b>+4.7%</b>	+50.9%

### Financial Calendar

<b>15 December 2010</b>	Announcement of unaudited Half-Yearly Financial Report
<b>December 2010</b>	Half-Yearly Report posted to shareholders
<b>June 2011</b>	Announcement of results for the year ending 30 April 2011
<b>July 2011</b>	Annual Report posted to shareholders
<b>August 2011</b>	Annual General Meeting

# Interim Board Report

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The investment objective of Aberdeen New Dawn Investment Trust PLC is to provide shareholders with a high level of capital growth through equity investment in the Asia Pacific countries ex. Japan.

The following is the unaudited Interim Board Report for the six months ended 31 October 2010.

## Results

During the six months to 31 October 2010, the net asset value per share of your Company rose by 12.0% to 907.8p, significantly outperforming the benchmark MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex-Japan Index, which gained 2.7%. The share price rose by 20.9% to 875.0p, reflecting a narrowing of the discount from 10.8% to 3.6%.

Since the period end, the net asset value has risen by 3.6% to 940.36p, the share price has increased by 2.5% to 896.50p and the discount has widened to 4.9%. In line with normal practice, there will be no interim dividend and we shall recommend a final dividend at our financial year-end.

## Directorate

As shareholders will be aware from the Chairman's Statement in the last Annual Report, Nicholas George and John Lorimer were elected Directors of the Company at the Annual General Meeting held on 25 August 2010, having been appointed on 1 January 2010. Richard Bradley, who retired from the Board at the conclusion of the AGM, was succeeded in his role as Chairman of the Nomination Committee by Nicholas George.

## Overview

Asian equities posted solid gains during the six months under review. Improving economic fundamentals boosted sentiment, while loose monetary conditions worldwide provided further fuel. Ongoing fears of the European debt crisis initially weighed on share prices, while China's policy tightening measures in response to overheating asset classes also depressed stockmarkets. Towards the end of the review period, however, expectations that the US Federal Reserve would launch a second round of quantitative easing to revitalise the weak US economy calmed market jitters. The Federal Reserve has since confirmed that it will support the economy via the purchase of US\$600 billion-worth of Treasuries.

Looking at the region as a whole, growth remained generally healthy: China's economy continued to perform strongly. Chinese demand has driven intra-regional trade and appears to have compensated for the slowdown in Asia's exports to developed economies. But the brisk pace of expansion had also been accompanied by simmering risks: rising inflationary pressures in the fast-growing economies and frothy property markets in China, Hong Kong and Singapore. In addition, the region saw a leap in foreign inflows over the period, which led most regional currencies to appreciate.

Policymakers across the region have reacted swiftly, implementing a raft of necessary measures to address these risks. China unexpectedly raised interest rates for the first time in nearly three years, while other central banks in India, Australia, Malaysia, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand have responded with interest rate increases at least once. To curb the flood of hot money, Thailand restored a 15% withholding tax on foreign ownership of domestic bonds, while South Korea also reintroduced a similar tax at the time of writing. Currency intervention also took centre stage, with China indicating its openness to the internationalisation of the yuan, although it remains to be seen how substantive this will be.

## Portfolio

During the review period, your Company's financial holdings, which include banks and real estate developers, benefited most from the stockmarket rally, as soaring property prices helped developers and lenders alike.

The underweight to Australia contributed positively to relative performance, as the Reserve Bank of Australia's decision to increase interest rates hurt sentiment, while the overweight to Hong Kong and India also helped, thanks to solid corporate earnings and robust economic data. Your Company's exposure to the Aberdeen Asian Smaller Companies Fund contributed as well, as the asset class generally outperformed its large cap counterpart during the period.

At the stock level, Jardine Strategic was the main contributor to relative return, having posted solid first-half results that were driven by all its underlying businesses, including Hong Kong Land, Dairy Farm and Indonesia's Astra International. Despite its robust performance, the conglomerate remains reasonably valued. In Australia, Rio Tinto gained from expectations of higher iron ore prices, amid rising steel demand in China and the shift away from long-term contract pricing. The Australian government's watered down version of the proposed 40% resources tax with a lower levy also helped sentiment. Meanwhile, our holdings in Sri Lanka rose in line with the domestic market, which continued its post-civil war rebound.

On the other hand, holdings that disappointed included QBE Insurance, whose share price fell after the insurer lowered its profit forecast because of rising claim liabilities and a fall in investment returns. Your Manager does not think these issues impact the long-term attractiveness of the company. Holdings in the electronics sector, which include ASM Pacific, TSMC, Venture Corp and Samsung Electronics, were affected by an anticipated correction in the inventory cycle.

