



## **British Assets Trust plc**

Interim Report

For the six months ended

31 March 2014



# Company Summary

## Objective

To achieve a total return in excess of a composite index, weighted as to 80 per cent FTSE All-Share Index and 20 per cent FTSE World (ex UK) Index, by investing principally in a diversified international portfolio of equities and equity-related securities. Within this overall objective, the Company aims to deliver dividend growth which will be dependent upon, *inter alia*, the rate of revenue growth within the investment portfolio and the level of dividend cover.

## Investment Managers

F&C Investment Business Limited

## Total Assets less Current Liabilities

£485.9 million at 31 March 2014

## Equity Shareholders' Funds

£426.3 million at 31 March 2014

## Ongoing Charges

Management and other expenses: 0.7 per cent per annum of shareholders' funds

## Website

The Company's website address is [www.british-assets.co.uk](http://www.british-assets.co.uk)



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## Financial Highlights

- Net asset value total return of 4.3 per cent
- Share price total return of 5.7 per cent
- Benchmark total return of 5.0 per cent
- First and second interim dividends increased by 3.0 per cent
- Continuing progress with changes to portfolio composition

# Performance Summary

	Six months to 31 March 2014	Year to 30 September 2013
<b>Total Return (note 1)</b>		
Net asset value (note 2)	4.3%	15.2%
Ordinary Share price	5.7%	15.6%
Composite index (note 3)	5.0%	19.0%
FTSE All-Share Index	4.8%	18.9%
FTSE World (ex UK) Index	6.1%	19.2%
	<b>31 March 2014</b>	<b>30 September 2013</b>
<b>Capital Values</b>		
Net asset value per Ordinary Share	147.3p	144.5p
Ordinary Share price	136.3p	132.0p
<b>Discount</b> – Basic (note 4)	7.5%	8.7%
– Debt adjusted (note 5)	5.6%	6.3%
– Debt adjusted (note 6)	3.5%	3.9%
<b>Gearing</b> – Net of cash (note 7)	13.6%	16.7%
– Equity gearing (note 8)	1.5%	3.9%
	<b>Six months to 31 March 2014</b>	<b>Six months to 31 March 2013</b>
<b>Revenue and Dividends</b>		
Earnings per Ordinary Share	3.2p	2.9p
Interim dividends per Ordinary Share	3.015p	2.9273p

## Notes

1. All total return calculations are based on dividends re-invested.
2. Net asset value total return is calculated as the total return attributable to an Ordinary Share. It assumes that dividends paid to shareholders are re-invested in the net asset value.
3. 80 per cent FTSE All-Share Index, 20 per cent FTSE World (ex UK) Index
4. Net asset value (UK GAAP) with debt at par.
5. Net asset value (UK GAAP) adjusted to reflect market value of debt.
6. Net asset value (non-UK GAAP, ex-income NAV) adjusted to reflect market value of debt.
7. Gearing net of cash: (Investments – Shareholders' Funds) ÷ Shareholders' Funds.
8. Equity gearing: (Equity Investments – Shareholders' Funds) ÷ Shareholders' Funds.

Sources: F&C Investment Business, AIC, Datastream and Fundamental Data

# Chairman's Statement

The Company's net asset value ("NAV") total return for the six month period ended 31 March 2014 was 4.3 per cent. This compares with a total return of 5.0 per cent from the composite benchmark index of 80 per cent FTSE All-Share Index and 20 per cent FTSE World (ex UK) Index. The share price total return for the period was 5.7 per cent and the discount to the net asset value (on an ex-income debt at market value basis) at the end of the period was 3.5 per cent. This performance has been achieved against a background of continuing portfolio change as described in more detail below.

With the notable exception of Japan, developed market equities generated robust returns over the six month period as US and European economic expectations have remained sound and asset allocators have continued to favour US and European equities. This positive performance has been despite the generally still muted profit growth being reported by companies, particularly those with international operations in emerging markets where slower growth and weaker currencies are impacting sterling (and to a lesser extent US dollar and Euro) denominated results. Emerging equity markets were weak for the majority of the period, although there was some respite for the asset class towards the end of the period as US mutual fund outflows stabilised.

With this supportive backdrop, investor appetite for UK and European equities remained strong enough to absorb a large number of new issues in the form of IPOs, rights issues and share placings, including the sale of a further 7 per cent of Lloyds Banking Group by the UK Government.

The table below provides a breakdown of the estimated impact of significant investment decisions and expenses on the relative performance for the period.

