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## Shires Income PLC

Half Yearly Report

for the 6 months ended 30 September 2010



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## Objective

The Company aims to provide shareholders with a high level of income, together with growth of both income and capital from a portfolio substantially invested in UK equities.

# Highlights and Financial Calendar

## Highlights

	30 September 2010	31 March 2010	% change
Equity shareholders' funds (£'000)	<b>55,858</b>	55,573	+0.5
Net asset value per share	<b>188.09p</b>	187.13p	+0.5
Share price (mid market)	<b>189.00p</b>	184.00p	+2.7
Premium to adjusted NAV <sup>A</sup>	<b>2.1%</b>	1.6%	
Dividend yield	<b>6.35%</b>	6.52%	

<sup>A</sup> Based on IFRS NAV above reduced by dividend adjustment of 3.00p (31 March 2010 – 6.00p).

## Performance (total return)

	6 months ended 30 September 2010	1 year ended 30 September 2010	3 years ended 30 September 2010	5 years ended 30 September 2010
Net asset value	<b>+3.9%</b>	+15.9%	-19.9%	-2.5%
Share price	<b>+6.2%</b>	+24.5%	-16.4%	+1.0%
FTSE All-Share Index	<b>+0.2%</b>	+12.5%	-3.1%	+24.7%

All figures are for total return and assume re-investment of net dividends excluding transaction costs.

## Financial Calendar

<b>November 2010</b>	Announcement of unaudited half yearly results for the six months ended 30 September 2010
<b>31 January 2011</b>	Second interim dividend 2010/11 payable
<b>29 April 2011</b>	Third interim dividend 2010/11 payable
<b>May 2011</b>	Announcement of results for year ending 31 March 2011
<b>June 2011</b>	Annual Report posted to shareholders
<b>5 July 2011</b>	Annual General Meeting in London (12 noon)
<b>29 July 2011</b>	Fourth interim dividend 2010/11 payable

# Half Yearly Board Report

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## Background

Market conditions during the first six months of the Company's financial year were extremely volatile. The FTSE 100 reached an 18 month high in April before falling nearly 18%, reaching a trough in early July and then recovering over the last two months of the period. Initially, markets were focussed on the risk of a sovereign default by Greece and the potential for contagion, especially given the weaknesses that were becoming apparent in Spain, Portugal and Ireland. These concerns began to recede with the announcement that the EU and IMF had constructed a €750Bn bailout package that would prevent default.

Investor attention was then directed to the possibility that the US would succumb to a double dip recession. These fears were aggravated when Ben Bernanke, Chairman of the US Federal Reserve, described the economic outlook as unusually uncertain.

Macro economic data painted a mixed picture and markets were reacting on an almost daily basis to the latest release. The performance of equities became as much about investor appetite for risk as about the fundamentals of a company's prospects.

## Investment Performance

In the half year ended 30 September 2010, the Company's net asset per share increased by 0.5% from 187.1p to 188.1p. The total return on net assets, which includes dividends, increased by 3.9% and was ahead of our benchmark. In the same six month period, the FTSE All-Share Index reported a total return of 0.2%. The total return on the Company's share price was 6.2%.

## Portfolio Profile

Merger and acquisition activity was a feature of the market. The portfolio benefited when its holding in Arriva, the bus company, was acquired by Deutsche Bahn. Gearing declined from 31.4% to 27.6%. This was achieved by a £2m reduction in borrowings. At the start of the year it was felt that volatility combined with the level of the markets could lead to a correction in equity prices. Therefore, a modest amount of insurance was taken out over the equity portfolio using put and call options. This expired in September. The Board keeps the situation under review with the Manager.

Profits were taken in a number of holdings, especially those with less attractive yields. These included Whitbread, Weir, DMGT and Millennium & Copthorne. The proceeds were used to broaden the portfolio, being reinvested into companies that had either performed less strongly or had higher yields such as Close Brothers, GlaxoSmithKline, Cobham and Provident Financial. The holding in Resolution was exited as

it was felt that there were better opportunities elsewhere especially in light of the lack of a commitment to a dividend.

