

# **The European Investment Trust plc**

Report and Accounts  
for the half-year ended 31 March 2010

## Financial Summary

	<b>31 March 2010</b>	30 September 2009	Change
<b>Capital</b>			
Net assets	<b>£281.85m</b>	£290.16m	(2.9)%
Net asset value per share (“NAV”)	<b>659.54p</b>	634.18p	4.0%
Share price	<b>552.00p</b>	554.00p	(0.4)%
Share price discount to NAV	<b>16.3%</b>	12.6%	

	<b>Six months to 31 March 2010</b>	Six months to 31 March 2009	Year to 30 September 2009
<b>Total return per Ordinary Share*</b>			
Capital	<b>28.40p</b>	(137.89)p	25.53p
Revenue	<b>0.94p</b>	5.02p	13.24p
Total	<b>29.34p</b>	(132.87)p	38.77p

\* Based on the weighted average number of shares in issue during the period.

## Performance

	<b>Six months to 31 March 2010</b>
NAV Total Return	<b>+6.2%</b>
FTSE All-World Europe ex UK Index Total Return*	<b>+5.3%</b>

\* in sterling

The NAV Total Return is sourced from Edinburgh Partners and includes dividends reinvested. Prior to 1 February 2010, the investment manager was F&C Management Limited (“F&C”) and NAV returns were sourced from F&C. The index performance figure is sourced from Thomson Reuters Datastream. Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

# Objective and Investment Policy

## Objective

The objective of The European Investment Trust plc is to achieve long-term capital growth through a diversified portfolio of Continental European securities.

## Investment Policy

The Board believes that investment in the diverse and increasingly accessible markets of this region provides opportunities for capital growth over the long term. At the same time it considers the structure of the Company as a UK listed investment trust, with a fixed capital and an independent Board of Directors, to be well suited to investors seeking longer-term returns.

The Board recognises that investment in some European countries can be riskier than in others. Investment risks are diversified through holding a wide range of securities in different countries and industrial sectors. No more than 10% of the value of the portfolio in aggregate may be held in securities in those countries which are not included in the FTSE All-World European indices.

The Board has the authority to hedge the Company's exposure to movements in the rate of exchange of currencies, principally the euro, in which the Company's investments are denominated, against sterling, its reporting currency. However, it is not generally the Board's practice to do this and the portfolio is not currently hedged.

No investments in unquoted stocks can be made without the prior approval of the Board. There are no unquoted investments at present. The level of gearing within the portfolio is agreed by the Board and should not exceed 20% in normal market conditions.

No more than 10% of the total assets of the Company may be invested in other listed investment companies (including investment trusts) except in such other investment companies which themselves have stated that they will invest no more than 15% of their total assets in other listed investment companies, in which case the limit is 15%.

The Manager's compliance with the limits set out in the investment policy is monitored by the Board.

# Manager's Review

## **Introduction**

Edinburgh Partners was delighted and honoured to be selected as the Manager of your Company's assets with effect from 1 February 2010. We believe that our patient and disciplined approach is one which will serve shareholders well over the long term. As this is our first opportunity to write to you, as well as covering portfolio developments, I would like to take the opportunity to introduce Edinburgh Partners and our way of investing.

## **Background and Investment Style of Edinburgh Partners**

Edinburgh Partners was formed in 2003 by a small group of experienced professionals who shared a common approach to investing. Whilst Edinburgh Partners is only seven years old, the Founders and Partners had all worked together in large investment houses in relationships going back well over twenty years. We have a relatively simple view of what an asset management company should be focused on, namely the production of superior long-term investment returns. We have a flat, uncluttered structure which facilitates long-term, disciplined, research-intensive investing.

Although we have only been articulating our investment philosophy at Edinburgh Partners for seven years, it is in fact a very traditional approach. We believe that time horizon is the key market imperfection. By this we note that over the years, investors have become shorter and shorter term in their time horizons. Fifty years ago the average holding period for a share in the USA was over six years. Nowadays, companies can only rely on shareholder "loyalty" for an average of slightly less than nine months. We would expect our holding period to be between three to five years, in line with our experience to date.

It is the anomaly of short-termism which we seek to exploit through a patient and disciplined approach which focuses on the long-term profit streams of companies. This approach means that there will be times when the portfolio looks, and hence performs, very differently from prevailing market sentiment. However, it has always been our belief that short-term periods of underperformance are the inevitable cost of superior long-term returns. This has been our experience to date and I look forward to sharing with you in these developments over the coming years.