The interim period saw the introduction of two stocks, both listed in Hong Kong – Li & Fung, a well-run trading company with sound financials and good corporate governance, as well as life insurer AIA, the market leading Asian arm of American International Group, which should benefit from rising demand for life insurance in the region.

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## Gearing

At the beginning of the six-month period ended 31 October 2010, the Company had gearing of HKD128.5 million (equivalent to £10.4 million) drawn under its multicurrency credit facility with Royal Bank of Scotland. During that period, it drew an additional £1.5 million (equivalent to HKD18.6 million). At the end of the period, and at the time of writing, these amounts remain drawn under the facility (representing approximately £11.9 million, or 5.2% of the net assets). At the end of the period, the Company held a cash balance equivalent to £3.178 million, resulting in net gearing of 3.8%.

## Outlook

Capital is expected to continue to flow eastwards in the short term, given the Fed's second round of quantitative easing and generally low interest rates in the developed economies, which will reinforce Asia's appeal to investors. However, your Manager remains cautious with regard to the repercussions this may have on the region's economic growth in the medium term. The flood of money could intensify the upward pressure on Asian currencies and hurt export competitiveness. Central banks, especially those in countries that are directly competing with China, may be compelled to intervene to keep their currencies weak in order to compete with China's artificially cheap yuan. A damaging round of beggar-thy-neighbour currency interventions cannot be ruled out. Compounding policymakers' dilemma is the challenge of taming accelerating inflation without choking economic growth.

While valuations in Asian stockmarkets as a whole are now "reasonable" as opposed to "cheap", the extremely healthy returns over the course of 2009 and 2010 are simply a reflection of the improving prospects of Asian companies. On that note, more merger and acquisition (M&A) activity can be expected in the near term, judging from the rising trend in intra-Asia M&A deals that reflect a greater confidence in Asia's macroeconomic growth and stability.

On the whole, Asian economies are generally in good economic health, in contrast to some Western developed nations, as evidenced by Ireland's recent debt crisis. Notably, lending activity is growing and domestic consumer demand is strong, unburdened by high levels of debt, although recent signs have pointed to a slowdown in regional expansion. In such an environment, the Board believes your Manager's conservative approach of investing in high-quality companies should continue to benefit investors over the long term.

## Principal Risks and Uncertainties and Related Party Transactions

Investment in Far East equities or those of companies that derive significant revenue or profit from the Far East involves a greater degree of risk than that usually associated with investment in the securities in major securities markets. The securities that the Company owns may be considered

speculative because of this higher degree of risk. These risks include:

### Ordinary Shares

The market price and the realisable value of the Ordinary shares, as well as being affected by their underlying net asset value, also take into account supply and demand for the Ordinary shares, market conditions and general investor sentiment. As such, the market value and the realisable value of the Ordinary shares may fluctuate and vary considerably from the net asset value of the Ordinary shares and investors may not be able to realise the value of their original investment.

### Dividends

The Company will only pay dividends on the Ordinary shares to the extent that it has profits available for that purpose. The ability of the Company to pay any dividends in respect of the Ordinary shares will depend primarily on the level of income received from its investments. Accordingly, the amount of the dividends paid to shareholders may fluctuate.

### Borrowings

Whilst the use of borrowings should enhance the total return on the Ordinary shares where the return on the Company's underlying assets is rising and exceeds the cost of borrowing, it will have the opposite effect where the underlying return is less than the cost of borrowing, further reducing the total return on the Ordinary shares.

### Market Risks

The Company's investments are subject to normal market fluctuations and the risks inherent in the purchase, holding or selling of securities, and there can be no assurance that appreciation in the value of those investments will occur. Investment in emerging securities markets in the Asia Pacific region involves a greater degree of risk than that usually associated with investment in more developed securities markets.

### Foreign Exchange Risks

The Company accounts for its activities and reports its results in sterling while investments are made and realised in other currencies. It is not the Company's present intention to engage in currency hedging, although it reserves the right to do so. Accordingly, the movement of exchange rates between sterling and the other currencies in which the Company's investments are denominated or its borrowings are drawn down may have a material effect, unfavourable as well as favourable, on the returns otherwise experienced on the investments made by the Company.

### Taxation and Exchange Controls

Any change in the Company's tax status or in taxation legislation (including the tax treatment of dividends or other investment income received by the Company) could affect the value of the investments held by the Company, affect the Company's ability to provide returns to shareholders or alter the post-tax returns to shareholders.

## Interim Board Report continued

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The Company may purchase investments that may be subject to exchange controls or withholding taxes in various jurisdictions. In the event that exchange controls or withholding taxes are imposed with respect to any of the Company's investments, the effect will generally be to reduce the income received by the Company on its investments and the capital value of the affected investments.

