# Aberdeen New Thai Investment Trust PLC

# **Investment Trust**

Performance Data and Analytics to 30 April 2019



## Investment objective

To provide a high level of long-term, above-average capital growth through investment in Thailand

#### **Benchmark**

Stock Exchange of Thailand Index (currency adjusted).

# Cumulative performance (%)

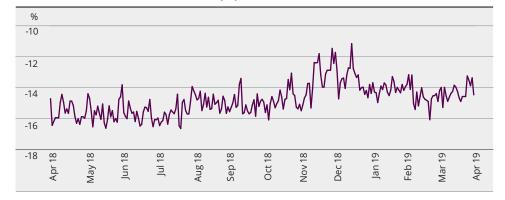
as	at 30/04/19	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years
Ordinary share price	570.0p	2.3	1.1	3.8	2.7	51.5	63.0
NAV <sup>A</sup>	656.5p	1.1	0.5	0.9	0.4	45.7	57.3
SET Index		2.0	2.1	3.8	1.3	60.6	81.4

### Discrete performance (%)

Year ending	30/04/19	30/04/18	30/04/17	30/04/16	30/04/15
Ordinary share price	2.7	13.3	30.2	(8.4)	17.5
NAV <sup>A</sup>	0.4	13.2	28.1	(8.0)	17.4
SET Index	1.3	20.6	31.5	(5.9)	20.0

Total return; NAV to NAV, net income reinvested, GBP. Share price total return is on a mid-to-mid basis. Dividend calculations are to reinvest as at the ex-dividend date. NAV returns based on NAVs with debt valued at fair value. Source: Aberdeen Asset Managers Limited, Lipper and Morningstar. Past performance is not a guide to future results.

# 1 Year Premium/Discount Chart (%)



#### Morningstar Rating™

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<sup>B</sup> Morningstar RatingTM for Funds

Morningstar rates funds from one to five stars based on how well they've performed (after adjusting for risk and accounting for all sales charges) in comparison to similar funds.

#### Ten largest equity holdings (%)

AEON Thana Sinsap	4.7
Advanced Info Service	4.3
Central Pattana Public	4.2
Home Product Center	4.1
Thai Stanley Electric	4.1
PTT	3.9
Bangkok Insurance	3.9
Siam Cement	3.8
Land and Houses	3.6
Kasikornbank	3.3
Total	39.9

#### Sector allocation (%)

	Trust	Benchmark
Energy & Utilities	16.0	22.7
Banking	12.7	12.7
Construction Materials	11.7	4.8
Property Development	10.6	6.4
Food & Beverages	7.9	5.9
Commerce	7.1	9.4
Automotive	6.6	0.5
Insurance	6.5	0.9
Finance & Securities	4.7	2.6
Information &	4.3	8.1
Communications Technology		
Healthcare Services	4.2	4.8
Property Fund	3.1	2.4
Electronic Components	2.5	1.0
Packaging	1.2	0.3
Transportation & Logistics	-	9.1
Media & Publishing	-	1.3
Other	-	7.1
Cash	0.9	-
Total	100.0	100.0

Source: Aberdeen Asset Managers Ltd and Bloomberg. Figures may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

Total number of investments 43

All sources (unless indicated): Aberdeen Asset Managers Limited 30 April 2019.

Private investors 0808 500 0040 Institutional investors Jonathon McManus +44 (0)20 7618 1444

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>A</sup> Including current year revenue.

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# Fund managers' report

#### Market review

Thai equities rose in April. Better economic data from the US and China and fresh fiscal support from the government lifted the market. However, lingering uncertainty over the election outcome and several weaker-than-expected domestic indicators capped gains. Notably, March exports declined by 4.8%, while consumer confidence slipped to its lowest level in over a year in April.

Given worries of slowing growth, the government unveiled a 21.8 billion baht stimulus package. Measures include cash handouts to lower-income groups, as well as tax incentives for the tourism sector and property purchases. Real estate stocks were among the key beneficiaries.

Among our financial holdings, AEON Thana Sinsap reported improved full-year profits, thanks to higher core business revenues and robust growth from both its domestic and international businesses. Tisco Financial Group's first-quarter earnings fell marginally by 2.1%, with lower credit costs counterweighed by weaker-than-expected fee income.

In the healthcare sector, private hospitals will collectively sue the government over its proposal to control prices of medical services and drugs. Among our holdings, Bumrungrad Hospital fell after it posted flattish year-on-year revenues. However, we felt that this masked improvements elsewhere, including higher margins. Additionally, its valuations are reasonable, while operating metrics and financial strength remain superior to its peers. In contrast, health-product maker Mega Lifesciences rallied on expectations of better earnings. Given our increasing conviction about the long-term prospects for its core branded and distribution businesses in emerging and frontier markets, we increased our exposure to the stock.

Elsewhere, vehicle leather-upholstery manufacturer Interhides' shares pulled back on news that it had lost a significant contract. That said, we think it will benefit from an industry-wide relocation of manufacturing facilities, amid the US-China trade dispute and stricter mainland environmental regulations. Thus, we added to our position.

