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# Premier Castlefield Funds

Audited Annual Report and Financial Statements For the period from 1st March 2007 to 28th February 2008

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## MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

The Authorised Corporate Director ("ACD") and registered office of the Premier Castlefield Funds ("the Company"):

### PREMIER PORTFOLIO MANAGERS LIMITED

Eastgate Court, High Street,

Guildford, Surrey, GU1 3DE

Premier Portfolio Managers Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority ("FSA") and is a member of the Investment Management Association ("IMA"). Premier Portfolio Managers Limited and Premier Fund Managers Limited are both members of the Premier Asset Management Marketing Group.

DIRECTORS OF THE ACD:	Mike O'Shea (Chairman) Neil Macpherson (Finance Director) Simon Weldon (Managing Director, Sales and Marketing) Mark Friend (Managing Director, Operations) Mike Hammond (IFA Sales Director)
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<sup>1</sup> RSM Robson Rhodes LLP ("Robson Rhodes") merged its audit practice with that of Grant Thornton UK LLP ("Grant Thornton") with effect from 2nd July 2007, with the successor firm being Grant Thornton, Robson Rhodes resigned as auditors on 31st July 2007 creating a casual vacancy, which the ACD filled by appointing Grant Thornton.

## COMPANY INFORMATION

The Company is an Investment Company with Variable Capital under regulation 12 of the Open Ended Investment Company Regulations 2001 and incorporated in England and Wales under registered number IC000234. As each sub-fund is not a legal entity, if the assets attributable to any sub-fund were insufficient to meet the liabilities attributable to it, the short fall may have to be met out of assets attributable to one or more other sub-funds of the Company. Shareholders are not liable for debts of the Company. At the year end the Company contained five sub-funds, the Premier Castlefield UK Equity Fund, the Premier Castlefield Global Equity Fund, the Premier Castlefield Monthly Equity Income Fund, the Premier Castlefield UK Alpha Fund and the Premier Castlefield UK Smaller Companies Fund.

The Company is a UCITS scheme which complies with the FSA's Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook and is structured as an umbrella company so that different sub-funds may be established from time to time by the ACD with the approval of the FSA and the agreement of the Depositary.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

During the prior year under review and as agreed by the ACD and Depositary, the Company's year end changed from 31st December to 28th February.

On 1st June 2007, through a scheme of arrangement approved by the shareholders, the assets of the Premier UK Opportunities Fund were transferred to form the Castlefield UK Alpha Fund.

On 1st June 2007, through a scheme of arrangement approved by the shareholders, the assets of the Premier UK Smaller Companies Fund were transferred to form the Premier Castlefield UK Smaller Companies Fund.

With effect from 1st September 2007, the annual management charge in respect of Premier Castlefield UK Equity Fund, Premier Castlefield Global Equity Fund and Premier Castlefield Monthly Equity Income Fund increased to 0.1% per annum subject to a minimum of £20,000 per sub-fund per annum.

## STATEMENT OF ACD AND DEPOSITARY'S RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE ACCOUNTS OF THE SCHEME

The Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 and the FSA's Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook ("the Regulations") require the ACD to prepare accounts for each annual accounting period together with half-yearly reports, which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the scheme as at the end of the period and of the net income and the net gains or losses on the property of the scheme for the period then ended. In preparing the accounts, the ACD is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- comply with the disclosure requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice relating to 'Financial Statements of Authorised Funds', issued by the IMA in December 2005 and the Instrument of Incorporation.
- follow UK generally accepted accounting principles and applicable accounting standards.
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the scheme will continue in operation.
- keep proper accounting records which enable it to demonstrate that the accounts as prepared comply with the above requirements.

The ACD is responsible for the management of the Fund in accordance with its Instrument of Incorporation, the Prospectus and the Regulations.

The Depositary is responsible for safeguarding the property of the scheme and must take reasonable care to ensure that the scheme is managed by the ACD in compliance with the Regulations and the provisions of the Instrument of Incorporation and Prospectus.

The ACD and Depositary are responsible for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

## REPORT OF THE ACD TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY

The ACD, as sole director, presents its report and the audited financial statements of the Company for the year from 1st March 2007 to 28th February 2008.

The Company is a UCITS scheme which complies with the FSA's Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook. The shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Company.

The Investment Objectives and Policies of each sub-fund of the Company are covered in the investment reviews for each sub-fund. The sub-funds of an umbrella company should be invested as if they were a single company. The names and addresses of the ACD, the Depositary and the Auditor are detailed on page 2.

In the future there may be other sub-funds of the umbrella Company. As a sub-fund is not a legal entity, if the assets attributable to any sub-fund were insufficient to meet the liabilities attributable to it, the shortfall might have to be met out of the assets attributable to one or more other sub-funds of the umbrella Company.

Where a fund invests in other collective investment schemes, the maximum annual management fee that may be charged to that collective investment scheme is 5% of the net asset value of such a scheme, however, it is expected that the actual annual management fee will not exceed 2%.

## DIRECTORS' STATEMENT

In accordance with the Regulations, we hereby certify the report on behalf of the Directors of Premier Portfolio Managers Limited.

Neil Macpherson Finance Director (of the ACD) 20th June 2008

Mark Friend Managing Director, Operations (of the ACD)

REPORT OF THE DEPOSITARY TO THE SHAREHOLDERS FOR THE YEAR FROM 1ST MARCH 2007 TO 28TH FEBRUARY 2008 FOR THE PREMIER CASTLEFIELD UK EQUITY FUND, THE PREMIER CASTLEFIELD GLOBAL EQUITY FUND, THE PREMIER CASTLEFIELD MONTHLY EQUITY INCOME FUND, THE PREMIER CASTLEFIELD UK ALPHA FUND AND THE PREMIER CASTLEFIELD UK SMALLER COMPANIES FUND AS SUB-FUNDS OF THE PREMIER CASTLEFIELD FUNDS ('THE COMPANY')

The Depositary is responsible for the safekeeping of all the property of the Company (other than tangible moveable property) which is entrusted to it. It is the duty of the Depositary to take reasonable care to ensure that the Company is managed in accordance with the FSA's Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook, the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 and the Instrument of Incorporation in relation to the pricing of, and dealings in, shares in the Company, the application of the income of the Company, and the investment and borrowing powers and restrictions applicable to the Company.

Having carried out such procedures as we considered necessary to discharge our responsibilities as Depositary, it is our opinion that:

- the issue, sale, redemption and cancellation, and calculation of the price of the Company's shares and the application of the Company's income have, in all material respects, been carried out in accordance with the provisions of:
- the Regulations and
- the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 and
- the Instrument of Incorporation of the Company

and that, in all material respects, the investment and borrowing powers and restrictions applicable to the Company, in accordance with the provision of the Regulations and Instrument of Incorporation, have been observed.

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc Trustee & Depositary Services 20th June 2008

## MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE PREMIER CASTLEFIELD FUND

We have audited the financial statements of The Premier Castlefield Funds for the year ended 28th February 2008. These financial statements consist of the aggregated financial statements of the Company, which comprise the statement of total return, the statement of change in shareholders' net assets, the balance sheet, and the related notes, and the financial statements of the sub-funds of the Company, which comprise each sub-fund's statement of total return, statement of change in shareholders' net assets, portfolio of investments, balance sheet, summary of material portfolio changes, and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the Company's shareholders, as a body, in accordance with regulation 67(2) of the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001, and with Rule 4.5.12 of the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook issued by the FSA under section 247 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's shareholders those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's shareholders as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

## Respective responsibilities of the Authorised Corporate Director and the Auditors

The ACD's responsibilities for preparing the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Financial Statements of Authorised Funds' issued by the IMA, the FSA's Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook and the Instrument of Incorporation are set out in the Statement of the ACD and Depositary's Responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Financial Statements of Authorised Funds" issued by the IMA, the FSA's Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook and the Instrument of Incorporation. We also report to you whether the information given in the ACD's Report is consistent with the financial statements and we state whether we have been given all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purposes of our audit.

In addition, we report to you if, in our opinion, proper accounting records for the Company have not been kept, or if the financial statements are not in agreement with those records.

We read other information contained in the Annual Report and consider whether it is consistent with the audited financial statements. The other information comprises comparative tables, investment objectives and policies, investment reviews, total expense ratios and the report of the ACD. We consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

## Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the ACD in the preparation of the financial statements and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

## Opinion

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice of the financial position of the Company and the sub-funds as at 28th February 2008 and of the net income and net gains of the scheme property of the Company and the sub-funds for the year then ended;
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice relating to 'Financial Statements of Authorised Funds' issued by the IMA in December 2005, the FSA's Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook and the Instrument of Incorporation;
- the information given in the Report of the ACD is consistent with the financial statements.

We have been given all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purposes of our audit.

Grant Thornton UK LLP Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors London, England

20th June 2008

## PREMIER CASTLEFIELD FUNDS

## ABOUT THE INVESTMENT ADVISER

Castlefield Investment Partners LLP (CIP) is an organisation specialising in the provision of investment management and advice to institutional-type investors, the majority of whom are charitable organisations. Company pension schemes and wealthy private individuals make up the balance of the underlying client base. The principals of the business formerly worked together as the senior executives of the specialist fund management arm of a major merchant and private bank. Now working in partnership with both an independent asset management company and a significant, grant-making charitable foundation, CIP offers clients the benefits of boutique-like business focus, linked to the comfort that stable external investors can provide. As a consequence of the charitable foundation's equity interest, 17.5% of CIP's profits are recycled back into the charitable sector each year.

### MARKET REVIEW

The overwhelming themes of the six months since our interim report have been market volatility, investor uncertainty and a deteriorating economic background, most notably in the US. The period under review started as it was to continue, with the Federal Reserve and the US economy exerting a strong influence on global markets. It was not far in to the review period that we saw a cut in the Fed funds target rate, in response to generally weak data and it seems amazing now that by the end of the month the Dow was back within touching distance of its all time high. Throughout the early part of autumn, volatility remained a feature, even with Wall Street touching record highs in October. However, with another sharp fall in housing starts and a big fall in profits at Bank of America adding to the woes of the financial sector and Caterpillar cutting its full year earnings outlook, the bad news was starting to flow in earnest. In the UK, the Northern Rock saga was triggered as the bank was forced to seek funding from the Bank of England.

In the run up to the Christmas holiday period, with an oil price close to \$100 per barrel, there was little cheer with a series of adverse developments from leading US companies in the manufacturing and financial services sectors. Unsurprisingly, European and UK equity markets were intensely volatile in November, with banks on both sides of the channel confirming investor fears by announcing write downs directly or indirectly related to the sub-prime lending crisis. The selloff in global equity markets gathered pace in January as investors decided the US economy was sliding towards recession. In response to a series of adverse developments, the Fed announced an emergency 0.75% cut in interest rates during January, followed shortly after by a further 0.5% cut at its scheduled meeting. Europe's main equity markets continued to be heavily influenced by events in the US but investors were unsettled by the ECB's reluctance to cut Euro zone interest rates. Financials continued to bear the brunt of the selling pressure, whilst Société Générale shareholders had also to contend with losses of €4.9bn on apparently unauthorised derivative trades. February, the last month of the review period brought no respite, with Wall Street being buffeted by a series of weak economic data releases and global bourses generally being influenced negatively by the US.

A read through our summaries of the six months since our interim reports readily shows the significant volatility created by the sub-prime crisis and uncertainty around the wider global economy. Central banks have carried out various interventions and interest rates have been cut repeatedly, but, at the time of writing, the outlook remains clouded and investors remain extremely nervous. However, we do remain largely invested in equities, taking encouragement from companies who are often producing figures above expectations. We see plenty of medium term value across a number of areas, but recognise that, in the short term this is not protecting individual stocks. We do anticipate an improvement in markets, this reflecting an eventual stabilisation in the troubled background, but there exists a greater than usual uncertainty as to when that recovery might be seen.

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

The investment objective of the Premier Castlefield UK Equity Fund is to generate a combination of current income and long-term capital growth by investing principally in a portfolio of UK equities and/or collective investment schemes, although money market instruments, deposits, warrants, derivatives (for hedging purposes) and other permitted investments and transactions may be invested in. The aim is to achieve a total return in excess of that generated by the FTSE All-Share Index.

## INVESTMENT REVIEW

## INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY AND PROCESS

Over a number of years, we have developed a disciplined approach to investment in the Premier Castlefield UK Equity Fund, representing a blend of top-down and bottom-up elements, with a tilt towards the latter. This allows for the construction of an actively managed and risk controlled portfolio. We are neither value nor growth investors, but rather retain a flexibility to react to fundamental changes in market conditions, as global and sector specific influences impinge upon the domestic investment picture. Our style could best be described as pragmatic, seeking value but also prepared to recognise and pay for growth at a sensible price. We dislike unnecessary risk and take steps to manage this aspect carefully within the Portfolio. In essence, our investment style is based around selecting stocks with which we and our shareholders can feel comfortable. We seek investments whose value is not fully recognised by the market in general and source situations where we see positive internal or external change that should lead to an upwards re-rating of the company within the market. For this reason, we continually strive to thoroughly understand each company, via fundamental analysis and research. We believe that our style should consistently add value and lead to steady out performance. Therefore, we view the Premier Castlefield UK Equity Fund as being well suited to those investors seeking a core domestic equity fund within a long term Portfolio.

#### PERFORMANCE

Over the period, the Premier Castlefield UK Equity fund returned -3.7% against the IMA UK All Companies return of -3.6%.

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## PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

In the six months since our interim report, there has been a reasonable level of activity within the portfolio, with many trades resulting from recognition of the deteriorating economic backdrop. With storm clouds gathering around the commercial property sector, the announcement that British Land was struggling to find buyers at an acceptable price for its share of a flag ship shopping centre was sufficient to trigger an exit from this situation. Shortly afterwards, we elected to sell down the Fund positions within Persimmon and Redrow, taking the view that challenging conditions within house building were not going to disappear quickly. The generally difficult background continued to influence our strategy throughout the period and we became more inclined to dispose of companies with prospects that might be more exposed, thus avoiding more serious losses from both Premier Foods and Yell Group. During November, we sold the entire remaining position within ICI where a cash bid from Akzo Nobel had already been agreed. Happily, this crystallised some very useful gains for the Fund.

Not surprisingly, the challenging background also influenced our reinvestment choices and for most of the period we placed greater than usual emphasis on the robustness and visibility of future earnings, this having an influence on our new investments within the aero engine group, Rolls Royce, and the global consumer products company, Reckitt Benckiser. The former, despite being exposed to the highly cyclical civil aerospace market, has good stability thanks to a strong order book and a surprisingly high degree of recurring earnings from maintenance, repairs and parts contracts created when airlines purchase their engines. Reckitt has, to our mind, more obvious defensive qualities, manufacturing and marketing a large, high quality portfolio of household and healthcare products across the globe. On occasion, we have also taken a view on more cyclical situations where we believe value still existed, adding to Ashtead the equipment rental group and to Intermediate Capital, the specialist mezzanine finance provider.

## OUTLOOK

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Source: Castlefield Investment Partners LLP, March 2008.

Performance data taken from Financial Express Analytics, quoted on a total return, bid to bid, UK sterling basis. Past performance is not a guide to future returns.

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

The investment objective of the Premier Castlefield Global Equity Fund is predominately to generate long term capital growth by investing principally in a portfolio of non-UK equities and/or collective investment schemes, although money market instruments, deposits, warrants, derivatives (for hedging purposes) and other permitted investments and transactions may also be invested in. The aim is to achieve a total return in excess of that generated by the FTSE World ex UK Index.

## INVESTMENT REVIEW

## INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY AND PROCESS

Although technically able to invest directly in non-UK equities, we pursue a 'multi-manager' approach in managing the Premier Castlefield Global Equity Fund, selecting and monitoring other investment funds, each of which offers a particular regional exposure or area of expertise. This is in recognition of the fact that no one investment house can consistently be the best at managing all types of assets over all time periods. We have developed a methodology which looks for consistency of investment performance against a fund's particular benchmark, across discrete time periods. Of particular importance is an understanding of how this consistent performance was achieved and whether this is likely to be repeatable. This involves prospective and current managers completing a detailed guestionnaire and submitting a one to one interview about how their fund is managed. For each geographical region, we look to select both 'core' and 'satellite' funds i.e., funds with some predictability of returns against their benchmark and those where perhaps more individual manager or team 'flair' is likely to show through. Apart from the effort required to select and manage other funds, our skills are concentrated on taking active asset allocation decisions relative to the benchmark, the FTSE World ex UK Index. The result is a methodology which hopes to capture consistent out-performance of the benchmark, whilst minimising the risk of under-performance over any time period.

#### PERFORMANCE

The Premier Castlefield Global equity fund returned -1.0%, and the IMA Global Growth Sector returned 2.7% over the year under review. The benchmark, the FTSE World ex UK Index returned 3.4%

## MARKET REVIEW

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### PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

The six months since our interim reporting point were unusually busy. In stages, we disposed of the Premier Eastern Enterprise Fund and Premier European Growth, these trades reflecting a combination of some disappointment with performance and a general desire to moderate the volatility of the constituents within the Global Equity vehicle. In similar vein, we reduced our weighting within the Baring European Growth Fund, although these sales reflected more a desire to moderate exposure to more aggressive, stock picking funds, this against a background of increasing market volatility and general uncertainty. We did, however, introduce a new holding in the shape of Baring Eastern Trust, this being seen as a new core holding within our Far Eastern asset allocation, with its presence reflecting our hope that the consistently strong performance characteristics seen in recent years can continue.

Otherwise, our purchases consisted of index tracking iShares, providing exposure to the S&P 500 and Dow Jones Euro Stoxx 50 indices. As alluded to already, their increased presence reflected our wish to moderate the uncertainty of individual holding returns, this within the context of higher than usual uncertainty within most equity markets.

### OUTLOOK

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## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

The investment objective of the Premier Castlefield Monthly Equity Income Fund is predominately to generate a relatively high level of income, together with income growth and some capital growth over the long-term. This is to be achieved by investing principally in a portfolio of UK equities, although money market instruments, collective investment schemes, deposits, warrants, derivatives (for hedging purposes) and other permitted investments and transactions may also be invested in.

## INVESTMENT REVIEW

## INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY AND PROCESS

The investment process of the Premier Castlefield Monthly Equity Income Fund incorporates a four-stage approach, encompassing both quantitative and gualitative analysis. The first step involves running stocks though a stock screening model in order to identify companies that meet specific criteria. We aim to identify high yielding stocks with good dividend cover and healthy free cash flow that can also demonstrate consistency of earnings growth. Stocks that do not meet the criteria do not move to the next stage. Stocks are then split into one of three groups - core income stocks, income growth stocks or high income stocks. Whilst the stock selection methodology is consistent for each group, we employ a weighted ratio approach, where the importance of each particular ratio varies dependant on the category. Once the stocks have been put into the appropriate group, we carry out a disciplined fundamental analysis of each company in order to grade the stocks into one of seven categories. Each category has a specific risk profile and the process should result in the greatest exposure to the least risky stocks. The final stage involves modelling the portfolio to assess the total returns going forward. This involves modelling the exposure to the three groups outlined in stage two. The purpose of this is to attain the highest income achievable with the strongest dividend growth possible.

