

# Aberdeen New Dawn Investment Trust PLC

Half Yearly Report  
for the six months ended 31 October 2013



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# Highlights and Financial Calendar

## Financial Highlights

	31 October 2013	30 April 2013	% change
Total assets <sup>A</sup> (£'000)	268,042	283,098	-5.3
Total equity shareholders' funds (£'000)	247,768	262,263	-5.5
Share price (mid-market) <sup>BC</sup>	181.0p	199.0p	-9.0
Net asset value per share <sup>BC</sup>	198.9p	210.6p	-5.5
Discount to net asset value	9.0%	5.5%	
MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index (currency adjusted, capital gains basis) <sup>B</sup>	559.6	582.1	-3.9
Interim dividend per share <sup>C</sup>	1.0p	1.0p	-

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

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

<sup>C</sup> Comparative figures for the year ended 30 April 2013 have been restated due to the sub-division of each existing Ordinary share of 25p into five Ordinary shares of 5p each on 2 September 2013.

## Performance (total return)

	Six months ended 31 October 2013	Year ended 30 April 2013
Share price	-7.9%	+26.1%
Net asset value	-4.4%	+18.8%
MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index (currency adjusted, capital gains basis)	-1.8%	+18.3%

## Financial Calendar

17 December 2013	Announcement of unaudited Half-Yearly Financial Report
December 2013	Half-Yearly Report posted to shareholders
31 January 2014	Interim dividend payable for year ending 30 April 2014
June 2014	Announcement of results for the year ending 30 April 2014
July 2014	Annual Report posted to shareholders
2 September 2014	Annual General Meeting in London (12 noon)
5 September 2014	Final dividend payable for year ending 30 April 2014

# 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 2013.

## Results and Dividend

During the six months to 31 October 2013, the net asset value of your Company fell by 4.4% to 198.9p, trailing the benchmark MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex-Japan Index, which declined by 1.8% (both on a total return basis). The share price fell by 7.9% (also on a total return basis) to 181.0p, reflecting a widening of the discount from 5.5% to 9.0%.

Your Board declares an unchanged interim dividend for the current year of 1.0p net per Ordinary share, which will be paid on 31 January 2014 to shareholders on the register on 10 January 2014 (the relevant ex-dividend date being 8 January 2014). Shareholders should be aware that, as in previous years, the level of future dividends will depend on the future income of the portfolio.

## Share Sub-Division

At the Company's Annual General Meeting held earlier in the year, a resolution was passed to sub-divide each of the Ordinary shares of 25p into five Ordinary shares of 5p which took effect on the close of business on 2 September 2013.

## Overview

Asian equities had a volatile six months and were down at the end of the period under review. The recurring refrain of quantitative easing that played out in the US was a key driver of this volatility. The Federal Reserve's indication in May that it might start to reduce its asset purchase programme led to a sharp sell-off in emerging markets. In addition, fears of a slowdown in the Chinese economy weighed on emerging Asian markets that rely on the mainland to absorb their exports. Towards the period-end, however, stock markets recouped some of their losses following a last-minute deal in the US to reopen the government and extend the debt ceiling, which buoyed global sentiment.

Within Asia, we saw a divergence of market performance. Export-oriented North Asian markets, such as China and Korea, held up relatively well, boosted by optimism that developed markets were recovering. In contrast, their Southeast Asian counterparts disappointed. Prior star performers, including Thailand and the Philippines, ended the period lower as investors curbed their appetite for risk. Indonesia and India also lagged, as their growth slowed and

large current account deficits exacerbated weakness in their currencies.

On the economic front, signs of resilience emerged towards the end of the period. China's third-quarter GDP rose by an encouraging 7.8%, while its exports and manufacturing appeared to gain momentum. Korea's growth exceeded estimates even though the strengthening won weighed on export competitiveness, while Singapore lifted its full-year forecast after third-quarter growth was underpinned by a recovery in manufacturing. Indonesia and Thailand posted trade surpluses in August, which provided some relief to their currencies.

## Portfolio

Your Company's performance over the period was affected by the relatively small exposure to select Markets in North Asia in favour of its neighbours to the South. It is worth noting that the Company's positioning in individual markets is determined by where your Manager finds the best companies. For instance, due to China's minimal public reporting requirements, your Manager prefers to gain exposure to the mainland via Hong Kong-listed stocks, which generally boast better standards of transparency and corporate governance.