During the month, we also capitalised on weakness to top up Krungthai Car Rent & Lease and TOA Paint. Krungthai is well-positioned to tap into growing demand for vehicle rentals, while TOA Paint continues to maintain its domestic market leadership.

We funded these positions by paring several holdings that performed well recently, including Advanced Information Service and Electricity Generating.

#### Outlook

With the domestic political sphere still unsettled, we expect volatility in the market to persist over the near term. Thailand experienced a significant outflow of foreign capital in the first quarter, due to election uncertainties as well as the expected slowdown in the

Fund managers' report continues overleaf

The risks outlined overleaf relating to gearing, emerging markets and exchange rate movements are particularly relevant to this trust but should be read in conjunction with all warnings and comments given.

Important information overleaf

Fund risk statistics		
	3 Years	5 Years
Annualised Standard		
Deviation of Fund	13.94	13.57
Beta	0.91	0.88
Sharpe Ratio	0.90	0.75
Annualised Tracking Error	4.65	4.77
Annualised Information Ratio	(0.60)	(0.40)
R-Squared	0.90	0.89

Source: Aberdeen Asset Management, BPSS & Datastream, Basis: Total Return, Gross of Fees, GBP. Please note that risks analytics figures are calculated on gross returns whereas the performance figures are based on net asset value (NAV) returns. In addition, the risk analytics figures lag the performance figures by a month.

# Key information Calendar

Year end	28 February
Accounts published	May
Annual General Meeting	June
Dividend paid	June, November
Launch date	December 1989
Fund manager	Asian Equities Team
Ongoing charges <sup>c</sup>	1.26%
Annual management fee	0.9%
Premium/(Discount)	(13.2)%
Yield <sup>E</sup>	3.2%
Net gearing <sup>F</sup>	3.5%
Active share <sup>G</sup>	74.9%

#### **AIFMD Leverage Limits**

Gross Notional	2.5x
Commitment	2x
Assets/Debt (£m)	

# Gross Assets 114.3 Debt 5.7 Cash 1.9

#### Capital structure

Ordinary shares	16,554,930
Ordinary shares	10,554,930

# Allocation of management fees and finance costs

Capital	75%
Revenue	25%

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Expressed as a percentage of average daily net assets for the year ended 28 February 2019. The Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) is the overall cost shown as a percentage of the value of the assets of the Company. It is made up of the Annual Management Fee and other charges. It does not include any costs associated with buying shares in the Company or the cost of buying and selling stocks within the Company. The Ongoing Charges figure can help you compare the annual operating expenses of different Companies.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>D</sup>The management fee is 0.9% of total assets less current liabilities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>E</sup> Calculated using the Company's historic net dividends and month end share price.

F Net gearing is defined as a percentage, with net debt (total debt less cash/cash equivalents) divided by shareholders' funds. G The 'Active Share' percentage is a measure used to describe what proportion of the Company's holdings differ from the benchmark index holdings.

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# Aberdeen Standard Investments

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#### Fund managers' report - continued

Chinese economy, which is the largest market for Thai exports. While hopes for increased stimulus in China would help the Thai market, the biggest incentive to drawing back investors would be a smooth democratic transition in the country. Having said that, we also note that the major candidates on both sides are pro-business and recognise the importance of continued growth in the economy; the main differences are in personality rather than policy. In our view, our quality holdings remain resilient and we expect the country's stable currency and healthy foreign-exchange reserves to continue providing a bulwark against market volatility.

#### **Trading details**

Reuters/Epic/Bloomberg code ANW

ISIN code GB0000059971
Sedol code 0005997
Market makers CANA, CFEP, INV, WINS, NUMS
Stockbrokers Numis Securities

#### Important information

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#### Risk factors you should consider prior to investing:

- The value of investments and the income from them can fall and investors may get back less than the amount invested.
- Past performance is not a guide to future results.
- Investment in the Company may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within 5 years.
- The Company may borrow to finance further investment (gearing). The use of gearing is likely to lead to volatility in the Net Asset Value (NAV) meaning that any movement in the value of the company's assets will result in a magnified movement in the NAV.
- The Company may accumulate investment positions which represent more than normal trading volumes which may make it difficult to realise investments and may lead to volatility in the market price of the Company's shares.
- · Movements in exchange rates will impact on both the level of income received and the capital value of your investment.
- There is no guarantee that the market price of the Company's shares will fully reflect their underlying Net Asset Value.
- As with all stock exchange investments the value of the Company's shares purchased will immediately fall by the difference between the buying and selling prices, the bid-offer spread. If trading volumes fall, the bid-offer spread can widen.
- The Company invests in emerging markets which tend to be more volatile than mature markets and the value of your investment could move sharply up or down.
- Specialist funds which invest in small markets or sectors of industry are likely to be more volatile than more diversified trusts.
- Yields are estimated figures and may fluctuate, there are no guarantees that future dividends will match or exceed historic dividends and certain investors may be subject to further tax on dividends.

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