## **Portfolio Repositioning**

We were informed in December 2009 that we were to be managing your Company's assets. There followed an intensive period of analytical due diligence on the portfolio we would be inheriting. On 1 February 2010 we placed a number of trades in the market to reposition the portfolio and 95% of this repositioning was completed by the end of this first week of our stewardship, at a minimal cost to shareholders. Of the 46 holdings we inherited, 20 have been retained. 20 new investments have been made. Your portfolio will at most times have in the region of 40 holdings, a number we think optimal for achieving a combination of diversification and high conviction in each investment.

Amongst the changes we made, the most noteworthy were in the financial sector, where we reduced the exposure to investment banking and insurance. There is certainly enough value in the financial sector to justify good portfolio representation, but given the presence of elevated regulatory risk, we think this is best achieved through a diversified (by product and geography) list of companies. We also sold 3 Irish food and drinks companies as we considered that, whilst they are reasonable companies, there was a better combination of quality and value available elsewhere.

Your portfolio has new positions in the following areas where there was no exposure previously: telecommunications (high and sustainable dividend yields); travel (Ryanair – a more mature business); Russia (long-term gas reserves, Gazprom) and Austria (leading global industrial company, Andritz). I look forward to introducing more of the investments in future reports.

I was asked at the Annual General Meeting about our approach to investing in “New” or Eastern Europe. We use a broad definition of Europe for our geographical boundaries, and whilst we have the capability to invest in a number of emerging countries, we currently see a better combination of risk and reward in the core European markets.

## **Results**

The net asset value at the Company's half-year end of 31 March 2010 was 659.54p, an increase of 4.0% on the net asset value at 30 September 2009 of 634.18p. After including the special and final dividends totalling 13.6p which were paid in January 2010, the total return per share was 6.2% for the six month period. The total return from the FTSE All-World Europe ex UK Index in sterling was 5.3%.

## Manager's Review (continued)

### Share Price and Discount

During the six months to 31 March 2010 the Company's share price saw a slight reduction of 0.4% from 554p to 552p. With the increase in the net asset value share detailed above this resulted in the share price discount to net asset value increasing from 12.6% to 16.3%. During the period, which covered the change of investment manager and notice of withdrawal of the Company from the F&C savings plans, the Company bought back and cancelled 3,019,000 shares at a total cost of £15,288,000. The shares bought back represented 6.6% of the share capital at the beginning of the Company's financial year on 1 October 2009. As stated in the annual report the Board will continue to monitor the level of discount to net asset value per share at which your shares trade and it believes that share buy backs are an important factor in addressing supply/demand imbalances.

### Revenue

The net revenue return per share in the six months to 31 March 2010 was 0.94p. This compares with the net revenue return of 5.02p obtained in the six months to 31 March 2009. The principal reason for the reduction is that in 2009 the Company accounted for a recovery on historic investment management fees and interest thereon totalling £2,166,000 which did not occur in 2010. The return in the current year was similar to the net revenue return of 0.93p generated in the 2008 half-year.

The revenue return for the half-year is not indicative of the full year return as European companies tend to pay dividends between April and September while expenses are incurred throughout the year.

### Outlook

Investing with a five year time horizon often means there can be periods when we have little new or really interesting to say. The rally in equity markets we have witnessed since early last year has closed out many of the more obvious valuation gaps which existed at that time. This leaves us today at a point where most equity valuations look to be in the territory of fair value, if not slightly above. However, your portfolio comprises a diverse selection of companies which we are confident will reward investors over the longer term.

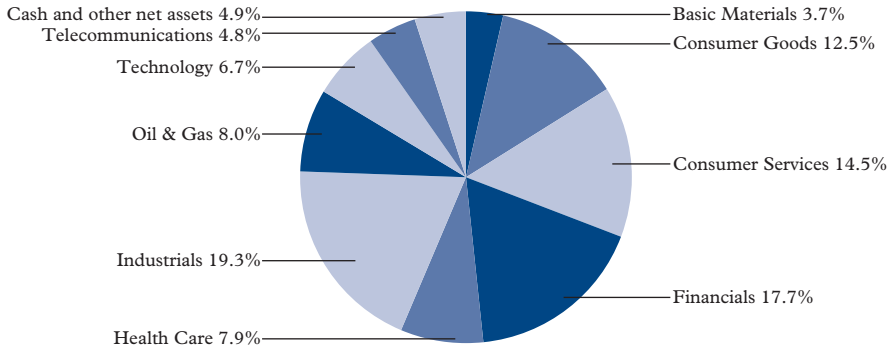
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24 May 2010