#### PERFORMANCE

High yielding equities were particularly hard hit during the period under review as a result of increased volatility, disappointing economic data and concerns about the global credit markets.

In the period under review, the Fund produced a total return of -18.3% compared to a total return of -7.3% from the IMA UK Equity Income sector and -0.4% for the FTSE All Share Index.

### MARKET REVIEW

The period under review proved to be difficult for equity investors as a result of increased volatility and global economic uncertainty. The period started well with the heavyweight oil sector pushing markets higher on the back of a strong oil price and rumours of further M&A activity. Better that expected corporate earnings growth boosted investor's confidence and markets continued up until 18 June when the FTSE All Share Index reached a record level of 3490.17.

This was the highest point reached in the review period and from here equities came under pressure as growing concerns about the US sub-prime mortgage market impacted sentiment. Equities continued to lose ground in July as the outlook for global credit markets deteriorated. In August, news that BNP Paribas was suspending three hedge funds with US sub-prime exposure, and speculation that one of the largest mortgage lenders in the US was about to go bankrupt, sent shares into freefall. The Federal Reserve's decision to cut the discount rate from 6.25% to 5.75% provided some relief and shares managed to rally for the remainder of the month.

Markets continued up into September when once again concerns about a global credit crunch dominated the headlines. Northern Rock became a victim of the turmoil in the money markets when it emerged that the company was facing the possibility of being unable to refinance short term obligations. The ensuing fall in markets was stemmed by a better than expected inflation report in the UK and a larger than anticipated cut in interest rates in the US. Upward momentum resumed as strong metal prices provided a boost for the mining sector and hopes of a rescue package for Northern Rock surfaced. The rally came to an end in mid October when evidence of further deterioration in the US housing market emerged.

reported huge mortgage related losses and poor economic data form both sides of the Atlantic prompted fears that the US was already in recession. On 21 January, global stock markets suffered their biggest one day fall since the terrorist attack in September 2001. News that one of the two main monoline bond insurers had been downgraded in the US sent markets into freefall resulting in the FTSE 100 Index falling by 5.5% to 5578. The selloff continued the next day driving the FTSE 100 Index down a further 4.5% to 5339, its lowest level since November 2005.

From here markets began to recover as rumours (subsequently delivered) circulated of an emergency rate cut by the Federal Reserve. Two days later the FTSE 100 Index rose by 4.8% as investors reacted positively to the announcement of a government backed rescue package for the bond insurers in the US. Upward momentum continued into February on the back of renewed M&A activity in the mining sector and rumours of better than expected results from the battered banking sector. News that US investor Warren Buffet had offered to reinsure \$800bn of municipal bonds previously guaranteed by troubled US bond insurers, helped to ease investor's nerves and push markets higher. However, negative news from the US and UK housing sectors in the last coupe of trading session of the review period resulted in the market giving up some of the gains made in February.

## PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

During the period under review AstraZeneca, the pharmaceutical company, was added to the Fund. Following a prolonged period of underperformance, the company offered an attractive valuation and a yield in excess of 5%. In the medium-term, shareholders should benefit form increased cost controls and a diversified pipeline of new drugs.

Aviva, the life insurance company, was also added to the Fund. In addition to trading on a substantial discount to the market and its peer group, the company offered a yield in excess of 5%.

Other new holdings include HSBC, Royal Dutch Shell, London Scottish Bank and DSG International.

International Personal Finance, the specialist financial company, was sold following a period of strong performance which resulted in the yield falling below the Fund's yield criteria. Halma and National Express were also sold following a prolonged period of strong performance

Scottish Power, Alliance Boots, Amstrad and Scottish & Newcastle were sold following takeover approaches.

## OUTLOOK

The long-term outlook for UK equities remains positive. However, in the short-term equities are likely to remain volatile as a result of uncertainty in global credit markets.

Source: Castlefield Investment Partners LLP, March 2008.

Performance data taken from Financial Express Analytics, quoted on a total return, bid to bid, UK sterling basis. Past performance is not a guide to future returns.

Downward pressure intensified as a number of large institutions in the US

## PREMIER CASTLEFIELD UK ALPHA FUND

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

The investment objective of the Premier Castlefield UK Alpha Fund is to invest primarily for long term capital growth from a portfolio of investments. The subfund will look to achieve this by actively investing in those companies, primarily within the UK where the Investment Adviser believes there are above average opportunities for growth.

## INVESTMENT REVIEW

### INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY AND PROCESS

The remit of the Premier Castlefield UK Alpha Fund is to achieve a total return in excess of the benchmark FTSE All-Share index. The sub-fund aims to meet this objective by maintaining a concentrated portfolio of "conviction" holdings. It is not benchmark constrained and can invest across the entire market capitalisation range.

The emphasis of the sub-fund is on stock selection rather than being thematically driven. Substantial effort is directed to in-house research and on identifying the value drivers for a business. Where we make investments, it is generally in companies that are already profitable but where we feel the market is substantially undervaluing the company's prospects. The reasons for this can range from undervaluing the assets held by a company, by undervaluing the future profit growth that a company can generate or where there are integration/ restructuring issues to be worked through by a company. In each of these cases, other investors either tend to place too high a risk premium on such companies or do not attribute sufficient value to future earnings growth. We aim to exploit these opportunities to deliver enhanced returns to investors.

#### PERFORMANCE

Since the launch date of the sub-fund on the 1st June 2007, the sub-fund has achieved a total return of -8.6%. This compares with a total return of the benchmark FTSE All Share Index of -10.1%, implying an outperformance by the Fund of 1.5% on a total return basis.

Although equity market returns have been volatile, a number of stock specific factors have helped contribute to this outperformance. A number of takeover situations, notably in the resources sector including the ongoing bid for the mining group Rio Tinto, the acquisition of the chemicals group ICI by Akzo Nobel and the agreed offer for oil services group Abbot, have all had a positive influence on performance.

### MARKET REVIEW

During the second half of 2007 and the start of 2008, the key themes dominating the market remained very much the same as at the time of the interim report in August. During September, it emerged that the former building society Northern Rock was facing greater problems funding its mortgage lending business than previously realised. As the bank funded much of its borrowing via the wholesale money markets rather than from its deposits, it faced a liquidity crunch when short term borrowing rates rose steeply. This was exacerbated as savers queued to withdraw their money as news of the company's funding position leaked out. The situation for Northern Rock ultimately came to a head in January when the government announced that the bank would be nationalised following a failure to find a suitable bidder for the group. This drew to a close Northern Rock's life as a publicly listed company, however, the impact of these moves still resonated with investors after the group had withdrawn from the public markets.

The US was the location of the root cause of the increase in borrowing rates that caused the collapse of Northern Rock. Further fallout from the sub-prime mortgage market prompted the US Federal Reserve (Fed) to begin aggressively cutting interest rates in order to alleviate this crisis which had already become a global rather than local phenomenon. Following a period of 17 successive 0.25% interest rate increases which had left US base rates at 5.25%, the Fed began cutting rates in September by an initial 0.5%. As the initial move was greeted with a bounce in equity markets on both sides of the Atlantic, investors subsequently feared that the moves would not be enough. This formed the template for the following few months as the Fed cut rates in increasingly bold moves, culminating in two separate cuts in January totalling 1.25% to leave US

rates at 3.0% at the period end. Each move was followed by a rally in equity markets which later gave way to further investor concern about the state of the US economy and it's impact on other global economies.

In the UK, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) joined the action to ease the seizing in credit markets by cutting rates in December and February to leave rates at 5.25%. Concerns about inflation, particularly stemming from commodity markets such as oil and agricultural commodities, meant that the accompanying statements remained hawkish in tone and may constrain the ability of the Bank of England to cut rates drastically going forward.

Despite the volatility in wider markets stemming from the financial sector, industries with better prospects and specifically companies which were not reliant on the debt markets for funding were still able to do deals. The mining sector saw much activity with the approach by BHP Billiton for fellow FTSE 100 constituent Rio Tinto in November, sparking further rumours of consolidation in the sector. The oil-services group Abbot was on the receiving end of a bid from a private equity firm in December and brewer Scottish & Newcastle is likely to be broken up following a joint bid from Carlsberg and Heineken.

These moves were in contrast to the uncertainty in much of the rest of the market. The period ended with the benchmark FTSE All Share Index down 10.1% on a total return basis with the market 6.7% of these losses coming in the first two months of 2008.

### PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

At the launch date of the sub-fund on the 1st June 2007, the portfolio was already closely aligned with the views of the manager. Since the last interim report up to the end of August 2007, portfolio activity has involved the reduction of the stake in Rio Tinto immediately following the approach by BHP Billiton. The portfolio maintains an overweight exposure to both companies, with the proceeds from the profit-taking from Rio Tinto re-invested back into the sector via the Anglo-Swiss mining group Xstrata. It was subsequently announced that Xstrata was itself in talks regarding a possible takeover by the Brazilian mining group Vale (formerly CVRD).

In the New Year, the portfolio took a position in the software group AVEVA. The group develops and distributes software for the design, construction and maintenance of complex infrastructure projects such as chemical plants and oil rigs. The demand for these end products remains strong and AVEVA's industry leading software facilitates improved efficiency at both the design stage as well as ongoing maintenance. The group's business model involves initial licence fees as well as annual payments for its software suite, thereby improving the visibility of earnings.

The more cautious investor sentiment during the period has led to sectors such as retailing and banking underperforming the wider market and this has benefited the Fund which remains under-represented in these sectors. This has to some extent been off-set by weakness amongst engineering stocks as concerns regarding the US economy remain at the forefront of investors' minds.

## OUTLOOK

Whilst credit market turmoil shows no signs of immediately abating, the Castlefield UK Alpha Fund remains positioned to benefit from opportunities thrown up by volatility in equity markets. As share prices assimilate rapidly changing economic assumptions, we are mindful to look beyond near-term price fluctuations and concentrate on finding investment opportunities that meet our investment criteria. Despite a weakening economic picture emerging in the US, we continue to find companies with growing end markets for their products and a degree of pricing power in the face of rising global inflation.

Source: Castlefield Investment Partners LLP, March 2008.

Performance data taken from Financial Express Analytics, quoted on a total return, bid to bid, UK sterling basis. Past performance is not a guide to future returns.

## PREMIER CASTLEFIELD UK SMALLER COMPANIES FUND

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

The investment objective of the Premier Castlefield UK Smaller Companies Fund is to invest primarily for long term capital growth. The sub-fund will look to achieve this by investing predominantly in shares in smaller UK companies including those listed on the Alternative Investment Market.

## INVESTMENT REVIEW

### INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY AND PROCESS

The investment philosophy of the Premier Castlefield UK Smaller Companies Fund is to invest in well managed UK smaller companies that are financially sound and have a distinct and sustainable competitive advantage and are capable of long term growth. The investment process involves a thorough appraisal of a company's management, a detailed financial review and an assessment of its market position and the competitive environment.

#### PERFORMANCE

For the period from 1st June 2007 to 28th February 2008, the Premier Castlefield UK Smaller Companies Fund recorded a total return of -9.8%, compared to a total return from the benchmark\* of -27.3% and the IMA UK Smaller Companies sector average total return of -19.1%.

#### MARKET REVIEW

The outperformance was mainly attributable to a strong performance from many of the larger holdings, some of which produced positive absolute performance in a period of sharply falling share prices generally. BowLeven, which was the largest holding at the start of the period under review, was the best performer rising by 75% on the back of good news on its drilling programme in Cameroon. Other notable performers were London Capital Group (+28%) which has been very successful at attracting new clients and benefited from high levels of spread betting activity due to the market turmoil, and IQE (+26%) which rose on the back of positive trading news.

#### PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

The planned reduction in exposure to AIM listed stocks to around 40% of the portfolio has continued in recent months. Since the interim report the weighting has been reduced from 60% to 54%. This would have been nearer 50% had Lincat not moved from the main market to AIM in August 2007. Over the next few months it is planned to continue to reduce the portfolio's exposure to the AIM market to around 40%.

In the 6 months since the interim report several AIM listed holdings have been reduced into strength. These include BowLeven, Lancashire Holdings, London Capital Group and Mattioli Woods. However all of these stocks remain attractive and continue to be important holdings for the Fund.

Funds raised were re-invested into fully listed stocks such as 888 Holdings, Alterian, Chaucer Holdings, Hampson Industries and Liontrust. 888 Holdings is an on-line gaming company. The share price had fallen heavily due to the well-documented problems for on-line gaming in the US. These problems appear to have been resolved and the stock looks attractive given the strong growth prospects in the other markets in which the company operates. Alterian is a provider of software that enables clients to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of their marketing functions. The company looks capable of sustained long-term growth and is not expensive. Chaucer is an insurance company with significant exposure to motor insurance where rates are hardening. It does not look expensive and dividends look set to grow strongly. Hampson Industries is a specialist supplier to the aviation industry which is currently buoyant with lengthy order books. Liontrust is a fund manager providing institutional and retail investment services. The company has been through a difficult period but performance has picked up which should lead to healthy earnings and dividend growth on the back of increasing fund inflows and performance fees.

#### OUTLOOK

Small cap stocks are clearly not immune from the problems caused in world markets by the global banking crisis. Indeed, illiquidity means that any selling pressure can lead to sharp falls in individual stocks regardless of the underlying

fundamentals. In recent months we have therefore maintained a healthy cash balance in order to provide the ability to take advantage of such situations. Many of the stocks held in the portfolio, particularly the larger holdings, have reported results or issued trading statements in the last few weeks with few disappointments. Assuming that the current crisis can be satisfactorily resolved there is scope for a strong recovery in the share prices of these companies and a continuation of the outperformance of recent months.

Source: Castlefield Investment Partners LLP, March 2008.

Performance data taken from Financial Express Analytics, quoted on a total return, bid to bid, UK sterling basis. Past performance is not a guide to future returns.

\* Benchmark: FTSE Small Cap ex ITs Index.

## PREMIER CASTLEFIELD FUNDS AGGREGATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN					
For the year to 28th February 2008					
			28/02/08		28/02/07
	Notes	£'000	£'000	£′000	£'000
Net (losses)/gains on investme	nts				
during the year	2		(2,858)		5,831
Other gains	3		1		-
		4 504		1 200	
Income	4	1,521		1,280	
Expenses	5	(836)		(680)	
Finance costs: Interest	7	(10)	_	(9)	
				504	
Net income before taxation		675		591	
Taxation	6	(24)	_	(38)	
Net income after taxation			651		FED
Net income after taxation		-	100	-	553
Total return before distributior	IS		(2,206)		6,384
			(2,200)		0,501
Finance costs: Distributions	7		(1,057)		(848)
			. ,		
Change in net assets attribu	table	_		_	
to shareholders			(3,263)		5,536
		=		=	

BALANCE SHEET				
As at 28th February 2008				
		28/02/08	28/02/07	
	Notes	£'000	£′000	
ASSETS				
Portfolio of Investments		59,721	56,592	
Debtors	8	411	271	
Cash and bank balances	9	1,377	763	
	-			
Total other assets		1,788	1,034	
Total assets		61,509	57,626	
LIABILITIES Creditors	11	(227)	(E10)	
		(337)	(518)	
Bank overdrafts Distributions payable on	10	(111)	(159)	
income shares	7	(129)	(108)	
income shares	,			
Total liabilities		(577)	(785)	
Net assets attributable to				
shareholders		60,932	56,841	

The notes on pages 12 to 13 are an integral part of these financial statements. On behalf of Premier Portfolio Managers Limited.

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Neil Macpherson Finance Director (of the ACD) 20th June 2008

Mark Friend Managing Director, Operations (of the ACD)

Net assets at the start of the year		56,841		48,369
Movements due to sales and repurchases of shares:				
Amounts receivable on issue of shares Less: Amount payable on	18,081		35,638	
cancellation of shares	(10,864)		(32,866)	
		7,217		2,772
Dilution levy		23		82
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders (see above) Retained distribution on		(3,263)		5,536
accumulation shares 7		114		82
Net assets at the end of the year	-	60,932	_	56,841

STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN SHAREHOLDERS' NET ASSETS

Notes £'000

28/02/08

£'000

28/02/07

£'000

£'000

For the year to 28th February 2008

## PREMIER CASTLEFIELD FUNDS AGGREGATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## NOTES TO THE AGGREGATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accounting policies applied are set out in the notes to the financial statements of each of the sub-funds. The aggregated financial statements represent the summation of the financial statements for each of the sub-funds.

## 2. NET (LOSSES)/GAINS ON INVESTMENTS

The net (losses)/gains on investments during the year comprise:

	28/02/08 £'000	28/02/07 £'000
Non-derivative securities	(2,858)	5,831
Net (losses)/gains on investments	(2,858)	5,831

### 3. OTHER GAINS

Other gains comprise:

Other gains comprise.		
	28/02/08 £'000	28/02/07 £'000
Other currency gains	1	-
	1	-
4. INCOME		
	28/02/08 £'000	28/02/07 £'000
Bank interest	61	48
Deposit interest	2	-
Franked UK dividends	1,249	933
Unfranked UK dividends	1	4
Franked REIT income	4	-
Unfranked REIT income	1	-
Overseas dividends	35	-
Payments from authorised collective		
investment schemes:		
- Franked distributions	1	6
- Unfranked distributions	167	244
Renewal commission	-	45
	1,521	1,280
5. EXPENSES		
	28/02/08	28/02/07
	£'000	£'000
Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD		
and agents of either of them:		
ACD's periodic charge	90	63
Investment adviser's fee	474	416
	564	479

## Payable to the Depositary, associates of the Depositary and agents of either of them: Depositary's fees

	27	26
Transaction charges	3	3
Safe custody fees	2	3

#### Other expenses:

Auditors' remuneration	25	21
Administration fees	127	95
Registration fees	42	25
Legal fees	6	2
Printing fees	13	8
Price publication fees	32	24
	245	175
Total expenses	836	680

Irrecoverable VAT is included in the above expenses where relevant.