Overall stock selection	-0.1%
Regional equity asset allocation	-0.3%
Corporate bonds allocation	-0.1%
Gearing (net of finance costs)	0.4%
Expenses	-0.4%

(Note: The above returns are calculated on a total return basis with net income reinvested. They show the estimated

contributions to the Company's net asset value total return of 4.3 per cent relative to the benchmark index total return of 5.0 per cent. Contributions cannot be added together as they are calculated on a monthly geometric basis).

The main negative impact on relative performance was the Company's overweight exposure to emerging markets, which underperformed developed markets during the period.

## Update on Changes to the Management of the Portfolio

As described in detail in the last Annual Report, since the change in investment manager in 2011, the Board had been reviewing the best way to meet the Company's objectives and, during 2013, it was decided to make changes to the investment approach such that the total number of holdings would be substantially reduced and managed as one portfolio rather than as several sub-portfolios as had previously been the case.

As previously explained, simplification of the portfolio in this way enables the Managers to give suitable prominence to their individual best ideas to reflect their levels of conviction in those ideas in a simple, timely and meaningful fashion. This revised approach will be consistent across all the Company's investments. It will also allow the Managers to enact top down strategy views in a more precise and effective manner.

During the period, the Managers continued with the implementation of changes to the portfolio and it is expected that the process will be complete by the end of the financial year. As at 31 March 2014, the portfolio comprised 114 equity investments (30 September 2013: 176, 31 March 2013: 343) and 101 corporate bond holdings (30 September 2013: 212, 31 March 2013: 272). The corporate bond holdings were spread across 49 issuers (30 September 2013: 124, 31 March 2013: 167). The thirty largest investments at the end of the period represented 61.2 per cent of the portfolio (30 September 2013: 54.1 per cent, 31 March 2013: 47.5 per cent).

The Board believes that these changes will result in improved long term performance for shareholders,

whilst recognising that there may be higher levels of volatility in short term returns.

### Earnings and Dividends

The Company's revenue earnings for the period were 3.2p per share (2013: 2.9p). A first quarterly interim dividend of 1.485p per share was paid on 11 April 2014 (2013: 1.442p) and the Board has declared a second interim dividend of 1.530p per share (2013: 1.4853p) which will be paid on 11 July 2014 to shareholders on the register on 13 June 2014. Each of these dividends represents an increase of 3.0 per cent compared to the previous year.

### Gearing

As at 31 March 2014, the Company's level of gearing, net of cash, was 13.6 per cent. This was represented by 1.5 per cent of equity gearing and 12.1 per cent in corporate bonds.

The Company's borrowings comprise £60 million 6.25 per cent Bonds which are due for redemption in 2031, and a £50 million bank facility which matures in March 2016. £14.9 million of the bank facility was drawn down at the end of the period.

### Alternative Investment Fund Managers' Directive ('AIFMD')

As previously reported, the Company falls within the scope of the new AIFMD regulations which come into force in July 2014. The Board has decided to appoint a subsidiary of F&C Asset Management plc as the Company's AIFM, at no additional cost to the Company, and is required to appoint a depository which will result in an additional cost which the Board does not expect to be significant.

The Board expects all necessary arrangements to be in place prior to the effective date in July.

### Outlook

The overall macroeconomic outlook remains positive, with global lead indicators suggesting that the industrial cycle continues to improve despite the uncertainties of the situation in the Ukraine and a slowdown in emerging markets. The market

currently expects an end to the Federal Reserve's bond purchases in the US by the year end. In the UK, economic growth forecasts remain robust, allowing the normalisation of interest rates to begin with current market expectations for an initial rise in base rates in the first half of 2015.

The outlook for market dividend growth remains solid: pay-out ratios are unlikely to increase much further as corporate operating margins have largely recovered from cyclical lows and companies are beginning to reinvest profits to grow their businesses.

With this backdrop, companies are beginning to undertake takeover activity in earnest with significant transactions being proposed in the healthcare, information technology, industrials and resources sectors.

The momentum in the market therefore remains positive at this stage. We are conscious, however, that we are five years into the current equity bull market period and valuations are more stretched than they have recently been. The combination of these factors points to remaining invested at this stage, but with a gradual shift towards companies that are less sensitive to the economic cycle in developed markets, where relative valuations are becoming somewhat more attractive. The Managers will use this framework to shape the portfolio as they complete the implementation of the changes described above, in order to create a simplified, focused investment portfolio to achieve the Company's twin objectives of generating improved long term total returns above the composite benchmark and delivering dividend growth.