The related party transactions during the period are disclosed in the notes to the accounts. There have been no related party transactions that have had a material effect on the financial position of the Company during the period.

### Directors' Responsibilities

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Half-Yearly Financial Report in accordance with applicable law and regulations. The Directors confirm that to the best of their knowledge:

- the condensed set of Financial Statements within the Half-Yearly Financial Report has been prepared in accordance with the statement "Half-Yearly Financial Reports" issued by the UK Accounting Standards Board;
- the Interim Board Report (constituting the interim management report) includes a fair review of the information required by rule 4.2.7R of the UK Listing Authority Disclosure and Transparency Rules (being an indication of important events that have occurred during the first six months of the financial year and their impact on the condensed set of financial statements and a description of the principal risks and uncertainties for the remaining six months of the financial year) and 4.2.8R (being related party transactions that have taken place during the first six months of the financial year and that have materially affected the financial position of the Company during that period; and any changes in the related party transactions described in the last annual report that could so do).

The Half-Yearly Financial Report for the six months to 31 October 2010 comprises the Interim Board Report, the Directors' Responsibility Statement and a condensed set of Financial Statements.

**Alan Henderson**

Chairman

15 December 2010



# Investment Portfolio

As at 31 October 2010

Company	Country	Valuation £'000	Total assets %
Aberdeen Global – Indian Equity Fund <sup>A</sup>	India	33,381	14.0
Rio Tinto	Australia	9,540	4.0
Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation	Singapore	9,290	3.9
Jardine Strategic Holdings	Singapore	9,265	3.9
Samsung Electronics Pref	South Korea	8,576	3.6
Standard Chartered	Hong Kong	8,335	3.5
Swire Pacific 'B'	Hong Kong	7,900	3.3
City Developments	Singapore	6,813	3.0
United Overseas Bank	Singapore	6,705	2.8
Singapore Telecommunication	Singapore	6,698	2.8
Top ten investments		<b>106,503</b>	<b>44.8</b>
QBE Insurance Group	Australia	6,678	2.8
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company	Taiwan	6,621	2.8
Singapore Technologies Engineering	Singapore	6,398	2.7
PTT Exploration & Production	Thailand	6,225	2.6
Siam Cement	Thailand	5,806	2.4
Aberdeen Asian Smaller Companies Inv. Trust <sup>A</sup>	Other Asia	5,697	2.4
Petrochina	China	5,522	2.3
BHP Billiton	Australia	5,312	2.2
Ayala Land	Philippines	4,850	2.0
Aitken Spence & Co.	Sri Lanka	4,662	2.0
Top twenty investments		<b>164,274</b>	<b>69.0</b>
China Mobile	China	4,427	1.9
Sun Hung Kai Properties	Hong Kong	4,053	1.7
Public Bank Berhad	Malaysia	4,002	1.7
Unilever Indonesia	Indonesia	3,873	1.6
CIMB Group	Malaysia	3,733	1.6
Hang Lung Group	Hong Kong	3,625	1.5
Dairy Farm International	Hong Kong	3,593	1.5
Taiwan Mobile	Taiwan	3,466	1.5
Hang Lung Properties	Hong Kong	3,431	1.4
AIA Group	Hong Kong	3,383	1.4
Top thirty investments		<b>201,860</b>	<b>84.8</b>
Woolworths	Australia	3,294	1.4
Singapore Airlines	Singapore	3,210	1.3
Venture Corp	Singapore	3,045	1.3
ASM Pacific Technologies	Hong Kong	2,993	1.3
New India Inv. Trust <sup>A</sup>	India	2,984	1.3
Wing Hang Bank	Hong Kong	2,942	1.2
Shinsegae Company	South Korea	2,555	1.1
M.P. Evans Group	Indonesia	2,349	1.0
DFCC Bank	Sri Lanka	2,335	1.0
Busan Bank	South Korea	1,896	0.8
Top forty investments		<b>229,463</b>	<b>96.5</b>

## Investment Portfolio continued

Company	Country	Valuation £'000	Total assets %
<b>Dah Sing Financial</b>	Hong Kong	1,810	0.8
<b>John Keells Holdings</b>	Sri Lanka	1,525	0.6
<b>Li &amp; Fung</b>	Hong Kong	1,134	0.5
<b>Daegu Bank</b>	South Korea	1,104	0.5
<b>National Development Bank</b>	Sri Lanka	921	0.4
<b>BOC Pakistan</b>	Pakistan	225	0.1
Total investments		<b>236,182</b>	<b>99.4</b>
Net current assets <sup>B</sup>		<b>1,807</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>237,989</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>A</sup> Managed by the Manager of the Company.