However, gains from the significant exposure to the resilient Hong Kong market were tempered by the mixed performance of your Company's holdings there. Financial companies including AIA Group and HSBC did well; in particular, shares of family-run Wing Hang Bank rose after its major shareholders received takeover offers from potential buyers looking to grow their presence in China. Conversely, government measures to rein in prices in the overheated housing market weighed on property holdings, such as Hang Lung Group. Singapore's City Developments saw similar measures in the city-state.

Regional conglomerate Jardine Strategic also saw weaker performance. This was in part due to its exposure to the economic slowdown and currency weakness in Indonesia via Astra International, a conglomerate with interests across the auto, financial services and commodities sectors, and in part due to weakness in its retailing business, Dairy Farm. That said, your Manager believes that the company remains well-positioned to benefit from Indonesia's growing middle class and favourable demographics over the longer term.

Against this, both Korean holdings performed well. Samsung Electronics, in particular, posted record profits as it continued to gain market share in the smartphone arena, while its semiconductor business recovered. Meanwhile, discount retailer E-Mart enjoyed resilient sales growth.

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Another bright spot for your Company's performance was Australia. The lack of exposure to lenders such as Westpac Banking and Commonwealth Bank of Australia was positive. Although the Australian banking sector had previously been favoured by investors for its higher yield, sentiment was dampened by the prospect of Fed tapering and the spectre of higher interest rates. Additionally, resource-related holdings, including mining giants Rio Tinto and BHP Billiton, bounced back as recovering Chinese demand lifted the outlook for commodities.

In portfolio activity, your Manager introduced Singapore-listed lender DBS Group, which is attractively valued, well-capitalised and focused on consumer lending in Southeast Asia's higher-growth markets. Your Manager also added to several stocks, including City Developments, on favourable valuations. Against this, positions in companies such as Samsung Electronics, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company and ST Engineering were pared on the back of relative share price strength.

### Gearing

At the beginning of the six-month period ended 31 October 2013, the Company had gearing equivalent to approximately £20.8 million. These were drawn as follows: HKD154.1 million (equivalent to £12.7 million), USD8.7 million (equivalent to approximately £5.6 million) and £2.5 million. At the end of the period, and at the time of writing, these amounts remain drawn under the new facility (representing approximately £20.3 million, or 8.2% of the net assets). At the end of the period, the Company held a cash balance equivalent to £3.6 million, resulting in net gearing of 6.7%.

### Outlook

Despite the slowdown in growth, Asian economies are still in good shape, especially when compared with the slow pace of recovery in many of their Western counterparts. Corporate and government balance sheets are mostly solid, while an increasingly affluent middle class bodes well for future consumption. Your Company continues to hold some of the best-managed companies within the region, and your Manager's focus on corporate fundamentals will position the portfolio well against a potentially less supportive external backdrop.

Within the region, developments in China will be closely watched. Investors have been dissecting the new economic framework that emerged from a recently-concluded meeting of top leaders. We are guardedly optimistic about these reform efforts, as the commitment to a more market-oriented economy appears to be a step in the right direction. Nevertheless, the more meaningful reforms will likely take years to realise, and their implementation is likely to be challenging in the face of entrenched vested interests.

Although there have been signs of recovery, Asian markets may continue to be liquidity-led and susceptible to shifts in investor sentiment in the near term. The withdrawal of easy money from the US, for example, could trigger further volatility. It can also be argued that asset prices in some Asian markets have been inflated artificially as a result of quantitative easing. As such, a scale back in expansionary monetary policy would be followed by a renewed focus on company fundamentals, and this should benefit the quality holdings in your portfolio.

**David Shearer**

Chairman

17 December 2013

## Interim Board Report *continued*

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### Principal Risks and Uncertainties and Related Party Transactions

The Board regularly reviews major strategic risks and sets out delegated controls designed to manage those risks.

