

NEW STAR INVESTMENT TRUST PLC

INTERIM REPORT

for the six months ended 31st December 2024



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## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Company's objective is to achieve long-term total return through capital growth and income.

REGISTERED OFFICE

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Company Number: 03969011

## COMPANY INFORMATION

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The Company's shares are traded on the London Stock Exchange and their prices are shown in the Financial Times under "Investment Companies".

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

|  | 31st December<br>2024                        | 30th June<br>2024                            | %<br>Change |
|--|--|--|-------------|
| PERFORMANCE  |  |  |             |
| Net assets (£'000)                                       | <b>120,167*</b>                              | 137,861                                      | (12.84)     |
| Net asset value per Ordinary share                       | <b>169.19p*</b>                              | 194.11p                                      | (12.84)     |
| Mid-market price per Ordinary share                      | <b>107.50p*</b>                              | 131.50p                                      | (18.25)     |
| Discount of price to net asset value                     | <b>36.5%</b>                                 | 32.3%  |             |
|  | Six months<br>ended<br>31st December<br>2024 | Six months<br>ended<br>31st December<br>2023 |             |
| Total Return**   | <b>0.41%</b>                                 | 3.38%  |             |
| IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares<br>(total return)      | <b>2.89%</b>                                 | 5.52%  |             |
| MSCI AC World Index (total return,<br>sterling adjusted) | <b>6.76%</b>                                 | 7.19%  |             |
| MSCI UK Index (total return)                             | <b>1.64%</b>                                 | 5.58%  |             |
|  | Six months ended<br>31st December<br>2024    | Six months ended<br>31st December<br>2023    |             |
| REVENUE  |  |  |             |
| Return (£'000)   | <b>1,801</b>                                 | 1,467  |             |
| Return per Ordinary share                                | <b>2.54p</b>                                 | 2.07p  |             |
| Proposed dividend per Ordinary share                     | <b>1.70p</b>                                 | 1.70p  |             |
| Dividend paid per Ordinary share                         | <b>1.70p</b>                                 | 1.70p  |             |
| TOTAL RETURN**   |  |  |             |
| Return (£'000)   | <b>689</b>                                   | 4,238  |             |
| Net assets (dividend and B share issue added back)       | <b>0.41%</b>                                 | 3.38%  |             |
| Net assets*  | <b>(12.84)%</b>                              | 2.41%  |             |

\* After return of capital (B Shares)

\*\* The total return figure for the Company represents the revenue and capital return shown in the statement of comprehensive income before dividends paid, the B Share redemption payment and after deducting B Share issue costs.

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

**Performance**

Your Company generated a total return of 0.41% over the six months to 31st December 2024. After dividends and the return of capital the net asset value (NAV) per ordinary share fell to 169.19p. By comparison, the Investment Association's Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares Index gained 2.89%. The MSCI AC World Total Return Index gained 6.76% in sterling while the MSCI UK Total Return Index rose 1.64%. Over the period, UK government bonds declined 1.06%. Further information is provided in the investment manager's report.

Your Company made a revenue profit for the six months of £1,801,000 (2023: £1,467,000).

**Return of capital**

Following a general meeting in July 2024, £17 million was returned to shareholders in August by way of a "B" share issue and a subsequent redemption of the shares at a price of 24p per B share. Following the scheme, your Company's total issued share capital and voting rights were unchanged. The scheme involved reducing your Company's holdings across the board with a view broadly to maintaining in percentage terms the asset allocation, including the allocation to cash. As a result, the portfolio's risk profile was broadly unchanged.

**Change of investment objective**

At the annual general meeting on 5th December 2024, shareholders approved the proposal by your Board to change the investment objective from long-term capital growth to long-term total return through capital growth and income.

**Gearing and dividends**

Your Company has no borrowings. It ended the period under review with cash representing 13.56% of its NAV and is likely to maintain a significant cash position. In respect of the six months to 31st December 2024, your Directors have declared an interim dividend of 1.70p per share (2023: 1.70p).

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

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**Discount**

Your Company's shares continued to trade at a significant discount to their NAV during the period under review. The Board keeps this issue under review.

**Outlook**

President Trump's policies of deregulation, tax cuts and import tariffs should generate economic growth in the US and provide an element of support for US stocks in the short term but may stoke inflation. If overall equity markets weaken in response to renewed inflation fears, lowly-rated equities in the UK and in emerging markets may prove defensive. US and UK inflation is already proving more persistent than previously expected, with the result that the Federal Reserve and the Bank of England may keep their official interest rates higher for longer. In such circumstances, investments in shorter-dated bonds should provide a measure of protection while your Company's significant allocation to cash will generate income.

**Net asset value**

Your Company's unaudited NAV at 28th February 2025 was 169.15p.

Geoffrey Howard-Spink  
Chairman  
24th March 2025

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### INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

#### **Market review**

Investor enthusiasm about the commercial potential of artificial intelligence (AI) led to gains for US technology stocks, up 8.56% in sterling over the period under review. As a result, concentration in the US equity market ended 2024 at an historically high level, with just ten companies accounting for 32% of the market. While prospects for technology companies seemed clear, high valuations and exuberant investor sentiment left some stocks priced for perfection.

Since taking office, President Trump has expanded on his policy agenda of trade tariffs, immigration control, onshoring of manufacturing, deregulation and lower taxes. These policies may stimulate the economy in the short term but they could ultimately prove inflationary and lead to interest rates remaining higher for longer. The Federal Reserve cut its official rate in December by a quarter percentage point to 4.25-4.5% but the pace of cuts is expected to slow, with rates expected to fall by just one half of a point in 2025.

UK equities underperformed, up only 1.64%, with the economy having stalled. In February 2025, the Bank of England cut its official rate by a quarter point to 4.5% and reduced its growth forecast for this year to just 0.75%. Inflation is, however, proving sticky, with the Bank forecasting a peak of 3.7% in 2025, well above its 2% target. Low growth and higher prices are an unattractive combination, suggesting the need for caution about prospects for smaller companies, which tend to be more sensitive to domestic trends than larger stocks trading on low valuations. UK government bonds fell 1.06% over the period as investor fears about higher public sector borrowing intensified.