#### 6. TAX ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

(a) The tax charge comprises:		
	28/02/08 £'000	28/02/07 £'000
Current tax:		
Current tax.		
Irrecoverable income tax	22	36
Overseas witholding tax	2	2
	24	38
Total current tax (note 6 (b))	24	38

#### (b) Factors affecting the tax charge for the period

The tax charged for the year is lower than the special 20% rate of corporation tax applicable to open-ended investment companies (OEICs). The differences are explained below:

	28/02/08 £'000	28/02/07 £'000
Net income before taxation	675	591
	675	591
Return on ordinary activities multiplied by the special rate of corporation tax of 20% (2007: 20%)	136	119
Effects of:		
Franked UK dividends and distributions		
not subject to taxation	(249)	(187)
Irrecoverable income tax	22	36
Overseas witholding tax	2	2
Expenses not deducted for tax purposes	-	(1)
Expenses not utilised in period	113	69
Current tax charge (note 6 (a))	24	38

Authorised OEICs are exempt from tax on capital gains made within the subfunds.

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## PREMIER CASTLEFIELD FUNDS AGGREGATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 7. FINANCE COSTS

The distributions take into account income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares, and comprise:

9. CASH AND BANK BALANCE	S
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	8/02/08 £'000	28/02/07 £'000
First monthly distribution	9	7
Second monthly distribution	9	7
Third monthly distribution	9	7
Fourth monthly distribution	10	7
Fifth monthly distribution	10	9
Sixth monthly distribution	62	9
Seventh monthly distribution	10	9
Eighth monthly distribution	10	8
Ninth monthly distribution	10	-
Tenth monthly distribution	10	-
Eleventh monthly distribution	9	-
Twelfth monthly distribution	9	-
First quarter distribution	276	189
First quarter accumulation	43	6
Second quarter distribution	225	150
Second quarter accumulation	34	29
Third quarter distribution	149	166
Third quarter accumulation	25	23
Fourth quarter distribution	-	125
Fourth quarter accumulation	-	18
Final distribution	120	100
Final accumulation	12	6
	1,051	875
Add: Income deducted on		
cancellation of shares	22	11
Deduct: Income received on issue		
of shares	(16)	(38)
Net distributions for the year	1,057	848
Interest	10	9
Total finance costs	1,067	857

The difference between the net income after taxation and the amounts distributed comprises:

	28/02/08 £'000	28/02/07 £'000
Net income after taxation	651	553
Expenses offset against capital	259	246
Tax on expenses offset against capital	(2)	(1)
Income deficit taken to capital	149	50
	1,057	848

8. DEBTORS		
	28/02/08 £'000	28/02/07 £'000
Accrued income	167	152
Amounts receivable for issue of shares	-	7
Prepaid expenses	72	-
Recoverable income tax	3	-
Sales awaiting settlement	169	112
	411	271

	28/02/08 £'000	28/02/07 £'000
Euro	14	1
Sterling	1,363	762
Cash and bank balances	1,377	763
10. BANK OVERDRAFTS		
	28/02/08 £'000	28/02/07 £'000
Sterling	111	159
Bank overdrafts	111	159
11. CREDITORS		
	28/02/08 £'000	28/02/07 £'000
Accrued expenses	278	132
Amounts payable for cancellation of shares	22	5
Purchases awaiting settlement	37	381
	337	518

# 12. SIGNIFICANT AGREEMENTS AND TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

The required disclosures are set out in the notes to the financial statements of each of the sub-funds.

## 13. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND COMMITMENTS

There were no contingent liabilities at the Balance Sheet date (2007: nil).

### 14. DERIVATIVES AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The required disclosures are set out in the notes to the financial statements of each of the sub-funds.

#### 15. SHARE CLASSES

The required disclosures are set out in the notes to the financial statements of each of the sub-funds.

#### **16. PORTFOLIO TRANSACTION COSTS**

Analysis of total purchase costs:

	28/02/08 £'000	28/02/07 £'000
Purchases in year before transaction costs	18,472	30,201
Commissions	29	4
Taxes	18	92
Total purchase costs	47	96
Gross purchases total	18,519	30,297
Analysis of total sale costs:		
Gross sales before transaction costs	21,450	27,374
Commissions	(4)	(2)
Total sale costs	(4)	(2)
Total sales net of transaction costs	21,446	27,372

Comparat	IVE TABLES	
Performance Record		
Calendar Year	High (	(p) Low (p)
General Shares - Income		
2005 <sup>1</sup> 2006	204.4 232.7	
2007	252.	
2008 <sup>2</sup>	234.0	
General Shares - Accumulation		
2004	173.	
2005 2006	208.8 244.9	
2007	244.	
2008 <sup>2</sup>	252.0	
Institutional Shares - Income 2006 <sup>3</sup>	225	۰۵ <u>۱۵۵ ۶</u> ۲
20063	235.8 254.	
2007 2008 <sup>2</sup>	234.	
and the second second second		
Institutional Shares - Accumulation	246	70 200 00
2006 <sup>4</sup> 2007	246. 268.	
2007 2008 <sup>2</sup>	255.2	
Charity Shares - Income		
2004	169.0	
2005	198.8	
2006 2007	228.9 246.9	
2007 2008 <sup>2</sup>	240.:	
Charity Shares - Accumulation	0.47	
2007 <sup>5</sup> 2008 <sup>2</sup>	247.9 236.	
2000	250.	201.10
Income/Accumulation Record		
income/Accumulation Accord	Net Income	Net Income per
Calendar Year	per Share (p)	£1,000 since launch (£)
General Shares - Income		
2005 <sup>1</sup>	4.7443	26.74
2006	3.4137	19.24
2007	5.0714	25.58
2008 <sup>2</sup>	0.4631	2.61
General Shares - Accumulation		
2004	4.2887	27.53
2005	4.7893	30.74
2006	4.9234	31.61
2007 2008 <sup>2</sup>	5.4356 0.4906	34.89 3.15
	0.4500	5.15
Institutional Shares - Income		
2006 <sup>3</sup>	3.9088	18.75
2007	5.6165	26.94
2008 <sup>2</sup>	0.5990	2.87
Institutional Shares - Accumulation		
20064	3.6788	15.92
2007	6.0777	0.71
2008 <sup>2</sup>	0.6472	2.80

Charity Shares Income		
2004	4.4749	29.08
2005	4.8575	31.57
2006	4.5101	29.31
2007	5.6064	36.43
2008 <sup>2</sup>	0.6926	4.50
Charity Shares - Accumulation		
20075	5.4009	22.16
2008 <sup>2</sup>	0.7133	2.93

## Net Asset Values

		Net Asset	Net Asset
	Shares	Value per Share	Value of Sub-Fund
As at	In Issue	(p)	(£)
General Shares - Incom	ie		
31/12/2005	44,493	202.71	27,393,729
28/02/2007	857	233.34	34,070,127
28/02/2008	959	219.45	30,374,556
General Shares - Accur	nulation		
31/12/2005	255,310	207.07	27,393,729
28/02/2007	32,632	246.06	34,070,127
28/02/2008	32,694	236.81	30,374,556
Institutional Shares - Ir	ncome		
28/02/2007	2,602,835	235.75	34,070,127
28/02/2008	2,992,379	222.39	30,374,556
Institutional Shares - A	ccumulation		
28/02/2007	1,801,867	248.16	34,070,127
28/02/2008	1,737,143	240.03	30,374,556
Charity Shares - Incom	e		
31/12/2005	13,588,777	197.12	27,393,729
28/02/2007	10,205,868	229.02	34,070,127
28/02/2008	9,004,570	216.14	30,374,556
Charity Shares - Accum	ulation		
28/02/2007	2,921	229.32	34,070,127
		220.52	3 1, 3, 3, 127

<sup>1</sup> From 1st February 2005 to 31st December 2005.

3,471

<sup>2</sup> To 28th February 2008.

28/02/2008

<sup>3</sup> From 1st June 2006 to 31st December 2006.

<sup>4</sup> From 25th April 2006 to 31st December 2006.

<sup>5</sup> From 26th February 2007 to 31st December 2007.

TOTAL	EXPENSE	RATIOS	(TERs)	

222.17

30,374,556

	28/02/08	28/02/07
General Shares	1.55%	1.56%
Institutional Shares	1.05%	1.17%
Charity Shares	0.95%	1.08%

The TERs show the annual operating expenses of the sub-fund including the annual management charge and other expenses. It does not include transaction charges. Funds highlight the TER to help you compare the annual operating expenses to different schemes. The TER for income and accumulation shares is the same.

## PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

## As at 28th February 2008

			Total
		Market	Value of
		Value	Sub-Fund
Holding	Investment	£'000	%
	COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES 0.	00% (5.00%	)
	United Kingdom 0.00% (5.00%)		
	EQUITIES - EUROPE 0.78% (1.02%)		
	Banks		
32,218	Anglo Irish Bank	237	0.78
		237	0.78
	EQUITIES - UNITED KINGDOM 93.88% (	91.44%)	
	BASIC MATERIALS 9.38% (6.26%)		
	Chemicals 0.00% (1.39%)		
	Mining 9.38% (4.87%)		
24,558	Anglo American	805	2.65
55,405	BHP Billiton	924	3.04
19,192	Rio Tinto	1,122	3.69
		2,851	9.38
	CONSUMER GOODS 6.92% (7.26%)		
	Beverages 2.58% (0.00%)		
73,257	Diageo	783	2.58
	—	783	2.58
	Food Producers 3.08% (5.39%)		
82,426	Tate & Lyle	433	1.43
, 30,494	Unilever	500	1.65
	_	933	3.08
	Household Goods 1.26% (1.87%)		
12 640		384	1.20
13,649	Reckitt Benckinser	384	1.26 1.26
		504	1.20
	CONSUMER SERVICES 6.29% (8.03%)		
	Food & Drug Retailers 2.03% (0.89%)		
151,801	Tesco	617	2.03
		617	2.03
	Media and Entertainment 3.25% (5.999	%)	
53,263	Pearson	, 369	1.21
50,116	United Business Media	270	0.89
56,000	WPP	348	1.15
		987	3.25
	Travel & Leisure 1.01% (1.15%)		
23,420	Whitbread	308	1.01
_0,.20		308	1.01

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Tota Value o Sub-Fund %
	FINANCIALS 20.79% (27.54%)		
	Banks 15.11% (16.94%)		
102,480	Barclays	525	1.7
60,820	HBOS	389	1.2
175,949	HSBC	1,401	4.6
97,712	Lloyds TSB	463	1.5
53,690	Standard Chartered	920	3.0
214,368	The Royal Bank of Scotland	892	2.9
		4,590	15.1
	General Financial 3.00% (5.59%)		
38,331	Зі	333	1.1
30,162	Intermediate Capital	483	1.5
92,771	New Star Asset Management	93	0.3
		909	3.0
	Life Insurance 2.68% (2.82%)		
65,456	Prudential	419	1.3
173,684	Standard Life	396	1.3
,		815	2.6
	Real Estate 0.00% (2.19%)		
	HEALTH CARE 4.86% (6.34%)		
	HEALTH CARE 4.86% (6.34%) Health Care Equipment & Services 1.6	7% (1.33%)	
76,650		<b>7% (1.33%)</b> 508	1.6
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76,650	Health Care Equipment & Services 1.6 Smith & Nephew	508 <b>508</b>	
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## PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS - CONTINUED

## As at 28th February 2008

		Market	Total Value of
Holding	Investment	Value £'000	Sub-Fund %
g			,-
	Support Services 6.32% (7.07%)		
594,148	Ashtead	466	1.53
40,179	Atkins (WS)	446	1.47
63,689	Capita	434	1.44
83,620	Experian	360	1.19
49,230	Grafton	210 1,916	0.69 6.32
	OIL & GAS 19.02% (13.85%)		
	Oil & Gas Producers 15.92% (11.72%)		
99,970	BG	1,190	3.92
330,278	BP	1,835	6.04
99,883	Royal Dutch Shell 'B'	1,810	5.96
	-	4,835	15.92
	Oil Equipment, Services & Distribution 3.10% (2.13%)		
231,472	John Wood	943	3.10
	-	943	3.10
	TELECOMMUNICATIONS 6.60% (6.46%	<b>b</b> )	
	Mobile Telecommunications 6.60% (4	.13%)	
150,775	Inmarsat	747	2.46
777,597	Vodafone	1,259	4.14
	-	2,006	6.60
	UTILITIES 4.33% (1.76%)		
	Electricity 2.59% (3.20%)		
52,986	Scottish & Southern Energy	786	2.59
		786	2.59
	Gas, Water & Multiutilities 1.74% (1.2	27%)	
70,574	National Grid	529	1.74
	-	529	1.74
	EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS 3.06% (2.	53%)	
	United Kingdom 3.06% (2.53%)		
152.057	iShares FTSE 100	930	3.06
153,957		930 930	3.00
	Total Value of Investments	29,681	97.72
	Net Other Assets	694	2.28
	- Total Net Assets	30,375	100.00

All investments are ordinary shares unless otherwise stated.

Figures in brackets represent sector distribution at 28th February 2007.

## STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

### For the year to 28th February 2008

For the year to 28th February 2008

For the year to 28th February .	2008		28/02/08	2	8/02/07
	Notes	£'000	£′000	£'000	£'000
Net (losses)/gains on investments during the year	2		(1,752)		4,589
Other gains	3		1		-
Income	4	1,019		897	
Expenses	5	(330)		(329)	
Finance costs: Interest	7	_	_		
Net income before taxation Taxation	6	689 (2)	_	568 (2)	
Net income after taxation			687		566
Total return before distributior	15		(1,064)	_	5,155
Finance costs: Distributions	7		(852)		(731)
Change in net assets attribu to shareholders	ıtable	_	(1,916)		4,424
to shareholders		=	(1,510)	_	

STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN SHAREHOLDERS' NET ASSETS

£'000

28/02/08

£'000

28/02/07

£'000

£'000

	28/02/08	28/02/07
Notes	£'000	£'000
	29,681	34,065
8	279	194
9	569	283
	848	477
	30,529	34,542
11	(74)	(435)
10	-	(1)
7	(80)	(36)
	(154)	(472)
	30,375	34,070
	8 9 11 10	Notes     f'000       29,681       8       29       9       569       848       30,529       11       10       7       (80)       (154)

The notes on pages 18 to 21 are an integral part of these financial statements. On behalf of Premier Portfolio Managers Limited.

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Neil Macpherson Finance Director (of the ACD) 20th June 2008

Mark Friend Managing Director, Operations (of the ACD)

Net assets at the start of the yea	ır	34,070		27,394
Movements due to sales and repurchases of shares:				
Amounts receivable on issue				
of shares	3,441		11,227	
Less: Amount payable on cancellation of shares	(5,348)	-	(9,139)	
		(1,907)		2,088
Dilution levy Change in net assets attributable		14		82
to shareholders (see above) Retained distribution on		(1,916)		4,424
accumulation shares	7	114		82
Net assets at the end of the year	-	30,375	=	34,070

## BALANCE SHEET

SUMMARY OF MATERIAL PC	RTFOLIO CHANGES	
As at 28th February 2008		
Purchases	Cost £'000	Note
iShares FTSE 100	1,146	
Rolls-Royce	784	
Diageo	775	
Tesco	669	
Vodafone	508	
Bodycote	422	
Scottish & Southern Energy	414	
Reckitt Benckinser	403	
Royal Dutch Shell 'B'	350	
Easyjet	260	
BP	232	
The Royal Bank of Scotland	192	
Redrow	147	
Ashtead	139	
Anglo American	127	
Intermediate Capital	115	
National Grid	108	
New Star Asset Management	107	
HBOS	81	
Forth Ports	55	
Total purchases during the year	7,034	16
Sales	Proceeds £'000	
iShares FTSE 100	977	
Premier Foods	760	
Henderson	733	
Scottish Power	724	
Imperial Chemical Industries	683	
Saracen Growth Beta	624	
Investec UK Smaller Companies 'I'	613	
AXA Framlington UK Smaller Companies	525	
GlaxoSmithKline	393	
Yell	339	
Tesco	322	
British Land	314	
Persimmon	280	
Redrow	253	
Alliance & Leicester	242	
Big Yellow	219	
Vodafone	200	
BP	199	
Trinity Mirror	192	
BG	188	
Other	837	
Total sales during the year	9,617	16

Please note: the purchases and sales shown represent all those with a value of 2% or more of the net asset value of the sub-fund at the start of the year and at minimum the top 20 purchases and sales during the year.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

#### Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for 'Financial Statements of Authorised Funds', issued by the IMA in December 2005, the FSA's Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook and the Instrument of Incorporation.

#### **Income Recognition**

Income from collective investment schemes, and quoted equity and non-equity shares is recognised net of attributable tax credits when the security is quoted ex-dividend.

Accumulation of income relating to accumulation units or shares held in collective investment schemes is recognised as income and included in the amount available for distribution. Equalisation received from distributions or accumulations on units or shares in collective investment schemes is treated as capital and deducted from the cost of the investment.

Bank interest, underwriting commission and other income are recognised on an accruals basis.

#### Stock Dividends

The ordinary element of stocks received in lieu of cash dividends is recognised as income of the sub-fund. Any enhancement above the cash dividend is treated as capital.

## Special Dividends

Special dividends are recognised as either income or capital depending upon the nature and circumstances of the dividend.

#### Expenses

For accounting purposes, all expenses (other than SDRT and those relating to the purchase and sale of investments) are charged against income for the year on an accruals basis.

## Distributions

Amounts distributable are calculated after excluding those expenses relating to the purchase and sale of investments which are borne by capital and expenses borne by capital as agreed by the ACD and Depositary.

The ACD and Depositary have agreed that 50% of the sub-funds' expenses are to be borne by capital and 50% of the sub-funds' expenses are to be borne by Income.

### Valuations

All investments are valued at their fair value at noon on 28th February 2008, being the last business day of the financial year. The fair value of equity and non-equity shares is bid price, excluding any accrued interest.

The fair value of investments managed by the ACD is their single price and the fair value of investments which are managed by other management groups is their contractual bid price.

#### Taxation

Corporation tax has been provided for at a rate of 20%. Dividend income and taxation are stated net of any associated tax credits. Deferred tax is fully provided for on all timing differences. Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the assets are considered to be recoverable.

## Dilution Levy

In certain circumstances the ACD may charge a dilution levy, in accordance with the FSA Regulations, on all subscripions and redemptions of shares, which is paid into the sub-fund and included in the Statement of Change in Shareholders' Net Assets. The levy is intended to cover certain dealing charges not included in the bid market value of the sub-fund used in calculating the share price, which could have a diluting effect on the performance of the sub-fund.

#### Stamp Duty Reserve Tax (SDRT)

SDRT will be charged to the sub-fund. It is the ACD's view that this will not be material.