Aside from the risks associated with investment in Asia, the key risks related to investment strategy, including inappropriate asset allocation or gearing, are managed through a defined investment policy, specific guidelines and restrictions and by the process of oversight at each Board meeting as outlined above. Operational disruption, accounting and legal risks are also covered at least annually and regulatory compliance is reviewed at each Board meeting.

The major risks associated with the Company are:

- Resource risk: like most other investment trusts, the Company has no employees. The Company, therefore, relies on services provided by third parties, including, in particular, the Manager, to which responsibility for the management of the Company's portfolio has been delegated under an investment management agreement. The terms of the Agreement cover the necessary duties and conditions expected of the Manager. The Board reviews the performance of the Manager on a regular basis, and its compliance with the Agreement formally on an annual basis.
- Investment and market risk: the Board continually monitors the investment policy of the Company, taking account of stockmarket factors, and reviews the Company's performance compared to its benchmark index.
- Gearing risk: the Company currently uses gearing in the form of bank loans of HKD154.1 million (equivalent to £12.4 million), USD8.7 million (equivalent to £5.4 million) and £2.5 million under its loan facility of £30.0 million.
- Regulatory risk: the Company operates in a complex regulatory environment and faces a number of regulatory risks. Serious breaches of applicable regulations could lead to a number of detrimental outcomes and reputational damage. The Audit and Risk Committee monitors compliance with regulations by reviewing internal control reports from the Manager.

The particular risks of investment in Asia include:

- greater risk of social, political and economic instability; the small size of the markets for securities of emerging markets issuers and associated low volumes of trading give rise to price volatility and a lack of liquidity;
- certain national policies which may restrict the investment opportunities available in respect of a fund, including restrictions on investing in issuers or industries deemed sensitive to national interests; changes in taxation laws

and/or rates which may affect the value of the Company's investments;

- the absence in some markets of developed legal structures governing private or foreign investment and private property leading to supervision and regulation; and changes in government which may have an adverse effect on economic reform. Companies in the Asia-Pacific region are not, in all cases, subject to the equivalent accounting, auditing and financial standards of those in the United Kingdom; and
- currency fluctuations which may affect the value of the Company's investments and the income derived therefrom.

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 2013 comprises the Interim Board Report, the Directors' Responsibility Statement and a condensed set of Financial Statements.

**David Shearer**

Chairman

17 December 2013

# Investment Portfolio

As at 31 October 2013

Company	Country	Valuation £'000	Total assets %
Aberdeen Global – Indian Equity Fund <sup>A</sup>	India	29,115	10.8
Samsung Electronics Pref	South Korea	14,171	5.3
Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation	Singapore	11,777	4.4
Jardine Strategic Holdings	Hong Kong	10,779	4.0
Rio Tinto <sup>B</sup>	Australia	9,454	3.5
HSBC Holdings	Hong Kong	9,155	3.4
BHP Billiton <sup>B</sup>	Australia	8,822	3.3
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company	Taiwan	8,764	3.3
Ayala Land	Philippines	8,485	3.2
QBE Insurance Group	Australia	8,222	3.1
<b>Top ten investments</b>		<b>118,744</b>	<b>44.3</b>
United Overseas Bank	Singapore	8,009	3.0
City Developments	Singapore	7,898	2.9
Standard Chartered <sup>B</sup>	United Kingdom	7,514	2.8
AIA Group	Hong Kong	7,337	2.7
Swire Pacific <sup>C</sup>	Hong Kong	7,164	2.7
China Mobile	China	6,796	2.5
Singapore Technologies Engineering	Singapore	6,793	2.5
Singapore Telecommunications	Singapore	6,716	2.5
PetroChina	China	6,338	2.4
Siam Cement (Foreign)	Thailand	5,842	2.2
<b>Top twenty investments</b>		<b>189,151</b>	<b>70.5</b>
PTT Exploration & Production (Foreign)	Thailand	5,557	2.1
Keppel Corporation	Singapore	4,835	1.8
Woolworths	Australia	4,666	1.7
Taiwan Mobile	Taiwan	4,247	1.6
Dairy Farm International	Hong Kong	3,988	1.5
Wing Hang Bank	Hong Kong	3,716	1.4
CIMB Group	Malaysia	3,460	1.3
ASM Pacific Technology	Hong Kong	3,335	1.2
Aberdeen Asian Smaller Companies Inv. Trust <sup>AD</sup>	Other Asia	3,193	1.2
Public Bank Berhad (Foreign)	Malaysia	3,113	1.2
<b>Top thirty investments</b>		<b>229,261</b>	<b>85.5</b>
Li & Fung	Hong Kong	3,020	1.1
Hang Lung Group	Hong Kong	2,890	1.1
John Keells Holdings <sup>E</sup>	Sri Lanka	2,869	1.1
New India Inv. Trust <sup>A</sup>	India	2,855	1.1
Venture Corporation	Singapore	2,729	1.0
M.P. Evans Group <sup>B</sup>	Indonesia	2,649	1.0
Swire Properties	Hong Kong	2,629	1.0
DBS Group Holdings	Singapore	2,611	1.0
E-Mart	South Korea	2,459	0.9
Unilever Indonesia	Indonesia	2,425	0.9
<b>Top forty investments</b>		<b>256,397</b>	<b>95.7</b>