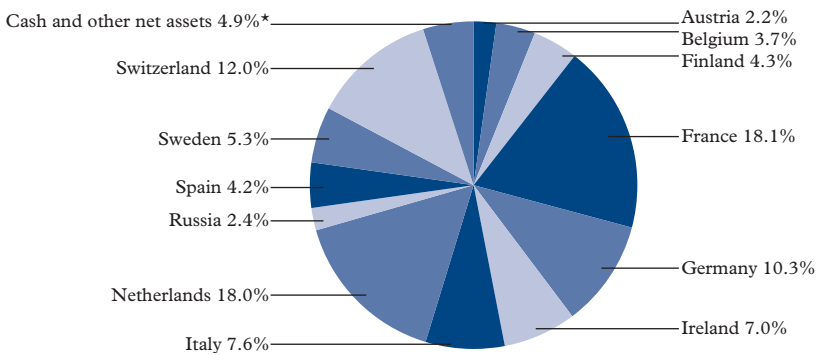
# Distribution of Investments

as at 31 March 2010 (% of net assets)

## Sector distribution



## Geographical distribution



\* Cash and other net assets includes foreign currency balances of £14,400,000 (5.1%).

The figures detailed in the geographical distribution pie chart represent the Company's equity exposure to those countries.

## Portfolio of Investments

as at 31 March 2010

Company	Sector	Country	Valuation £'000	Net Assets %
<b>Equity investments</b>				
Nokia	Technology	Finland	9,497	3.4
Ahold	Consumer Services	Netherlands	8,879	3.2
Adidas	Consumer Goods	Germany	8,838	3.1
Vivendi	Consumer Services	France	8,581	3.0
Heineken	Consumer Goods	Netherlands	8,569	3.0
UBS	Financials	Switzerland	8,495	3.0
ENI	Oil & Gas	Italy	8,438	3.0
Swedbank	Financials	Sweden	8,381	3.0
Reed Elsevier	Consumer Services	Netherlands	8,120	2.9
Deutsche Post	Industrials	Germany	7,916	2.8
Syngenta	Basic Materials	Switzerland	7,697	2.7
Teleperformance	Consumer Services	France	7,668	2.7
BNP Paribas	Financials	France	7,575	2.7
Belgacom	Telecommunications	Belgium	7,556	2.7
Ryanair	Consumer Services	Ireland	7,474	2.7
Royal Dutch Shell	Oil & Gas	Netherlands	7,428	2.6
Bureau Veritas	Industrials	France	7,352	2.6
SAP	Technology	Germany	6,994	2.5
Intesa Sanpaolo	Financials	Italy	6,839	2.4
Gazprom	Oil & Gas	Russia	6,771	2.4
<b>Total – 20 largest equity investments</b>			<b><u>159,068</u></b>	<b><u>56.4</u></b>
Other equity investments			<u>109,049</u>	<u>38.7</u>
<b>Total equity investments</b>			<b><u>268,117</u></b>	<b><u>95.1</u></b>
<b>Cash and other net assets</b>			<b><u>13,731</u></b>	<b><u>4.9</u></b>
<b>Net assets</b>			<b><u>281,848</u></b>	<b><u>100.0</u></b>

The value of the twenty largest equity holdings represents 56.4% of the Company's net assets (30 September 2009: 57.9%).

The geographical distribution is based on each investment's principal stock exchange listing except in instances when this would not give a proper indication of where its activities predominate.



## Directors' Statement of Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The Company's assets consist of quoted equity securities and its principal risks are therefore market related. Other key risks faced by the Company relate to investment strategy, currency, gearing, investment management resources, regulatory issues, counterparties and financial controls. These risks, and the way in which they are managed, are described in more detail under the heading "Principal risks and their management" within the Directors' Report and Business Review in the Company's annual report for the year ended 30 September 2009. The Company's principal risks and uncertainties have not changed materially since the date of that report.