Dollar strength proved a headwind for equities in emerging markets and Asia excluding Japan, up 1.28% and 3.31% in sterling respectively over the period. Chinese policy makers increased economic stimulus but slower growth, inflation close to zero and President Trump's tariffs weighed on investor sentiment. Equities in Europe excluding the UK fell 4.04% in sterling because of fractured political leadership in France and Germany and the impact of cheap Chinese electric vehicle imports on Germany's economy. By contrast with the US and UK however, the European Central Bank (ECB) expects eurozone inflation to be close to target in 2025 and 2026. In response, the ECB cut its key policy rate by a quarter point to 3% in December, with a similar cut in March 2025. Japan's economy is growing faster than its long-term potential growth rate and the Bank of Japan is confident price increases are sustainable at its 2% target.



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**Portfolio review**

Your Company's total return was 0.41% over the six months to 31st December 2024. By comparison, the Investment Association (IA) Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares sector, a peer group of multi-asset funds with allocations to equities in the 40-85% range, rose 2.89%. The MSCI AC World Total Return and MSCI UK All Cap Total Return Indices rose 6.76% and 1.64% respectively while global bonds rose 2.47%.

In August 2024, £17 million was returned to shareholders via a "B" share issue and subsequent redemption. This was achieved through sales of portfolio investments on a broadly pro-rata basis to ensure the portfolio retained a similar investment exposure.

Your Company has maintained the dividend per share for the six months ended 31st December 2024 despite the significant return of capital to shareholders, which reduced the size of the portfolio while the number of shares in issue remained unchanged. The significant number of portfolio holdings managed in accordance with an income mandate, the allocation to bond investments and the cash allocation support the commitment to paying an income.

Polar Capital Global Technology, your Company's largest holding, rose 8.93% over the period. The Polar technology team believes AI is in its infancy, comparing the likely trajectory of capital investment to the rollout of other technological advances such as the 19th century development of the railways. The Polar team has favoured hardware companies supplying AI infrastructure such as Nvidia, the leading designer of graphics processing units. In January, Polar took profits from Nvidia and some other infrastructure stocks in the wake of the announcement by DeepSeek, a Chinese company, that it has produced a large language model at a fraction of the cost of US competitors and made the code freely available. President Trump hailed this development as a "wake-up call" to US companies and the announcement sent ripples through the sector as investors reduced their forecasts for AI capital spending. Technology sector gains also contributed to a 9.59% return for the iShares S&P 500 exchange-traded fund (ETF). Your Company's Polar Capital Global Technology investment was reduced by £3 million in October on grounds that high valuations left the sector vulnerable to disappointment.

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The relatively high equity allocation to emerging markets and Asia excluding Japan hurt performance overall but there were strong performances from Sector Emerging Market Equities and Prusik Asian Equity Income, which returned 8.23% and 6.45% respectively. Sector Emerging Markets Equity, whose experienced manager has a high-conviction investment style, was launched in September 2023. It has a bias towards India and is highly concentrated, with ten stocks accounting for about half the portfolio. The holding was increased by £1.25 million in October 2024. By contrast, Prusik Asian Equity Income has a bias towards Hong Kong and South Korea, holding long-established companies such as CK Hutchison, Jardine Matheson and Standard Chartered. The contrarian approach has resulted in a dividend yield in excess of 5%, contributing to your Company's ability to pay dividends.

Stewart Investors Indian Subcontinent fell 4.85%, lagging the Indian market's 3.11% fall in sterling. Longer-term prospects for Indian equities remain positive because of high economic growth and the pro-business policies of the prime minister, Narendra Modi. Valuations were, however, relatively high over the period, leading to underperformance against some other emerging markets.

UK stocks rose just 1.64% but smaller companies did better, rising 3.84%. Within the portfolio's UK holdings, Man GLG Income performed best, returning 1.55%. Two small company holdings, Chelverton UK Equity Income and Aberforth Geared Value & Income, were, however, conspicuously weak, returning 0.38% and falling 17.00% respectively. Aberforth Geared Value & Income was launched close to net asset value (NAV) on 1st July 2024 but the investment trust's small size and specialist nature led to the shares falling to a large discount to NAV. The trust has a planned winding-up date of 30th June 2031 when investors will be offered an opportunity to redeem shares at close to NAV.

Within your Company's fixed income allocation, the shorter-dated Schroder Strategic Credit holding performed best, returning 4.20%, while the longer-dated iShares Treasury Bond 7-10 Year sterling-hedged ETF and Franklin Templeton Emerging Market Bond returned 0.50% and 0.51% respectively. Your Company's significant cash deposits in sterling and dollars contributed to your Company's ability to pay a dividend.

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**Outlook**

There are grounds to be positive about equity market prospects overall. President Trump's expansionary policies of lower regulation, lower taxation and trade protectionism are supportive for US stocks in the short term. Lowly-valued UK and emerging market equities provide diversification and may prove defensive should overall markets fall. US and UK inflation is proving more persistent than expected and US and UK interest rates are, therefore, likely to remain higher for longer. In this environment, shorter-dated bond investments provide some protection while your Company's cash provides a defensive source of income.

Brompton Asset Management Limited  
24th March 2025

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### DIRECTORS' REPORT

#### **Performance**

In the six months to 31st December 2024 the total return per Ordinary share was 0.41% (2023: 3.38%) before the return of capital. The NAV per ordinary share decreased to 169.19p, whilst the share price decreased to 107.50p. The fall in the NAV per ordinary share was due to the B Share issue and redemption of £17,046,000. The total return compares to an increase of 2.89% in the IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares Index.

The Company made a revenue profit for the six months of £1,801,000 (2023: £1,467,000). Costs remained relatively constant, but income increased by £345,000 (20.9%), as the Company increased its investment in income funds. The higher income was achieved despite the B Share redemption.

The management fee charged directly by Brompton is allocated to the capital account.

#### **DIVIDEND**

The Directors propose an interim dividend of 1.70p per Ordinary share in respect of the six months ended 31st December 2024 (2023: 1.70p). The dividend will be paid on 29th April 2025 to shareholders on the register at the close of business on 4th April 2025 (ex-dividend 3rd April 2025).

#### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

The Company's investment objective is to achieve long-term total return through capital growth and income.

#### **INVESTMENT POLICY**

The Company's investment policy is to allocate assets to global investment opportunities through investment in equity, bond, commodity, real estate, currency and other markets. The Company's assets may have significant weightings to any one asset class or market, including cash.

The Company will invest in pooled investment vehicles, exchange traded funds, futures, options, limited partnerships and direct investments in relevant markets. The Company may invest up to 15% of its net assets in direct investments in relevant markets.

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The Company will not follow any index with reference to asset classes, countries, sectors or stocks. Aggregate asset class exposure to any one of the United States, the United Kingdom, Europe ex UK, Asia ex Japan, Japan or Emerging Markets and to any individual industry sector will be limited to 50% of the Company's net assets, such values being assessed at the time of investment and for funds by reference to their published investment policy or, where appropriate, their underlying investment exposure.

The Company may invest up to 20% of its net assets in unlisted securities (excluding unquoted pooled investment vehicles), such values being assessed at the time of investment.

The Company will not invest more than 15% of its net assets in any single investment, such values being assessed at the time of investment.

Derivative instruments and forward foreign exchange contracts may be used for the purposes of efficient portfolio management and currency hedging. Derivatives may also be used outside of efficient portfolio management to meet the Company's investment objective. The Company may take outright short positions in relation to up to 30% of its net assets, with a limit on short sales of individual stocks of up to 5% of its net assets, such values being assessed at the time of investment.

The Company may borrow up to 30% of net assets for short-term funding or long-term investment purposes.

No more than 10%, in aggregate, of the value of the Company's total assets may be invested in other closed-ended investment funds except where such funds have themselves published investment policies to invest no more than 15% of their total assets in other listed closed-ended investment funds.

**SHARE CAPITAL**

The Company's share capital comprises 305,000,000 Ordinary shares of 1p each, of which 71,023,695 (2023: 71,023,695) have been issued and fully paid. No Ordinary shares are held in treasury, and none were bought back or issued during the six months ending 31st December 2024.

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### **PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The principal risks identified by the Board, and the steps the Board takes to mitigate them, are discussed below. The Audit and Risk Committee reviews existing and emerging risks on a six-monthly basis. The Board continues to monitor the geopolitical, societal, economic and market focused implications of the events since 2022.

*Investment strategy:* Inappropriate long-term strategy, asset allocation and fund selection could lead to underperformance. The Board discusses investment performance at each of its meetings and the Directors receive reports detailing asset allocation, investment selection and performance.

*Business conditions and general economy:* The Company's future performance is heavily dependent on the performance of different equity and currency markets. The Board cannot mitigate the risks arising from adverse market movements. However, diversification within the portfolio will reduce the impact. Further information is given in the portfolio risks below.

*Macro-economic event risk:* The scale and potential adverse impact of a macro-economic event, such as a pandemic and the outbreak of localised wars, has highlighted the possibility of a number of identified risks such as market risk, currency risk, investment liquidity risk and operational risk having an adverse impact at the same time. The risk may impact on the value of the Company's investment portfolio, its liquidity, meaning investments cannot be realised quickly, or the Company's ability to operate if the Company's suppliers face financial or operational difficulties. The Directors closely monitor these areas and currently maintain a significant cash balance.

*Portfolio risks – market price, foreign currency and interest rate risks:* The largest investments are listed on page 17. Investment returns will be influenced by interest rates, inflation, investor sentiment, availability/cost of credit and general economic and market conditions in the UK and globally. A significant proportion of the portfolio is in investments denominated in foreign currencies and movements in exchange rates could significantly affect their sterling value. The Investment Manager takes all these factors into account when making investment decisions, but the Company does not normally hedge against foreign currency movements. The Board's policy is to hold a spread of investments to reduce the impact of the risks arising from the above factors, investing in a spread of asset classes and geographic regions.

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*Net asset value discount:* The discount in the price at which the Company's shares trade to net asset value means that shareholders cannot realise the real underlying value of their investment. The Company's share price has been at a significant discount to the Company's net asset value for a number of years. The Directors regularly review the level of discount, however given the investor base of the Company, the Board is very restricted in its ability to influence the discount to net asset value.

*Investment Manager:* The quality of the team employed by the Investment Manager is an important factor in delivering good performance and the loss of key staff could adversely affect returns. A representative of the Investment Manager attends each Board meeting and the Board is informed if any major changes to the investment team employed by the Investment Manager are proposed. The Investment Manager regularly informs the Board of developments and any key implications for either the investment strategy or the investment portfolio.

*Tax and regulatory risks:* A breach of The Investment Trust (Approved Company) (Tax) Regulations 2011 (the 'Regulations') could lead to capital gains realised within the portfolio becoming subject to UK capital gains tax. A breach of the FCA Listing Rules could result in suspension of the Company's shares, while a breach of company law could lead to criminal proceedings, financial and/or reputational damage. The Board employs Brompton Asset Management Limited as Investment Manager, and Apex Fund Administration Services (UK) Limited as Secretary and Administrator, to help manage the Company's legal and regulatory obligations.

*Operational:* Disruption to, or failure of, the Investment Manager's or Administrator's accounting, dealing or payment systems, or the Custodian's records, could prevent the accurate reporting and monitoring of the Company's financial position. The Company is also exposed to the operational risk that one or more of its suppliers may not provide the required level of service. The Board monitors its service providers, with an emphasis on their business interruption procedures.

The Directors confirm that they have carried out a robust assessment of the risks and emerging risks facing the Company, including those that would threaten its business model, future performance, solvency and liquidity.

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**Investment management arrangements and related party transactions**

In common with most investment trusts the Company does not have any executive directors or employees. The day-to-day management and administration of the Company, including investment management, accounting and company secretarial matters, and custodian arrangements are delegated to specialist third party service providers.

Details of related party transactions are contained in the Annual Report. There have been no unusual material transactions with related parties during the period which have had a significant impact on the performance of the Company.