## Investment Portfolio continued

Company	Country	Valuation £'000	Total assets %
Aitken Spence & Co.	Sri Lanka	2,422	0.9
Singapore Airlines	Singapore	2,192	0.8
Hang Lung Properties	Hong Kong	1,736	0.6
DFCC Bank	Sri Lanka	1,053	0.4
National Development Bank	Sri Lanka	676	0.3
Keppel REIT	Singapore	125	–
<b>Total investments</b>		<b>264,601</b>	<b>98.7</b>
Net current assets <sup>F</sup>		<b>3,441</b>	<b>1.3</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>268,042</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

<sup>B</sup> London listed shares held.

<sup>C</sup> Holding merges two equity holdings, split as follows: B shares £6,705,000 and A shares £459,000.

<sup>D</sup> Holding merges equity holding and CULS, split as follows: equity shares £2,659,000 and CULS £534,000.

<sup>E</sup> Holding merges equity holding and warrants, split as follows: equity shares £2,833,000 and warrants £36,000.

<sup>F</sup> Excluding bank loans of £20,274,000.

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

# Income Statement

	Notes	Six months ended 31 October 2013 (unaudited)			Six months ended 31 October 2012 (unaudited)			Year ended 30 April 2013 (audited)		
		Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000
(Losses)/gains on investments		–	(14,266)	(14,266)	–	10,001	10,001	–	38,566	38,566
Income	2	3,979	–	3,979	3,757	–	3,757	6,562	–	6,562
Investment management fee		(481)	(481)	(962)	(425)	(425)	(850)	(903)	(903)	(1,806)
Administrative expenses		(424)	–	(424)	(379)	–	(379)	(715)	–	(715)
Exchange gains/(losses)		–	495	495	–	(62)	(62)	–	(607)	(607)
<b>Net return before finance costs and taxation</b>		<b>3,074</b>	<b>(14,252)</b>	<b>(11,178)</b>	<b>2,953</b>	<b>9,514</b>	<b>12,467</b>	<b>4,944</b>	<b>37,056</b>	<b>42,000</b>
Interest payable and similar charges		(95)	(95)	(190)	(98)	(98)	(196)	(191)	(191)	(382)
<b>Net return on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		<b>2,979</b>	<b>(14,347)</b>	<b>(11,368)</b>	<b>2,855</b>	<b>9,416</b>	<b>12,271</b>	<b>4,753</b>	<b>36,865</b>	<b>41,618</b>
Taxation		(137)	(1)	(138)	(129)	–	(129)	93	–	93
<b>Return on ordinary activities after taxation</b>		<b>2,842</b>	<b>(14,348)</b>	<b>(11,506)</b>	<b>2,726</b>	<b>9,416</b>	<b>12,142</b>	<b>4,846</b>	<b>36,865</b>	<b>41,711</b>
<b>Return per Ordinary share (pence)<sup>A</sup></b>	4	<b>2.28</b>	<b>(11.52)</b>	<b>(9.24)</b>	<b>2.19</b>	<b>7.56</b>	<b>9.75</b>	<b>3.89</b>	<b>29.60</b>	<b>33.49</b>

<sup>A</sup> Comparative figures for the six months ended 31 October 2012 and year ended 30 April 2013 have been restated due to the sub-division of each existing Ordinary share of 25p into five Ordinary shares of 5p each on 2 September 2013.