## Directors' Statement of Responsibilities in respect of the Financial Statements

The Directors confirm that to the best of their knowledge:

- The condensed set of financial statements has been prepared in accordance with the statement on Half-Yearly Financial Reports issued by the UK Accounting Standards Board and gives a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit of the Company.
- This Half-Yearly Financial Report includes a fair review of the information required by:
  - a) 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 year; and
  - b) 4.2.8R of the Disclosure and Transparency Rules, being related party transactions that have taken place in the first six months of the current financial year and that have materially affected the financial position or performance of the Company during that period; and any changes in the related party transactions described in the last annual report that could do so.
- There were no related party transactions during the period. Under the AIC SORP issued in January 2009 the Investment Manager is not considered to be a related party of the Company.

The Half-Yearly Financial Report was approved by the Board of Directors on 24 May 2010 and the above responsibility statement was signed on its behalf by Douglas McDougall, Chairman.

## Income Statement (unaudited)

for the six months to 31 March 2010

	Notes	Six months to 31 March 2010		
		Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000
Gains/(losses) on investments		–	12,949	12,949
Foreign exchange (losses)/gains		(3)	(185)	(188)
Income	2	1,663	–	1,663
Investment management fee		(702)	–	(702)
Recoverable VAT		–	–	–
Other expenses		(379)	–	(379)
<b>Net return before finance costs and taxation</b>		<b>579</b>	<b>12,764</b>	<b>13,343</b>
Finance costs		–	–	–
<b>Net return on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		<b>579</b>	<b>12,764</b>	<b>13,343</b>
Taxation on ordinary activities	3	(157)	–	(157)
<b>Net return after taxation</b>		<b>422</b>	<b>12,764</b>	<b>13,186</b>
		pence	pence	pence
<b>Return per share*</b>		<b>0.94</b>	<b>28.40</b>	<b>29.34</b>

The total column of this statement is the profit and loss account of the Company. The revenue return and capital return columns are supplementary to this and are prepared in accordance with guidance issued by the Association of Investment Companies.

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

A separate Statement of Recognised Gains and Losses has not been prepared as all such gains and losses are included in the Income Statement.

\* The return per share for the six months to 31 March 2010 is based on the net revenue return after taxation of £422,000 (six months to 31 March 2009: £2,417,000; year to 30 September 2009: £6,284,000) and the net capital return after taxation of £12,764,000 (six months to 31 March 2009: £(66,391,000); year to 30 September 2009: £12,115,000) and on 44,939,984 (six months to 31 March 2009: 48,147,218; year to 30 September 2009: 47,455,798) shares, being the weighted average number of shares in issue during the period.

Six months to 31 March 2009			Year to 30 September 2009		
Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000
–	(67,533)	(67,533)	–	11,105	11,105
33	1,162	1,195	22	1,029	1,051
3,206	–	3,206	9,261	–	9,261
(591)	–	(591)	(1,151)	–	(1,151)
1,103	–	1,103	1,103	–	1,103
(328)	(20)	(348)	(693)	(19)	(712)
3,423	(66,391)	(62,968)	8,542	12,115	20,657
(63)	–	(63)	(68)	–	(68)
3,360	(66,391)	(63,031)	8,474	12,115	20,589
(943)	–	(943)	(2,190)	–	(2,190)
2,417	(66,391)	(63,974)	6,284	12,115	18,399
pence	pence	pence	pence	pence	pence
5.02	(137.89)	(132.87)	13.24	25.53	38.77

## Balance Sheet (unaudited)

as at 31 March 2010

	31 March 2010	31 March 2009	30 September 2009
Note	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Investments at fair value through profit or loss	268,117	214,233	290,067
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	333	4,975	851
Taxation recoverable	430	354	425
Cash at bank	14,445	200	2,200
	<u>15,208</u>	<u>5,529</u>	<u>3,476</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<u>1,477</u>	<u>3,868</u>	<u>3,388</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>	<u>13,731</u>	<u>1,661</u>	<u>88</u>
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>281,848</u>	<u>215,894</u>	<u>290,155</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called-up share capital	4 10,683	11,876	11,438
Share premium account	123,749	123,749	123,749
Capital redemption reserve	8,128	6,935	7,373
Capital reserve	134,806	66,936	137,330
Distributable revenue reserve	4,482	6,398	10,265
<b>Total equity shareholders' funds</b>	<u>281,848</u>	<u>215,894</u>	<u>290,155</u>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	6 <u>659.54</u>	<u>454.46</u>	<u>634.18</u>