As a result of the reduction in gearing, the value of the listed investments decreased from £72.5m to £71.0m. At the end of September 2010, around two thirds of gross assets were invested in equities with the balance in preference and convertible shares. No new investments were made in preference or convertible shares in the period.

## Dividends

At the time of the announcement of the full year results for the year to 31 March 2010, the Board indicated that they anticipated being able to maintain a dividend of 12p per share in 2011, whilst noting that the prospects for dividends were dependent on market conditions and a still fragile economic recovery. It was also acknowledged that based on the then forecasts such a distribution would have to be modestly supplemented from reserves. This is still the case.

The most significant event during the half year was the announcement by BP that they were to suspend dividend payments following the oil leak in the Gulf of Mexico. Prior to this suspension the BP dividend represented approximately 14% of the entire stream of dividends paid by UK quoted companies. Therefore, the Board is pleased to have been able to announce a maintained first interim dividend of 3p.

## Outlook

The Autumn reporting season is now largely complete. In general, companies have reported results in line with or even ahead of expectations. These results have reflected previous actions to cut costs combined with some recovery in sales. The resultant operational gearing has led to some very significant improvements in profitability. Dividend growth has lagged the recovery in earnings, though that is to be expected at this stage in the cycle. Having done much to improve the state of their balance sheets companies are in a better position to increase their dividends. However, management teams remain cautious and there will be competing demands for the cash in the form of merger and acquisition activity and investment for growth if the recovery continues.

There is still a great deal of uncertainty. It is far from clear whether we will enjoy continued recovery or endure a double dip recession. The US has initiated a second wave of quantitative easing. Whilst markets may take relief from this additional stimulus it suggests that the authorities are far from confident about the recovery. In the UK we have a new Government and they have adopted a very different approach, choosing instead to focus on reducing the deficit as quickly as possible. Such action is likely to be supportive of growth in the medium term, especially when combined with

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measures such as the reduction in corporation tax. However it is also clear that such measures will be painful for both companies and consumers in the short term. Interest rates are not expected to rise in the short term, though with inflation in the UK remaining stubbornly above the 2% target they are unlikely to remain at the current remarkably low levels into the medium term.

Equities do not appear to be expensive on either an absolute basis or relative to other asset classes. It should be remembered though that it will be difficult for companies to repeat the levels of profit growth witnessed in the last six months in the absence of a recovery driven improvement in sales. The weakness of Sterling will aid exporters, but only if there is end market demand. The difficulties facing the US and some of the more indebted European nations and actions taken by the Chinese authorities to dampen growth in their economy mean it is unsurprising that expectations for 2011 are beginning to be reined in. Therefore, care needs to be taken when looking at market valuations in aggregate.

The Manager will continue to focus on businesses that they regard as being of high quality, with a progressive dividend policy and that are expected to prosper over the medium term.

**Anthony B. Davidson**  
Chairman  
12 November 2010

## Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The main risks the Company faces from its financial instruments are (i) market price risk (comprising interest rate risk, currency risk and other price risk), (ii) liquidity risk, and (iii) credit risk. The Group's gearing comprises short-term borrowings from banking institutions and bears interest at floating rates. The profile of financing costs is managed as part of overall investment strategy. At this stage the Company has not opened formal renewal negotiations with its bankers but if acceptable terms are available from them or any alternative the Company would expect to maintain its current geared structure. The employment of gearing magnifies the impact on net assets of both negative and positive changes in the value of the Company's portfolio of investments. The Company has minimal exposure to foreign currency risk as it holds only a small amount of foreign currency assets and has no exposure to any foreign currency liabilities. Information on each of these areas is given in the Directors' Report within the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2010.

## Directors' Responsibility Statement

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 interim financial statements within the Half-Yearly Financial Report have been prepared in accordance with IAS34;
- the Chairman's Statement (constituting the interim management report) includes a fair review of the information required by rules 4.2.7R of the 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 ended 30 September 2010 comprises the Interim Board Report, the Directors' Responsibility Statement and a condensed set of financial statements.