**Going concern and viability**

The Directors believe that it is appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the interim report as the assets of the Company consist mainly of securities that are readily realisable or cash and bank deposits and it has no significant liabilities and limited financial commitments. Investment income has exceeded annual expenditure and current liquid net assets cover current annual expenses for many years. Accordingly, the Board is of the opinion that the Company has adequate financial resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, which is considered to be in excess of five years. Five years is considered a reasonable period for investors when making their investment decisions. In reaching this view the Directors reviewed the anticipated level of expenditure against the cash and liquid assets within the portfolio. The Directors have also considered the risks the Company faces.

**Change of auditors**

The Company's auditor resigned during the period. Forvis Mazars LLP has been appointed auditors until the next annual general meeting, where their reappointment will be subject to approval by shareholders.



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**Responsibility statement**

The Directors named on page 2 confirm that to the best of their knowledge:

As disclosed in note 1, the annual financial statements of the Company are prepared in accordance with UK adopted international accounting standard. The condensed set of financial statements included in this half-yearly financial report has been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34, "Interim Financial Reporting". The Chairman's statement, the Investment Manager's report and the Directors' report include a fair review of important events that have occurred during the first six months of the financial year and their impact on the financial statements.

The Chairman's statement and the Investment Manager's report include a fair review of the potential risks and uncertainties for the remaining six months of the year.

The Director's report and note 9 to the interim financial report include a fair review of the information concerning transactions with the investment manager and changes since the last annual report.

By order of the Board  
Apex Fund Administration Services (UK) Limited

24th March 2025

## SCHEDULE OF TOP TWENTY INVESTMENTS

at 31st December 2024

|   | 30th June Purchases/<br>2024 |          |          | 31st Dec<br>2024 | % of Net<br>Assets |
|---|------------------------------|----------|----------|------------------|--------------------|
|   | £'000                        | (Sales)  | Movement | £'000            |                    |
| Polar Capital Global Technology                 | 12,243                       | (4,800)  | 430      | 7,873            | 6.55               |
| iShares Core S&P 500 UCITS ETF                  | 6,643                        | (1,001)  | 487      | 6,129            | 5.10               |
| Baillie Gifford Global Income Growth            | 7,326                        | (1,075)  | (169)    | 6,082            | 5.06               |
| Man GLG UK Income Fund                          | 7,180                        | (1,073)  | (52)     | 6,055            | 5.04               |
| TM Redwheel Global Equity Income Fund           | 7,221                        | (1,051)  | (181)    | 5,989            | 4.98               |
| Stewart Investors Indian Subcontinent Fund      | 5,698                        | (841)    | (236)    | 4,621            | 3.84               |
| Aquilus Inflection Fund                         | 5,066                        | (590)    | (182)    | 4,294            | 3.57               |
| MI Chelverton UK Equity Income Fund             | 4,609                        | (677)    | (109)    | 3,823            | 3.18               |
| EF Brompton Global Conservative Fund            | 4,757                        | (1,035)  | 49       | 3,771            | 3.14               |
| EF Brompton Global Equity Fund                  | 4,267                        | (631)    | 120      | 3,756            | 3.13               |
| Vietnam Enterprise Investments                  | 3,497                        | –        | 136      | 3,633            | 3.02               |
| FTF Clearbridge Global Infrastructure Inc. Fund | 3,907                        | (565)    | 82       | 3,424            | 2.85               |
| MI Polen Asia Income Fund                       | 4,147                        | (605)    | (138)    | 3,404            | 2.83               |
| EF Brompton Global Adventurous Fund             | 3,774                        | (559)    | 75       | 3,290            | 2.74               |
| Schroder Asian Income Maximiser L Inc. GBP      | 4,065                        | (591)    | (185)    | 3,289            | 2.74               |
| Schroder Strategic Credit Fund L Income GBP     | 3,050                        | –        | 33       | 3,083            | 2.57               |
| EF Brompton Global Growth Fund                  | 3,563                        | (528)    | 48       | 3,083            | 2.57               |
| Aberforth Geared Value and Income Trust         | –                            | 3,542    | (617)    | 2,925            | 2.43               |
| Aberforth Split Level Income Trust              | 4,065                        | (4,041)  | (24)     | –                | –                  |
| iShares \$ Treasury Bond 7-10yr UCITS ETF       | 2,945                        | –        | (36)     | 2,909            | 2.42               |
|   | 98,023                       | (16,121) | (469)    | 81,433           | 67.76              |
| Balance not held in investments above           | 23,693                       | (756)    | (339)    | 22,598           | 18.81              |
| Total investments (excluding cash)              | 121,716                      | (16,877) | (808)    | 104,031          | 86.57              |
| Cash  | 16,009                       | 17,220   | (16,937) | 16,292           | 13.56              |
| Other net current liabilities                   | 136                          | (343)    | –        | (156)            | (0.13)             |
| Net Assets                                      | 137,861                      | –        | (17,694) | 120,167          | 100.00             |

*All of the above investments are investment funds with the exception of Aberforth Geared Value and Income Trust and Vietnam Enterprise Investments which are investment companies.*

The investment portfolio, excluding cash, can be further analysed as follows:

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
|  | £'000          |
| Investment funds                               | 82,017         |
| Unquoted investments                           | 2,881          |
| Investment companies and exchange traded funds | 18,619         |
| Other quoted investments                       | 514            |
|  | <u>104,031</u> |

## STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

for the six months ended 31st December 2024  
(unaudited)

|   |       | Six months ended<br>31st December 2024<br>(unaudited) |                            |                          |
|---|-------|---|----------------------------|--------------------------|
|   | Notes | Revenue<br>Return<br>£'000                            | Capital<br>Return<br>£'000 | Total<br>Return<br>£'000 |
| INCOME  |       |   |                            |                          |
| Investment income   |       | 1,662   | –                          | 1,662                    |
| Other operating income  |       | 337   | –                          | 337                      |
| Total income  | 2     | <u>1,999</u>  | <u>–</u>                   | <u>1,999</u>             |
| GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS                                       |       |   |                            |                          |
| Gains/(losses) on investments at fair<br>value through profit or loss | 5     | –   | (808)                      | (808)                    |
| Other exchange (losses)/gains   |       | –   | 70                         | 70                       |
|   |       | <u>1,999</u>  | <u>(738)</u>               | <u>1,261</u>             |
| EXPENSES  |       |   |                            |                          |
| Management fees   | 3     | –   | (374)                      | (374)                    |
| Other expenses  |       | (198)   | –                          | (198)                    |
|   |       | <u>(198)</u>  | <u>(374)</u>               | <u>(572)</u>             |
| PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE FINANCE COSTS AND TAX                            |       | 1,801   | (1,112)                    | 689                      |
| Finance costs   |       | –   | –                          | –                        |
| PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAX  |       | <u>1,801</u>  | <u>(1,112)</u>             | <u>689</u>               |
| Tax   |       | –   | –                          | –                        |
| PROFIT/LOSS FOR THE PERIOD  |       | <u>1,801</u>  | <u>(1,112)</u>             | <u>689</u>               |
| EARNINGS PER SHARE  |       |   |                            |                          |
| Ordinary shares   | 4     | <u>2.54p</u>  | <u>(1.56)p</u>             | <u>0.98p</u>             |