## Cash Flow Statement (unaudited)

for the six months to 31 March 2010

	<b>Six months to 31 March 2010</b>	Six months to 31 March 2009	Year to 30 September 2009
Notes	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Operating activities</b>			
Net investment income received	1,466	1,929	8,046
Interest received	4	114	120
Other income	–	–	52
Investment management fees paid	(631)	(591)	(1,276)
VAT recovered (including interest thereon)	–	4,039	4,166
Other cash payments	(331)	(355)	(671)
<b>Net cash inflow from operating activities</b>	<b>7</b> <u>508</u>	<u>5,136</u>	<u>10,437</u>
<b>Servicing of finance</b>			
Interest paid	–	(82)	(87)
<b>Taxation</b>	<u>(1,035)</u>	<u>(1,628)</u>	<u>(2,784)</u>
<b>Capital expenditure and financial investment</b>			
Purchases of investments	(173,820)	(198,554)	(257,803)
Sales of investments	209,100	217,626	282,172
Exchange gains on settlement	287	–	–
Other capital charges	–	(17)	(21)
<b>Net cash inflow from capital expenditure and financial investment</b>	<u>35,567</u>	<u>19,055</u>	<u>24,348</u>
<b>Equity dividends paid</b>	<b>5</b> <u>(6,205)</u>	<u>(7,219)</u>	<u>(7,219)</u>
<b>Net cash inflow before financing</b>	<b>28,835</b>	15,262	24,695
<b>Financing</b>			
Loans redeemed	–	(11,912)	(11,912)
Own shares purchased and cancelled	(16,118)	(5,294)	(12,576)
<b>Net cash outflow from financing</b>	<u>(16,118)</u>	<u>(17,206)</u>	<u>(24,488)</u>
<b>Increase/(decrease) in cash</b>	<b>8</b> <u>12,717</u>	<u>(1,944)</u>	<u>207</u>

## Reconciliation of Movements in Shareholders' Funds (unaudited)

for the six months to 31 March 2010

	<b>Six months to 31 March 2010</b>	Six months to 31 March 2009	Year to 30 September 2009
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening equity shareholders' funds	<b>290,155</b>	292,378	292,378
Dividends paid	<b>(6,205)</b>	(7,219)	(7,219)
Shares purchased and cancelled	<b>(15,288)</b>	(5,291)	(13,403)
Net return attributable to equity shareholders	<b><u>13,186</u></b>	<u>(63,974)</u>	<u>18,399</u>
<b>Closing equity shareholders' funds</b>	<b><u>281,848</u></b>	<b><u>215,894</u></b>	<b><u>290,155</u></b>

# Notes to the Financial Statements (unaudited)

for the six months to 31 March 2010

## 1 Accounting policies

These financial statements have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out in the Company's financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2009. These accounting policies are expected to be followed throughout the year ending 30 September 2010.

## 2 Income

	Six months to 31 March 2010 £'000	Six months to 31 March 2009 £'000	Year to 30 September 2009 £'000
<b>Income from investments:</b>			
Overseas dividends	1,642	2,029	7,795
UK dividends	17	–	231
	<u>1,659</u>	<u>2,029</u>	<u>8,026</u>
<b>Other income:</b>			
Interest on recoverable VAT	–	1,063	1,063
Bank interest	4	114	120
Underwriting commission	–	–	52
	<u>4</u>	<u>1,177</u>	<u>1,235</u>
<b>Total income</b>	<u>1,663</u>	<u>3,206</u>	<u>9,261</u>

## 3 Taxation

The taxation charge for the six months to 31 March 2010 is £157,000 (six months to 31 March 2009: £943,000; year to 30 September 2009: £2,190,000).

The tax charge comprises a corporation tax charge for the six months to 31 March 2010 of £nil (six months to 31 March 2009: £912,000; year to 30 September 2009: £1,489,000) and irrecoverable withholding tax suffered of £157,000 (six months to 31 March 2009: £31,000; year to 30 September 2009: £701,000).

## Notes to the Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

for the six months to 31 March 2010

### 4 Share capital

Equity share capital	Number	Authorised	Number	Issued and fully paid
	of shares	£'000	of shares	£'000
Ordinary shares of 25p each				
Balance at 30 September 2009	100,000,000	25,000	45,752,748	11,438
Shares cancelled	—	—	(3,019,000)	(755)
<b>Balance at 31 March 2010</b>	<b>100,000,000</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>42,733,748</b>	<b>10,683</b>

During the six months to 31 March 2010 3,019,000 ordinary shares were purchased and cancelled at a cost of £15,288,000. Since the period end a further 33,000 ordinary shares have been purchased and cancelled at a cost of £188,000.