<sup>B</sup> Excluding bank loans of £11,868,000.

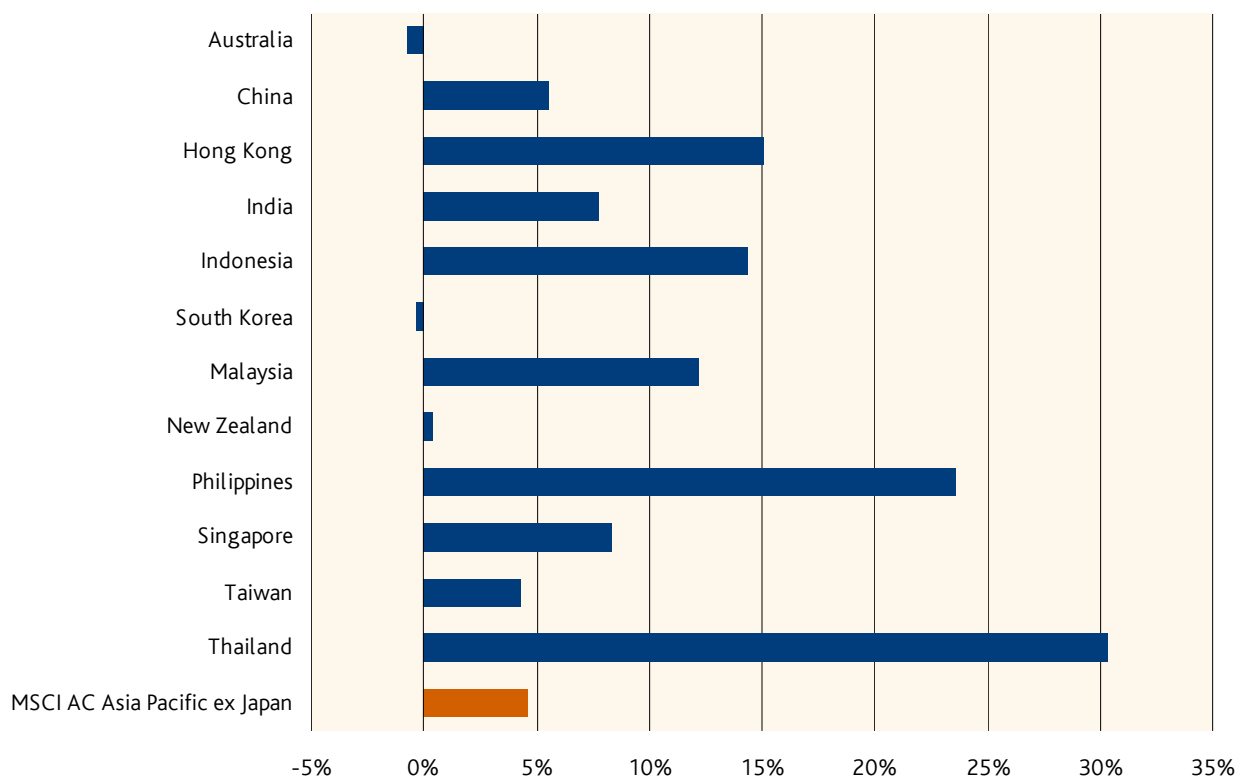
Note: Unless otherwise stated, foreign stock is held and all investments are equity holdings.



# Market Performance

Six months ended 31 October 2010

## MSCI Country Index Total Returns (GBP)



# Income Statement

	Notes	Six months ended 31 October 2010 (unaudited)			Six months ended 31 October 2009 (unaudited)			Year ended 30 April 2010 (audited)		
		Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000
Gains on investments		–	24,137	24,137	–	41,039	41,039	–	80,079	80,079
Income	2	3,371	–	3,371	2,500	–	2,500	4,372	–	4,372
Investment management fee		(368)	(368)	(736)	(314)	(314)	(628)	(693)	(693)	(1,386)
Administrative expenses		(359)	–	(359)	(294)	–	(294)	(597)	–	(597)
Exchange gains		–	467	467	–	1,216	1,216	–	352	352
<b>Net return before finance costs and taxation</b>		<b>2,644</b>	<b>24,236</b>	<b>26,880</b>	<b>1,892</b>	<b>41,941</b>	<b>43,833</b>	<b>3,082</b>	<b>79,738</b>	<b>82,820</b>
Interest payable and similar charges		(27)	(27)	(54)	(37)	(37)	(74)	(72)	(72)	(144)
<b>Net return on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		<b>2,617</b>	<b>24,209</b>	<b>26,826</b>	<b>1,855</b>	<b>41,904</b>	<b>43,759</b>	<b>3,010</b>	<b>79,666</b>	<b>82,676</b>
Taxation on ordinary activities		(183)	–	(183)	(148)	98	(50)	(53)	–	(53)
<b>Return on ordinary activities after taxation</b>		<b>2,434</b>	<b>24,209</b>	<b>26,643</b>	<b>1,707</b>	<b>42,002</b>	<b>43,709</b>	<b>2,957</b>	<b>79,666</b>	<b>82,623</b>
<b>Return per Ordinary share (pence)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9.77</b>	<b>97.19</b>	<b>106.96</b>	<b>6.85</b>	<b>168.62</b>	<b>175.47</b>	<b>11.87</b>	<b>319.82</b>	<b>331.69</b>