**Lynn Ruddick**  
Chairman

16 May 2014

# Unaudited Income Statement

Six months ended 31 March 2014			
	Revenue	Capital	Total
Notes	£'000	£'000	£'000
Gains on investments	—	9,940	9,940
Exchange differences	—	407	407
Income	10,847	—	10,847
Investment management fee	(353)	(655)	(1,008)
Other expenses	(292)	—	(292)
<b>Net return before finance costs and tax</b>	<b>10,202</b>	<b>9,692</b>	<b>19,894</b>
Finance costs:			
6.25 per cent Bonds 2031	(664)	(1,232)	(1,896)
Bank borrowings	(69)	(129)	(198)
<b>Return on ordinary activities before tax</b>	<b>9,469</b>	<b>8,331</b>	<b>17,800</b>
Tax on ordinary activities	(173)	—	(173)
<b>Return attributable to shareholders</b>	<b>9,296</b>	<b>8,331</b>	<b>17,627</b>
<b>Return per share</b>	<b>3.2p</b>	<b>2.9p</b>	<b>6.1p</b>

The total column of this statement is the Profit and Loss Account of the Company. The supplementary revenue and capital columns are both prepared under guidance published by the Association of Investment Companies.



Six months ended 31 March 2013			Year ended 30 September 2013*		
Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000
—	50,956	50,956	—	41,028	41,028
—	(507)	(507)	—	(154)	(154)
9,893	—	9,893	22,382	—	22,382
(326)	(605)	(931)	(671)	(1,246)	(1,917)
(321)	—	(321)	(870)	—	(870)
9,246	49,844	59,090	20,841	39,628	60,469
(664)	(1,232)	(1,896)	(1,322)	(2,454)	(3,776)
(62)	(116)	(178)	(143)	(266)	(409)
8,520	48,496	57,016	19,376	36,908	56,284
(132)	—	(132)	(359)	—	(359)
8,388	48,496	56,884	19,017	36,908	55,925
2.9p	16.6p	19.5p	6.6p	12.7p	19.3p

\*Audited

# Unaudited Balance Sheet

	As at 31 March 2014 £'000	As at 30 September 2013* £'000	As at 31 March 2013 £'000
Notes			
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Investments at fair value through profit or loss	484,151	488,278	498,646
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	8,856	23,072	8,003
Cash at bank and on deposit	14,200	14,594	4,033
	23,056	37,666	12,036
<b>Creditors</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	(21,318)	(48,072)	(23,390)
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>	1,738	(10,406)	(11,354)
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	485,889	477,872	487,292
<b>Creditors</b>			
Amounts falling due after more than one year:			
6.25 per cent Bonds 2031	(59,540)	(59,527)	(59,513)
<b>Net assets</b>	426,349	418,345	427,779
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called-up share capital	72,778	72,778	72,778
Capital redemption reserve	15,563	15,563	15,563
Capital reserve	304,768	296,437	308,025
Revenue reserve	33,240	33,567	31,413
<b>Shareholders' funds</b>	426,349	418,345	427,779
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	6 147.3p	144.5p	147.8p

\*Audited

# Unaudited Reconciliation of Movements in Shareholders' Funds

	<b>Six months ended 31 March 2014 £'000</b>	Six months ended 31 March 2013 £'000	Year ended 30 September 2013* £'000
Opening shareholders' funds	<b>418,345</b>	382,535	382,535
Return attributable to ordinary shareholders	<b>17,627</b>	56,884	55,925
Dividends paid	<b>(9,623)</b>	(9,397)	(17,872)
Share buy-backs	<b>—</b>	(2,243)	(2,243)
Closing shareholders' funds	<b>426,349</b>	427,779	418,345

<b>Geographic Distribution % of Shareholders' Funds</b>	<b>As at 31 March 2014</b>	As at 31 March 2013	As at 30 September 2013
UK Equities	<b>74.7</b>	75.7	78.1
International Equities			
Developed Americas	<b>6.8</b>	9.6	6.7
Developed Europe	<b>8.7</b>	3.4	8.3
Other Developed	<b>2.5</b>	5.1	1.2
Emerging Markets	<b>8.8</b>	9.5	9.6
Corporate Bonds	<b>12.1</b>	13.3	12.8
Gearing†	<b>(13.6)</b>	(16.6)	(16.7)
	<b>100.0</b>	100.0	100.0

†Comprising equity gearing of 1.5 per cent (31 March 2013: 3.3 per cent, 30 September 2013: 3.9 per cent) and 12.1 per cent in corporate bonds (31 March 2013: 13.3 per cent, 30 September 2013: 12.8 per cent).

