

**THE BANKERS INVESTMENT TRUST PLC**

**HALF YEAR REPORT**  
**(unaudited)**  
**for the six months ended 30 April 2014**

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## **Interim Management Report**

### **Chairman's Statement**

#### **Review of the period including material events and transactions**

In my statement within the 2013 annual report I commented that, after such a strong year for equity returns in 2013, it would probably be sensible to be cautious for returns in the year ahead despite the more encouraging economic picture. I also outlined the broad positive backdrop that equity markets are now operating in compared with the more recent period of economic recession and financial sector woes.

It is thus slightly disappointing to report a fall in Bankers net asset value per share of 2.2%, compared to a FTSE All-Share Index return of 1.0% during the same period.

The key contributors to these figures are currency moves and the shift across global markets toward the larger capitalised stocks and away from the mid-sized companies to which Bankers has a greater exposure.

As has been the trend over the past few years Bankers has been gently reducing its exposure to the UK market. The resulting increased overseas market and currency exposure has worked well for us over this longer period but, in the immediate period under review the strength of Sterling has reduced overseas market returns when converted to Sterling.

Overall global economic recovery appears to be becoming more established with the economies of the developed markets leading the way. North America and the UK have been reporting better economic data for some time allowing for the reduction of special measures in both economies (quantitative easing and low interest rates) to be actively discussed by the respective central banks. Economic activity across continental Europe has been less robust and the focus of central bankers in this area is increasingly upon the risk of disinflation (lower, but still positive, increases in inflation) turning to deflation (falling prices of goods). Against this backdrop we would expect to witness continued central bank stimulative measures.

In the Far East, Japan has continued to see economic growth and, for the first time in almost a generation, a positive set of inflationary numbers. The experiment of "Abenomics" begun two years ago, which had at its core a lower value of the Yen, is beginning to have some noticeable impact on both the export led economic recovery and also the domestic landscape. Despite this fundamental economic shift, returns from the Japanese equity market have been very disappointing with a decline of approximately 10% being reported during our half year period. Similar, although less pronounced returns have been reported from other, smaller, Far Eastern markets.

Emerging market economies have continued to report positive economic growth figures albeit below some of the more extreme expectations at the beginning of the year. Again, equity market returns have been unforgiving with most emerging markets falling in value during our half year.

During this period I am pleased to be able to report that the majority of our regional managers outperformed their local indices on a relative basis. The two exceptions were Europe, where we are conservatively positioned in Northern European companies and have thus not participated as much from the Southern Europe bounce, and in North America where our Portfolio Manager has undertaken a reorganisation of the investment portfolio. The focus of this reorganisation is to seek a more growth orientated exposure to some key equity sectors and stocks which we expect to produce good results in the longer term.

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In our Portfolio Manager's report at the year end we highlighted the valuation anomalies within the local Chinese 'A' share market. This market is only available to international investors with the appropriate licences in place. Bankers has such a licence and at the half year our US\$25 million investment in this market had been completed. This will now be run as a separate portfolio within the wider portfolio and it is anticipated that good income and capital returns will be generated over the longer term.

## **Revenue Return and Dividends**

Underlying dividend growth across the portfolio remains positive at a local currency level albeit that Sterling strength has impacted the figure after translation. In addition the reorganisation of the North American portfolio has seen an initial drop in revenue being generated from this region. The dividend growth prospects, however, have been enhanced.

Our significant revenue reserve position enables us to take a longer term view on portfolio construction in order to better position for higher dividend returns in the future. As such we are able to re-iterate our forecast to pay a minimum of 14.7p per share for the full year, an increase of 4%. It is our intention to pay a second interim dividend of 3.7p per ordinary share on 29 August 2014.

## **Audit Tender**

We stated in the Annual Report that the Audit Committee would hold a review of new auditors to replace our long standing relationship with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC). Having met and reviewed a number of potential successors, the Audit Committee recommended that we move our audit relationship to the Investment Trust team at Grant Thornton UK LLP. This will be with effect from 18 June 2014.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the team at PwC who have served the Company extremely well over the years. It is the end of the longest professional relationship that Bankers can identify, which can be traced back to our launch in 1888.