For and on behalf of the Board of Shires Income PLC

**Anthony B. Davidson**  
Chairman  
12 November 2010

# Investment Portfolio – Ordinary Shares

As at 30 September 2010

Company	Valuation 2010 £'000	Total portfolio %
<b>Shires Smaller Companies</b>	4,740	6.7
<b>British American Tobacco</b>	3,348	4.7
<b>Royal Dutch Shell 'B'</b>	2,440	3.4
<b>Vodafone</b>	2,394	3.4
<b>Centrica</b>	2,362	3.3
<b>HSBC Holdings</b>	2,058	2.9
<b>GlaxoSmithKline</b>	1,982	2.8
<b>AstraZeneca</b>	1,959	2.8
<b>BP</b>	1,835	2.6
<b>National Grid</b>	1,674	2.3
Ten largest investments	24,792	34.9
<b>Aviva</b>	1,468	2.1
<b>Prudential</b>	1,426	2.0
<b>Provident Financial</b>	1,368	1.9
<b>Close Brothers</b>	1,254	1.8
<b>Chesnara</b>	1,246	1.7
<b>Rolls-Royce</b>	1,201	1.7
<b>Tesco</b>	1,196	1.7
<b>BHP Billiton</b>	1,112	1.6
<b>Unilever</b>	1,106	1.6
<b>Whitbread</b>	1,018	1.4
Twenty largest investments	37,187	52.4
<b>Land Securities</b>	962	1.3
<b>Morrison (Wm.)</b>	952	1.3
<b>GKN</b>	927	1.3
<b>Associated British Foods</b>	871	1.2
<b>AMEC</b>	789	1.1
<b>Millennium &amp; Copthorne Hotels</b>	764	1.1
<b>Schroders (Non-voting)</b>	746	1.0
<b>Daily Mail &amp; General Trust</b>	742	1.0
<b>Weir Group</b>	731	1.0
<b>Pearson</b>	670	0.9
Thirty largest investments	45,341	63.6
<b>Cobham</b>	598	0.8
<b>Rio Tinto</b>	586	0.8
<b>Standard Chartered</b>	521	0.7
<b>Chaucer Holdings</b>	485	0.7
<b>Persimmon</b>	459	0.6
<b>Mylan Inc<sup>A</sup></b>	3	–
<b>Total Ordinary shares</b>	<b>47,993</b>	<b>67.2</b>

<sup>A</sup>Listed in the USA.

## Investment Portfolio - Other Investments

Company	Valuation 2010 £'000	Total portfolio %
<b>Convertibles</b>		
Premier Farnell 89.2p Cum Conv	688	1.0
Balfour Beatty Cum Conv 10.75%	640	0.9
<b>Total Convertibles</b>	<b>1,328</b>	<b>1.9</b>
<b>Preference shares</b>		
Ecclesiastical Insurance Office 8 5/8%	4,706	6.6
Royal & Sun Alliance 7 3/8%	4,285	6.0
General Accident 7.875%	3,566	5.0
Santander 10.375%	3,188	4.5
Standard Chartered 8.25%	3,183	4.5
Barclays Bank 14%	1,624	2.3
REA Holdings 9%	1,134	1.6
<b>Total Preference shares</b>	<b>21,686</b>	<b>30.5</b>
<b>"Restricted" Securities<sup>A</sup> – Sierra Monitor</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>Total other investments</b>	<b>23,297</b>	<b>32.8</b>
<b>Total investments</b>	<b>71,290</b>	<b>100.0</b>