\*Audited

# Summarised Unaudited Statement of Cash Flows

	<b>Six months ended 31 March 2014 £'000</b>	Six months ended 31 March 2013 £'000	Year ended 30 September 2013* £'000
Net cash inflow from operating activities	<b>8,560</b>	7,762	19,486
Servicing of finance	<b>(2,080)</b>	(2,073)	(4,172)
Capital expenditure and financial investment	<b>12,891</b>	(4,508)	97
Equity dividends paid	<b>(9,623)</b>	(9,397)	(17,872)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) before financing	<b>9,748</b>	(8,216)	(2,461)
Financing:			
Revolving advance facility (repaid)/drawdown	<b>(10,142)</b>	(5)	5,015
Share buy-backs	<b>—</b>	(2,232)	(2,243)
(Decrease)/Increase in cash	<b>(394)</b>	(10,453)	311
<b>Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net debt</b>			
(Decrease)/Increase in cash	<b>(394)</b>	(10,453)	311
Revolving advance facility repaid/(drawdown)	<b>10,142</b>	5	(5,015)
Exchange differences	<b>(53)</b>	(10)	(187)
Increase in 6.25 per cent Bonds 2031 liability	<b>(13)</b>	(13)	(27)
Opening net debt	<b>(69,886)</b>	(64,968)	(64,968)
Closing net debt	<b>(60,204)</b>	(75,439)	(69,886)
<b>Reconciliation of net return before finance costs and taxation to net cash inflow from operating activities</b>			
Net return before finance costs and taxation	<b>19,894</b>	59,090	60,469
Gains on investments	<b>(9,940)</b>	(50,956)	(41,028)
Exchange differences	<b>(407)</b>	507	154
Tax on investment income	<b>(248)</b>	(184)	(379)
Changes in working capital and other non-cash items	<b>(739)</b>	(695)	270
Net cash inflow from operating activities	<b>8,560</b>	7,762	19,486

\*Audited

# Notes to the Accounts

1. The unaudited interim results have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out in the statutory accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 September 2013.
2. The results for the first six months should not be taken as a guide to the results for the full year.
3. The second interim dividend of 1.53p per Ordinary Share will be paid on 11 July 2014 to shareholders on the register on 13 June 2014.
4. Return per share is based on a weighted average of 289,412,282 Ordinary Shares in issue during the period (six month period to 31 March 2013 – 291,074,919 and year to 30 September 2013 – 290,245,981).
5. No shares were bought back during the six months ended 31 March 2014. During the six months ended 31 March 2013 the Company bought back 1,700,000 Ordinary Shares to hold in treasury at a cost of £2,243,000.
6. There were 289,412,282 Ordinary Shares in issue at 31 March 2014 (31 March 2013 and 30 September 2013 – same) excluding those shares held in treasury. As at 31 March 2014 there were 1,700,000 shares held in treasury (31 March 2013 and 30 September 2013 – same).
7. The results for the half-year ended 31 March 2014, which have not been audited or reviewed by the Company's auditors, constitute non-statutory accounts within the meaning of Section 434 of the Companies Act 2006. Statutory accounts for the year ended 30 September 2013, which received an unqualified audit report, have been lodged with the Registrar of Companies.