## **Outlook**

Despite the lack of progress during the first six months of this year we remain positive towards equity markets in general. Corporate sentiment remains sound which continues to be demonstrated in corporate results, management statements and dividend increases. As has happened in the past equity supply in the form of new issues has helped fill some of the demand for equities at the margin but despite this we remain committed towards global equity markets as an asset class. Valuation levels are not excessive in most major markets and in some of the smaller markets recent falls have started to create some attractive opportunities.

**Richard Killingbeck**

**Chairman**

**18 June 2014**

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## **DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT**

The directors confirm that, to the best of their knowledge:

- (a) the condensed set of financial statements has been prepared in accordance with IAS 34;
- (b) the interim management report includes a fair review of the information required by Disclosure and Transparency Rule 4.2.7R (indication of important events during the first six months and description of principal risks and uncertainties for the remaining six months of the year); and
- (c) the interim management report includes a fair review of the information required by Disclosure and Transparency Rule 4.2.8R (disclosure of related party transactions and changes therein).

On behalf of The Bankers Investment Trust PLC

**Richard Killingbeck**  
**Chairman**

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<b>FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS</b>	<b>(Unaudited) 30 April 2014</b>	<b>(Audited) 31 October 2013</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Assets</b>			
Net asset value per ordinary share	<b>574.5p</b>	587.4p	-2.2%
Ordinary share mid-market price	<b>557.0p</b>	580.0p	-4.0%
Discount (share price to net asset value)	<b>3.1%</b>	1.3%	
Total assets less current liabilities (£'000)	<b>669,106</b>	678,561	-1.4%
<b>Indices</b>			
FTSE All-Share Index	<b>3619.8</b>	3585.3	+1.0%
FTSE All-World Developed Europe (ex UK) Index	<b>237.6</b>	235.8	+0.8%
FTSE World North America Index	<b>464.2</b>	456.1	+1.8%
FTSE World Japan Index	<b>77.8</b>	80.1	-2.9%
FTSE All-World Asia Pacific (ex Japan) Index	<b>290.3</b>	308.9	-6.0%
	<b>(Unaudited) Half year ended 30 April 2014</b>	<b>(Unaudited) Half year ended 30 April 2013</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Revenue</b>			
Gross revenue (£'000)	<b>10,086</b>	9,284	+8.6%
Revenue earnings per ordinary share	<b>7.27p</b>	6.76p	+7.5%

Source: Henderson Global Investors Ltd.

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## STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

for the half year ended 30 April 2014

	(Unaudited) Half year ended 30 April 2014			(Unaudited) Half year ended 30 April 2013			(Audited) Year ended 31 October 2013		
	Revenue	Capital	Total	Revenue	Capital	Total	Revenue	Capital	Total
	return	return		return	return		return	return	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
(Losses)/gains on investments held at fair value through profit or loss	-	(13,201)	(13,201)	-	88,474	88,474	-	126,782	126,782
Investment income	9,990	-	9,990	9,222	-	9,222	19,515	-	19,515
Other operating income	96	-	96	62	-	62	174	-	174
<b>Gross revenue and capital (losses)/gains</b>	<b>10,086</b>	<b>(13,201)</b>	<b>(3,115)</b>	<b>9,284</b>	<b>88,474</b>	<b>97,758</b>	<b>19,689</b>	<b>126,782</b>	<b>146,471</b>
<b>Expenses</b>									
Management fees	(862)	(465)	(1,327)	(617)	(333)	(950)	(1,282)	(690)	(1,972)
Other expenses	(386)	-	(386)	(364)	-	(364)	(791)	-	(791)
<b>Profit/(loss) before finance costs and taxation</b>	<b>8,838</b>	<b>(13,666)</b>	<b>(4,828)</b>	<b>8,303</b>	<b>88,141</b>	<b>96,444</b>	<b>17,616</b>	<b>126,092</b>	<b>143,708</b>
Finance costs	(342)	(798)	(1,140)	(348)	(812)	(1,160)	(691)	(1,612)	(2,303)
<b>Profit/(loss) before taxation</b>	<b>8,496</b>	<b>(14,464)</b>	<b>(5,968)</b>	<b>7,955</b>	<b>87,329</b>	<b>95,284</b>	<b>16,925</b>	<b>124,480</b>	<b>141,405</b>
Taxation	(376)	-	(376)	(459)	-	(459)	(896)	-	(896)
<b>Profit/(loss) for the period</b>	<b>8,120</b>	<b>(14,464)</b>	<b>(6,344)</b>	<b>7,496</b>	<b>87,329</b>	<b>94,825</b>	<b>16,029</b>	<b>124,480</b>	<b>140,509</b>
<b>Earnings/(loss) per ordinary share</b> (note 2)	<b>7.27p</b>	<b>(12.95p)</b>	<b>(5.68p)</b>	<b>6.76p</b>	<b>78.74p</b>	<b>85.50p</b>	<b>14.45p</b>	<b>112.18p</b>	<b>126.63p</b>