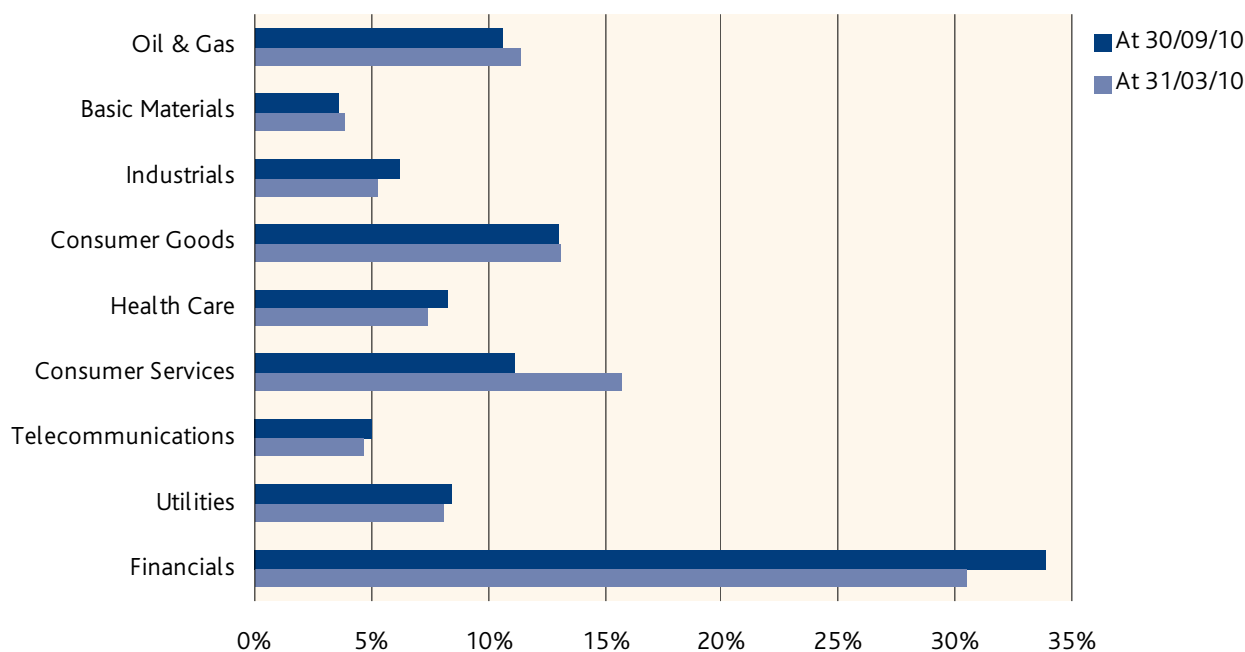
<sup>A</sup> Listed in the USA.

All other investments are listed on the London Stock Exchange (Sterling based).

## Distribution of Assets and Liabilities

	Valuation at 31 March 2010		Movement during the period				Valuation at 30 September 2010	
	£'000	%	Purchases £'000	Sales £'000	Other £'000	Gains/ (losses) £'000	£'000	%
<b>Listed investments</b>								
Ordinary shares	49,190	88.5	2,025	(4,254)	–	1,032	47,993	85.9
Convertibles	1,313	2.4	–	–	–	15	1,328	2.4
Preference shares	22,048	39.7	–	–	(64)	(298)	21,686	38.8
	72,551	130.6	2,025	(4,254)	(64)	749	71,007	127.1
<b>"Restricted" securities</b>	472	0.8	–	–	–	(189)	283	0.5
	73,023	131.4	2,025	(4,254)	(64)	560	71,290	127.6
Current assets	2,713	4.9					2,748	4.9
Current liabilities	(20,163)	(36.3)					(18,180)	(32.5)
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>55,573</b>	<b>100.0</b>					<b>55,858</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Net asset value per Ordinary share</b>	<b>187.1p</b>						<b>188.1p</b>	

## Analysis of Listed Equity Portfolio



Note: Financials includes the Company's investment in Shires Smaller Companies.



# Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

	Note	Six months ended 30 September 2010 (unaudited)			Six months ended 30 September 2009 (unaudited)			Year ended 31 March 2010 (audited)		
		Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000
<b>Gains on investments at fair value</b>		–	703	703	–	17,577	17,577	–	22,416	22,416
<b>Investment income</b>										
Dividend income		1,673	–	1,673	1,709	–	1,709	3,080	–	3,080
Interest income from investments		410	(136)	274	408	(62)	346	803	(134)	669
Stock dividend		18	–	18	19	–	19	31	–	31
Traded option premiums		55	–	55	125	–	125	212	–	212
Money market interest		2	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other income		6	–	6	75	–	75	75	–	75
		2,164	567	2,731	2,336	17,515	19,851	4,201	22,282	26,483
<b>Expenses</b>										
Investment management fee		(75)	(75)	(150)	(72)	(72)	(144)	(149)	(149)	(298)
VAT recoverable on investment management fees		–	–	–	74	74	148	74	74	148
Other administrative expenses		(155)	–	(155)	(139)	–	(139)	(244)	(3)	(247)
Finance costs of borrowings		(179)	(179)	(358)	(100)	(109)	(209)	(370)	(385)	(755)
		(409)	(254)	(663)	(237)	(107)	(344)	(689)	(463)	(1,152)
<b>Profit before tax</b>		1,755	313	2,068	2,099	17,408	19,507	3,512	21,819	25,331
Taxation	2	(14)	14	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Profit attributable to equity holders of the Company</b>	3	<b>1,741</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>2,068</b>	<b>2,099</b>	<b>17,408</b>	<b>19,507</b>	<b>3,512</b>	<b>21,819</b>	<b>25,331</b>
<b>Earnings per Ordinary share (pence)</b>	4	<b>5.86</b>	<b>1.10</b>	<b>6.96</b>	<b>7.07</b>	<b>58.61</b>	<b>65.68</b>	<b>11.83</b>	<b>73.48</b>	<b>85.31</b>

The Group does not have any income or expense that is not included in profit for the period, and therefore the profit for the period is also the "Total comprehensive income for the period", as defined in IAS 1 (revised).

All of the profit/(loss) and total comprehensive income is attributable to the equity holders of the parent company. There are no minority interests.

The total column of this statement represents the Statement of Comprehensive Income of the Group, prepared in accordance with IFRS. The revenue and capital columns are supplementary to this and are prepared under guidance published by the Association of Investment Companies.

All items in the above statement derive from continuing operations.

# Consolidated Balance Sheet

Notes	As at 30 September 2010 (unaudited) £'000	As at 30 September 2009 (unaudited) £'000	As at 31 March 2010 (audited) £'000
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Ordinary shares	47,993	45,262	49,190
Convertibles	1,328	1,218	1,313
Other fixed interest	21,686	22,516	22,048
Unlisted investments	283	1,743	472
<b>Securities at fair value</b>	<b>71,290</b>	<b>70,739</b>	<b>73,023</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Trade and other receivables	–	1,214	357
Accrued income and prepayments	1,030	732	1,206
Cash and cash equivalents	1,718	752	1,150
	<b>2,748</b>	<b>2,698</b>	<b>2,713</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>74,038</b>	<b>73,437</b>	<b>75,736</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	(180)	(196)	(163)
Short-term borrowings	(18,000)	(12,000)	(20,000)
Index-Linked Debenture Stock	–	(9,715)	–
	<b>(18,180)</b>	<b>(21,911)</b>	<b>(20,163)</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>55,858</b>	<b>51,526</b>	<b>55,573</b>
<b>Share capital and reserves attributable to equity holders of the parent</b>			
Called-up share capital	14,899	14,899	14,899
Share premium account	18,840	18,846	18,840
Capital reserve	5	11,266	15,683
Revenue reserve	6,109	6,515	6,151
	<b>55,858</b>	<b>51,526</b>	<b>55,573</b>
<b>Net asset value per Ordinary share (pence)</b>	<b>188.09</b>	<b>173.50</b>	<b>187.13</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