2. NET (LOSSES)/GAINS ON INVESTMENTS		
The net (losses)/gains on investments during the y	ear comprise:	
	28/02/08 £'000	28/02/07 £'000
Non-derivative securities	(1,752)	4,589
Net (losses)/gains on investments	(1,752)	4,589
3. OTHER GAINS		
Other gains comprise:		
5	28/02/08 £'000	28/02/07 £'000
Other currency gains	1	-
	1	-
4. INCOME		
	28/02/08 £'000	28/02/07 £'000
Bank interest	30	34
Franked UK dividends	943	820
Unfranked UK dividends	-	4
Franked REIT income	3	-
Overseas dividends	24	-
Payments from authorised collective		
investment schemes:		
- Franked distributions	-	5
- Unfranked distributions	19	31
Renewal commission	-	3
	1,019	897
5. EXPENSES		
	28/02/08 £'000	28/02/07 £'000
Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD		
and agents of either of them:		
ACD's periodic charge	24	23
Investment adviser's fee	230	218
	254	241
Payable to the Depositary, associates of the		
Depositary and agents of either of them:		
Depositary's fees	12	11
Safe custody fees	1	2

## 6. TAXATION

## (a) The tax charge comprises:

2	8/02/08 £'000	28/02/07 £'000
Current tax:		
Overseas witholding tax	2	2
	2	2
Total current tax (note 6 (b))	2	2

## (b) Factors affecting the tax charge for the year

The tax charged for the period is lower than the special 20% rate of corporation tax applicable to open-ended investment companies (OEICs). The differences are explained below:

Current tax charge (note 6 (a))	2	2
Expenses not utilised in period	50	51
Overseas witholding tax	2	2
not subject to taxation	(188)	(165)
Franked UK dividends and distributions		
Effects of:		
Return on ordinary activities multiplied by the special rate of corporation tax of 20% (2007: 20%)	138	114
	689	568
Net income before taxation	689	568
	28/02/08 £'000	28/02/07 £'000

Authorised OEICs are exempt from tax on capital gains made within the sub-funds.

Factors that may affect the future tax charge:

The sub-fund has not recognised a deferred tax asset of  $\pm$ 194,716 (2007:  $\pm$ 143,704) arising as a result of having unutilised management expenses.

## 7. FINANCE COSTS

The distributions take into account income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares, and comprise:

	28/02/08 £'000	28/02/07 £'000
First quarter distribution	276	189
First quarter accumulation	43	6
Second quarter distribution	225	150
Second quarter accumulation	34	29
Third quarter distribution	149	166
Third quarter accumulation	25	23
Fourth quarter accumulation	-	125
Fourth quarter distribution	-	18
Final distribution	80	36
Final accumulation	12	6
	844	748
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	22	8
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	(14)	(25)
Net distribution for the year	852	731
Interest	-	-
Total Finance Costs	852	731

**Total expenses** 

Transaction charges

Other expenses: Auditors' remuneration

Administration fees

Registration fees

Printing fees

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The difference between the net income after taxation and the amounts distributed comprises:

	28/02/08	28/02/07
	£'000	£'000
Net income after taxation	687	566
Expenses offset against capital	165	165
	852	731
8. DEBTORS		
	28/02/08 £'000	28/02/07 £'000
Accrued income	103	75
Amounts receivable for issue of shares	-	7
Prepaid expenses	7	-
Sales awaiting settlement	169	112
	279	194
9. CASH AND BANK BALANCES	28/02/08	28/02/07
	£'000	£'000
Euro	10	-
Sterling	559	283
Cash and bank balances	569	283
10. BANK OVERDRAFTS		
	28/02/08	28/02/07
	£'000	£'000
Sterling	-	1
Bank overdrafts	-	1
11. CREDITORS		
	28/02/08 £'000	28/02/07 £'000
Accrued expenses	71	49
Amounts payable for cancellation of shares	3	5
Purchases awaiting settlement	-	381
	74	435

# 12. SIGNIFICANT AGREEMENTS AND TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

## Authorised Corporate Director ("ACD")

The ACD of the sub-fund is Premier Portfolio Managers Limited. The ACD is responsible for managing and administering the sub-fund's affairs in compliance with the FSA Regulations. In payment for carrying out its duties and responsibilities the ACD is entitled to take an annual fee out of the sub-fund, calculated on a mid-market basis.

The annual management charge ("AMC") is subject to a minimum of £20,000 per annum and is payable monthly. Amounts paid to Premier Portfolio Managers Limited in respect of the ACD's periodic charge are disclosed in note 4 on page 19. The balance outstanding at the year end was £8,708 (2007: fnil).

### Investment Adviser

The ACD has appointed Castlefield Investment Partners LLP to provide investment management and advisory services to the ACD.

## Depositary

The sub-fund's Depositary is The Royal Bank of Scotland plc. The Depositary is responsible for the safekeeping of all of the scheme property of the sub-fund and has a duty to take reasonable care to ensure that the sub-fund is managed in accordance with the provisions of the FSA Regulations relating to the pricing of and dealing in shares and relating to the income of the sub-fund. Subject to FSA Regulations, the Depositary has full power under the Depositary agreement to delegate (and authorise its delegates to sub-delegate) all or any part of its duties as Depositary received for its own account a periodic fee which accrues daily and is payable monthly. The fee is payable out of the property attributable to the sub-fund. The rate of the periodic fee is as agreed between the ACD and the Depositary from time to time and subject to a current maximum of 0.077% of the value of the relevant sub-fund per annum which may be varied from time to time with the agreement of the ACD and the Depositary.

The total remuneration payable to the Depositary out of the property attributable to each sub-fund for its services also includes transaction charges and custody charges.

Amounts paid to The Royal Bank of Scotland plc in respect of the Depositary's services are disclosed in note 4 on page 19. £390 was due to the Depositary at the year end (2007: fnil).

## 13. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND COMMITMENTS

There were no contingent liabilities or commitments at the Balance Sheet date (2007: nil).

## 14. DERIVATIVES AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

In pursuing the sub-funds investment objective, as set out in the investment objective and policy on page 6, the main risks arising from the sub-funds financial instruments are market price, currency, interest rate, liquidity and counterparty risk.

### Market Price Risk

Market price risk arises mainly from uncertainty about future prices of financial instruments held. It represents the potential loss the sub-fund might suffer through holding market positions in the face of price movements. The investment adviser considers the asset allocation of the portfolio in order to minimise the risk associated with particular countries or industry sectors whilst continuing to follow the sub-fund's investment objective.

The Investment Adviser does not use derivative instruments to hedge the investment portfolio against risks as, in their opinion, the cost of such a process would result in an unacceptable reduction in the potential capital growth.

## Curren**cy Risk**

There was no direct foreign currency exposure within the sub-fund at the Balance Sheet date.

#### Interest Rate Risk

The majority of the sub-fund's assets comprise equity shares which do not pay interest.

The sub-fund does not have any material direct interest rate risk as the majority of financial assets are in collective investment schemes, which do not pay interest. However, some of the underlying collective investment scheme investments may be directly or indirectly exposed to interest rate risk.

The only interest-bearing financial asset of the sub-fund is bank balances, on which interest is calculated at a variable rate by reference to sterling bank deposit rates or the international equivalent.

### Liquidity Risk

The sub-fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities, which can be readily sold. The main liability of the sub-fund is the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell. All the financial liabilities of the sub-fund fall within one year.

#### **Counterparty Risk**

The sub-fund will be exposed to counterparty risk on parties with whom it trades and will bear the risk of settlement default. The sub-fund minimises concentrations of credit risk by undertaking transactions with a large number of counterparties on recognised and reputable exchanges. The sub-fund only buys and sells investments through brokers which have been approved by the Investment Adviser as an acceptable counterparty and from recognised product providers.

### Fair Value of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

There is no material difference between the carrying values and the fair values of the financial assets and liabilities of the sub-fund disclosed in the Balance Sheet on page 17.

### Derivatives

The sub-fund does not hold any derivatives that could materially impact the value of the sub-fund.

### **15. SHARE CLASSES**

The sub-fund currently has three classes of share, General, Institutional and Charity. The AMC on each share class is as follows:

General Shares: 1.25% Institutional Shares: 0.75% Charity Shares: 0.65%

The net asset value, the net asset value per share and the number of shares in issue are given in the comparative tables on page 14. The distribution per share class is given in the distribution tables opposite.

#### **16. PORTFOLIO TRANSACTION COSTS**

Analysis of total purchase costs:		
	28/02/08 £'000	28/02/07 £'000
Purchases in year before transaction costs	7,006	17,082
Commissions	17	2
Taxes	11	72
Total purchase costs	28	74
Gross purchases total	7,034	17,156
Analysis of total sale costs:		
Gross sales before transaction costs	9,618	14,503
Commissions	(1)	(2)
Total sale costs	(1)	(2)
Total sales net of transaction costs	9,617	14,501

## **17. DISTRIBUTION TABLES**

For the period from 1st March 2007 to 31st May 2007

## First Interim Dividend distribution in pence per share

#### General Income Shares

			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		Paid	Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/08/07	30/06/06
Group 1	2.1421	-	2.1421	1.6570
Group 2	2.1421	-	2.1421	1.6570

#### **General Accumulation Shares**

			Accumulation	Accumulation
	Net		Paid	Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/08/07	30/06/06
Group 1	2.2564	-	2.2564	1.7055
Group 2	2.2564	-	2.2564	1.7055

## Institutional Income Shares

			Accumulation	Accumulation
	Net		Paid	Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/08/07	30/06/06
Group 1	2.2897	-	2.2897	-
Group 2	0.7601	1.5296	2.2897	-

### Institutional Accumulation Shares

			Accumulation	Accumulation
	Net		Paid	Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/08/07	30/06/06
Group 1	2.4401	-	2.4401	-
Group 2	2.4401	-	2.4401	-

### **Charity Income Shares**

			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		Paid	Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/08/07	30/06/06
Group 1	2.2976	-	2.2976	1.6735
Group 2	0.7680	1.5296	2.2976	1.6735

#### Charity Accumulation Shares

			Accumulation	Accumulation
	Net		Paid	Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/08/07	30/06/06
Group 1	2.3114	-	2.3114	-
Group 2	1.6486	0.6628	2.3114	-

## For the period from 1st June 2007 to 31st August 2007

## Second Interim Dividend distribution in pence per share General Income Shares

			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		Paid	Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/11/07	30/09/06
Group 1	1.6781	-	1.6781	1.4051
Group 2	1.6781	-	1.6781	1.4051

### **General Accumulation Shares**

			Accumulation	Accumulation
	Net		Paid	Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/11/07	30/09/06
Group 1	1.7999	-	1.7999	1.4628
Group 2	0.5295	1.2704	1.7999	1.4628

### Institutional Income Shares

			Accumulation	Accumulation
	Net		Paid	Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/11/07	30/09/06
Group 1	1.9031	-	1.9031	1.4954
Group 2	0.4753	1.4278	1.9031	1.4954

### Institutional Accumulation Shares

			Accumulation	Accumulation
	Net		Paid	Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/11/07	30/09/06
Group 1	1.9038	-	1.9038	1.3887
Group 2	1.9038	-	1.9038	1.3887

## Charity Income Shares

			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		Paid	Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/11/07	30/09/06
Group 1	1.7868	-	1.7868	1.4727
Group 2	1.1170	0.6698	1.7868	1.4727

## **Charity Accumulation Shares**

			Accumulation	Accumulation
	Net		Paid	Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/11/07	30/09/06
Group 1	1.8383	-	1.8383	-
Group 2	1.0759	0.7624	1.8383	-

For the period from 1st September 2007 to 30th November 2007

## Third Interim Dividend distribution in pence per share General Income Shares

			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		Paid	Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/02/08	31/12/06
Group 1	1.0612	-	1.0612	-
Group 2	1.0612	-	1.0612	-

## General Accumulation Shares

			Accumulation	Accumulation
	Net		Paid	Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/02/08	31/12/06
Group 1	1.1707	-	1.1707	0.9368
Group 2	1.1707	-	1.1707	0.9368

## Institutional Income Shares

			Accumulation	Accumulation
	Net		Paid	Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/02/08	31/12/06
Group 1	1.2200	-	1.2200	1.3026
Group 2	0.6558	0.5642	1.2200	1.3026

## Institutional Accumulation Shares

			Accumulation	Accumulation
	Net		Paid	Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/02/08	31/12/06
Group 1	1.4244	-	1.4244	1.2798
Group 2	1.4244	-	1.4244	1.2798

## **Charity Income Shares**

			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		Paid	Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/02/08	31/12/06
Group 1	1.2177	-	1.2177	1.3639
Group 2	0.6532	0.5645	1.2177	1.3639

## **Charity Accumulation Shares**

			Accumulation	Accumulation
	Net		Paid	Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/02/08	31/12/06
Group 1	1.2512	-	1.2512	-
Group 2	1.2512	-	1.2512	-

## For the period from 1st December 2007 to 28th February 2008

## Final Dividend Distribution in pence per share

### General Income Shares

			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		Paid	Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/05/08	27/05/07
Group 1	0.4631	-	0.4631	0.1900
Group 2	0.4631	-	0.4631	0.1900

## **General Accumulation Shares**

			Accumulation	Accumulation
	Net		Paid	Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/05/08	27/05/07
Group 1	0.4906	-	0.4906	0.2086
Group 2	0.4906	-	0.4906	0.2086

#### Insitutional Income Shares

			Accumulation	Accumulation
	Net		Paid	Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/05/08	27/05/07
Group 1	0.5990	-	0.5990	0.2037
Group 2	0.5755	0.0235	0.5990	0.2037

## Institutional Accumulation Shares

			Accumulation	Accumulation
	Net		Paid	Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/05/08	27/05/07
Group 1	0.6472	-	0.6472	0.3094
Group 2	0.6472	-	0.6472	0.3094

## Charity Income Shares

			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		Paid	Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/05/08	27/05/07
Group 1	0.6926	-	0.6926	0.3043
Group 2	0.5474	0.1452	0.6926	0.3043

## Charity Accumulation Shares

		Accumulation	Accumulation
Net		Paid	Paid
Income	Equalisation	27/05/08	27/05/07
0.7133	-	0.7133	-
0.7133	-	0.7133	-
	<b>Income</b> 0.7133	IncomeEqualisation0.7133-	Net         Paid           Income         Equalisation         27/05/08           0.7133         -         0.7133

COMPARATIVE TABLES					
Performance Record	ł				
Calendar Year		High (p)	Low (p)		
General Shares - Inc	ome				
2004		131.58	116.78		
2005		162.51	128.42		
2006		173.29	149.45		
2007 2008 <sup>1</sup>		181.06 175.11	151.74 154.30		
2008		175.11	154.50		
Institutional Shares	- Income				
2006 <sup>2</sup>		167.49	149.52		
2007		183.67	165.01		
2008 <sup>1</sup>		177.84	156.76		
Charity Shares - Inco	ome				
2006 <sup>3</sup>		167.25	152.38		
2007		183.42	164.76		
2008 <sup>1</sup>		177.78	156.71		
Income Record		Not le	Not been		
Calendar Year		Net Income per Share (p)	Net Income per £1,000 at Launch (£)		
General Shares - Inc	ome	1 47			
2004		-	-		
2005		-	-		
2006		-	-		
2007		-	-		
2008 <sup>2</sup>		-	-		
Institutional Shares	- Income				
2006 <sup>2</sup>		-	-		
2007		-	-		
2008 <sup>1</sup>		-	-		
Charity Shares - Inco	ome				
2006 <sup>3</sup>	Sinc				
2000		-	-		
2008 <sup>1</sup>		-	-		
Net Asset Values					
	Shares	Net Asset	Net Asset Value of Sub-Fund		
As at	In Issue	(p)	(f)		
General Shares - Inc	ome	47			
31/12/2005	12,907,457	162.50	20,974,654		
28/02/2007	91,930	167.29	18,645,699		
28/02/2008	71,087	164.50	17,838,370		
Institutional Shares	- Income				
28/02/2007	1,654,101	170.62	18,645,699		
28/02/2008	1,862,277	167.19	17,838,370		
Charity Shares - Inco					
28/02/2007	9,194,561	170.42	18,645,699		
28/02/2008	8,739,089	167.16	17,838,370		
<sup>1</sup> To 28th February 20	08.				

<sup>2</sup> From 21st July 2006 to 31st December 2006.

 $^{\scriptscriptstyle 3}$  From 24th July 2006 to 31st December 2006.

TOTAL EXPENSE RATIOS (TERs)
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	28/02/08	28/02/07
General Shares	2.77%	2.87%
Institutional Shares	2.27%	2.53%
Charity Shares	2.17%	2.54%

The TERs show the annual operating expenses of the sub-fund including the annual management charge and other expenses. It does not include transaction charges. Funds highlight the TER to help you compare the annual operating expenses to different schemes.

## PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

## As at 28th February 2008

		Market Value	Total Value of Sub-Fund
Holding	Investment	£'000	%
	COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEME 80.01%	(81.15%)	
	Asia 4.32% (4.42%)		
153,494	Baring Eastern <sup>1</sup>	770	4.32
		770	4.32
	Emerging Markets 4.32% (3.34%)		
219,077	First State Global Emerging Markets 'B'1	770	4.32
		770	4.32
	Global 0.00% (2.48%)		
	Europe 24.47% (30.98%)		
50,756	Baring European Growth	456	2.56
246,271	JPMorgan Europe 'A' <sup>1</sup>	1,891	10.60
17,672	MFS Meridian Continental European Equity	2,018	11.31
		4,365	24.47
	Japan 5.44% (6.36%)		
221,250	AXA Framlington Japan	531	2.98
410,116	Baring Japan Growth <sup>1</sup>	438	2.46
		969	5.44
	United States 41.46% (33.57%)		
905,954	Baillie Gifford American 'B'	1,429	8.01
223,539	M&G American Sterling 'A'	1,575	8.83
451,205	Prudential North American 'A' Standard Life North American <sup>1</sup>	1,377	7.72 16.90
3,551,656	Standard Life North American	3,015 <b>7,397</b>	41.46
	EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS 19.21% (17.43	%)	
	Europe 5.25% (1.36%)	/0/	
22 100	iShares DJ Euro Stoxx 501	937	5.25
32,100		937 937	5.25
			512.5
	Far East 5.70% (1.39%)		
44,466	iShares MSCI Far East ex-Japan	1,017	5.70
		1,017	5.70
	Japan 2.45% (4.29%)		
68,090	iShares MSCI Japan	437	2.45
	—	437	2.45

Holding	Investment	Total Market Value £'000	Value of Sub-Fund %
	United States 5.81% (10.39%)		
149,807	iShares S&P 500	1,037	5.81
		1,037	5.81
	Total Value of Investments	17,699	99.22
	Net Other Assets	139	0.78
	Total Net Assets	17,838	100.00

<sup>1</sup> Accumulation shares/units

Figures in brackets represent sector distribution at 28th February 2007.

## STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

### For the year to 28th February 2008

		2	28/02/08	2	8/02/07
	Notes	£'000	£′000	£'000	£'000
Net (losses)/gains on					
investments during the year	2		(354)		829
Income	3	167		265	
Expenses	4	(195)		(270)	
Finance costs: Interest	6	(9)	_	(9)	
Net expense before taxation		(37)		(14)	
Taxation	5	(22)	_	(36)	
Net expense after taxation			(59)		(50)
Total return before distribution	IS		(413)		779
Finance costs: Distributions	6		-		-
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders		_	(413)	_	779

	BALANCE SI	HEET	
As at 28th February 2008			
		28/02/08	28/02/07
	Notes	£'000	£'000
ASSETS			
Portfolio of Investments		17,699	18,381
Debtors	7	105	74
Cash and bank balances	8	234	396
Total other assets		339	470
Total assets		18,038	18,851
LIABILITIES			
Creditors	10	(89)	(47)
Bank overdrafts	9		. ,
Barik Overdraits	9	(111)	(158)
Total liabilities		(200)	(205)
Net assets attributable to			
shareholders		17,838	18,646

The notes on pages 27 to 30 are an integral part of these financial statements. On behalf of Premier Portfolio Managers Limited.

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Neil Macpherson Finance Director (of the ACD) 20th June 2008

Mark Friend Managing Director, Operations (of the ACD)

For the year to 28th February 2008				
		28/02/08		28/02/07
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Net assets at the start of the year		18,646		20,975
Movements due to sales and repurchases of shares:				
Amounts receivable on issue				
of shares	860		20,487	
Less: Amount payable on				
cancellation of shares	(1,255)	-	(23,595)	
		(395)		(3,108)
Change in net assets attributable				
to shareholders (see above)		(413)		779
Net assets at the end of the year	=	17,838	-	18,646

## STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN SHAREHOLDERS' NET ASSETS

## SUMMARY OF MATERIAL PORTFOLIO CHANGES

### For the year to 28th February 2008

Purchases	Cost £'000	Note
Prudential North American 'A'	1,785	
M&G American Sterling 'A'	1,750	
iShares S&P 500	1,073	
iShares DJ Euro Stoxx 501	926	
Baring Eastern <sup>1</sup>	900	
Baring European Growth	848	
iShares MSCI Far East ex-Japan	778	
MFS Meridian Continental European Equity	32	
Total purchases during the year	8,092	15
fotal parenases daring the year		15
Sales	Proceeds £'000	
Sales iShares S&P 500	Proceeds £'000 2,088	
54.65		
iShares S&P 500	2,088	
iShares S&P 500 Prudential North American 'A'	2,088 2,086	
iShares S&P 500 Prudential North American 'A' Baring European Growth	2,088 2,086 1,399	
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iShares S&P 500 Prudential North American 'A' Baring European Growth Premier Eastern Enterprise Premier European Growth Investec Global Energy 'A' iShares MSCI Japan iShares DJ Euro Stoxx 50 iShares MSCI Far East ex-Japan	2,088 2,086 1,399 904 801 530 256 206 152	
iShares S&P 500 Prudential North American 'A' Baring European Growth Premier Eastern Enterprise Premier European Growth Investec Global Energy 'A' iShares MSCI Japan iShares DJ Euro Stoxx 50 iShares MSCI Far East ex-Japan	2,088 2,086 1,399 904 801 530 256 206 152	15

#### <sup>1</sup>Accumulation shares/units

Please note: the purchases and sales shown represent all those with a value of 2% or more of the net asset value of the sub-fund at the start of the year and at minimum the top 20 purchases and sales during the year. There were 8 purchases and 10 sales during the year.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for 'Financial Statements of Authorised Funds', issued by the IMA in December 2005, the FSA's Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook and the Instrument of Incorporation.

## **Income Recognition**

Income from collective investment schemes, and quoted equity and non-equity shares is recognised net of attributable tax credits when the security is quoted ex-dividend.

Accumulation of income relating to accumulation units or shares held in collective investment schemes is recognised as income and included in the amount available for distribution. Equalisation received from distributions or accumulations on units or shares in collective investment schemes is treated as capital and deducted from the cost of the investment.

Bank interest, underwriting commission and other income are recognised on an accruals basis.

## Expenses

For accounting purposes, all expenses (other than SDRT and those relating to the purchase and sale of investments) are charged against income for the year on an accruals basis.

#### Distributions

Amounts distributable are calculated after excluding those expenses relating to the purchase and sale of investments which are borne by capital and expenses borne by capital as agreed by the ACD and Depositary.

The ACD and Depositary have agreed that 100% of the sub-funds' expenses are to be borne by income.

### Valuations

All investments are valued at their fair value at noon on 28th February 2008, being the last business day of the financial year. The fair value of equity and non-equity shares is bid price, excluding any accrued interest.

The fair value of investments managed by the ACD is their single price and the fair value of investments which are managed by other management groups is their contractual bid price.

#### Taxation

Corporation tax has been provided for at a rate of 20%. Dividend income and taxation are stated net of any associated tax credits. Deferred tax is fully provided for on all timing differences. Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the assets are considered to be recoverable.

### **Dilution Levy**

In certain circumstances the ACD may charge a dilution levy, in accordance with the FSA Regulations, on all subscripions and redemptions of shares, which is paid into the sub-fund and included in the Statement of Change in Shareholders' Net Assets. The levy is intended to cover certain dealing charges not included in the bid market value of the sub-fund used in calculating the share price, which could have a diluting effect on the performance of the sub-fund.

### Stamp Duty Reserve Tax (SDRT)

SDRT will be charged to the sub-fund. It is the ACD's view that this will not be material.

2. NET (LOSSES)/GAINS ON INVESTMENTS		
The net (losses)/gains on investments during the y	ear comprise:	
	28/02/08 £'000	28/02/07 £'000
Non-derivative securities	(354)	829
Net (losses)/gains on investments	(354)	829
3. INCOME		
	28/02/08 £'000	28/02/07 £'000
Bank interest	18	9
Payments from authorised collective investment schemes:		
- Franked distributions	1	1
- Unfranked distributions	148	213
Renewal commission	-	42
	167	265
4. EXPENSES		
	28/02/08 £'000	28/02/07 £'000
Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD		
and agents of either of them:		
ACD's periodic charge	18	23
Investment adviser's fee	127	176
	145	199
Payable to the Depositary, associates of the		
Depositary and agents of either of them:		
Depositary's fees	7	8
Safe custody fees	1	1
Transaction charges	1	1
	9	10
Other expenses:		
Auditors' remuneration	4	8
Administration fees	25	35
Registration fees	5	7
Printing fees	2	3
Price publication fees	5	8
	41	61
Total expenses	195	270

Irrecoverable VAT is included in the above expenses where relevant.

## 5. TAXATION

(a) The tax charge comprises:

	28/02/08 £'000	28/02/07 £'000
Current tax:		
Irrecoverable income tax	22	36
Total current tax (note 5 (b))	22	36

## (b) Factors affecting the tax charge for the year

The tax charged for the year is higher than the special 20% rate of corporation tax applicable to open-ended investment companies (OEICs). The differences are explained below:

28/02/08 £'000	28/02/07 £'000
(37)	(14)
(37)	(14)
(7)	(3)
22	36
7	3
22	36
	<b>f'000</b> (37) (37) (7) 22 7

Authorised OEICs are exempt from tax on capital gains made within the subfunds.

Factors that may affect the future tax charge:

The sub-fund has not recognised a deferred tax asset of £43,418 (2007: £36,025) arising as a result of having unutilised management expenses.

## 6. FINANCE COSTS

The distributions take into account income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares, and comprise:

2	8/02/08 £'000	28/02/07 £'000
Final distribution	-	-
	-	-
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	-	-
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	-	-
Net distribution for the year	_	-
Interest	9	9
Total Finance Costs	9	9

The difference between the net income after taxation and the amounts distributed comprises:

	28/02/08	28/02/07
	£'000	£'000
Net income after taxation	(59)	(50)
Expenses offset against capital	1	1
Income deficit taken to capital	58	49

## 7. DEBTORS

	28/02/08 £'000	28/02/07 £'000
Accrued income	41	7
Prepaid expenses	61	67
Recoverable income tax	3	-
	105	74

### 8. CASH AND BANK BALANCES

	28/02/08 £'000	28/02/07 £'000
Euro	3	1
Sterling	231	395
Cash and bank balances	234	396

## 9. BANK OVERDRAFTS

	28/02/08 £'000	28/02/07 £'000
Sterling	111	158
Bank overdrafts	111	158

## 10. CREDITORS

	28/02/08 £'000	28/02/07 £'000
Accrued expenses	55	47
Purchases awaiting settlement	34	-
	89	47

# 11. SIGNIFICANT AGREEMENTS AND TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

## Authorised Corporate Director ("ACD")

The ACD of the sub-fund is Premier Portfolio Managers Limited. The ACD is responsible for managing and administering the sub-fund's affairs in compliance with the FSA Regulations. In payment for carrying out its duties and responsibilities the ACD is entitled to take an annual fee out of the sub-fund, calculated on a mid-market basis.

The annual management charge ("AMC") is subject to a minimum of £20,000 per annum and is payable monthly. Amounts paid to Premier Portfolio Managers Limited in respect of the ACD's periodic charge are disclosed in note 4 on page 28. The balance outstanding at the year end was £10,825 (2007: £nil).

## Investment Adviser

The ACD has appointed Castlefield Investment Partners LLP to provide investment management and advisory services to the ACD.

## Depositary

The sub-fund's Depositary is The Royal Bank of Scotland plc. The Depositary is responsible for the safekeeping of all of the scheme property of the sub-fund and has a duty to take reasonable care to ensure that the sub-fund is managed in accordance with the provisions of the FSA Regulations relating to the pricing of and dealing in shares and relating to the income of the sub-fund. Subject to FSA Regulations, the Depositary has full power under the Depositary agreement to delegate (and authorise its delegates to sub-delegate) all or any part of its duties as Depositary received for its own account a periodic fee which accrues daily and is payable monthly. The fee is payable out of the property attributable to the sub-fund. The rate of the periodic fee is as agreed between the ACD and

the Depositary from time to time and subject to a current maximum of 0.077% of the value of the relevant sub-fund per annum which may be varied from time to time with the agreement of the ACD and the Depositary.

The total remuneration payable to the Depositary out of the property attributable to each sub-fund for its services also includes transaction charges and custody charges.

Amounts paid to The Royal Bank of Scotland plc in respect of the Depositary's services are disclosed in note 4 on page 28. There was £481 due to the Depositary at the year end (2007:  $\pm$ nil).

## 12. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND COMMITMENTS

There were no contingent liabilities or commitments at the Balance Sheet date (2007: nil).

## 13. DERIVATIVE AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

In pursuing the sub-funds investment objective, as set out in the investment objective and policy on page 7, the main risks arising from the sub-funds financial instruments are market price, currency, liquidity and counterparty risk.

## Market Price Risk

Market price risk arises mainly from uncertainty about future prices of financial instruments held. It represents the potential loss the sub-fund might suffer through holding market positions in the face of price movements. The Investment Adviser considers the asset allocation of the portfolio in order to minimise the risk associated with particular countries or industry sectors whilst continuing to follow the sub-fund's investment objective.

The Investment Adviser does not use derivative instruments to hedge the investment portfolio against risks as, in their opinion, the cost of such a process would result in an unacceptable reduction in the potential capital growth.

## Currency Risk

There was no direct foreign currency exposure within the sub-fund at the Balance Sheet date. However, there was significant foreign currency exposure within the subfund's holdings of collective investment schemes since their assets are denominated in currencies other than sterling, with the effect that their balance sheet and total returns can be affected by exchange rate fluctuations.

#### Interest Rate Risk

The sub-fund does not have any material direct interest rate risk as the majority of financial assets are in collective investment schemes, which do not pay interest. However, some of the underlying collective investment scheme investments may be directly or indirectly exposed to interest rate risk.

The only interest-bearing financial asset of the sub-fund is bank balances, on which interest is calculated at a variable rate by reference to sterling bank deposit rates or the international equivalent.

## Liquidity Risk

The sub-fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities, which can be readily sold. The main liability of the sub-fund is the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell. All the financial liabilities of the sub-fund fall within one year.

## Counterparty Risk

The sub-fund will be exposed to counterparty risk on parties with whom it trades and will bear the risk of settlement default. The sub-fund minimises concentrations of credit risk by undertaking transactions with a large number of counterparties on recognised and reputable exchanges. The sub-fund only buys and sells investments through brokers which have been approved by the Investment Adviser as an acceptable counterparty and from recognised product providers.

## Fair Value of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

There is no material difference between the carrying values and the fair values of the financial assets and liabilities of the sub-fund disclosed in the Balance Sheet on page 26.

## Derivatives

The sub-fund does not hold any derivatives that could materially impact the value of the sub-fund.

## 14. SHARE CLASSES

The sub-fund currently has three classes of share, General, Institutional and Charity income. The AMC on each share class is as follows:

General Shares: 1.25% Institutional Shares: 0.75% Charity Shares: 0.65%

The net asset value, the net asset value per share and the number of shares in issue are given in the comparative tables on page 24.

## **15. PORTFOLIO TRANSACTION COSTS**

As the sub-fund mainly invests in collective investment schemes, there are no material transaction costs.

COMPARATIVE TABLES			
Performance Record			
Calendar Year		High (p)	Low (p)
General Shares - Income	•	<u> </u>	47
2006 <sup>1</sup>		114.56	112.04
2007		120.31	95.99
2008 <sup>2</sup>		99.41	86.98
Institutional Shares - Inc	ome		
2006 <sup>3</sup>		115.03	105.91
2007		120.58	96.37
2008 <sup>2</sup>		99.87	87.44
Charity Shares - Income			
2006 <sup>4</sup>		114.56	93.14
2008		114.56	94.96
2008 <sup>2</sup>		98.43	86.20
Income Record		Not Incorre	Not Income re-
Calendar Year		Net Income	Net Income per £1,000 at Launch (£)
General Shares - Income	<u> </u>	per share (p)	
2006 <sup>1</sup>			
2008		4.1836	37.34
2008 <sup>2</sup>		1.1931	10.65
Institutional Shares - Inc	ome		
2006 <sup>3</sup>		-	-
2007		4.6095	43.42
2008 <sup>2</sup>		1.4245	13.42
Charity Shares - Income			
20064		1.3680	13.68
2007		5.6678	56.68
2008 <sup>2</sup>		1.5413	15.41
Net Asset Values			
		Net Asset	Net Asset
	Shares		Value of Sub-Fund
As at	In Issue	(p)	(£)
General Shares - Income	•		
28/02/2007	6,226	111.45	4,125,052
28/02/2008	22,814	88.27	3,333,748
Institutional Shares - Inc	ome		
28/02/2007	3,142	111.49	4,125,052
28/02/2008	49,618	86.81	3,333,748
Charity Shares - Income			
	3,747,186	109.81	4,125,052
	3,752,086	87.17	3,333,748
1 From 12th December 20	06 to 21-+ D	acomber 2000	
<sup>1</sup> From 13th December 20	υοιυ 3 IST D	ecember 2006.	
<sup>2</sup> To 28th February 2008.		1 2000	

<sup>3</sup> From 6th October 2006 to 31st December 2006.

<sup>4</sup> From 2nd May 2006 to 31st December 2006.

## TOTAL EXPENSE RATIOS (TERs)

	28/02/08	28/02/07
General Shares	2.98%	3.46%
Institutional Shares	2.48%	2.96%
Charity Shares	2.23%	2.71%

The TERs show the annual operating expenses of the sub-fund including the annual management charge and other expenses. It does not include transaction charges. Funds highlight the TER to help you compare the annual operating expenses to different schemes.

## PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

## As at 28th February 2008

			Total
		Market	Value of
Holding	Investment	Value £'000	Sub-Fund %
		2000	,,,
	BASIC MATERIALS 0.90% (0.65%)		
	Mining 0.90% (0.65%)		
14,421	ATH Resources	30	0.90
	-	30	0.90
	CONSUMER GOODS 3.36% (10.75%)		
	Automobiles & Parts 1.05% (1.02%)		
12,023	GKN _	35	1.05
		35	1.05
	Beverages 0.00% (1.75%)		
	Food Producers 1.89% (7.01%)		
	Premier Foods	63	1.00
65,525	Premier Foods –	63	1.89 <b>1.89</b>
		03	1.69
	Leisure Goods 0.00% (0.29%)		
	Personal Goods 0.42% (0.68%)		
84,694	Sirdar	14	0.42
		14	0.42
	CONSUMER SERVICES 2.31% (7.18%)		
	Food & Drug Retailers 0.00% (2.89%)		
	General Retailers 1.17% (1.37%)		
3,341	SCS Upholstery	2	0.06
26,300	DSG International	17	0.51
14,888	Topps Tiles	20	0.60
		39	1.17
	Media 0.48% (1.41%)		
2,308	Pearson	16	0.48
2,508		16	0.48
		10	0.40
	Travel & Leisure 0.66% (1.55%)		
3,695	HolidayBreak	22	0.66
		22	0.66
	FINANCIALS 33.52% (29.26%)		
	Banks 18.83% (15.37%)		
18,401	Alliance & Leicester	106	3.18
10,263	Barclays	52	1.55
27,283	Bradford & Bingley Lloyds TSB	56 172	1.68 5.19
36,462 58,000	Lloyds TSB London Scottish Bank	173 14	5.19 0.42
14,200	HSBC	113	3.39
27,410	The Royal Bank of Scotland	114	3.42
		628	18.83

		Market Value	Total Value of Sub-Fund
Holding	Investment	£'000	%
	General Financial 3.92% (5.07%)		
4,121	Arbuthnot Banking	17	0.50
11,563	Cattles	31	0.93
7,787 4,221	Provident Financial S&U	66 17	1.98
4,221		131	0.51 3.92
			5.52
	Life Insurance 3.06% (1.21%)		
9,750	Aviva	61	1.83
31,688	Legal & General	41 102	1.23 3.06
		102	5.00
44 504	Nonlife Insurance 6.87% (6.59%)	00	2.04
41,531 25,863	BRIT Insurance Chaucer	98 25	2.94 0.75
22,945	Jardine Lloyd Thompson	88	2.64
12,675	Royal & Sun Alliance	18	0.54
	-	229	6.87
	Real Estate 0.84% (1.02%)		
19,612	Wichford	28	0.84
	-	28	0.84
	HEALTHCARE 1.83% (0.00%)		
		(0,00%)	
3,100	Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology 1.83% Astrazeneca	(0.00%) 61	1.83
5,100	Astrazeneca -	61	1.83
	INDUSTRIALS 11.79% (15.17%)		
	Construction & Materials 0.75% (1.24%)		
14,904	Tolent -	25	0.75
		25	0.75
	Electronic & Electrical Equipment 1.74%	(3.88%)	
24,398	Abacus	12	0.36
40,377	Stadium XP. Bouver	24	0.72
8,411	XP Power	22	0.66
		58	1.74
	General Industrials 1.47% (1.60%)		
10,163 17,701	Smith (DS)	17	0.51
17,701	Tomkins -	32	0.96
		49	1.47
	Industrial Engineering 1.14% (1.33%)		
5,768	Chamberlin & Hill	11	0.33
40,157	FKI -	27	0.81
		38	1.14
	Industrial Transportation 2.88% (2.30%)		
37,588	TDG	96	2.88
		96	2.88

## PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS - CONTINUED

## As at 28th February 2008

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Total Value of Sub-Fund %
	Support Services 3.81% (4.82%)		
7,042	BPP	37	1.11
28,549	Dawson	27	0.81
, 9,770	Johnson Service	2	0.06
19,327	Northern Recruitment	12	0.36
17,471	Premier Farnell	27	0.81
27,309	Rentokil Initial	22	0.66
		127	3.81
	OIL & GAS 4.14% (0.00%)		
	Oil & Gas Producers 4.14% (0.00%)		
7,600	Royal Dutch Shell	138	4.14
		138	4.14
	TELECOMMUNICATIONS 13.20% (8.37%	6)	
	Fixed Line Telecommunications 5.61% (	(5.82%)	
80,398	BT	187	5.61
00,000		187	5.61
		<b>((</b> )	
455.000	Mobile Telecommunications 7.59% (2.5		7.50
155,982	Vodafone	253	7.59
		253	7.59
	UTILITIES 25.59% (29.13%)		
	Electricity 5.52% (10.08%)		
12,404	Scottish & Southern Energy	184	5.52
		184	5.52
	Gas, Water & Multiutilities 20.07% (19.	05%)	
26,559	National Grid	199	5.97
38,357	Northumbrian Water	135	4.05
10,099	Severn Trent	147	4.41
26,540	United Utilities	188	5.64
		669	20.07
	Total Value of Investments	3,222	96.64
	Net Other Assets	112	3.36
	Total Net Assets	3,334	100.00

All investments are ordinary shares unless otherwise stated.