The total columns of this statement represent the Statement of Comprehensive Income, prepared in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the European Union. The revenue return and capital return columns are supplementary to this and are prepared under guidance published by the Association of Investment Companies.

All income is attributable to the equity shareholders of The Bankers Investment Trust PLC.

The accompanying condensed notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

The figures for 2014 and 2013 are on a company only basis, following the liquidation of the Company's wholly owned subsidiary during the previous year. Previously the figures for the half year ended 30 April 2013 have been shown on a consolidated basis incorporating the subsidiary, therefore these figures have been recalculated on a company only basis for comparative purposes.

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

for the half year ended 30 April 2014

	Called up share capital £'000	Share premium account £'000	Capital redemption reserve £'000	Other capital reserves £'000	Revenue reserve £'000	Total equity £'000
<b>Half year ended 30 April 2014 (Unaudited)</b>						
Total equity at 1 November 2013	27,814	2,352	12,483	578,656	32,256	653,561
Total comprehensive income:						
(Loss)/profit for the period	-	-	-	(14,464)	8,120	(6,344)
Transactions with owners, recorded directly to equity:						
Payment of 3 <sup>rd</sup> interim dividend (3.60p) in respect of the year ended 31 October 2013	-	-	-	-	(4,005)	(4,005)
Payment of final dividend (3.60p) in respect of the year ended 31 October 2013	-	-	-	-	(4,020)	(4,020)
Issue of 850,000 ordinary shares	213	4,701	-	-	-	4,914
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<b>Total equity at 30 April 2014</b>	<b>28,027</b>	<b>7,053</b>	<b>12,483</b>	<b>564,192</b>	<b>32,351</b>	<b>644,106</b>
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	Called up share capital £'000	Share premium account £'000	Capital redemption reserve £'000	Other capital reserves £'000	Revenue reserve £'000	Total equity £'000
<b>Half year ended 30 April 2013 (Unaudited)</b>						
Total equity at 1 November 2012	27,727	452	12,483	454,176	31,376	526,214
Total comprehensive income:						
Profit for the period	-	-	-	87,329	7,496	94,825
Transactions with owners, recorded directly to equity:						
Payment of 3 <sup>rd</sup> interim dividend (3.30p) in respect of the year ended 31 October 2012	-	-	-	-	(3,660)	(3,660)
Payment of final dividend (3.43p) in respect of the year ended 31 October 2012	-	-	-	-	(3,804)	(3,804)
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Total equity at 30 April 2013	27,727	452	12,483	541,505	31,408	613,575
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	Called up share capital £'000	Share premium account £'000	Capital redemption reserve £'000	Other capital reserves £'000	Revenue reserve £'000	Total equity £'000
<b>Year ended 31 October 2013 (Audited)</b>						
Total equity at 1 November 2012	27,727	452	12,483	454,176	31,376	526,214
Total comprehensive income:						
Profit for the year	-	-	-	124,480	16,029	140,509
Transactions with owners, recorded directly to equity:						
Issue of 350,000 ordinary shares	87	1,900	-	-	-	1,987
Payment of 3 <sup>rd</sup> interim dividend (3.30p) in respect of the year ended 31 October 2012	-	-	-	-	(3,660)	(3,660)
Payment of final dividend (3.43p) in respect of the year ended 31 October 2012	-	-	-	-	(3,804)	(3,804)
Payment of 1 <sup>st</sup> interim dividend (3.465p) in respect of the year ended 31 October 2013	-	-	-	-	(3,842)	(3,842)
Payment of 2 <sup>nd</sup> interim dividend (3.465p) in respect of the year ended 31 October 2013	-	-	-	-	(3,843)	(3,843)
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Total equity at 31 October 2013	27,814	2,352	12,483	578,656	32,256	653,561
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## BALANCE SHEET