The total column of this statement represents the profit and loss account of the Company.

A Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses has not been prepared as all gains and losses have been reflected in the Income Statement.

All revenue and capital items in the above statement derive from continuing operations.

# Balance Sheet

	Notes	As at 31 October 2010 (unaudited) £'000	As at 31 October 2009 (unaudited) £'000	As at 30 April 2010 (audited) £'000
<b>Non-current assets</b>				
Investments at fair value through profit or loss		236,182	172,975	208,487
<b>Current assets</b>				
Debtors		749	178	965
Cash at bank and in hand		3,178	1,394	3,721
		3,927	1,572	4,686
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>				
Multicurrency loans		(11,868)	(11,037)	(10,813)
Other creditors		(2,120)	(455)	(391)
		(13,988)	(11,492)	(11,204)
<b>Net current liabilities</b>		(10,061)	(9,920)	(6,518)
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>226,121</b>	<b>163,055</b>	<b>201,969</b>
<b>Share capital and reserves</b>				
Called-up share capital		6,347	6,347	6,347
Share premium account		17,955	17,955	17,955
Special reserve		11,617	11,617	11,617
Capital redemption reserve		10,207	10,207	10,207
Capital reserve	5	171,917	110,044	147,708
Revenue reserve		8,078	6,885	8,135
<b>Equity shareholders' funds</b>		<b>226,121</b>	<b>163,055</b>	<b>201,969</b>
<b>Net asset value per Ordinary share (pence)</b>	6	<b>907.77</b>	<b>654.59</b>	<b>810.81</b>

## Reconciliation of Movements in Shareholders' Funds

### Six months ended 31 October 2010 (unaudited)

	Notes	Share capital £'000	Share premium account £'000	Special reserve £'000	Capital redemption reserve £'000	Capital reserve £'000	Revenue reserve £'000	Total £'000
Balance at 30 April 2010		6,347	17,955	11,617	10,207	147,708	8,135	201,969
Return on ordinary activities after taxation		–	–	–	–	24,209	2,434	26,643
Dividend paid (Final 2010 – 10.0p)	3	–	–	–	–	–	(2,491)	(2,491)
<b>Balance at 31 October 2010</b>		<b>6,347</b>	<b>17,955</b>	<b>11,617</b>	<b>10,207</b>	<b>171,917</b>	<b>8,078</b>	<b>226,121</b>

### Six months ended 31 October 2009 (unaudited)

	Notes	Share capital £'000	Share premium account £'000	Special reserve £'000	Capital redemption reserve £'000	Capital reserve £'000	Revenue reserve £'000	Total £'000
Balance at 30 April 2009		6,347	17,955	11,617	10,207	68,042	7,171	121,339
Return on ordinary activities after taxation		–	–	–	–	42,002	1,707	43,709
Dividend paid (Final 2009 – 8.0p)	3	–	–	–	–	–	(1,993)	(1,993)
<b>Balance at 31 October 2009</b>		<b>6,347</b>	<b>17,955</b>	<b>11,617</b>	<b>10,207</b>	<b>110,044</b>	<b>6,885</b>	<b>163,055</b>

### Year ended 30 April 2010 (audited)

	Notes	Share capital £'000	Share premium account £'000	Special reserve £'000	Capital redemption reserve £'000	Capital reserve £'000	Revenue reserve £'000	Total £'000
Balance at 30 April 2009		6,347	17,955	11,617	10,207	68,042	7,171	121,339
Return on ordinary activities after taxation		–	–	–	–	79,666	2,957	82,623
Dividend paid (Final 2009 – 8.0p)	3	–	–	–	–	–	(1,993)	(1,993)
<b>Balance at 30 April 2010</b>		<b>6,347</b>	<b>17,955</b>	<b>11,617</b>	<b>10,207</b>	<b>147,708</b>	<b>8,135</b>	<b>201,969</b>