The total return column of this statement represents the Group's profit and loss account, prepared in accordance with IFRS. The supplementary Revenue Return and Capital Return columns are both prepared under guidance published by the Association of Investment Companies. All items in the above statement derive from continuing operations. No operations were acquired or discontinued during the period.

All income is attributable to the equity holders of the Company. There are no minority interests.

The notes on pages 22 to 29 form an integral part of these accounts.

## STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

for the six months ended 31st December 2023 and the year ended 30th June 2024

|  | Six months ended<br>31st December 2023<br><i>(unaudited)</i> |                   |                 | Year ended<br>30th June 2024<br><i>(audited)</i> |                   |                 |         |
|--|--|-------------------|-----------------|--|-------------------|-----------------|---------|
|  | Revenue<br>Return  | Capital<br>Return | Total<br>Return | Revenue<br>Return                                | Capital<br>Return | Total<br>Return |         |
| Notes  | £'000  | £'000             | £'000           | £'000  | £'000             | £'000           |         |
| INCOME   |  |                   |                 |  |                   |                 |         |
| Investment income  | 1,180  | –                 | 1,180           | 2,373  | –                 | 2,373           |         |
| Other operating income   | 474  | –                 | 474             | 883  | –                 | 883             |         |
| Total income   | 2  | 1,654             | –               | 1,654  | 3,256             | –               | 3,256   |
| GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS  |  |                   |                 |  |                   |                 |         |
| Gains/(losses) on investments<br>at fair value through profit<br>or loss | 5  | –                 | 3,206           | 3,206  | –                 | 12,575          | 12,575  |
| Other exchange (losses)/gains  |  | –                 | (43)            | (43)   | –                 | 35              | 35      |
| Trail rebates  |  | –                 | 1               | 1  | –                 | 4               | 4       |
|  |  | 1,654             | 3,164           | 4,818  | 3,256             | 12,614          | 15,870  |
| EXPENSES   |  |                   |                 |  |                   |                 |         |
| Management fees  | 3  | –                 | (393)           | (393)  | –                 | (811)           | (811)   |
| Other expenses   |  | (187)             | –               | (187)  | (375)             | –               | (375)   |
|  |  | (187)             | (393)           | (580)  | (375)             | (811)           | (1,186) |
| PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAX   |  | 1,467             | 2,771           | 4,238  | 2,881             | 11,803          | 14,684  |
| Tax  |  | –                 | –               | –  | –                 | –               | –       |
| PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD   |  | 1,467             | 2,771           | 4,238  | 2,881             | 11,803          | 14,684  |
| EARNINGS PER SHARE   |  |                   |                 |  |                   |                 |         |
| Ordinary shares  | 4  | 2.07p             | 3.90p           | 5.97p  | 4.05p             | 16.62p          | 20.67p  |

The total return column of this statement represents the Group's profit and loss account, prepared in accordance with IFRS. The supplementary Revenue Return and Capital Return columns are both prepared under guidance published by the Association of Investment Companies. All items in the above statement derive from continuing operations. No operations were acquired or discontinued during the periods.

All income is attributable to the equity holders of the parent company. There are no minority interests.

The notes on pages 22 to 29 form an integral part of these accounts.

NEW STAR INVESTMENT TRUST PLC

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

*for the six months ended 31st December 2024 (unaudited)*

|  | Share<br>capital<br>£'000 | Share<br>premium<br>£'000 | Special<br>reserve<br>£'000 | Capital<br>redemption<br>reserve<br>£'000 | Capital<br>reserve<br>£'000 | Revenue<br>reserve<br>£'000 | Total<br>£'000 |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| AT 30TH JUNE 2024                            | 710                       | 21,573                    | 56,908                      | -   | 56,049                      | 2,621                       | 137,861        |
| Total comprehensive<br>income for the period | -                         | -                         | -                           | -   | (1,112)                     | 1,801                       | 689            |
| Dividend paid                                | -                         | -                         | -                           | -   | -                           | (1,207)                     | (1,207)        |
| Issue of B Shares                            | 17,046                    | (17,046)                  | -                           | -   | -                           | -                           | -              |
| B Share issue costs                          | -                         | -                         | -                           | -   | (130)                       | -                           | (130)          |
| Redemption of B Shares                       | (17,046)                  | -                         | -                           | 17,046                                    | (17,046)                    | -                           | (17,046)       |
| AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024                        | <u>710</u>                | <u>4,527</u>              | <u>56,908</u>               | <u>17,046</u>                             | <u>37,761</u>               | <u>3,215</u>                | <u>120,167</u> |

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

*for the six months ended 31st December 2023 (unaudited)*

|  | Share<br>capital<br>£'000 | Share<br>premium<br>£'000 | Special<br>reserve<br>£'000 | Capital<br>redemption<br>reserve<br>£'000 | Capital<br>reserve<br>£'000 | Revenue<br>reserve<br>£'000 | Total<br>£'000 |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| AT 30TH JUNE 2023                            | 710                       | 21,573                    | 56,908                      | -   | 44,246                      | 2,155                       | 125,592        |
| Total comprehensive<br>income for the period | -                         | -                         | -                           | -   | 2,771                       | 1,467                       | 4,238          |
| Dividend paid                                | -                         | -                         | -                           | -   | -                           | (1,207)                     | (1,207)        |
| AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023                        | <u>710</u>                | <u>21,573</u>             | <u>56,908</u>               | <u>-</u>                                  | <u>47,017</u>               | <u>2,415</u>                | <u>128,623</u> |