### 5 Dividends

	Payment date	Six months	Six months	Year
		to 31 March 2010	to 31 March 2009	to 30 September 2009
		£'000	£'000	£'000
Final dividend for the year ended 30 September 2009 of 10.2p	25 January 2010	4,654	—	—
Special dividend for the year ended 30 September 2009 of 3.4p	25 January 2010	1,551	—	—
Final dividend for the year ended 30 September 2008 of 12.0p	22 December 2008	—	5,814	5,814
Special dividend for the year ended 30 September 2008 of 2.9p	22 December 2008	—	1,405	1,405
		<u>6,205</u>	<u>7,219</u>	<u>7,219</u>



## Notes to the Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

for the six months to 31 March 2010

### 6 Net asset value per share

	31 March 2010	31 March 2009	30 September 2009
Net assets attributable at the period end	<b>£281,848,000</b>	£215,894,000	£290,155,000
Number of ordinary shares in issue at the period end	<b>42,733,748</b>	47,506,053	45,752,748
Net asset value per share	<b>659.54p</b>	454.46p	634.18p

### 7 Reconciliation of net return before finance costs and taxation to net cash inflow from operating activities

	Six months to 31 March 2010 £'000	Six months to 31 March 2009 £'000	Year to 30 September 2009 £'000
Net return before finance costs and taxation	<b>13,343</b>	(62,968)	20,657
Adjustment for returns from non-operating activities:			
– (Gains)/losses on investments	<b>(12,949)</b>	67,533	(11,105)
– Foreign exchange losses/(gains) of a capital nature	<b>185</b>	(1,162)	(1,029)
– Non-operating expenses of a capital nature	<b>–</b>	20	19
Return from operating activities	<b>579</b>	3,423	8,542
Adjustment for non-cash flow items:			
– Foreign exchange gains of a revenue nature	<b>–</b>	(33)	(22)
– Decrease in recoverable VAT debtor	<b>–</b>	2,000	2,000
– (Increase)/decrease in debtors and accrued income	<b>(192)</b>	(105)	20
– Increase/(decrease) in creditors	<b>126</b>	(149)	(103)
– Tax recoverable	<b>(5)</b>	–	–
Net cash inflow from operating activities	<b>508</b>	5,136	10,437

## Notes to the Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

for the six months to 31 March 2010

### 8 Reconciliation of net cash flow to net cash

	Six months to 31 March 2010 £'000	Six months to 31 March 2009 £'000	Year to 30 September 2009 £'000
Increase/(decrease) in cash in the period	12,717	(1,944)	207
Decrease in short-term loans	<u>-</u>	<u>11,912</u>	<u>11,912</u>
Movement in net cash resulting from cash flows	12,717	9,968	12,119
Foreign exchange movement	<u>(472)</u>	<u>1,175</u>	<u>1,024</u>
Movement in net cash	12,245	11,143	13,143
Net cash/(debt) brought forward	<u>2,200</u>	<u>(10,943)</u>	<u>(10,943)</u>
Net cash carried forward	<u>14,445</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>2,200</u>

### 9 Financial information

The financial information for the six months to 31 March 2010 and for the six months to 31 March 2009 has not been audited or reviewed by the Company's Auditor pursuant to the Auditing Practices Board guidance on such reviews. The financial information contained in this report does not constitute statutory accounts within the meaning of Section 434 of the Companies Act 2006.

The latest published audited financial statements which have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies are for the year ended 30 September 2009; the report of the independent auditors thereon was unqualified and did not contain a statement under Section 498 of the Companies Act 2006. The information for the year ended 30 September 2009 is an extract from those financial statements.

### 10 Status of the Company

It is the intention of the Directors to conduct the affairs of the Company so that it continues to satisfy the conditions for approval as an investment trust company as set out in Section 842 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

## Shareholder Information

### **Investing in the Company**

The Company's ordinary shares are traded on the London Stock Exchange and the New Zealand Stock Exchange. You can buy or sell shares through your stockbroker, bank or other professional investment adviser. Shares in the Company may also be bought and held in a Share Plan or ISA through the BNP Paribas – Edinburgh Partners Savings Scheme and ISA. Further information is available on the Company's website: [www.theeuropeaninvestmenttrust.com](http://www.theeuropeaninvestmenttrust.com) or on the Edinburgh Partners' website: [www.edinburghpartners.com](http://www.edinburghpartners.com) or by telephone on 0845 358 1100.