# Investment Portfolio

Company	Sector	Valuation £'000	% of Total Investments	Country of listing
BP	Oil & Gas	24,033	5.0	UK
HSBC Holdings	Financials	22,071	4.6	UK
GlaxoSmithKline	Health Care	17,263	3.6	UK
BHP Billiton	Basic Materials	16,191	3.3	UK
BAE Systems	Industrials	13,938	2.9	UK
Rio Tinto	Basic Materials	13,772	2.8	UK
Prudential	Financials	12,348	2.5	UK
Barclays	Financials	12,162	2.5	UK
Royal Dutch Shell	Oil & Gas	11,173	2.3	UK
Total	Oil & Gas	10,750	2.2	France
<b>Ten largest investments</b>		<b>153,701</b>	<b>31.7</b>	
Direct Line Insurance	Financials	9,363	1.9	UK
Vodafone	Telecommunications	8,820	1.8	UK
British American Tobacco	Consumer Goods	8,522	1.8	UK
Premier Farnell	Financials	8,488	1.8	UK
CRH	Industrials	7,868	1.6	UK
Lloyds Banking Group	Financials	7,737	1.6	UK
Informa	Consumer Services	7,713	1.6	UK
British Sky Broadcasting	Media	7,528	1.6	UK
Sanofi	Health Care	7,162	1.5	France
Aegon	Financials	6,921	1.4	Netherlands
<b>Twenty largest investments</b>		<b>233,823</b>	<b>48.3</b>	
Immarsat	Telecommunications	6,852	1.4	UK
Novartis	Health Care	6,780	1.4	Switzerland
Microsoft	Information Technology	6,483	1.3	USA
Amlin	Financials	6,321	1.3	UK
Inchcape	Consumer Services	6,316	1.3	UK
WPP	Media	6,136	1.3	UK
Verizon Communications	Telecommunications	6,120	1.3	USA
General Electric	Industrials	5,896	1.2	USA
National Grid	Electricity	5,878	1.2	UK
IG Group	Financials	5,830	1.2	UK
<b>Thirty largest investments</b>		<b>296,435</b>	<b>61.2</b>	
<b>Other equity investments (84)</b>		<b>135,928</b>	<b>28.1</b>	
<b>Corporate bonds (101)</b>		<b>51,788</b>	<b>10.7</b>	
<b>Total investments</b>		<b>484,151</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

# Statement of Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The Company's assets consist mainly of listed securities and its principal risks are therefore market related. The Company is also exposed to currency risk in respect of overseas markets in which it invests. Other risks faced by the Company include investment and strategic, regulatory, operational and financial risks. These risks, and the way in which they are managed, are described in more detail under the heading Principal Risks and Uncertainties and Risk Management within the Strategic Report in the Company's Annual Report for the year ended 30 September 2013. These risks and uncertainties have not changed materially since the date of that report.

In addition to these risks, the Company is a Scottish registered company and the Board is mindful that there is uncertainty arising in relation to the referendum on Scottish Independence which is due to take place on 18 September 2014. Such matters of uncertainty include jurisdiction and taxation of savings and pension plans, financial services regulation, investment trust status, currency and membership of the European Union. The Board considers that, should the vote be in favour of independence, there will be a transitional period during which there will be an opportunity to assess the new situation and take any appropriate action.

With the exception of the referendum on Scottish Independence, the Company's principal risks and uncertainties are not expected to change materially for the remaining six months of the Company's financial year.

## Statement of Directors' Responsibilities in Respect of the Interim Report

We confirm that to the best of our knowledge:

- the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement 'Half-Yearly Financial Reports' issued by the UK Accounting Standards Board and give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and return of the Company;
- the Chairman's Statement (constituting the Interim Management Report) together with the Statement of Principal Risks and Uncertainties above include a fair review of the information required by the Disclosure and Transparency Rules ('DTR') 4.2.7R, being an indication of important events that have occurred during the first six months of the financial year and their impact on the financial statements; and
- the financial statements include a fair review of the information required by DTR 4.2.8R, being related party transactions that have taken place in the first six months of the financial year and that have materially affected the financial position or performance of the Company during the period, and any changes in the related party transactions described in the last Annual Report that could do so.

On behalf of the Board

**Lynn Ruddick**

Director

16 May 2014

# Shareholder Information

## Dividends

Ordinary dividends are paid quarterly in April, July, October and January each year. Shareholders who wish to have dividends paid directly into a bank account rather than by cheque to their registered address can complete a mandate form for the purpose. Mandates may be obtained from Equiniti Limited, Aspect House, Spencer Road, Lancing, West Sussex BN99 6DA on request. The Company operates the BACS system for the payment of dividends. Where dividends are paid directly to shareholders' bank accounts, dividend tax vouchers are sent to shareholders' registered addresses.

## Dividend Reinvestment Plan

Shareholders who wish to use their dividends to purchase further shares in the Company by participating in the Company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan can complete a mandate form which may be obtained from Equiniti Limited at the above address.

## Share Prices

The Company's Ordinary Shares are listed on the London Stock Exchange under 'Investment Companies'. Prices are given daily in the *Financial Times*, *The Scotsman*, *The Times* and *The Daily Telegraph*.

## Change of Address

Communications with shareholders are mailed to the address held on the share register. In the event of a change of address or other amendment this should be notified to Equiniti Limited at the above address under the signature of the registered holder.