# Cash Flow Statement

	Notes	Six months ended 31 October 2010 (unaudited) £'000	Six months ended 31 October 2009 (unaudited) £'000	Year ended 30 April 2010 (audited) £'000
Net return on ordinary activities before finance costs and taxation		26,880	43,833	82,820
Adjustment for:				
Gains on investments held at fair value through profit or loss		(24,137)	(41,039)	(80,079)
Exchange gains charged to capital		(467)	(1,216)	(352)
Decrease in accrued income		282	667	178
Increase in other debtors		(38)	(10)	(11)
Increase in creditors		6	106	124
Overseas withholding tax suffered		(183)	(168)	(239)
Stock and scrip dividends included in investment income		(565)	(148)	(271)
<b>Net cash inflow from operating activities</b>		<b>1,778</b>	<b>2,025</b>	<b>2,170</b>
Net cash outflow from servicing of finance		(66)	(69)	(149)
Corporation tax paid		–	(261)	(261)
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from financial investment		(1,286)	990	4,340
Equity dividends paid	3	(2,491)	(1,993)	(1,993)
<b>Net cash (outflow)/inflow before use of liquid resources and financing</b>		<b>(2,065)</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>4,107</b>
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing		1,500	(2,954)	(2,954)
<b>(Decrease)/increase in cash</b>		<b>(565)</b>	<b>(2,262)</b>	<b>1,153</b>
<b>Reconciliation of net cash flow to movements in net debt</b>				
(Decrease)/increase in cash as above		(565)	(2,262)	1,153
(Drawdown)/repayment of loan		(1,500)	2,954	2,954
Exchange movements		467	1,216	352
<b>Movement in net debt in the period</b>		<b>(1,598)</b>	<b>1,908</b>	<b>4,459</b>
Opening net debt		(7,092)	(11,551)	(11,551)
<b>Closing net debt</b>		<b>(8,690)</b>	<b>(9,643)</b>	<b>(7,092)</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>				
Cash at bank		3,178	1,394	3,721
Debt falling due within one year		(11,868)	(11,037)	(10,813)
		<b>(8,690)</b>	<b>(9,643)</b>	<b>(7,092)</b>

# Notes to the Accounts

## 1. Accounting policies

### (a) Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable UK Accounting Standards, with pronouncements on Half-Yearly Reporting issued by the Accounting Standards Board and with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Financial Statements of Investment Trust Companies and Venture Capital Trusts' issued in January 2009. They have also been prepared on the assumption that approval as an investment trust will continue to be granted. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The financial statements and the net asset value per share figures have been prepared in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice ('UK GAAP').

The half-yearly financial statements have been prepared using the same accounting policies as the preceding annual accounts.

### (b) Dividends payable

Dividends are recognised in the period in which they are paid.

### (c) Valuation of investments

Listed investments have been designated upon initial recognition as fair value through profit or loss. Investments are recognised and de-recognised on the trade date at cost. Subsequent to initial recognition, investments are valued at fair value which for listed investments is deemed to be bid market prices. Gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are included as a capital item in the Income Statement and are ultimately recognised in the capital reserve.

### (d) Capital reserves

Gains or losses on realisation of investments and changes in fair values of investments which are readily convertible to cash, without accepting adverse terms, are transferred to the capital reserve. The capital element of the management fee and relevant finance costs are charged to this reserve. Any associated tax relief is also credited to this reserve.

### (e) Allocation of expenses

Expenses are charged to capital when they are incurred in connection with the maintenance or enhancement of the value of investments. In this respect the investment management fee and relevant finance costs are allocated between revenue and capital in line with the Board's expectation of returns from the Company's investments over the long term in the form of revenue and capital respectively.

	Six months ended 31 October 2010 £'000	Six months ended 31 October 2009 £'000	Year ended 30 April 2010 £'000
<b>2. Income</b>			
<b>Income from investments</b>			
UK dividend income	331	134	378
Overseas dividends	2,472	2,195	3,708
Stock dividends	218	148	271
Scrip dividends	347	–	–
	3,368	2,477	4,357

	Six months ended 31 October 2010 £'000	Six months ended 31 October 2009 £'000	Year ended 30 April 2010 £'000
<b>Other income</b>			
Deposit interest	3	3	–
Underwriting commission	–	20	15
	3	23	15
<b>Total income</b>	<b>3,371</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>4,372</b>

### 3. Dividends

Ordinary dividends on equity shares deducted from reserves are analysed below:

	Six months ended 31 October 2010 £'000	Six months ended 31 October 2009 £'000	Year ended 30 April 2010 £'000
2009 final dividend – 8.0p	–	1,993	1,993
2010 final dividend – 10.0p	2,491	–	–
	<b>2,491</b>	<b>1,993</b>	<b>1,993</b>

In accordance with stated policy no interim dividend has been declared for the period (2009 – nil).