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

*for the year ended 30th June 2024 (audited)*

|  | Share<br>capital<br>£'000 | Share<br>premium<br>£'000 | Special<br>reserve<br>£'000 | Capital<br>redemption<br>reserve<br>£'000 | Capital<br>reserve<br>£'000 | Revenue<br>reserve<br>£'000 | Total<br>£'000 |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| AT 30TH JUNE 2023                          | 710                       | 21,573                    | 56,908                      | -   | 44,246                      | 2,155                       | 125,592        |
| Total comprehensive<br>income for the year | -                         | -                         | -                           | -   | 11,803                      | 2,881                       | 14,684         |
| Dividend paid                              | -                         | -                         | -                           | -   | -                           | (2,415)                     | (2,415)        |
| AT 30TH JUNE 2024                          | <u>710</u>                | <u>21,573</u>             | <u>56,908</u>               | <u>-</u>                                  | <u>56,049</u>               | <u>2,621</u>                | <u>137,861</u> |

NEW STAR INVESTMENT TRUST PLC

BALANCE SHEET

at 31st December 2024

|   |              | 31st December<br>2024<br><i>(unaudited)</i><br>£'000 | 31st December<br>2023<br><i>(unaudited)</i><br>£'000 | 30th June<br>2024<br><i>(audited)</i><br>£'000 |
|---|--------------|--|--|--|
|   | <i>Notes</i> |  |  |  |
| NON-CURRENT ASSETS                                  |              |  |  |  |
| Investments at fair value through profit<br>or loss | 5            | <u>104,031</u>                                       | <u>112,717</u>                                       | <u>121,716</u>                                 |
| CURRENT ASSETS                                      |              |  |  |  |
| Other receivables                                   |              | 161  | 323  | 479  |
| Cash and cash equivalents                           |              | 16,292   | 18,913   | 10,236   |
| Other financial assets (longer-term deposits)       |              | <u>–</u>   | <u>–</u>   | <u>5,773</u>                                   |
|   |              | <u>16,453</u>  | <u>19,236</u>  | <u>16,488</u>                                  |
| TOTAL ASSETS  |              | 120,484  | 131,953  | 138,204  |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES                                 |              |  |  |  |
| Other payables                                      |              | <u>(317)</u>   | <u>(3,330)</u>                                       | <u>(343)</u>                                   |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES               |              | <u>120,167</u>                                       | <u>128,623</u>                                       | <u>137,861</u>                                 |
| NET ASSETS  |              | <u>120,167</u>                                       | <u>128,623</u>                                       | <u>137,861</u>                                 |
| EQUITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO EQUITY HOLDERS               |              |  |  |  |
| Called-up share capital                             |              | 710  | 710  | 710  |
| Share premium                                       |              | 4,527  | 21,573   | 21,573   |
| Special reserve                                     |              | 56,908   | 56,908   | 56,908   |
| Capital redemption reserve                          | 6            | 17,046   | –  | –  |
| Capital reserve                                     | 7            | 37,761   | 47,017   | 56,049   |
| Revenue reserve                                     |              | <u>3,215</u>   | <u>2,415</u>   | <u>2,621</u>                                   |
| TOTAL EQUITY  |              | <u>120,167</u>                                       | <u>128,623</u>                                       | <u>137,861</u>                                 |
| NET ASSET VALUE PER ORDINARY SHARE                  | 8            | <u>169.19p</u>                                       | <u>181.10p</u>                                       | <u>194.11p</u>                                 |

The interim report was approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 24th March 2025.

The notes on pages 22 to 29 form an integral part of these accounts.

## CASH FLOW STATEMENT

*for the six months ended 31st December 2024*

|  | Six months<br>ended<br>31st December<br>2024<br><i>(unaudited)</i><br>£'000 | Six months<br>ended<br>31st December<br>2023<br><i>(unaudited)</i><br>£'000 | Year<br>ended<br>30th June<br>2024<br><i>(audited)</i><br>£'000 |
|--|---|---|---|
| NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES  | <u>1,719</u>  | <u>4,129</u>  | <u>1,985</u>  |
| INVESTING ACTIVITIES   |   |   |   |
| Purchase of investments  | (720)   | (11,374)  | (32,535)  |
| Sale of investments  | 17,597  | 10,164  | 31,695  |
| Longer-term deposits   | –   | –   | (5,773)   |
| NET CASH (OUTFLOW)/INFLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES  | <u>16,877</u>   | <u>(1,210)</u>  | <u>(6,613)</u>  |
| FINANCING ACTIVITIES   |   |   |   |
| B Share issue redemption   | (17,046)  | –   | –   |
| B Share issue costs  | (130)   | –   | –   |
| Equity dividend paid   | (1,207)   | (1,207)   | (2,415)   |
| NET CASH (OUTFLOW)/INFLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES  | <u>(18,383)</u>   | <u>(1,207)</u>  | <u>(2,415)</u>  |
| INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH  | <u>213</u>  | <u>1,712</u>  | <u>(7,043)</u>  |
| RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENT<br>IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS                              |   |   |   |
| (Decrease)/increase in cash resulting from cash flows  | 213   | 1,712   | (7,043)   |
| Exchange movements   | 70  | (43)  | 35  |
| Movement in net funds  | 283   | 1,669   | (7,008)   |
| Net funds at start of period/year  | <u>16,009</u>   | <u>17,244</u>   | <u>17,244</u>   |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD/YEAR  | <u>16,292</u>   | <u>18,913</u>   | <u>10,236</u>   |
| RECONCILIATION OF PROFIT BEFORE FINANCE COSTS AND<br>TAXATION TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES |   |   |   |
| Profit before finance costs and taxation*  | 689   | 4,238   | 14,684  |
| Losses/(gains) on investments  | 808   | (3,206)   | (12,575)  |
| Exchange movements   | (70)  | 43  | (35)  |
| Capital trail rebates  | –   | (1)   | (4)   |
| Net revenue gains before taxation  | <u>1,427</u>  | <u>1,074</u>  | <u>2,070</u>  |
| Decrease/(increase) in debtors   | 318   | 22  | (134)   |
| (Decrease)/increase in creditors   | (26)  | 3,032   | 45  |
| Taxation   | –   | –   | –   |
| Capital trail rebates  | –   | 1   | 4   |
| NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES  | <u>1,719</u>  | <u>4,129</u>  | <u>1,985</u>  |

\* Includes dividends received in cash of £1,315,000 (30th June 2024: £2,132,000) (2023: £1,052,000), accumulation income of £269,000 (30th June 2024: £253,000) (2023: £250,000) and interest received of £805,000 (30th June 2024: £726,000) (2023: £113,000).

## NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

*for the six months ended 31st December 2024***1. Accounting policies**

The condensed interim financial statements comprise the unaudited results of the Company for the six months ended 31st December 2024. The comparative information for the six months ended 31st December 2023 and the year ended 30th June 2024 are a condensed set of accounts and do not constitute statutory accounts under the Companies Act 2006. Full statutory accounts for the year ended 30th June 2024 included an unqualified audit report, did not contain any statements under section 498 of the Companies Act 2006, and have been filed with the Registrar of Companies.

The half year financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 'Interim Financial Reporting', and are presented in pounds sterling, as this is the Company's functional currency.

The same accounting policies have been followed in the interim financial statements as applied to the accounts for the year ended 30th June 2024, which were prepared in accordance with IFRSs.

No segmental reporting is provided as the Company is engaged in a single segment.

**2. Total income**

|                                | Six months ended<br>31st December<br>2024<br>£'000 | Six months ended<br>31st December<br>2023<br>£'000 | Year ended<br>30th June<br>2024<br>£'000 |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--|
| <b>Income from Investments</b> |  |  |  |
| UK net dividend income         | 1,434  | 1,047  | 2,102                                    |
| Unfranked investment income    | 228  | 104  | 91                                       |
| UK fixed interest              | –  | 29   | 180                                      |
|                                | <u>1,662</u>                                       | <u>1,180</u>                                       | <u>2,373</u>                             |
| <b>Other Income</b>            |  |  |  |
| Bank interest                  | 337  | 474  | 883                                      |
|                                | <u>337</u>   | <u>474</u>   | <u>883</u>                               |



## NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

*continued***2. Total income** *continued*

|                               | Six months ended<br>31st December<br>2024<br>£'000 | Six months ended<br>31st December<br>2023<br>£'000 | Year ended<br>30th June<br>2024<br>£'000 |
|-------------------------------|--|--|--|
| <b>Total income comprises</b> |  |  |  |
| Dividends                     | 1,662  | 1,151  | 2,193                                    |
| Interest income               | 337  | 503  | 1,063                                    |
|                               | <u>1,999</u>                                       | <u>1,654</u>                                       | <u>3,256</u>                             |

**3. Management fees**

|                           | Six months ended<br>31st December<br>2024<br>£'000 | Six months ended<br>31st December<br>2023<br>£'000 | Year ended<br>30th June<br>2024<br>£'000 |
|---------------------------|--|--|--|
| Investment management fee | 374  | 393  | 811                                      |
|                           | <u>374</u>   | <u>393</u>   | <u>811</u>                               |

The Investment Manager receives a management fee, payable quarterly in arrears, equivalent to an annual 0.75 per cent of total assets after the deduction of the value of any investments managed by the Investment Manager or its associates (as defined in the investment management agreement).

## NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

*continued***4. Return per Ordinary share before the B share issue and redemption**

|   | Six months ended<br>31st December<br>2024<br>£'000 | Six months ended<br>31st December<br>2023<br>£'000 | Year ended<br>30th June<br>2024<br>£'000 |
|---|--|--|--|
| Revenue return                                | 1,801  | 1,467  | 2,881                                    |
| Capital return                                | (1,112)  | 2,771  | 11,803                                   |
| Total return                                  | <u>689</u>   | <u>4,238</u>                                       | <u>14,684</u>                            |
| Weighted average number of<br>Ordinary shares | 71,023,695   | 71,023,695   | 71,023,695                               |
| Revenue return per Ordinary share             | 2.54p  | 2.07p  | 4.05p                                    |
| Capital return per Ordinary share             | <u>(1.56)p</u>                                     | <u>3.90p</u>                                       | <u>16.62p</u>                            |
| Total return per Ordinary share               | <u>0.98p</u>                                       | <u>5.97p</u>                                       | <u>20.67p</u>                            |

## NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

*continued***5. Investments at fair value through profit and loss**

|  | At<br>31st December<br>2024<br>£'000 | At<br>31st December<br>2023<br>£'000 | At<br>30th June<br>2024<br>£'000 |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| COMPANY  | <u>104,031</u>                       | <u>112,717</u>                       | <u>121,716</u>                   |
| ANALYSIS OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO                 |                                      |                                      |                                  |
| Six months ended 31st December 2024              |                                      |                                      |                                  |
|  | Quoted*<br>(level 1 and 2)<br>£'000  | Unquoted**<br>(level 3)<br>£'000     | Total<br>£'000                   |
| Opening book cost                                | 89,127                               | 10,972                               | 100,099                          |
| Opening investment holding<br>gains/(losses)     | <u>29,836</u>                        | <u>(8,219)</u>                       | <u>21,617</u>                    |
| Opening valuation                                | 118,963                              | 2,753                                | 121,716                          |
| Movement in period:                              |                                      |                                      |                                  |
| Purchases at cost                                | 512                                  | 208                                  | 720                              |
| Sales  |                                      |                                      |                                  |
| – Proceeds                                       | (17,582)                             | (15)                                 | (17,597)                         |
| – Realised gains on sales                        | 7,404                                | –                                    | 7,404                            |
| Movement in investment holding<br>gains/(losses) | <u>(8,147)</u>                       | <u>(65)</u>                          | <u>(8,212)</u>                   |
| Closing valuation at<br>31 December 2024         | <u>101,150</u>                       | <u>2,881</u>                         | <u>104,031</u>                   |
| Closing book cost                                | 79,461                               | 11,165                               | 90,626                           |
| Closing investment holding<br>gains/(losses)     | <u>21,689</u>                        | <u>(8,284)</u>                       | <u>13,405</u>                    |
| Closing valuation                                | <u>101,150</u>                       | <u>2,881</u>                         | <u>104,031</u>                   |

\* Quoted investments include unit trust and OEIC funds which are valued at quoted prices. Included within Quoted Investments is one monthly valued investment fund of £4,294,000 (30th June 2024 £5,066,000) (2023: £4,719,000).