## Six months ended 30 September 2010 (unaudited)

	Notes	Share capital £'000	Share premium account £'000	Capital reserve £'000	Retained revenue reserve £'000	Total £'000
As at 31 March 2010		14,899	18,840	15,683	6,151	55,573
Revenue profit for the period		–	–	–	1,741	1,741
Capital gains for the period		–	–	327	–	327
Equity dividends	3	–	–	–	(1,783)	(1,783)
<b>As at 30 September 2010</b>		<b>14,899</b>	<b>18,840</b>	<b>16,010</b>	<b>6,109</b>	<b>55,858</b>

## Six months ended 30 September 2009 (unaudited)

		Share capital £'000	Share premium account £'000	Capital reserve £'000	Retained revenue reserve £'000	Total £'000
As at 31 March 2009		14,899	18,855	(6,151)	7,668	35,271
Revenue profit for the period		–	–	–	2,099	2,099
Capital gains for the period		–	(9)	17,417	–	17,408
Equity dividends	3	–	–	–	(3,252)	(3,252)
<b>As at 30 September 2009</b>		<b>14,899</b>	<b>18,846</b>	<b>11,266</b>	<b>6,515</b>	<b>51,526</b>

## Year ended 31 March 2010 (audited)

		Share capital £'000	Share premium account £'000	Capital reserve £'000	Retained revenue reserve £'000	Total £'000
As at 31 March 2009		14,899	18,855	(6,151)	7,668	35,271
Revenue profit for the year		–	–	–	3,512	3,512
Capital gains for the year		–	(15)	21,834	–	21,819
Equity dividends	3	–	–	–	(5,029)	(5,029)
<b>As at 31 March 2010</b>		<b>14,899</b>	<b>18,840</b>	<b>15,683</b>	<b>6,151</b>	<b>55,573</b>

# Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

	Six months ended 30 September 2010 (unaudited) £'000	Six months ended 30 September 2009 (unaudited) £'000	Year ended 31 March 2010 (audited) £'000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Investment income received	2,228	2,496	3,987
Deposit interest received	–	2	–
Money market interest received	2	3	–
Investment management fee paid	(151)	(137)	(288)
Sales of dealing subsidiary	–	–	431
Other cash receipts	152	130	215
Other cash expenses	(160)	(149)	(269)
<b>Cash generated from operations</b>	<b>2,071</b>	<b>2,345</b>	<b>4,076</b>
Interest paid	(268)	(422)	(905)
Taxation	–	–	7
<b>Net cash inflows from operating activities</b>	<b>1,803</b>	<b>1,923</b>	<b>3,178</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchases of investments	(2,008)	(5,611)	(10,299)
Sales of investments	4,556	6,447	14,012
Repayment of Index-Linked Debenture Stock	–	–	(9,957)
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities</b>	<b>2,548</b>	<b>836</b>	<b>(6,244)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Equity dividends paid	(1,783)	(3,252)	(5,029)
<b>Net cash outflow from financing activities</b>	<b>(1,783)</b>	<b>(3,252)</b>	<b>(5,029)</b>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>2,568</b>	<b>(493)</b>	<b>(8,095)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at start of period	(18,850)	(10,755)	(10,755)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>(16,282)</b>	<b>(11,248)</b>	<b>(18,850)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents comprise:</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	1,718	752	1,150
Short-term borrowings	(18,000)	(12,000)	(20,000)
	<b>(16,282)</b>	<b>(11,248)</b>	<b>(18,850)</b>

# Notes to the Accounts

## 1. Accounting policies

### (a) Basis of accounting

The Group's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) 34 – 'Interim Financial Reporting', as adopted by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB), and interpretations issued by the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee of the IASB (IFRIC). They have also been prepared using the same accounting policies applied for the year ended 31 March 2010 financial statements, which received an unqualified audit report.

### (b) Dividends payable

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

## 2. Taxation

The taxation expense reflected in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income is calculated at a rate of 28%, which is based on management's best estimate of the weighted average annual income tax rate expected for the full financial year.

## 3. Dividends

The following table shows the revenue for each period less the dividends declared in respect of the financial period to which they relate.