Figures in brackets represent sector distribution at 28th February 2007.

STATEN	VENT OF	total re	TURN		
For the year to 28th February 2008					
		2	8/02/08	2	8/02/07
	Notes	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Net (losses)/gains on					
investments during the year	2		(782)		413
Income	3	194		118	
Expenses	4	(91)		(81)	
Finance costs: Interest	6		_		
Net income before taxation		103		37	
Taxation	5	_			
Net income after taxation			103	_	37
Total return before distributior	15		(679)		450
Finance costs: Distributions	6		(193)		(117)
Change in net assets attribu to shareholders	ıtable	_	(872)	_	333

	BALANCE SH	HEET	
As at 28th February 2008			
		28/02/08	28/02/07
	Notes	£'000	£'000
ASSETS			
Portfolio of Investments		3,222	4,146
Debtors	7	11	3
Cash and bank balances	8	195	84
Total other assets		206	87
Total assets		3,428	4,233
LIABILITIES			
Creditors Distributions payable on	9	(45)	(36)
income shares	6	(49)	(72)
Total liabilities		(94)	(108)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		3,334	4,125

The notes on pages 35 to 38 are an integral part of these financial statements. On behalf of Premier Portfolio Managers Limited.

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Neil Macpherson Finance Director (of the ACD) 20th June 2008

Mark Friend Managing Director, Operations (of the ACD)

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For the year to 28th February 2008				
	2	28/02/08	2	8/02/07
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Net assets at the start of the year		4,125		-
Movements due to sales and				
repurchases of shares:				
Amounts receivable on issue				
of shares	93		3,924	
Less: Amount payable on				
cancellation of shares	(12)	_	(132)	
		81		3,792
Change in net assets attributable				
to shareholders (see above)		(872)		333
Net assets at the end of the year	—	3,334		4,125
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STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN SHAREHOI DERS' NET ASSETS

SUMMARY OF MATERIAL	Portfolio Changes		NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year to 28th February 2008			1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES
			Basis of Accounting
<b>Purchases</b> The Royal Bank of Scotland Royal Dutch Shell HSBC Vodafone Astrazeneca London Scottish Bank Aviva DSG International	Cost f'000 150 133 132 114 68 67 66 44	Note	The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for 'Financial Statements of Authorised Funds', issued by the IMA in December 2005, the FSA's Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook and the Instrument of Incorporation. <b>Income Recognition</b> Income from quoted equity and non-equity shares is recognised net of attributable tax credits when the security is quoted ex-dividend. Bank interest, interest, underwriting commission and other income are recognised on an accruals basis.
Total purchases during the year Sales	774 Proceeds £'000	14	Stock Dividends The ordinary element of stocks received in lieu of cash dividends is recognised as income of the sub-fund. Any enhancement above the cash dividend is treated
Scottish Power Alliance Boots Scottish & Newcastle AWG Premier Foods Halma Northumbrian Water National Express	249 166 108 91 55 50 48 42		as capital.  Special Dividends  Special dividends are recognised as either income or capital depending upon the nature and circumstances of the dividend.  Expenses For accounting purposes, all expenses (other than SDRT and those relating to the purchase and sale of investments) are charged against income for the year
International Personal Finance RHM Trinity Mirror Amstrad	42 40 31 26 11		on an accruals basis.  Distributions  Amounts distributable are calculated after excluding those expenses relating to the purchase and sale of investments which are borne by capital and expenses borne by capital as agreed by the ACD and Depositary.
Total sales during the year	917	14	The ACD and Depositary have agreed that 100% of the sub-funds' expenses are to be borne by capital.

Please note: the purchases and sales shown represent all those with a value of 2% or more of the net asset value of the sub-fund at the start of the year and at minimum the top 20 purchases and sales during the year. There were 8 purchases and 12 sales during the year.

## Valuations

All investments are valued at their fair value at noon on 28th February 2008, being the last business day of the financial year. The fair value of equity and non-equity shares is bid price, excluding any accrued interest.

## Taxation

Corporation tax has been provided for at a rate of 20%. Dividend income and taxation are stated net of any associated tax credits. Deferred tax is fully provided for on all timing differences. Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the assets are considered to be recoverable.

## **Dilution Levy**

In certain circumstances the ACD may charge a dilution levy, in accordance with the FSA Regulations, on all subscripions and redemptions of shares, which is paid into the sub-fund and included in the Statement of Change in Shareholders' Net Assets. The levy is intended to cover certain dealing charges not included in the bid market value of the sub-fund used in calculating the share price, which could have a diluting effect on the performance of the sub-fund.

## Stamp Duty Reserve Tax (SDRT)

SDRT will be charged to the sub-fund. It is the ACD's view that this will not be material.

## 2. NET (LOSSES)/GAINS ON INVESTMENTS

The net (losses)/gains or	and the second sec	1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.	
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	28/02/08 £'000	28/02/07 £'000
Non-derivative securities	(782)	413
Net (losses)/gains on investments	(782)	413

3. INCOME		
	28/02/08 £'000	28/02/07 £'000
Bank interest	8	5
Franked UK dividends	186	113
	194	118
4. EXPENSES		
4. EAFENJEJ	28/02/08	28/02/07
	£'000	£'000
Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD		
and agents of either of them:		
ACD's periodic charge	18	17
Investment adviser's fee	33	22
	51	39
Payable to the Depositary, associates of the		
Depositary and agents of either of them:		
Depositary's fees	1	1
Transaction charges	-	1
	1	2
	· · · ·	
Other expenses:		
Auditors' remuneration	5	5
Administration fees	26	25
Registration fees	3	3
Legal fees	-	2
Printing fees	2	2
Price publication fees	3	3
	39	40
Total expenses	91	81
		01
Irrecoverable VAT is included in the above expense	es where releva	ant.
5. TAXATION		
(a) The tax charge comprises:		
	28/02/08	28/02/07
	£′000	£'000
Current tax:		
Corporation tax	-	-
Total surrout tay (note $\Gamma$ (b))		
Total current tax (note 5 (b))	-	-
(b) Factors affecting the tax charge for the year		
The tax charged for the year is higher than the spectra applicable to open-ended investment compar are explained below:		
	28/02/08	28/02/07
	20/02/00	20/02/07

	103	37
Net income before taxation	103	37
	28/02/08 £'000	28/02/07 £'000

Return on ordinary activities multiplied by the special rate of corporation tax of 20% (2007: 20%) 21 8 Effects of: Franked UK dividends and distributions not subject to taxation (37) (22) Expenses not deducted for tax purposes (1) Expenses not utilised in period 16 15 Current tax charge (note 5 (a)) --

Authorised OEICs are exempt from tax on capital gains made within the subfunds.

Factors that may affect the future tax charge:

The sub-fund has not recognised a deferred tax asset of  $\pm 31,358$  (2007:  $\pm 14,536$ ) arising as a result of having unutilised management expenses.

### 6. FINANCE COSTS

The distributions take into account income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares, and comprise:

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2	8/02/08 £'000	28/02/07 £'000
First monthly distribution	9	7
Second monthly distribution	9	7
Third monthly distribution	9	7
Fourth monthly distribution	10	7
Fifth monthly distribution	10	9
Sixth monthly distribution	48	9
Seventh monthly distribution	10	9
Eighth monthly distribution	10	8
Ninth monthly distribution	10	-
Tenth monthly distribution	10	-
Eleventh monthly distribution	9	-
Twelfth monthly distribution	9	-
Final distribution	40	64
	193	127
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	-	3
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	-	(13)
Net distribution for the year	193	117
Total Finance Costs	193	117

The difference between the net income after taxation and the amounts distributed comprise:

Tax on expenses offset against capital Finance costs: Distributions	(1) 193	(1)
Expenses offset against capital	91	81
Net income after taxation	103	37

7. DEBTORS

	28/02/08 £'000	28/02/07 £'000
Accrued income	7	3
Prepaid expenses	4	-
	11	3

#### 8. CASH AND BANK BALANCES

	28/02/08 £'000	28/02/07 £'000
Sterling	195	84
Cash and bank balances	195	84
9. CREDITORS		
	28/02/08 £'000	28/02/07 £'000
Accrued expenses	45	36
Bank overdrafts	45	36

# 10. SIGNIFICANT AGREEMENTS AND TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

#### Authorised Corporate Director ("ACD")

The annual management charge ("AMC") is subject to a minimum of £20,000 per annum and is payable monthly. Amounts paid to Premier Portfolio Managers Limited in respect of the ACD's periodic charge are disclosed in note 4 on page 36. The balance outstanding at the year end was £3,491 (2007: £nil).

#### Investment Adviser

The ACD has appointed Castlefield Investment Partners LLP to provide investment management and advisory services to the ACD.

#### Depositary

The sub-fund's Depositary is The Royal Bank of Scotland plc. The Depositary is responsible for the safekeeping of all of the scheme property of the sub-fund and has a duty to take reasonable care to ensure that the sub-fund is managed in accordance with the provisions of the FSA Regulations relating to the pricing of and dealing in shares and relating to the income of the sub-fund. Subject to FSA Regulations, the Depositary has full power under the Depositary agreement to delegate (and authorise its delegates to sub-delegate) all or any part of its duties as Depositary received for its own account a periodic fee which accrues daily and is payable monthly. The fee is payable out of the property attributable to the sub-fund. The rate of the periodic fee is as agreed between the ACD and the Depositary from time to time and subject to a current maximum of 0.077% of the value of the relevant sub-fund per annum which may be varied from time to time with the agreement of the ACD and the Depositary.

The total remuneration payable to the Depositary out of the property attributable to each sub-fund for its services also includes transaction charges and custody charges.

Amounts paid to The Royal Bank of Scotland plc in respect of the Depositary's services are disclosed in note 4 on page 36. There was £74 due to the Depositary at the year end (2007: fnil).

#### **11. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND COMMITMENTS**

There were no contingent liabilities or commitments at the Balance Sheet date (2007: nil).

#### 12. DERIVATIVE AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

In pursuing the sub-funds investment objective, as set out in the investment objective and policy on page 8, the main risks arising from the sub-funds financial instruments are market price, currency, liquidity and counterparty risk.

#### Market Price Risk

Market price risk arises mainly from uncertainty about future prices of financial instruments held. It represents the potential loss the sub-fund might suffer through holding market positions in the face of price movements. The Investment Adviser considers the asset allocation of the portfolio in order to minimise the risk associated with particular countries or industry sectors whilst continuing to follow the sub-fund's investment objective.

The Investment Adviser does not use derivative instruments to hedge the investment portfolio against risks as, in their opinion, the cost of such a process would result in an unacceptable reduction in the potential capital growth.

#### Currency Risk

There was no direct foreign currency exposure within the sub-fund at the Balance Sheet date.

### Interest Rate Risk

The majority of the sub-fund's assets comprise equity shares which do not pay interest (2007: same).

The only interest-bearing financial asset of the sub-fund is bank balances, on which interest is calculated at a variable rate by reference to sterling bank deposit rates or the international equivalent.

### Liquidity Risk

The sub-fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities, which can be readily sold. The main liability of the sub-fund is the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell. All the financial liabilities of the sub-fund fall within one year.

#### **Counterparty Risk**

The sub-fund will be exposed to counterparty risk on parties with whom it trades and will bear the risk of settlement default. The sub-fund minimises concentrations of credit risk by undertaking transactions with a large number of counterparties on recognised and reputable exchanges. The sub-fund only buys and sells investments through brokers which have been approved by the Investment Adviser as an acceptable counterparty and from recognised product providers.

#### Fair Value of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

There is no material difference between the carrying values and the fair values of the financial assets and liabilities of the sub-fund disclosed in the Balance Sheet on page 34.

#### Derivatives

The sub-fund does not hold any derivatives that could materially impact the value of the sub-fund.

#### 13. SHARE CLASSES

The sub-fund currently has three classes of share, General, Institutional and Charity. The AMC on each share class is as follows:

General Shares: 1.50% Institutional Shares: 1.00% Charity Shares: 0.75%

The net asset value, the net asset value per share and the number of shares in issue are given in the comparative tables on page 31. The distribution per share class is given in the distribution tables on page 38-41.

### 14. PORTFOLIO TRANSACTION COSTS

Analysis of total purchase costs:		
	28/02/08 £'000	28/02/07 £'000
Purchases in year before transaction costs	770	3,945
Commissions	3	2
Taxes	1	20
Total purchase costs	4	22
Gross purchases total	774	3,967
Analysis of total sale costs:		
Gross sales before transaction costs	917	234
Commissions	-	-
Total sale costs	-	-
Total sales net of transaction costs	917	234

#### **15. DISTRIBUTION TABLES**

For the period from 1st March 2007 to 31st March 2007

# First Monthly Interim distribution in pence per share General Shares

			Distribution
	Net		Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/04/07
Group 1	0.2508	-	0.2508
Group 2	0.2508	-	0.2508

#### Institutional Shares

			Distribution
	Net		Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/04/07
Group 1	0.2508	-	0.2508
Group 2	0.2508	-	0.2508

### **Charity Shares**

			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		Paid	Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/04/07	27/08/06
Group 1	0.2508	-	0.2508	0.2280
Group 2	-	0.2508	0.2508	0.2280

For the period from 1st April 2007 to 30th April 2007

# Second Monthly Interim distribution in pence per share General Shares

			Distribution
	Net		Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/05/07
Group 1	0.2508	-	0.2508
Group 2	0.2508	-	0.2508

#### Institutional Shares

			Distribution
	Net		Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/05/07
Group 1	0.2508	-	0.2508
Group 2	0.2508	-	0.2508

		Distribution	Distribution
Net		Paid	Paid
Income	Equalisation	27/05/07	27/09/06
0.2508	-	0.2508	0.2280
0.2508	-	0.2508	0.2280
	<b>Income</b> 0.2508	IncomeEqualisation0.2508-	Net         Paid           Income         Equalisation         27/05/07           0.2508         -         0.2508

## For the period from 1st May 2007 to 31st May 2007

# Third Monthly Interim distribution in pence per share General Shares

			Distribution
	Net		Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/06/07
Group 1	0.2508	-	0.2508
Group 2	0.2508	-	0.2508

#### Institutional Shares

			Distribution
	Net		Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/06/07
Group 1	0.2508	-	0.2508
Group 2	0.2508	-	0.2508

## **Charity Shares**

			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		Paid	Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/06/07	27/10/06
Group 1	0.2508	-	0.2508	0.2280
Group 2	0.2508	-	0.2508	0.2280

#### For the period from 1st June 2007 to 30th June 2007

# Fourth Monthly Interim distribution in pence per share General Shares

			Distribution
	Net		Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/07/07
Group 1	0.2508	-	0.2508
Group 2	0.2508	-	0.2508

#### Institutional Shares

			Distribution
	Net		Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/07/07
Group 1	0.2508	-	0.2508
Group 2	0.2508	-	0.2508

#### **Charity Shares**

			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		Paid	Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/08/07	27/11/06
Group 1	0.2508	-	0.2508	0.2280
Group 2	0.2508	-	0.2508	0.2280

For the period from 1st July 2007 to 31st July 2007

# Fifth Monthly Interim distribution in pence per share General Shares

			Distribution
	Net		Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/08/07
Group 1	0.2508	-	0.2508
Group 2	0.2508	-	0.2508

#### Institutional Shares

			Distribution
	Net		Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/08/07
Group 1	0.2508	-	0.2508
Group 2	0.2508	-	0.2508

### Charity Shares

			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		Paid	Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/08/07	27/12/06
Group 1	0.2508	-	0.2508	0.2280
Group 2	-	0.2508	0.2508	0.2280

For the period from 1st August 2007 to 31st August 2007

# Sixth Monthly Interim distribution in pence per share General Shares

		Distribution
Net		Paid
Income	Equalisation	27/09/07
1.2508	-	1.2508
1.2508	-	1.2508
	<b>Income</b> 1.2508	Income Equalisation

### Institutional Shares

			Distribution
	Net		Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/09/07
Group 1	1.2508	-	1.2508
Group 2	1.2508	-	1.2508

			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		Paid	Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/09/07	27/01/07
Group 1	1.2508	-	1.2508	0.2280
Group 2	1.2508	-	1.2508	0.2280

For the period from 1st September 2007 to 30th September 2007

# Seventh Monthly Interim distribution in pence per share General Shares

			Distribution
	Net		Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/10/07
Group 1	0.2508	-	0.2508
Group 2	0.2508	-	0.2508

#### Institutional Shares

			Distribution
	Net		Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/10/07
Group 1	0.2508	-	0.2508
Group 2	0.2508	-	0.2508

## **Charity Shares**

			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		Paid	Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/10/07	27/02/07
Group 1	0.2508	-	0.2508	0.2280
Group 2	0.2508	-	0.2508	0.2280

For the period from 1st October 2007 to 31st October 2007

# Eighth Monthly Interim distribution in pence per share General Shares

			Distribution
	Net		Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/11/07
Group 1	0.2508	-	0.2508
Group 2	0.2508	-	0.2508

### Institutional Shares

			Distribution
	Net		Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/11/07
Group 1	0.2508	-	0.2508
Group 2	0.2508	-	0.2508