as at 30 April 2014

	(Unaudited) 30 April 2014 £'000	(Unaudited) 30 April 2013 £'000	(Audited) 31 October 2013 £'000
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Investments held at fair value through profit or loss	667,202	638,561	655,008
<b>Current assets</b>			
Investments (note 3)	1,721	21	21
Other receivables	4,353	9,041	17,800
Cash and cash equivalents	4,000	2,196	14,130
	10,074	11,258	31,951
<b>Total assets</b>	677,276	649,819	686,959
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Bank loan	(7,252)	(5,500)	-
Other payables	(918)	(5,744)	(8,398)
	(8,170)	(11,244)	(8,398)
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	669,106	638,575	678,561
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Debenture stocks	(25,000)	(25,000)	(25,000)
<b>Net assets</b>	644,106	613,575	653,561
<b>Equity attributable to equity shareholders</b>			
Share capital (note 4)	28,027	27,727	27,814
Share premium account	7,053	452	2,352
Capital redemption reserve	12,483	12,483	12,483
Retained earnings:			
Other capital reserves	564,192	541,505	578,656
Revenue reserve	32,351	31,408	32,256
<b>Total equity</b>	644,106	613,575	653,561
<b>Net asset value per ordinary share (note 5)</b>	574.5p	553.2p	587.4p

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## **CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

for the half year ended 30 April 2014

	(Unaudited) Half year ended 30 April 2014 £'000	(Unaudited) Half year ended 30 April 2013 £'000	(Audited) Year ended 31 October 2013 £'000
Net (loss)/profit before taxation	(5,968)	95,284	141,405
Add back interest paid	1,140	1,160	2,303
Add/(less): losses/(gains) on investments held at fair value through profit or loss	13,201	(88,474)	(126,782)
(Increase)/decrease in accrued income	(2,506)	(1,656)	239
Decrease/(increase) in other debtors	8	3	(9)
Increase in other creditors	53	158	167
Purchases of investments	(221,656)	(75,832)	(137,900)
Sales of investments	196,695	72,710	156,843
Purchases of current asset investments	(4,700)	(1,500)	(1,500)
Sales of current asset investments	3,000	2,780	2,780
Decrease/(increase) in securities sold for future settlement	16,033	(5,308)	(16,147)
(Decrease)/increase in securities purchased for future settlement	(7,559)	4,505	7,153
<b>Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities before interest and taxation</b>	<b>(12,259)</b>	<b>3,830</b>	<b>28,552</b>
Interest paid	(1,135)	(1,157)	(2,303)
Taxation on investment income	(464)	(288)	(733)
<b>Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities</b>	<b>(13,858)</b>	<b>2,385</b>	<b>25,516</b>
<b>Financing activities</b>			
Equity dividends paid	(8,025)	(7,464)	(15,149)
Issue of ordinary shares	4,914	-	1,987
Drawdown/(repayment) of loan	7,252	4,500	(1,000)
Amounts received from subsidiary undertaking	-	-	205
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities</b>	<b>4,141</b>	<b>(2,964)</b>	<b>(13,957)</b>
<b>(Decrease)/increase in cash</b>	<b>(9,717)</b>	<b>(579)</b>	<b>11,559</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at start of period	14,130	2,825	2,825
Exchange movements	(413)	(50)	(254)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>2,196</b>	<b>14,130</b>

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## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:**

### **1. Accounting policies**

The condensed half year financial statements have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out in the Company's financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2013 except as described below and in accordance with IAS34. The tax charge is based on overseas tax suffered during the period.