	Six months ended 30 September 2010 £'000	Six months ended 30 September 2009 £'000	Year ended 31 March 2010 £'000
Revenue	1,741	2,099	3,512
Dividends declared	(891) <sup>A</sup>	(891) <sup>B</sup>	(3,564) <sup>C</sup>
	<b>850</b>	<b>1,208</b>	<b>(52)</b>

<sup>A</sup>First interim dividend (3.00p) declared in respect of the financial year 2010/11.

<sup>B</sup>First interim dividend (3.00p) declared in respect of the financial year 2009/10.

<sup>C</sup>First three interim dividends (each 3.00p) and the final dividend (3.00p) declared in respect of the financial year 2009/10.

## 4. Return and net asset value per share

	Six months ended 30 September 2010 £'000	Six months ended 30 September 2009 £'000	Year ended 31 March 2010 £'000
Returns are based on the following attributable assets:			
Revenue return	1,741	2,099	3,512
Capital return	327	17,408	21,819
Total return	<b>2,068</b>	<b>19,507</b>	<b>25,331</b>
Weighted average number of Ordinary shares in issue	<b>29,697,580</b>	<b>29,697,580</b>	<b>29,697,580</b>

The net asset value per Ordinary share is based on net assets attributable to Ordinary shareholders of £55,858,000 (30 September 2009 – £51,526,000; 31 March 2010 – £55,573,000) and on 29,697,580 (30 September 2009 and 31 March 2010 – 29,697,580) Ordinary shares in issue at the period end.

## Notes to the Accounts continued

### 5. Capital reserve

The capital reserve reflected in the Balance Sheet at 30 September 2010 includes gains of £966,000 (30 September 2009 – losses of £4,667,000; 31 March 2010 – gains of £1,547,000) which relate to the revaluation of investments held at the reporting date.

### 6. Transaction costs

During the period expenses were incurred in acquiring or disposing of investments classified as fair value though profit or loss. These have been expensed through capital and are included within gains on investments at fair value in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income. The total costs were as follows:

	Six months ended 30 September 2010 £'000	Six months ended 30 September 2009 £'000	Year ended 31 March 2010 £'000
Purchases	6	31	61
Sales	12	10	17
	<b>18</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>78</b>

### 7. Commitments, contingencies and post Balance Sheet events

At 30 September 2010 there were no contingent liabilities in respect of outstanding underwriting commitments or uncalled capital (30 September 2009 and 31 March 2010 – £nil).

8. 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 30 September 2010 and 30 September 2009 has not been audited.

The information for the year ended 31 March 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.

This report has not been reviewed or audited by the Company's auditors.

9. This Half-Yearly Financial Report was approved by the Board on 12 November 2010.

# How to Invest in Shires Income PLC

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## Direct

Investors can buy and sell shares in Shires Income PLC (the "Company") directly through a stockbroker or indirectly through a lawyer, accountant or other professional adviser. Alternatively shares can be bought directly through Aberdeen's Investment Plan for Children, Aberdeen's Investment Trust Share Plan and Investment Trust ISA.

## Aberdeen's Investment Plan for Children

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 the Company. 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's Investment Trust Share Plan

AAM runs a Share Plan (the "Plan") through which shares in the Company 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.

## Stocks and Shares ISA

An investment of up to £10,200 in the Company can be made in the tax year 2010/2011.

There are no brokerage or initial charges for the ISA, although investors will suffer the bid-offer spread, which can 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 the management of previous tax year investments to AAM for investment in the Company while retaining your ISA wrapper. The minimum lump sum transfer is £1,000, subject to a minimum per 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.

## Keeping You Informed

For internet users, detailed data on the Company, including price, performance information and a monthly fact sheet is available from the Company's website ([www.shiresincome.co.uk](http://www.shiresincome.co.uk)) and the TrustNet website ([www.trustnet.co.uk](http://www.trustnet.co.uk)). You can also call 0500 00 00 40 for information.

## Literature Request Service

For literature and application forms for the Manager's investment trust products, please contact:

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