\*\* The Unquoted investments, representing just over 2% of the Company's NAV, have been valued in accordance with IPEVC valuation guidelines. The largest unquoted investment amounting to £1,215,000 (30th June 2024: £1,215,000) (2023: £1,215,000) was valued at the latest transaction price. The second largest investment is an illiquid private equity fund which has been valued at Net Asset Value, based on fair value valuations. A 10% increase or decrease in the earnings of either of these investments would not have a material impact on the valuation of those investments.

## NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

*continued***5. Investments at fair value through profit and loss** *continued*

|  | Six months ended<br>31st December<br>2024<br>£'000 | Six months ended<br>31st December<br>2023<br>£'000 | Year ended<br>30th June<br>2024<br>£'000 |
|--|--|--|--|
| ANALYSIS OF CAPITAL (LOSSES)/GAINS                 |  |  |  |
| Realised gains on sales<br>of investments          | 7,404  | 4,363  | 10,249                                   |
| (Decrease)/increase in investment<br>holding gains | <u>(8,212)</u>                                     | <u>(1,157)</u>                                     | <u>2,326</u>                             |
|  | <u><u>(808)</u></u>                                | <u><u>3,206</u></u>                                | <u><u>12,575</u></u>                     |

**6. Capital redemption reserve**

|                            | Six months ended<br>31st December<br>2024<br>£'000 | Six months ended<br>31st December<br>2023<br>£'000 | Year ended<br>30th June<br>2024<br>£'000 |
|----------------------------|--|--|--|
| Capital redemption reserve | <u>17,046</u>                                      | <u>–</u>   | <u>–</u>                                 |
|                            | <u><u>17,046</u></u>                               | <u><u>–</u></u>                                    | <u><u>–</u></u>                          |

On 8th August 2024 the Company returned £17,046,000 to its shareholders by way of a B share scheme. A bonus issue of one new B Share was made for each Ordinary share which was then redeemed for cash.

£17,046,000 B Shares were allotted and paid up out of the share premium account. Shares of £17,046,000 were redeemed out of realised capital profits. A Capital Redemption Reserve ('CRR') of £17,046,000 was created. The CRR is not a distributable reserve, but it can be used to pay up new shares allotted to shareholders as fully paid bonus shares or reduced or cancelled in a similar way to Share Premium.

## NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

*continued***7. Capital reserve**

|  | Six months ended<br>31st December<br>2024<br>£'000 | Six months ended<br>31st December<br>2023<br>£'000 | Year ended<br>30th June<br>2024<br>£'000 |
|--|--|--|--|
| Realised gains brought forward                     | 34,432   | 24,955   | 24,955                                   |
| Realised during the period                         | 7,404  | 4,363  | 10,249                                   |
| Management fees                                    | (374)  | (393)  | (811)                                    |
| Foreign currency                                   | 70   | (43)   | 35                                       |
| Trail fees   | –  | 1  | 4  |
| Redemption of B Shares                             | (17,046)   | –  | –  |
| B share issue costs                                | (130)  | –  | –  |
| Realised gains carried forward                     | <u>24,356</u>                                      | <u>28,883</u>                                      | <u>34,432</u>                            |
| Unrealised gains brought forward                   | 21,617   | 19,291   | 19,291                                   |
| (Decrease)/increase in investment<br>holding gains | (8,212)  | (1,157)  | 2,326                                    |
| Unrealised gains carried forward                   | <u>13,405</u>                                      | <u>18,134</u>                                      | <u>21,617</u>                            |
| Total  | <u>37,761</u>                                      | <u>47,017</u>                                      | <u>56,049</u>                            |

The Memorandum and Articles were amended at the 2024 Annual General Meeting. The Realised gains of £24,356,000 are now available for distribution (30th June 2024: £34,432,000) (31st December 2023: £28,883,000).

## NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

*continued***8. Net asset value per Ordinary share**

|   | 31st December<br>2024<br>£'000 | 31st December<br>2023<br>£'000 | 30th June<br>2024<br>£'000 |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Net assets attributable to<br>Ordinary shareholders | <u>120,167</u>                 | <u>128,623</u>                 | <u>137,861</u>             |
| Ordinary shares in issue at<br>end of period        | <u>71,023,695</u>              | <u>71,023,695</u>              | <u>71,023,695</u>          |
| Net asset value per Ordinary share                  | <u>169.19p</u>                 | <u>181.10p</u>                 | <u>194.11p</u>             |

**9. Transactions with the Investment Manager**

During the period there have been no new related party transactions that have affected the financial position or performance of the Group.

Since 1st January 2010 Brompton has acted as Investment Manager to the Company. This relationship is governed by an agreement dated 17th May 2018.

Mr Duffield is the Chairman of Brompton Asset Management Group Limited the ultimate parent of Brompton. Mr Duffield owns a majority (59.14%) of the shares in the Company.

Mr Gamble has an immaterial holding in Brompton Property Management Group LLP and Brompton Asset Management Group Limited.

The total investment management fee payable to Brompton for the half year ended 31st December 2024 was £186,000 (30th June 2024: £811,000) (2023: £393,000) and at the half year £237,000 (30th June 2024: £212,000) (2023: £196,000) was accrued.

The Company's investments include seven funds managed by Brompton or its associates valued at £21,255,000 (30th June 2024: £24,631,000) (2023: £22,981,000). No investment management fees were payable directly by the Company in respect of these investments.

The Company has an equity investment of £100,000 (30th June 2024: £100,000) (2023: £100,000) in an investment management company in which a related party of Mr Duffield holds a minority stake. All loans made to that Company have been fully repaid.

## NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### **10. Auditors**

Johnston Carmichael LLP has resigned as the Company's auditor. Forvis Mazars LLP has been appointed as the Company auditor for the year ending 30th June 2025.