### 4. Return per Ordinary share

	Six months ended 31 October 2010 p	Six months ended 31 October 2009 p	Year ended 30 April 2010 p
Revenue return	9.77	6.85	11.87
Capital return	97.19	168.62	319.82
<b>Total return</b>	<b>106.96</b>	<b>175.47</b>	<b>331.69</b>

The figures above are based on the following attributable assets:

	£'000	£'000	£'000
Revenue return	2,434	1,707	2,957
Capital return	24,209	42,002	79,666
<b>Total return</b>	<b>26,643</b>	<b>43,709</b>	<b>82,623</b>
Weighted average number of Ordinary shares in issue	<b>24,909,402</b>	<b>24,909,402</b>	<b>24,909,402</b>

### 5. Capital reserve

The capital reserve reflected in the Balance Sheet at 31 October 2010 includes gains of £138,469,000 (31 October 2009 – gains of £83,454,000; 30 April 2010 – gains of £118,658,000) which relate to the revaluation of investments held at the reporting date.



## Notes to the Accounts continued

6. Net asset value per share	As at 31 October 2010	As at 31 October 2009	As at 30 April 2010
Attributable net assets (£'000)	226,121	163,055	201,969
Number of Ordinary shares in issue	24,909,402	24,909,402	24,909,402
Net asset value per Ordinary share (p)	907.77	654.59	810.81

### 7. Transaction costs

During the six months ended 31 October 2010 expenses were incurred in acquiring or disposing of investments classified as fair value through profit or loss. These have been expensed through capital and are included within gains on investments in the Income Statement. The total costs were as follows:

	Six months ended 31 October 2010 £'000	Six months ended 31 October 2009 £'000	Year ended 30 April 2010 £'000
Purchases	37	18	30
Sales	20	23	42
	<b>57</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>72</b>

### 8. Related party transactions

Mr H Young is a director of Aberdeen Asset Management Asia Limited ('AAM Asia'), which is a subsidiary of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC ('AAM'). AAM Asia has an agreement to provide management services to the Company and AAM has an agreement to provide marketing services to the Company.

The management fee is payable monthly in arrears based on an annual amount of 1% of the net asset value of the Company valued monthly. During the period £736,000 (2009 – £628,000) of management fees were paid and payable, with a balance of £265,000 (2009 – £228,000) being payable to AAM Asia at the period end.

The investment management fees are charged 50% to revenue and 50% to capital.

During the course of the period, the Company has held investments in three other funds managed by the same Manager. These holdings are disclosed in the Investment Portfolio table on page 5.

The marketing fee is based on a current annual amount of £111,000, payable quarterly in arrears. During the period £53,000 (2009 – £43,000) of fees were paid and payable, with a balance of £19,000 being prepaid to AAM at the period end (2009 – £7,000 payable).

9. The financial information contained in this Half-Yearly Financial Report does not constitute statutory accounts as defined in Sections 434 – 436 of the Companies Act 2006. The financial information for the six months ended 31 October 2010 and 31 October 2009 have not been audited.

The information for the year ended 30 April 2010 has been extracted from the latest published audited financial statements which have been filed with the Registrar of Companies. The report of the auditors on those accounts contained no qualification or statement under Section 498 (2), (3) or (4) of the Companies Act 2006.

10. This Half-Yearly Financial Report was approved by the Board on 15 December 2010.

# Independent Review Report to Aberdeen New Dawn Investment Trust PLC

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## Introduction

We have been engaged by the Company to review the condensed set of financial statements in the Half-Yearly Financial Report for the six months ended 31 October 2010 which comprises the Income Statement, Balance Sheet, the Reconciliation of Movements in Shareholder's Funds, Cash Flow Statement and the related explanatory notes. We have read the other information contained in the Half-Yearly Financial Report and considered whether it contains any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the information in the condensed set of financial statements.

This report is made solely to the Company in accordance with the terms of our engagement to assist the Company in meeting the requirements of the Disclosure and Transparency Rules ("the DTR") of the UK's Financial Services Authority ("the UK FSA"). Our review has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company those matters we are required to state to it in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company for our review work, for this report, or for the conclusions we have reached.

## Directors' Responsibilities

The Half-Yearly Financial Report is the responsibility of, and has been approved by, the Directors. The Directors are responsible for preparing the Half-Yearly Financial Report in accordance with the DTR of the UK FSA.