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 2013 (unaudited) £'000	As at 31 October 2012 (unaudited) £'000	As at 30 April 2013 (audited) £'000
<b>Non-current assets</b>				
Investments at fair value through profit or loss		264,601	250,646	280,011
<b>Current assets</b>				
Cash at bank and in hand		3,623	3,710	1,245
Loans and receivables		335	300	2,238
		3,958	4,010	3,483
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>				
Loans		(20,274)	(20,230)	(20,835)
Other creditors		(517)	(486)	(396)
		(20,791)	(20,716)	(21,231)
<b>Net current liabilities</b>		<b>(16,833)</b>	<b>(16,706)</b>	<b>(17,748)</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>247,768</b>	<b>233,940</b>	<b>262,263</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	190,872	177,771	205,220
Revenue reserve		10,770	10,043	10,917
<b>Equity shareholders' funds</b>		<b>247,768</b>	<b>233,940</b>	<b>262,263</b>
<b>Net asset value per Ordinary share (pence)<sup>A</sup></b>	6	<b>198.94</b>	<b>187.83</b>	<b>210.57</b>

<sup>A</sup> Comparative figures for the six months ended 31 October 2012 and year ended 30 April 2013 have been restated due to the sub-division of each existing Ordinary share of 25p into five Ordinary shares of 5p each on 2 September 2013.

## Reconciliation of Movements in Shareholders' Funds

### Six months ended 31 October 2013 (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 2013		6,347	17,955	11,617	10,207	205,220	10,917	262,263
Return on ordinary activities after taxation		–	–	–	–	(14,348)	2,842	(11,506)
Dividend paid	3	–	–	–	–	–	(2,989)	(2,989)
<b>Balance at 31 October 2013</b>		<b>6,347</b>	<b>17,955</b>	<b>11,617</b>	<b>10,207</b>	<b>190,872</b>	<b>10,770</b>	<b>247,768</b>

### Six months ended 31 October 2012 (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 2012		6,347	17,955	11,617	10,207	168,355	11,427	225,908
Return on ordinary activities after taxation		–	–	–	–	9,416	2,726	12,142
Dividend paid	3	–	–	–	–	–	(4,110)	(4,110)
<b>Balance at 31 October 2012</b>		<b>6,347</b>	<b>17,955</b>	<b>11,617</b>	<b>10,207</b>	<b>177,771</b>	<b>10,043</b>	<b>233,940</b>

### Year ended 30 April 2013 (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 2012		6,347	17,955	11,617	10,207	168,355	11,427	225,908
Return on ordinary activities after taxation		–	–	–	–	36,865	4,846	41,711
Dividends paid	3	–	–	–	–	–	(5,356)	(5,356)
<b>Balance at 30 April 2013</b>		<b>6,347</b>	<b>17,955</b>	<b>11,617</b>	<b>10,207</b>	<b>205,220</b>	<b>10,917</b>	<b>262,263</b>