## Daily Net Asset Value

The net asset value of the Company's shares can be obtained on the Company's website at [www.british-assets.co.uk](http://www.british-assets.co.uk).

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## Warning to Shareholders – Beware of Share Fraud

Fraudsters use persuasive and high-pressure tactics to lure investors into scams. They may offer to sell shares that turn out to be worthless or non-existent, or to buy shares at an inflated price in return for an upfront payment.

If you receive unsolicited investment advice or requests:

- Check the Financial Services Register from [www.fca.org.uk](http://www.fca.org.uk) to see if the person or firm contacting you is authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority
- Call the Financial Conduct Authority on **0800 111 6768** if the firm does not have contact details on the Register or you are told they are out of date
- Search the list of unauthorised firms to avoid at [www.fca.org.uk/scams](http://www.fca.org.uk/scams)
- Consider that if you buy or sell shares from an unauthorised firm you will not have access to the Financial Ombudsman Service or Financial Services Compensation Scheme
- Think about getting independent financial and professional advice

If you are approached by fraudsters please tell the Financial Conduct Authority by using the share fraud reporting form at [www.fca.org.uk/scams](http://www.fca.org.uk/scams) where you can find out more about investment scams. You can also call the Financial Conduct Authority Consumer Helpline on **0800 111 6768**. If you have already paid money to share fraudsters you should contact Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040**.



# How to Invest

One of the most convenient ways to invest in British Assets Trust plc is through one of the savings plans run by F&C Management Limited ('F&C').

## F&C Private Investor Plan (PIP)

A flexible way to invest with a lump sum from £500 or regular savings from £50 a month. You can also make additional lump sum top-ups at any time from £250.

## F&C Investment Trust ISA

Use your ISA allowance to make an annual tax-efficient investment of up to £11,880 for the 2014/15 tax year (due to increase to £15,000 from 1st July 2014) with a lump sum from £500 or regular savings from £50 a month. You can also make additional lump sum top-ups at any time from £250 and transfer any existing ISAs to us whilst maintaining all the tax benefits.

## F&C Child Trust Fund (CTF)

CTFs are closed to new investors; however, if your child has a CTF with another provider, it is easy to transfer it to F&C. Additional contributions can be made from as little as £25 per month or £100 lump sum – up to a maximum of £3,840 for birthdays in the 2014/15 tax year (due to increase to £4,000 from 1st July 2014).

## F&C Children's Investment Plan (CIP)

A flexible way to save for a child. With no maximum contributions, the plan can easily be written under trust to help reduce inheritance tax liability or kept in your name if you may need access to the funds before the child is 18. Investments can be made from a £250 lump sum or £25 a month. You can also make additional lump sum top-ups at any time from £100.

## F&C Junior ISA (JISA)

This is a tax-efficient savings plan for children who did not qualify for a CTF. It allows you to invest up to £3,840 for the 2014/15 tax year (due to increase to £4,000 from 1st July 2014) with all the tax benefits of the CTF. You can invest from £30 a month, or £500 lump sum, or a combination of both.

Potential investors are reminded that the value of investments and the income from them may go down as well as up and you may not receive back the full amount originally invested. Tax rates and reliefs depend on the circumstances of the individual. The CTF and JISA accounts are opened in the child's name. Money cannot be withdrawn until the child turns 18.

Annual management charges and certain transaction costs apply according to the type of plan.

## Annual Account Charge

**ISA:** £60+VAT

**PIP:** £40+VAT

**JISA/CIP/CTF:** £25+VAT

You can pay the annual charge from your account, or by direct debit (in addition to any annual subscription limits)

## Dealing Charge per Holding

**ISA:** 0.2%

**PIP/CIP/JISA:** postal instructions £12, online instruction £8

The dealing charge applies when shares are bought or sold but the fixed rate charge does not apply to the reinvestment of dividends or the investment of regular monthly savings.

There is no dealing charge on a CTF but a switching charge of £25 applies if more than two switches are carried out in one year.

Government stamp duty of 0.5% also applies on purchases (where applicable).

There may be additional charges made if you transfer a plan to another provider or transfer the shares from your plan. For full details of charges, please read the Key Features and Terms and Conditions of the plan before investing.

## How to Invest

You can invest in all our savings plans online.

## New Customers

Contact our Investor Services Team

Call: **0800 136 420** (8:30am – 5:30pm, weekdays, calls may be recorded)

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# Corporate Information

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