#### **Charity Shares**

			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		Paid	Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/11/07	27/03/07
Group 1	0.2508	-	0.2508	0.2280
Group 2	0.2508	-	0.2508	0.2280

For the period from 1st November 2007 to 30th November 2007

# Ninth Monthly Interim distribution in pence per share General Shares

			Distribution
	Net		Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/12/07
Group 1	0.2508	-	0.2508
Group 2	0.2508	-	0.2508

## Institutional Shares

			Distribution
	Net		Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/12/07
Group 1	0.2508	-	0.2508
Group 2	0.2508	-	0.2508

### **Charity Shares**

			Distribution
	Net		Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/12/07
Group 1	0.2508	-	0.2508
Group 2	0.2508	-	0.2508

#### For the period from 1st December 2007 to 31st December 2007

# Tenth Monthly Interim distribution in pence per share General Shares

			Distribution
	Net		Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/01/08
Group 1	0.2508	-	0.2508
Group 2	0.2508	-	0.2508

#### Institutional Shares

			Distribution
	Net		Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/01/08
Group 1	0.2508	-	0.2508
Group 2	0.2508	-	0.2508

			Distribution
	Net		Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/01/08
Group 1	0.2508	-	0.2508
Group 2	0.2508	-	0.2508

### For the period from 1st January 2008 to 31st January 2008

# Eleventh Monthly Interim distribution in pence per share General Shares

			Distribution
	Net		Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/02/08
Group 1	0.2508	-	0.2508
Group 2	0.2508	-	0.2508

## Institutional Shares

			Distribution
	Net		Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/02/08
Group 1	0.2508	-	0.2508
Group 2	0.2508	-	0.2508

## **Charity Shares**

			Distribution
	Net		Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/02/08
Group 1	0.2508	-	0.2508
Group 2	0.2508	-	0.2508

For the period from 1st February 2008 to 28th February 2008

## Twelfth Monthly Interim distribution in pence per share

General Shares

		Distribution
Net		Paid
Income	Equalisation	27/03/08
0.2508	-	0.2508
0.2508	-	0.2508
	<b>Income</b> 0.2508	Income Equalisation 0.2508 -

#### Institutional Shares

			Distribution
	Net		Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/03/08
Group 1	0.2508	-	0.2508
Group 2	0.2508	-	0.2508

#### **Charity Shares**

			Distribution
	Net		Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/03/08
Group 1	0.2508	-	0.2508
Group 2	0.2508	-	0.2508

For the period from 1st March 2007 to 28th February 2008

# Final distribution in pence per share

### General Shares

			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		Paid	Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/05/08	27/05/07
Group 1	0.6915	-	0.6915	0.6756
Group 2	0.6915	-	0.6915	0.6756

#### Institutional Shares

			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		Paid	Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/05/08	27/05/07
Group 1	0.9229	-	0.9229	1.1015
Group 2	0.9229	-	0.9229	1.1015

			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		Paid	Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/05/08	27/05/07
Group 1	1.0397	-	1.0397	1.7038
Group 2	1.0397	-	1.0397	1.7038

	Comparati	IVE TABLES	
Performance Record			
Calendar Year		High (p)	Low (p)
General Shares - Incon	ne		·
2007 <sup>1</sup>		343.42	298.50
2008 <sup>2</sup>		322.60	279.27
General Shares - Accu	mulation		
2007 <sup>1</sup>		344.55	299.56
2008 <sup>2</sup>		323.40	279.96
Institutional Shares - I 2007 <sup>3</sup>	ncome		200.42
2007 <sup>3</sup> 2008 <sup>2</sup>		335.60 324.93	300.43 281.39
2000		521.55	201.35
Institutional Shares - A	Accumulation		
20074		344.81	301.42
2008 <sup>2</sup>		325.63	282.00
Income/Accumulation	Record		
		Net Income	Net Income per
Calendar Year		per Share (p)	£1,000 at Launch (£)
General Shares - Incon	ne		
2007 <sup>1</sup>		0.8338	2.43
2008 <sup>2</sup>		-	-
General Shares - Accur	mulation		
2007 <sup>1</sup>		0.5064	1.47
2008 <sup>2</sup>		-	-
Institutional Shares - I	ncome		
2007 <sup>3</sup>		0.7465	2.22
2008 <sup>2</sup>		-	-
In attact on all Channes (	·		
Institutional Shares - A	Accumulation	1 1120	2.25
2007 <sup>4</sup> 2008 <sup>2</sup>		1.1130	3.35
2000			
Net Asset Values			
	cl	Net Asset	Net Asset
As at	Shares In Issue	value per Snare (p)	Value of Sub-Fund (f)
General Shares - Incon		(6)	(-)
28/02/2008	822,914	312.17	4,160,329
General Shares - Accu			
28/02/2008	1,460	312.96	4,160,329
Institutional Shares - I	ncome		
28/02/2008	500,615	314.80	4,160,329
Institutional Shares - A			
28/02/2008	3,470	315.46	4,160,329
<sup>1</sup> From 4th June 2007 to	o 31st Decembe	er 2007.	
<sup>2</sup> To 28th February 2008			
<sup>3</sup> From 28th June 2007	to 31st Decemb	oer 2007.	

 $^{\rm 4}$  From 13th June 2007 to 31st December 2007.

	TOTAL EXPENSE RATIOS (TERs)	
		28/02/08
General Shares Institutional Shares		2.77% 2.27%

The TERs show the annual operating expenses of the sub-fund including the annual management charge and other expenses. It does not include transaction charges. Funds highlight the TER to help you compare the annual operating expenses to different schemes. The TER for income and accumulation shares is the same.

## PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

## As at 28th February 2008

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Total Value of Sub-Fund %
	EQUITIES - EUROPE 1.85%		
10 520	Banks 1.85%	77	1.85
10,530	Anglo Irish Bank	77	1.85
			1.05
	EQUITIES - UNITED KINGDOM 97.43%		
	BASIC MATERIALS 11.13%		
	Mining 11.13%		
10,033	BHP Billiton	167	4.01
2,952	Rio Tinto	173	4.16
3,123	Xstrata	123 463	2.96
		204	11.15
	CONSUMER GOODS 5.00%		
	Beverages 0.87%		
3,365	SABmiller	36	0.87
	Food Producers 2.28%	36	0.87
18,023	Tate & Lyle	95	2.28
18,025		95 95	2.28
	Household Goods 1.85%		2.20
25,338	Redrow	77	1.85
		77	1.85
	CONSUMER SERVICES 13.65%		
	Food and Drug Retailers 2.72%		
27,873	Tesco	113	2.72
		113	2.72
	General Retailers 1.92%		
1,600,000	Eco City Vehicles	80	1.92
	Media and Entertainment 5.10%	80	1.92
12 077		60	2.00
12,077 13,593	Pearson United Business Media	83 73	1.75
20,815	Yell	56	1.35
		212	5.10
	Travel and Leisure 3.91%		
17,920 6,441	Millenium and Copthorne Whitbread	78 85	1.87
0,441		163	2.04 3.91
		105	5.51
	FINANCIALS 19.54%		
	Banks 6.25%		
13,804	Lloyds TSB	65	1.56
6,228	Standard Chartered	107	2.57
21,232	The Royal Bank of Scotland	88	2.12 6.25
		260	0.20

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Total Value of Sub-Fund %
	General Financial 9.13%		
100,000 83,333	Finance Ireland Ioan note Finance Ireland Wts	100	2.40
8,168	Intermediate Capital	131	3.15
24,562	Man Group	143	3.44
283,500	Tersus Energy	6 <b>380</b>	0.14 9.13
		500	
12 526	Life Insurance 2.09%	07	2.00
13,526	Prudential	87	2.09
		87	2.09
	Real Esatate 2.07%		
5,273	Land Securities	86	2.07
		86	2.07
	INDUSTRIALS 25.29%		
	Aerospace & Defence 5.19%		
46,319	Meggitt	134	3.22
18,595	Rolls Royce	82 216	1.97 5.19
	Industrial Engineering 5.94%		
51,919	Bodycote Charter	99 149	2.38
17,625 52,500	Turbo Genset Warrant	148	3.56
,		247	5.94
	Industrial Transportation 2.96%		
6,045	Forth Ports	123	2.96
		123	2.96
	Support Services 11.20%		
122,588	Ashtead	96	2.31
23,406	BSS Group	89	2.14
16,699	Experian	72	1.73
46,462 35,867	Shanks Xchanging	110 99	2.64 2.38
55,557		466	11.20
	OIL AND GAS 14.07%		
	Oil and Gas Producers 9.52%		
17,425	BG Group	207	4.98
33,964	BP	189	4.54
		396	9.52
	Oil Equipment, Services & Distribution 4.55%	, 0	
21,336	Lamprell	86	2.07
25,329	John Wood	103 189	2.48 4.55
		105	1.55

## PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS - CONTINUED

#### As at 28th February 2008

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Total Value of Sub-Fund %
	TECHNOLOGY 2.55%		
	Software & Computer Services 2.55%		
9,738	Aveva	106	2.55
		106	2.55
	TELECOMMUNICATIONS 3.00%		
	Mobile Telecommunications 3.00%		
77,427	Vodafone	125	3.00
		125	3.00
	UTILITIES 3.20%		
	Electricity 3.20%		
8,963	Scottish and Southern Energy	133	3.20
		133	3.20
	EQUITIES - UNITED STATES 0.00%		
	TELECOMMUNICATIONS 0.00%		
200	Worldcom <sup>1</sup>	-	-
5,020	Worldcom Common <sup>1</sup>	-	-
		-	-
	- Total Value of Investments	4,130	99.28
	Net Other Assets	30	0.72
	Total Net Assets	4,160	100.00

All investments are ordinary shares unless otherwise stated.

No prior year comparatives as the sub-fund launched on 1st June 2007.

<sup>1</sup> Unlisted or suspended securities.

### STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

For the period from 1st June 2007 to 28th February 2008

		2	28/02/08
	Notes	£'000	£'000
Net losses on investments			
during the period	2		(271)
Income	3	67	
Expenses	4	(107)	
Finance costs: Interest	6		
Net expense before taxation		(40)	
Taxation	5		
Net expense after taxation		_	(40)
Total return before distributio	ns		(311)
Finance costs: Distributions	6		(10)
Change in net assets attrib	utable	_	
to shareholders			(321)
		=	

## BALANCE SHEET

As at 28th February 2008

ASSETS	Notes	28/02/08 £'000
Portfolio of Investments		4,130
Debtors Cash and bank balances	7 8	8 84
Total other assets		92
Total assets		4,222
LIABILITIES Creditors	9	(62)
Total liabilities		(62)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		4,160

The notes on pages 46 to 49 are an integral part of these financial statements.On behalf of Premier Portfolio Managers Limited.

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Neil Macpherson Finance Director (of the ACD) 20th June 2008

28/02/08

Mark Friend Managing Director, Operations (of the ACD)

Net assets at the start of the year	£'000	£'000 -
Movements due to sales and repurchases of shares:		
Amounts transferred on 1st June 2007* Amounts receivable on issue	3,694	
of shares	1 605	

STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN SHAREHOLDERS' NET ASSETS

For the period from 1st June 2007 to 28th February 2008

of shares	1,605	
Less: Amount payable on		
cancellation of shares	(825)	
		4,474
Dilution levy		7
Change in net assets attributable		
to shareholders (see above)		(321)
	_	
Net assets at the end of the period		4,160

\*The amounts transferred on 1st June 2007 represents the assets of the Premier UK Opportunities Fund which were transferred to form the Premier Castlefield UK Alpha Fund, through a scheme of arrangement approved by the shareholders.

SUMMARY OF MATERIAL	_ PORTFOLIO CHANGES		NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the period from 1st June 2007 to 28	8th February 2008		1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES
For the period from 1505the 2007 to 20			Basis of Accounting
Purchases	Cost £'000	Note	The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost
Rio Tinto	155		convention, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance
Shanks	116		with the Statement of Recommended Practice for 'Financial Statements of Authorised Funds', issued by the IMA in December 2005, the FSA's Collective
Xstrata	109		Investment Schemes sourcebook and the Instrument of Incorporation.
Xchanging	99		
Land Securities	96		Income Recognition
Rolls Royce	95		Income from quoted equity and non-equity shares is recognised net of
Lamprell	89		attributable tax credits when the security is quoted ex-dividend.
Millenium and Copthorne	87		Overseas income received after the deduction of withholding tax is shown
Aveva	82		gross of taxation, with the taxation consequences shown within the taxation
John Wood	71		charge.
Charter	69		Income on unquoted investments is recognised when the right to receive the
BP	55		income is established.
Ashtead	55		
Imperial Chemical Industries	49		Bank interest, underwriting commission and other income are recognised on
Bodycote	49		an accruals basis.
Yell	45		Stock Dividends
Meggitt	43		The ordinary element of stocks received in lieu of cash dividends is recognised as
Man Group	43		income of the sub-fund. Any enhancement above the cash dividend is treated
BHP Billiton	43		as capital.
BG Group	37		Special Dividends
Other	515		Special dividends are recognised as either income or capital depending upon the nature and circumstances of the dividend.
Total purchases during the year	2,002	14	Expenses
fotal parchases during the year		14	For accounting purposes, all expenses (other than SDRT and those relating to
Sales	Proceeds £'000		the purchase and sale of investments) are charged against income for the period on an accruals basis.
Imperial Chemical Industries	147		
First Property Online	139		Distributions
HSBC	124		Amounts distributable are calculated after excluding those expenses relating to
Inspace	115		the purchase and sale of investments which are borne by capital and expenses
Abbot	112		borne by capital as agreed by the ACD and Depositary.
Offshore Hydrocarb	99		The ACD and Depositary have agreed that 100% of the sub-funds' expenses
John Wood	97		are to be borne by income.
Rio Tinto	69		Valuations
Ladbrokes	68		
SABmiller	57		All investments are valued at their fair value at noon on 28th February 2008,
Vebnet	55		being the last business day of the financial period. The fair value of equity and
Ashley House	52		non-equity shares is bid price, excluding any accrued interest.
Lancashire	51		Unquoted investments are shown at the ACD's valuation
GB Group	49		Taxation
Fonebak	25		
Prudential	23		Corporation tax has been provided for at a rate of 20%. Dividend income and taxation are stated net of any associated tax credits. Deferred tax is fully
Lloyds TSB	17		provided for on all timing differences. Deferred tax assets are recognised only
Impact Holdings	12		to the extent that the assets are considered to be recoverable.
			Foreign Currencies
Total sales during the year	1,311	14	Assets and liabilities in currencies other than sterling are translated into sterling at the exchange rates prevailing at noon on the last working day of

Please note: the above tables of purchases and sales exclude the investment portfolio transferred into the sub-fund on 1 June 2007 as a result of a scheme of arrangement. The other purchases and the sales shown represent all those with a value of 2% or more of the net asset value of the sub-fund and the end of the year and at a minimum the top 20 purchases and sales during the year. There were only 18 sales during the year.

Assets and liabilities in currencies other than sterling are translated into sterling at the exchange rates prevailing at noon on the last working day of the accounting period. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate prevailing at the transaction date. Where forward positions in currencies are held, these are translated at the appropriate forward rate. Any resulting exchange differences in these forward positions are disclosed in net gains/(losses) on investments in the Statement of Total Return.

#### Taxation

Corporation tax has been provided for at a rate of 20%. Dividend income and taxation are stated net of any associated tax credits. Deferred tax is fully provided for on all timing differences. Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the assets are considered to be recoverable.

Withholding tax on overseas dividends is accounted for on an accruals basis.

#### **Dilution Levy**

In certain circumstances the ACD may charge a dilution levy, in accordance with the FSA Regulations, on all subscripions and redemptions of shares, which is paid into the sub-fund and included in the Statement of Change in Shareholders' Net Assets. The levy is intended to cover certain dealing charges not included in the bid market value of the sub-fund used in calculating the share price, which could have a diluting effect on the performance of the sub-fund.

#### Stamp Duty Reserve Tax (SDRT)

SDRT will be charged to the sub-fund. It is the ACD's view that this will not be material.

#### 2. NET LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS

The net losses on investments during the period comprise:

	28/02/08 £'000
Non-derivative securities	(271)
Net losses on investments	(271)

#### 3. INCOME

	28/02/08 £'000
Bank interest	2
Deposit interest	2
Franked UK dividends	60
Unfranked UK dividends	1
Franked REIT income	1
Unfranked REIT income	1
	67

4. EXPENSES			

Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD and agents of either of them:	
ACD's periodic charge	15
Investment adviser's fee	37
	52
Payable to the Depositary, associates of the	
Depositary and agents of either of them:	
Depositary's fees	1
Transaction charges	1
	2

#### Other expenses:

Auditors' remuneration	6
Administration fees	22
Registration fees	16
Legal fees	2
Printing fees	2
Price publication fees	5
	53
Total expenses	107

Irrecoverable VAT is included in the above expenses where relevant.

#### 5. TAXATION

(a) The tax charge comprises:	
	28/02/08 £'000
Current tax:	
Corporation tax	-
Total current tax (note 5 (b))	-

#### (b) Factors affecting the tax charge for the year

The tax charged for the year is higher than the special 20% rate of corporation tax applicable to open-ended investment companies (OEICs). The differences are explained below:

	28/02/08 £'000
Net expense after taxation	(40)
	(40)
Return on ordinary activities multiplied by the special rate of corporation tax of 20% (2007: 20%)	(8)
Effects of:	
Franked UK dividends and distributions	
not subject to taxation	(12)
Expenses not utilised for tax purposes	20
Current tax charge (note 5 (a))	

Authorised OEICs are exempt from tax on capital gains made within the subfunds.

Factors that may affect the future tax charge:

The sub-fund has not recognised a deferred tax asset of £19,813 arising as a result of having unutilised management expenses.

28/02/08 £'000

28/02/08

#### 6. FINANCE COSTS

The distributions take into account income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares, and comprise:

	£'000
Interim distribution	10
	10
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	-
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	-
Net distribution for the period	10
Total Finance Costs	10

The difference between the net income after taxation and the amounts distributed comprises:

Net expense after taxation	(40)
Expenses offset against capital	1
Income deficit taken to capital	49
Finance costs: Distributions	10

#### 7. DEBTORS

9 CREDITORS

	28/02/08 £'000
	£'000
Accrued income	8
	8

#### 8. CASH AND BANK BALANCES

	28/02/08 £'000
Euro	1
Sterling	83
Cash and bank balances	84

	28/02/08 £'000
Accrued expenses	59
Purchases awaiting settlement	3
	62

# 10. SIGNIFICANT AGREEMENTS AND TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

#### Authorised Corporate Director ("ACD")

The ACD of the sub-fund is Premier Portfolio Managers Limited. The ACD is responsible for managing and administering the sub-fund's affairs in compliance with the FSA Regulations. In payment for carrying out its duties and responsibilities the ACD is entitled to take an annual fee out of the sub-fund, calculated on a mid-market basis.