# Cash Flow Statement

Notes	Six months ended 31 October 2013 (unaudited) £'000	Six months ended 31 October 2012 (unaudited) £'000	Year ended 30 April 2013 (audited) £'000
Net return on ordinary activities before finance costs and taxation	(11,178)	12,467	42,000
Adjustment for:			
Losses/(gains) on investments held at fair value through profit or loss	14,266	(10,001)	(38,566)
Exchange (gains)/losses charged to capital	(495)	62	607
Decrease/(increase) in accrued income	1,483	1,019	(424)
Decrease in other debtors	21	7	16
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	175	40	(51)
Stock and scrip dividends included in investment income	(285)	–	–
<b>Net cash inflow from operating activities</b>	<b>3,987</b>	<b>3,594</b>	<b>3,582</b>
<b>Servicing of finance</b>			
Interest paid	(184)	(189)	(387)
<b>Taxation</b>			
Overseas withholding tax suffered	(44)	(127)	(188)
<b>Financial investment</b>			
Purchases of investments	(8,205)	(9,204)	(16,037)
Sales of investments	9,879	9,886	15,711
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financial investment</b>	<b>1,674</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>(326)</b>
<b>Equity dividends paid</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>(2,989)</b>	<b>(5,356)</b>
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) before financing</b>	<b>2,444</b>	<b>(150)</b>	<b>(2,675)</b>
<b>Financing</b>			
Drawdown of loan	–	2,566	3,061
<b>Increase in cash</b>	<b>2,444</b>	<b>2,416</b>	<b>386</b>
<b>Reconciliation of net cash flow to movements in net debt</b>			
Increase in cash as above	2,444	2,416	386
Drawdown of loan	–	(2,566)	(3,061)
Exchange movements	495	(62)	(607)
<b>Movement in net debt in the period</b>	<b>2,939</b>	<b>(212)</b>	<b>(3,282)</b>
Opening net debt	(19,590)	(16,308)	(16,308)
<b>Closing net debt</b>	<b>(16,651)</b>	<b>(16,520)</b>	<b>(19,590)</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>			
Cash at bank	3,623	3,710	1,245
Debt falling due within one year	(20,274)	(20,230)	(20,835)
	<b>(16,651)</b>	<b>(16,520)</b>	<b>(19,590)</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'. 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 2013 £'000	Six months ended 31 October 2012 £'000	Year ended 30 April 2013 £'000
<b>2. Income</b>			
<b>Income from investments</b>			
UK dividend income	631	642	1,333
UK unfranked investment income	1	–	15
Overseas dividends	3,060	3,114	5,212
Scrip dividends	201	–	–
Stock dividends	84	–	–
	<b>3,977</b>	<b>3,756</b>	<b>6,560</b>

## Notes to the Accounts continued

	Six months ended 31 October 2013 £'000	Six months ended 31 October 2012 £'000	Year ended 30 April 2013 £'000
<b>Other income</b>			
Deposit interest	2	1	2
<b>Total income</b>	<b>3,979</b>	<b>3,757</b>	<b>6,562</b>

### 3. Dividends

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

	Six months ended 31 October 2013 £'000	Six months ended 31 October 2012 £'000	Year ended 30 April 2013 £'000
2012 final dividend – 3.30p <sup>A</sup>	–	4,110	4,110
2013 interim dividend – 1.0p <sup>A</sup>	–	–	1,246
2013 final dividend – 2.40p <sup>A</sup>	2,989	–	–
	<b>2,989</b>	<b>4,110</b>	<b>5,356</b>

<sup>A</sup> Rates have been restated due to the sub-division of each existing Ordinary share of 25p into five Ordinary shares of 5p each on 2 September 2013.

An interim dividend of 1.0p per share will be paid on 31 January 2014 to shareholders on the register on 10 January 2014. The ex-dividend date will be 8 January 2014.

	Six months ended 31 October 2013 p	Six months ended 31 October 2012 p	Year ended 30 April 2013 p
<b>4. Return per Ordinary share</b>			
Revenue return	2.28	2.19	3.89
Capital return	(11.52)	7.56	29.60
<b>Total return</b>	<b>(9.24)</b>	<b>9.75<sup>A</sup></b>	<b>33.49<sup>A</sup></b>

The figures above are based on the following attributable assets:

	£'000	£'000	£'000
Revenue return	2,842	2,726	4,846
Capital return	(14,348)	9,416	36,865
<b>Total return</b>	<b>(11,506)</b>	<b>12,142</b>	<b>41,711</b>

	124,547,010	124,547,010 <sup>A</sup>	124,547,010 <sup>A</sup>
<b>Weighted average number of Ordinary shares in issue</b>			

<sup>A</sup> Comparative figures for the six months ended 31 October 2012 and year ended 30 April 2013 have been restated due to the sub-division of each existing Ordinary share of 25p into five Ordinary shares of 5p each on 2 September 2013.

### 5. Capital reserve

The capital reserve reflected in the Balance Sheet at 31 October 2013 includes gains of £136,526,000 (31 October 2012 – gains of £133,453,000; 30 April 2013 – gains of £156,780,000) which relate to the revaluation of investments held at the reporting date.