The following changes in accounting policies are also expected to be reflected in the Company's financial statements as at and for the year ending 31 October 2014.

The Company has adopted the following standards and amendments to standards, including any consequential amendments to other standards, with a date of initial application of 1 January 2013.

**IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement:** IFRS 13 establishes a single framework for measuring fair value and making disclosures about fair value measurements, when such measurements are required or permitted by other IFRSs. In particular, it unifies the definition of fair value as the price at which an orderly transaction to sell an asset or to transfer a liability would take place between market participants at the measurement date. It also replaces and expands the disclosure requirements about fair value measurements in other IFRSs, including IFRS 7 *Financial Instruments: Disclosures*. Some of these disclosures are specifically required in interim financial statements for financial instruments; accordingly, the Company has included additional disclosures in this regard (see note 7).

In accordance with the transitional provisions of IFRS 13, the Company has applied the fair value measurement guidance prospectively, and has not provided any comparative information for new disclosures. Notwithstanding the above, the change had no significant impact on the measurements of the Company's assets and liabilities.

#### **Investments held at fair value through profit or loss**

All investments are designated upon initial recognition as held at fair value through profit or loss. These financial assets are designated on the basis that they are part of a group of financial assets which are managed and have their performance evaluated on a fair value basis. Financial assets are recognised/de-recognised at the trade date of the purchase/disposal. Proceeds will be measured at fair value, which will be regarded as the proceeds of sale less any transaction costs. The fair value of the financial instruments is based on their quoted bid price at the balance sheet date, without deduction of the estimated future selling costs. The fair values of unquoted financial instruments within the portfolio are based on their last audited net asset values discounted where necessary to arrive at a fair value.

Changes in the fair value of investments held at fair value through profit or loss and gains and losses on disposal are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income as 'Gains or losses on investments held at fair value through profit or loss'. Also included within this caption are transaction costs in relation to the purchase or sale of investments, including the difference between the purchase price of an investment and its bid price at the date of purchase.

#### **Significant accounting judgments and estimates**

The preparation of the Company's financial statements requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts recognised in the financial statements; however, uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of the asset or liability affected in the future. As the majority of the Company's financial assets are quoted securities, in the opinion of the Directors, the amounts included as assets and liabilities in the financial statements are not subject to significant judgments, estimates or assumptions.

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## 2. Earnings per ordinary share

The earnings per ordinary share figure is based on the net loss for the half year of £6,344,000 (half year ended 30 April 2013: £94,825,000 profit; year ended 31 October 2013: £140,509,000 profit) and on 111,687,640 (half year ended 30 April 2013: 110,906,839; year ended 31 October 2013: 110,958,620) ordinary shares, being the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period.

The return per share detailed above can be further analysed between revenue and capital, as below.

	<b>(Unaudited) Half year ended 30 April 2014 £'000</b>	(Unaudited) Half year ended 30 April 2013 £'000	(Audited) Year ended 31 October 2013 £'000
Revenue profit	<b>8,120</b>	7,496	16,029
Capital (loss)/profit	<b>(14,464)</b>	87,329	124,480
Total (loss)/profit	<b>(6,344)</b>	94,825	140,509
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during each period	<b>111,687,640</b>	110,906,839	110,958,620
Revenue earnings per ordinary share	<b>7.27p</b>	6.76p	14.45p
Capital (loss)/earnings per ordinary share	<b>(12.95p)</b>	78.74p	112.18p
Total (loss)/earnings per ordinary share	<b>(5.68p)</b>	85.50p	126.63p

## 3. Current asset investment

The Company has a holding in the Deutsche Bank Liquidity Fund, a money market fund that is used to hold what would otherwise be short term cash balances. At 30 April 2014 this holding had a value of £1,721,000 (30 April 2013: £21,000; 31 October 2013: £21,000).