As disclosed in note 1, the annual financial statements of the Company are prepared in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The condensed set of financial statements included in this Half-Yearly Financial Report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement 'Half-Yearly Financial Reports' as issued by the UK Accounting Standards Board.

## Our Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express to the Company a conclusion on the condensed set of financial statements in the Half-Yearly Financial Report based on our review.

## Scope of Review

We conducted our review in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements (UK and Ireland) 2410 'Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity' issued by the Auditing Practices Board for use in the UK. A review of interim financial information consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

## Review Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the condensed set of financial statements in the Half-Yearly Financial Report for the six months ended 31 October 2010 is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Statement 'Half-Yearly Financial Reports' as issued by the UK Accounting Standards Board and the DTR of the UK FSA.

## Gareth Horner

For and on behalf of KPMG Audit Plc  
Chartered Accountants  
Edinburgh

15 December 2010

# How to Invest in Aberdeen New Dawn Investment Trust PLC

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## Direct

Aberdeen Asset Managers Limited ("AAM") runs an Investment Plan for Children (the "Children's Plan") which covers a number of investment companies under its management including Aberdeen New Dawn Investment Trust PLC. Anyone can invest in the Children's Plan, including parents, grandparents and family friends. All investments are free of dealing charges on the initial purchase of shares, although investors will suffer the bid-offer spread, which can, on some occasions, be a significant amount. Lump sum investments start at £150 per trust, while regular savers may invest from £30 per month. Investors simply pay Government Stamp Duty (currently 0.5%) on entry. Selling costs are £10 + VAT. There is no restriction on how long an investor need invest in the Children's Plan, and regular savers can stop or suspend participation by instructing AAM in writing at any time. In common with other schemes of this type, all investments are held in nominee accounts.

## Aberdeen Investment Trust Share Plan

AAM runs a Share Plan (the "Plan") through which shares in Aberdeen New Dawn Investment Trust PLC can be purchased. There are no dealing charges on the initial purchase of shares, although investors will suffer the bid-offer spread, which can, on some occasions, be a significant amount. Lump sum investments start at £250, while regular savers may invest from £100 per month. Investors simply pay Government Stamp Duty (currently 0.5%) on entry. Selling costs are £10 + VAT. There is no restriction on how long an investor need invest in a Plan, and regular savers can stop or suspend participation by instructing AAM in writing at any time. In common with other schemes of this type, all investments are held in nominee accounts. Investors have full voting and other rights of share ownership.

## Aberdeen Investment Trust ISA

An investment of up to £10,200 in Aberdeen New Dawn Investment Trust PLC can be made through the Aberdeen Investment Trust ISA in each tax year.

There are no brokerage or initial charges for the ISA, although investors will suffer the bid-offer spread, which can, on some occasions, be a significant amount. Investors only pay Government Stamp Duty (currently 0.5%) on purchases. Selling costs are £15 + VAT.

The annual ISA administration charge is £24 + VAT, calculated six monthly and deducted from income. Under current legislation, investments in ISAs can grow free of capital gains tax.

## ISA Transfer

You can choose to transfer previous tax year investments to us which can be invested in Aberdeen New Dawn Investment Trust PLC while retaining your ISA wrapper. The minimum lump sum for an ISA transfer is £1,000 and is subject to a minimum per investment trust of £250.

## Note

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to the future. Stock market and currency movements may cause the value of shares and the income from them to fall as well as rise and investors may not get back the amount they originally invested.

As with all equity investments, the value of investment trusts purchased will immediately be reduced by the difference between the buying and selling prices of the shares, the market maker's spread.

Investors should further bear in mind that the value of any tax relief will depend on the individual circumstances of the investor and that tax rates and reliefs, as well as the tax treatment of ISAs may be changed by future legislation.

## Literature Request Service

For literature and application forms for Aberdeen's investment trust products, go online at [www.invtrusts.co.uk](http://www.invtrusts.co.uk) or please contact:

Telephone: 0500 00 40 00  
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Aberdeen Investment Trust Administration  
Block C, Western House  
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## Keeping You Informed

The Company's share price appears under the heading 'Investment Companies' in the Financial Times.

For internet users, detailed data on Aberdeen New Dawn Investment Trust PLC including price, performance information and a monthly fact sheet is available from the Trust's website ([www.newdawn-trust.co.uk](http://www.newdawn-trust.co.uk)) and the TrustNet website ([www.trustnet.co.uk](http://www.trustnet.co.uk)). Alternatively you can call 0500 00 00 40 for trust information.

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## Contact

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Alternatively, if you have an administrative query relating to a certificated holding, please contact the Registrar, as follows

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The above information has been approved for the purposes of Section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 by Aberdeen Asset Managers Limited which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority.

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