	As at 31 October 2013	As at 31 October 2012	As at 30 April 2013
<b>6. Net asset value per share</b>			
Attributable net assets (£'000)	247,768	233,940	262,263
Number of Ordinary shares in issue	124,547,010	124,547,010	124,547,010
Net asset value per Ordinary share (p)	198.94	187.83 <sup>A</sup>	210.57 <sup>A</sup>

<sup>A</sup> Comparative figures for the six months ended 31 October 2012 and year ended 30 April 2013 have been restated due to the sub-division of each existing Ordinary share of 25p into five Ordinary shares of 5p each on 2 September 2013.

#### 7. Transaction costs

During the six months ended 31 October 2013 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 (losses)/gains on investments in the Income Statement. The total costs were as follows:

	Six months ended 31 October 2013 £'000	Six months ended 31 October 2012 £'000	Year ended 30 April 2013 £'000
Purchases	12	30	52
Sales	29	25	42
	<b>41</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>94</b>

#### 8. Transactions with the Manager

Mr H Young is a director of Aberdeen Asset Management Asia Limited ('AAM Asia') and 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 £962,000 (2012 – £850,000) of management fees were paid and payable, with a balance of £312,000 (2012 – £289,000) 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 pages 5 and 6.

The marketing fee is based on a current annual amount of £195,000 (2012 – £164,000), payable quarterly in arrears. During the period £109,000 (2012 – £83,000) of fees were paid and payable, with a balance of £65,000 being payable to AAM at the period end (2012 – £14,000 payable).

#### 9. Related party disclosure

There were no related party transactions during the period.

10. 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 2013 and 31 October 2012 have not been audited.

## Notes to the Accounts continued

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The information for the year ended 30 April 2013 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.

11. This Half-Yearly Financial Report was approved by the Board on 17 December 2013.

# 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 2013 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 Conduct Authority ("the UK FCA"). 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 FCA.

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 have 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 2013 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 FCA.

## Philip Merchant

For and on behalf of KPMG LLP  
Chartered Accountants  
Edinburgh

17 December 2013

# 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.

## Suitable for Retail

The Company's Ordinary shares are intended for investors primarily in the UK (including retail investors), professional-advised private clients and institutional investors who are seeking a high level of capital growth through equity investment in the Asia Pacific countries ex Japan and who understand and are willing to accept the risks of exposure to equities. Investors should consider consulting a financial adviser who specialises in advising on the acquisition of shares and other securities before acquiring shares. Investors should be capable of evaluating the risks and merits of such an investment and should have sufficient resources to bear any loss that may result.

The Company currently conducts its affairs so that the shares issued by Aberdeen New Dawn Investment Trust PLC can be recommended by a financial adviser to ordinary retail investors in accordance with the FCA's rules in relation to non-mainstream investment products and intends to continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

The Company's shares are excluded from the FCA's restrictions which apply to non-mainstream investment products because they are shares in an investment trust.

## 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 £11,520 in Aberdeen New Dawn Investment Trust PLC can be made through the Aberdeen Investment Trust ISA in the tax year 2013/2014.

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 annually and applied on 31 March (or the last business day in March) and collected soon thereafter either by direct debit or, if there is no valid direct debit mandate in place, from the available cash in the Plan prior to the distribution or reinvestment of any income, or, where there is insufficient cash in the Plan, from the sale of investments held in the Plan. 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  
Email: [aam@lit-request.com](mailto:aam@lit-request.com)

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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.

## Contact

For information on Aberdeen New Dawn Investment Trust PLC and for any administrative queries relating to the Investment Plan for Children, Share Plan, ISA or ISA Transfer please 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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## Investor Warning

Aberdeen is aware that some investors have received telephone calls from people purporting to work for Aberdeen, or third parties, who have offered to buy their investment trust shares. These may be scams which attempt to gain personal information with which to commit identity fraud or could be 'boiler room' scams where a payment from an

investor is required to release the supposed payment for their shares.

These callers do not work for Aberdeen and any third party making such offers has no link with Aberdeen. Aberdeen never makes these types of offers and does not 'cold-call' investors in this way. If investors have any doubt over the veracity of a caller, do not offer any personal information, end the call and contact Aberdeen's investor services centre using the details provided.

*The above information has been approved for the purposes of Section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (as amended by the Financial Services Act 2012) by Aberdeen Asset Managers Limited which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.*

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