## 4. Called up share capital

At 30 April 2014 there were 112,106,839 ordinary shares of 25p each in issue (30 April 2013: 110,906,839; 31 October 2013: 111,256,839). During the half year ended 30 April 2014 there were 850,000 shares issued (30 April 2013: nil; 31 October 2013: 350,000). The proceeds of the share issues, amounted to £4,914,000 (half year ended 30 April 2013: £nil; 31 October 2013: £1,987,000).

## 5. Net asset value per ordinary share

The net asset value per ordinary share is based on the net assets attributable to equity shareholders of £644,106,000 (30 April 2013: £613,575,000; 31 October 2013: £653,561,000) and on 112,106,839 (30 April 2013: 110,906,839; 31 October 2013: 111,256,839) ordinary shares, being the number of ordinary shares in issue at the period end.

## 6. Related party transactions

Details of related party transactions are contained in the annual report and financial statements. Other than the fees payable by the Company in the ordinary course of business there have been no material transactions with any related party during the six month period affecting the financial position or performance of the Company.

## 7. Financial Instruments

At the period end the carrying value of financial assets and financial liabilities approximates their fair value.

### Financial instruments carried at fair value

#### Fair value hierarchy

The table below analyses recurring fair value measurements for financial assets and financial liabilities. These fair value measurements are categorised into different levels in the fair value hierarchy based on the inputs to valuation techniques used. The different levels are defined as follows:

Level 1: quote prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Company can access at the measurement date.

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Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3: unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

Financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss at 30 April 2014	Level 1 £'000	Level 2 £'000	Level 3 £'000	Total £'000
Investments including derivatives:				
- Equity securities designated at fair value through profit or loss	667,140	-	62	667,202
- Forward exchange contracts	-	(21)	-	(21)
<b>Total financial assets and liabilities carried at fair value</b>	<b>667,140</b>	<b>(21)</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>667,181</b>

	£'000
<b>Level 3 investments at fair value through profit or loss</b>	
<b>Opening balance</b>	75
Transferred into Level 3	-
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Total unrealised losses included in losses on investments held at fair value through profit and loss in the Statement of Comprehensive Income	(13)
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<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>62</b>

There have been no transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy during the period. Transfers between levels of fair value hierarchy are deemed to have occurred at the date of the event or change in circumstances that caused the transfer.

Categorisation within the hierarchy has been determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement of the relevant asset as follows:

Level 1: valued using quoted prices in active markets for identical assets.

Level 2: valued by reference to valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1.

Included in Level 2 are forward exchange contracts which resulted in an unrealised loss of £21,000.

Level 3: valued by reference to valuation techniques using inputs that are not based on observable market data.

The valuation techniques used by the Company are explained in the accounting policies note 1 (b) of the Annual Report and Financial Statements.

## 8. Going concern

The directors believe that it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. The assets of the Company consist mainly of securities that are readily realisable and, accordingly, the Company has adequate financial resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

## 9. Interim dividend

The directors have declared a second interim dividend of 3.70p (2013: 3.465p) net per ordinary share, payable on 29 August 2014 to shareholders registered on 25 July 2014. The shares will be quoted ex-dividend on 23 July 2014. Based on the number of ordinary shares in issue at 18 June 2014 of 112,106,839 the cost of this dividend will be £4,036,000. A first interim dividend of 3.60p (2013: 3.465p) was paid on 30 May 2014 at a total cost of £4,036,000.

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## **10. Comparative information**

The financial information contained in this half year report does not constitute statutory accounts as defined in section 434 of the Companies Act 2006. The financial information for the half years ended 30 April 2014 and 2013 has not been audited or reviewed by the auditors.

The figures and financial information for the year ended 31 October 2013 have been extracted from the latest published accounts of the Company. These accounts have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies and included the report of the auditors which was unqualified and did not contain a statement under either section 498(2) or 498(3) of the Companies Act 2006.

## **11. Half year update**

The half-year report is available on the Company's website ([www.bankersinvestmenttrust.com](http://www.bankersinvestmenttrust.com)) or in hard copy from the Company's registered office. An abbreviated version of this half-year report, the 'update', will be circulated to shareholders in July 2014.