### **Frequency of net asset value (“NAV”) publication**

The Company's ordinary share net asset value is released daily to the London Stock Exchange and the New Zealand Stock Exchange and published on the Company's website: [www.theeuropeaninvestmenttrust.com](http://www.theeuropeaninvestmenttrust.com) and the Edinburgh Partners' website: [www.edinburghpartners.com](http://www.edinburghpartners.com).

### **Share price and sources of other information**

The Company's ordinary share price is quoted daily in the Financial Times, the Daily Telegraph and The Times under “Investment Companies”. Investors in New Zealand can obtain share prices from leading newspapers in that country. Previous day closing price, daily net asset value and other portfolio information is published on the Company's website: [www.theeuropeaninvestmenttrust.com](http://www.theeuropeaninvestmenttrust.com) and on Edinburgh Partners' website: [www.edinburghpartners.com](http://www.edinburghpartners.com). Other useful information on investment trusts, such as prices, net asset values and company announcements, can be found on the websites of the London Stock Exchange: [www.londonstockexchange.com](http://www.londonstockexchange.com) and the Association of Investment Companies: [www.theaic.co.uk](http://www.theaic.co.uk).

### **Share register enquiries**

The register for the ordinary shares is maintained by Computershare Investor Services PLC. In the event of queries regarding your holding, please contact the UK Registrar on 0870 889 4086 or email [web.queries@computershare.co.uk](mailto:web.queries@computershare.co.uk). Changes of name and/or address must be notified in writing to the Registrar, at the address detailed on page 20.

## Shareholder Information (continued)

### Key dates

Company's year end	30 September
Annual results announced	December
Annual General Meeting	January
Annual dividend paid	January
Company's half-year end	31 March
Half-yearly results announced	May

The Company will be releasing Interim Management Statements ("IMS") for the quarters ending 31 December and 30 June. These will be released to the London Stock Exchange and the New Zealand Stock Exchange and may be viewed on the Company's website.

### Association of Investment Companies ("AIC")

The European Investment Trust plc is a member of the AIC, which publishes monthly statistical information in respect of member companies. The publication also has details of investment plans available. For further details, please contact the AIC on 020 7282 5555, or visit the website [www.theaic.co.uk](http://www.theaic.co.uk)

The logo for the Association of Investment Companies (AIC) consists of the lowercase letters 'aic' in a bold, sans-serif font. The letter 'i' has a solid black dot above it.

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## Risk Factors

This document is not a recommendation, offer or invitation to buy, sell or hold shares of the Company. If you wish to deal in the shares of the Company, you may wish to contact an authorised professional investment adviser.

An investment in the Company should be regarded as long term and is only suitable for investors who are capable of evaluating the risks and merits of such investment and who have sufficient resources to bear any loss which might result from such investment.

The market value of, and the income derived from, the ordinary shares can fluctuate. The Company's share price may go down as well as up. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. There is no guarantee that the market price of the ordinary shares will fully reflect their underlying net asset value. Fluctuations in exchange rates will affect the value of overseas investments (and any income received) held by the Company. Investors may not get back the full value of their investment. There can be no guarantee that the investment objective of the Company will be met. The levels of, and reliefs from, taxation may change.

This Half-Yearly Financial Report contains "forward looking statements" with respect to the Company's plans and its current goals and expectations relating to its future financial condition, performance and results. By their nature, all forward looking statements involve risk and uncertainty because they relate to future events that are beyond the Company's control. As a result, the Company's actual future financial condition, performance and results may differ materially from the plans, goals and expectations set forth in the Company's forward looking statements. The Company undertakes no obligation to update the forward looking statements contained within this Half-Yearly Financial Report or any other forward looking statements it makes.

The Company is a public company. It is registered in England and its shares are listed on the London Stock Exchange and the New Zealand Stock Exchange. The Company is not regulated or authorised by the Financial Services Authority.

Employees of Edinburgh Partners Limited may (subject to applicable laws and regulations) hold shares in the Company and may buy, sell or offer to deal in the Company's shares from time to time.

## Directors, Investment Manager and Advisers

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