## **12. General information**

### a) Objectives

- To achieve long term asset growth in excess of the FTSE All-Share Index.
- To achieve regular dividend growth in excess of the increase in the Retail Prices Index.

### b) Policy

- To achieve both these objectives by investing in a broadly diversified international portfolio of shares.

### c) Company Status

The Company is a UK domiciled investment trust company, registered number 00026351.

### d) Directors, Secretary and Registered Office

The Directors of the Company are Richard Killingbeck (Chairman), Richard Burns (Senior Independent Director), Matthew Thorne (Audit Committee Chairman), Susan Inglis and David Wild. The Corporate Secretary is Henderson Secretarial Services Limited, represented by Wendy King FCIS. The registered office is 201 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3AE.

### e) Website

Details of the Company's share price and net asset value, together with general information about the Company, monthly factsheets and data, copies of announcements, reports and details of general meetings can be found at [www.bankersinvestmenttrust.com](http://www.bankersinvestmenttrust.com).

f) Global Intermediary Identification Number (GIIN) – L5YVFP.99999.SL.826.

g) Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) – 213800B9YWXL3X1VMZ69.

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## **LARGEST INVESTMENTS** at 30 April 2014

The 50 largest investments (convertibles, fixed interest and all classes of equity in any one company being treated as one investment) were as follows:

<b> Holding </b>	<b> Market value £'000 </b>	<b> Holding </b>	<b> Market value £'000 </b>
BP	17,049	EMC	5,343
GlaxoSmithKline	12,599	Amcor	5,182
Sports Direct International	11,014	Legal & General	5,136
Catlin	9,750	American Express	5,093
British American Tobacco	9,568	PetroChina	5,080
HSBC	9,242	Connect	4,942
Galliford Try	9,235	Bank of China	4,940
Royal Dutch Shell	8,820	Jupiter Fund Management	4,916
BorgWarner	7,803	Deutsche Post	4,915
Apple	7,673	Rolls-Royce	4,914
Delphi Automotive	7,619	Petrofac	4,798
Walt Disney	7,356	BG	4,792
AmerisourceBergen	7,258	SK Telecom	4,784
ITV	7,180	WPP	4,705
Jardine Lloyd Thompson	6,979	Novartis	4,342
Fisher (J) & Sons	6,681	Rio Tinto	4,302
Comcast	6,664	Hyundai Motor	4,168
American Tower	6,564	Cranswick	4,132
Vodafone	6,481	Nationwide Building Society 10.25% PERP CCDS	4,051
Prudential	6,403	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	3,918
Oracle	6,257	Verizon	3,863
Wetherspoon (J.D.)	5,866	DirecTV	3,848
Christian Dior	5,830	BHP Billiton	3,838
Reckitt Benckiser	5,730	Glencore Xstrata	3,827
St. James's Place	5,356	Qualcomm	3,803

These investments total £314,609,000 which represents 47.2% of the portfolio.

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## **GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION**

	Valuation of investments		Currency exposure of operational assets	
	30 April 2014	31 October 2013	30 April 2014	31 October 2013
	%	%	%	%
UK	45.2	45.0	43.8	44.6
Europe	12.3	11.5	12.8	11.5
North America	19.9	20.4	20.7	20.5
Japan	8.6	9.7	7.8	9.7
Pacific (ex Japan)	11.8	11.2	12.6	11.2
Emerging Markets	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.5
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	<b>100.0</b>	100.0	<b>100.0</b>	100.0
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Source: Henderson Global Investors Ltd.

## **SECTOR ANALYSIS**

	30 April 2014	31 October 2013
	%	%
Oil & Gas	9.6	11.2
Basic Materials	3.6	4.6
Industrials	16.7	16.2
Consumer Goods	14.4	12.8
Health Care	4.9	7.2
Consumer Services	15.2	13.2
Telecommunications	3.9	4.9
Utilities	1.6	1.1
Financials	23.2	23.2
Technology	6.9	5.6
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	<b>100.0</b>	100.0
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Source: Henderson Global Investors Ltd.

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