The annual management charge ("AMC") is £20,000 per annum and is payable monthly. Amounts paid to Premier Portfolio Managers Limited in respect of the ACD's periodic charge are disclosed in note 4 on page 47. The balance outstanding at the period end was £5,551.

#### Investment Adviser

The ACD has appointed Castlefield Investment Partners LLP to provide investment management and advisory services to the ACD.

### Depositary

The sub-fund's Depositary is The Royal Bank of Scotland plc. The Depositary is responsible for the safekeeping of all of the scheme property of the sub-fund and has a duty to take reasonable care to ensure that the sub-fund is managed in accordance with the provisions of the FSA Regulations relating to the pricing of and dealing in shares and relating to the income of the sub-fund. Subject to FSA Regulations, the Depositary has full power under the Depositary agreement to delegate (and authorise its delegates to sub-delegate) all or any part of its duties as Depositary received for its own account a periodic fee which accrues daily and is payable monthly. The fee is payable out of the property attributable to the sub-fund. The rate of the periodic fee is as agreed between the ACD and the Depositary from time to time and subject to a current maximum of 0.077% of the value of the relevant sub-fund per annum which may be varied from time to time with the agreement of the ACD and the Depositary.

The total remuneration payable to the Depositary out of the property attributable to each sub-fund for its services also includes transaction charges and custody charges.

Amounts paid to The Royal Bank of Scotland plc in respect of the Depositary's services are disclosed in note 4 on page 47. There was £110 due to the Depositary at the period end.

#### **11. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND COMMITMENTS**

There were no contingent liabilities at the Balance Sheet date (2007: nil).

#### 12. DERIVATIVE AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

In pursuing the sub-funds investment objective, as set out in the investment objective and policy on page 9, the main risks arising from the sub-funds financial instruments are market price, currency, interest rate, liquidity and counterparty risk.

#### Market Price Risk

Market price risk arises mainly from uncertainty about future prices of financial instruments held. It represents the potential loss the sub-fund might suffer through holding market positions in the face of price movements. The Investment Adviser considers the asset allocation of the portfolio in order to minimise the risk associated with particular countries or industry sectors whilst continuing to follow the sub-fund's investment objective.

The Investment Adviser does not use derivative instruments to hedge the investment portfolio against risks as, in their opinion, the cost of such a process would result in an unacceptable reduction in the potential capital growth.

#### Currency Risk

The currency profile of the Sub-fund's financial instruments at the balance sheet date (including short term debtors and creditors) was:

#### Currency exposure as at 28th February 2008

/ I		,		
		Net other		
	Portfolio of	Assets/		Total
	Investments	(Liabilities)	Total	Exposure
Currency	£'000	£'000	£'000	%
Euro	77	-	77	1.85
Sterling	4,053	30	4,083	98.15
Total	4,130	30	4,160	100.00

#### Interest Rate Risk

The majority of the sub-fund's assets comprise equity shares which do not pay interest.

#### Liquidity Risk

The sub-fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities, which can be readily sold. The main liability of the sub-fund is the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell. All the financial liabilities of the sub-fund fall within one year.

#### **Counterparty Risk**

The sub-fund will be exposed to counterparty risk on parties with whom it trades and will bear the risk of settlement default. The sub-fund minimises concentrations of credit risk by undertaking transactions with a large number of counterparties on recognised and reputable exchanges. The sub-fund only buys and sells investments through brokers which have been approved by the Investment Adviser as an acceptable counterparty and from recognised product providers.

#### Fair Value of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

There is no material difference between the carrying values and the fair values of the financial assets and liabilities of the sub-fund disclosed in the Balance Sheet on page 45.

#### **Derivatives**

The sub-fund does not hold any derivatives that could materially impact the value of the sub-fund.

#### 13. SHARE CLASSES

The sub-fund currently has 2 classes of share, General and Instituational. The AMC on each share class is as follows:

General Shares: 1.50% Institutional Shares: 0.75%

The net asset value, the net asset value per share and the number of shares in issue are given in the comparative tables on page 42. The distribution per share class is given in the distribution tables opposite.

14. PORTFOLIO TRANSACTION COSTS
Analysis of total purchase costs:

	28/02/08 £'000
Purchases in year before transaction costs	1,991
Commissions	7
Taxes	4
Total purchase costs	11
Gross purchases total	2,002
Analysis of total sale costs:	
Gross sales before transaction costs	1,311
Commissions	-
Total sale costs	-
Total sales net of transaction costs	1,311

#### **15. DISTRIBUTION TABLES**

For the period from 1st June 2007 to 31st August 2007

### Interim dividend distribution in pence per share

#### **General Income Shares**

			Distribution
	Net		Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/11/07
Group 1	0.8338	-	0.8338
Group 2	0.8335	0.0003	0.8338

#### **General Accumulation Shares**

			Distribution
	Net		Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/11/07
Group 1	0.5064	-	0.5064
Group 2	0.3304	0.1760	0.5064

#### Institutional Income Shares

			Distribution
	Net		Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/11/07
Group 1	0.7465	-	0.7465
Group 2	0.7454	0.0011	0.7465

#### Institutional Accumulation Shares

		Distribution
Net		Paid
Income	Equalisation	27/11/07
1.1130	-	1.1130
1.1130	-	1.1130
	<b>Income</b> 1.1130	Income Equalisation

For the period from 1st September 2007 to 28th February 2008

### Final dividend distribution

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Expenses exceeded income during the period, as a result no distributions are to be paid.

	Comparati	IVE TABLES	
Performance Record			
Calendar Year		High (p)	
General Shares - Incom	0	High (p)	Low (p)
2007 <sup>1</sup>	e	260.69	222.14
2007 <sup>1</sup> 2008 <sup>2</sup>		260.68 240.03	232.14 215.19
2000		2.0.00	210110
General Shares - Accum	nulation		
2007 <sup>3</sup>		259.55	232.14
2008 <sup>2</sup>		240.03	215.19
Institutional Shares - In	come		
20074		260.76	232.35
2008 <sup>2</sup>		240.59	215.79
Institutional Shares - A	ccumulation		
20075		260.76	232.78
2008 <sup>2</sup>		240.91	216.07
Income/Accumulation I	Record		
		Net Income	
Calendar Year		per Share (p)	£1,000 at Launch (£)
General Shares - Incom	e		
2007 <sup>1</sup> 2008 <sup>2</sup>		-	-
2000			
General Shares - Accum	nulation		
2007 <sup>3</sup>		-	-
2008 <sup>2</sup>		-	-
Institutional Shares - In	come		
2007 <sup>4</sup>	come	0.3305	1.31
2007 <sup>2</sup>			-
Institutional Shares - A	ccumulation		
20075		0.2249	0.91
2008 <sup>2</sup>		-	-
Net Asset Values			
		Net Asset	Net Asset
	Shares	Value per Share	Value of Sub-Fund
As at	In Issue	(p)	(f)
General Shares - Incom	е		
28/02/2008	1,071,896	222.72	5,225,123
General Shares - Accum	nulation		
28/02/2008	2,540	222.80	5,225,123
20/02/2000	2,540	222.00	5,225,125
Institutional Shares - In	come		
28/02/2008	1,264,104	223.19	5,225,123
	1.12		
Institutional Shares - A			5 9 9 5 4 9 9
28/02/2008	4,852	223.47	5,225,123
<sup>1</sup> From 4th June 2007 to	31st Decembe	er 2007.	
<sup>2</sup> To 28th February 2008.			
<sup>3</sup> From 17th July 2007 to		er 2007.	
<sup>4</sup> From 19th June 2007 to			
<sup>5</sup> From 13th June 2007 to			

<sup>5</sup> From 13th June 2007 to 31st December 2007.

	TOTAL EXPENSE RATIOS (TERs)	
		28/02/08
General Shares Institutional Shares		3.08% 2.58%

The TERs show the annual operating expenses of the sub-fund including the annual management charge and other expenses. It does not include transaction charges. Funds highlight the TER to help you compare the annual operating expenses to different schemes. The TER for income and accumulation shares is the same.

## PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

## As at 28th February 2008

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Total Value of Sub-Fund %
	BASIC MATERIALS 5.88%		
	Chemicals 5.88%		
230,000 70,000 400,000	Carclo D1 Oils¹ Virotec International¹	196 74 37	3.75 1.42 0.71
		307	5.88
	CONSUMER GOODS 6.68%		
	Automobiles & Parts 1.09%		
300,000	Azure Dynamics <sup>1</sup>	57	1.09
	Household Goods 2.24%	57	1.09
50,000	Omega International <sup>1</sup>	117	2.24
	-	117	2.24
	Leisure Goods 3.35%		
90,000	Hornby	175	3.35
,	5	175	3.35
	CONSUMER SERVICES 5.60%		
	General Retailers 0.00%		
194,000	Homebuy <sup>2</sup>	_	-
134,000	honebay	-	-
	Martin and Estantic mart 4 420/		
35,000	Media and Entertainment 4.13% Bloomsbury Publishing	59	1.13
85,000	Cello <sup>1</sup>	92	1.76
170,000	Pixel Interactive Media <sup>1</sup>	65	1.24
		216	4.13
	Travel & Leisure 1.47%		
50,000	888 Holdings	77	1.47
		77	1.47
	FINANCIALS 24.12%		
	General Finanacial 12.99%		
565,000	ALL IPO <sup>1</sup>	23 153	0.44
65,000 20,000	Charles Stanley Liontrust Asset Management	53	2.93 1.01
65,000	London Capital <sup>1</sup>	235	4.50
60,000 1,000,000	Mattioli Woods1 Parkmead1	172 43	3.29 0.82
		679	12.99
	Non-Life Insurance 6.82%		
100,000	Chaucer	98	1.88
20,000	Lancashire <sup>1</sup>	63	1.21
65,000	Personal <sup>1</sup>	195 <b>356</b>	3.73 6.82
		550	0.02
1 502 622	Real Estate 4.31%	0.05	4.54
1,502,693	First Property <sup>1</sup>	225 225	4.31 4.31
		220	4.31

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Total Value of Sub-Fund %
	INDUSTRIALS 9.48%		
	Aerospace & Defense 8.06%		
50,000	Hampson Industries	80	1.53
50,000	VT Group	341	6.53
		421	8.06
	Construction & Materials 1.42%		
65,000	Low & Bonar	74	1.42
		74	1.42
	GENERAL INDUSTRIALS 18.28%		
	Industrial Engineering 4.69%		
600,000	Imagelinx <sup>1</sup>	3	0.06
29,300	Lincat <sup>1</sup>	161	3.08
105,000 1,900,000	Turbo Power Systems Warrant <sup>1</sup> Turbo Power Systems <sup>1</sup>	- 81	- 1.55
., /		245	4.69
	Industrial Transportation 4 120/		
25,000	Industrial Transportation 4.13% Clarkson	216	4.13
23,000		216	4.13
	Support Services 9.46%	105	2.02
20,000 450,000	BPP Business Direct <sup>1</sup>	106 7	2.03 0.13
1,000,000	Financial Payment Systems <sup>1</sup>	10	0.19
155,000	Tanfield <sup>1</sup>	168	3.22
65,000	VP -	203 <b>494</b>	3.89 9.46
		494	9.40
	OIL & GAS 7.27%		
	Oil & Gas Producers 6.50%		
39,001 100,000	Forum Energy <sup>1</sup> Bowl even <sup>1</sup>	9 331	0.17 6.33
100,000	- BOWLEVEIT	340	6.50
79,900	Oil Equipment, Services & Distribution 0. Sovereign Oilfield <sup>1</sup>	<b>77%</b> 40	0.77
79,900	-	40	0.77
	TECHNOLOGY 18.17%		
50.000	Software & Computer Services 15.01%	70	4.22
50,000 725,000	Alterian GB Group	70 232	1.33 4.44
1,000,000	IDOX <sup>1</sup>	107	2.05
2,500,000	Intelligent Environments <sup>1</sup>	194	3.71
200,000 86,000	The Innovation Group Vebnet <sup>1</sup>	66 116	1.26 2.22
00,000	-	785	15.01
	Technology Herdurges & Environment 2.45	0/	
1,000,000	Technology Hardware & Equipment 3.16	<b>%</b> 165	3.16
1,000,000	-	165	3.16
			5.10

#### As at 28th February 2008 Total Market Value of Sub-Fund Value Holding £'000 Investment % 4,989 Total Value of Investments 95.48 Net Other Assets 236 4.52 **Total Net Assets** 5,225 100.00

PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS - CONTINUED

All investments are ordinary shares unless otherwise stated.

No prior year comparatives as the sub-fund launched on 1st June 2007.

<sup>1</sup> Quoted on the Alternative Investment Market

<sup>2</sup> Unlisted or suspended securities

## STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

For the period from 1st June 2007 to 28th February 2008

		2	8/02/08
	Notes	£'000	£'000
Net gains on investments			
during the period	2		301
Income	3	74	
Expenses	4	(113)	
Finance costs: Interest	6	(1)	
Net expense before taxation		(40)	
Taxation	5		
			(40)
Net expense after taxation		_	(40)
Total return before distributio	ns		261
			201
Finance costs: Distributions	6		(2)
Change in net assets attrib	utable	_	
to shareholders			259
		_	

STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN SHAREHOLDERS' NET ASSETS

For the period from 1st June 2007 to 28th February 2008

## BALANCE SHEET

As at 28th February 2008

ASSETS	Notes	28/02/08 £'000
Portfolio of Investments		4,989
Debtors	7	8
Cash and bank balances	8	295
Total other assets		303
Total assets		5,292
LIABILITIES		
Creditors	9	(67)
Total liabilities		(67)
Net assets attributable to		
shareholders		5,225

The notes on pages 54 to 57 are an integral part of these financial statements. On behalf of Premier Portfolio Managers Limited.

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Neil Macpherson Finance Director (of the ACD) 20th June 2008

Mark Friend Managing Director, Operations (of the ACD)

· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	2	8/02/08
	£'000	£'000
Net assets at the start of the period		-
Movements due to sales and		
repurchases of shares:		
Amounts transferred on 1st June 2007* Amounts receivable on issue	5,127	
of shares	3,261	
Less: Amount payable on		
cancellation of shares	(3,424)	
		4,964
Dilution levy		2
Change in net assets attributable		
to shareholders (see above)	_	259
Net assets at the end of the period	=	5,225
*The amounts transferred on 1st June 2007 represents the a	assets of th	e Premier

\*The amounts transferred on 1st June 2007 represents the assets of the Premier UK Smaller Companies Fund which were transferred to form the Premier Castlefield UK Smaller Companies Fund, through a scheme of arrangement approved by the shareholders.

SUMMARY OF MATERIAL	PORTFOLIO CHANGES		NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year to 28th February 2008			1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES
			Basis of Accounting
Purchases	Cost £'000	Note	The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cos
Chaucer	106		convention, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance
Low & Bonar	91		with the Statement of Recommended Practice for 'Financial Statements o Authorised Funds', issued by the IMA in December 2005, the FSA's Collective
Hampson Industries	74		Investment Schemes sourcebook and the Instrument of Incorporation.
The Innovation Group	73		
Bloomsbury Publishing	66		Income Recognition
Liontrust Asset Management	63		Income from quoted equity and non-equity shares is recognised net of
Alterian	62		attributable tax credits when the security is quoted ex-dividend.
888 Holdings	56		Bank interest, underwriting commission and other income are recognised or
Tanfield	26		an accruals basis.
			Stock Dividends
Total purchases during the year	617	14	The ordinary element of stocks received in lieu of cash dividends is recognised as
			income of the sub-fund. Any enhancement above the cash dividend is treated
Sales	Proceeds £'000		as capital.
BowLeven	166		Special Dividends
International Greetings	165		Special dividends are recognised as either income or capital depending upon
VEGA	140		the nature and circumstances of the dividend.
Tanfield	122		
London Capital	115		Expenses
Lancashire	111		For accounting purposes, all expenses (other than SDRT and those relating to
Lincat	72		the purchase and sale of investments) are charged against income for the period
Mattioli Woods	59		on an accruals basis.
First Property	53		Distributions
Calyx	51		
Forum Energy	49		Amounts distributable are calculated after excluding those expenses relating to the purchase and sale of investments which are borne by capital and expenses
Personal	43		borne by capital as agreed by the ACD and Depositary.
Tatal cales during the year	1.140	1.4	The ACD and Depositary have agreed that 100% of the sub-funds' expenses
Total sales during the year	1,146	14	are to be borne by income.
			Valuations

Please note: the above tables of purchases and sales exclude the investment portfolio transferred into the sub-fund on 1 June 2007 as a result of a scheme of arrangement. The other purchases and the sales shown represent all those with a value of 2% or more of the net asset value of the sub-fund and the end of the year and at a minimum the top 20 purchases and sales during the year. There were only 9 purchases and 12 sales during the year.

#### Valuations

All investments are valued at their fair value at noon on 28th February 2008, being the last business day of the financial period. The fair value of equity and non-equity shares is bid price, excluding any accrued interest.

Unquoted investments are shown at the ACD's valuation

### Taxation

Corporation tax has been provided for at a rate of 20%. Dividend income and taxation are stated net of any associated tax credits. Deferred tax is fully provided for on all timing differences. Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the assets are considered to be recoverable.

#### **Dilution Levy**

In certain circumstances the ACD may charge a dilution levy, in accordance with the FSA Regulations, on all subscripions and redemptions of shares, which is paid into the sub-fund and included in the Statement of Change in Shareholders' Net Assets. The levy is intended to cover certain dealing charges not included in the bid market value of the sub-fund used in calculating the share price, which could have a diluting effect on the performance of the sub-fund.

#### Stamp Duty Reserve Tax (SDRT)

SDRT will be charged to the sub-fund. It is the ACD's view that this will not be material

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re relevant.

### 5. TAXATION

(a) The tax charge comprises:	
	28/02/08 £'000
	1 000
Current tax:	
Corporation tax	-
Total current tax (note 5 (b))	-

#### (b) Factors affecting the tax charge for the year

The tax charged for the year is higher than the special 20% rate of corporation tax applicable to open-ended investment companies (OEICs). The differences are explained below:

	28/02/08 £'000
Net expense after taxation	(40)
	(40)
Return on ordinary activities multiplied by the special rate of corporation tax of 20% (2007: 20%)	(8)
Effects of:	
Franked UK dividends and distributions	
not subject to taxation	(12)
Expenses not utilised in period	20
Current tax charge (note 5 (a))	-

Authorised OEICs are exempt from tax on capital gains made within the sub-funds.

Factors that may affect the future tax charge:

The sub-fund has not recognised a deferred tax asset of  $\pm 19,904$  arising as a result of having unutilised management expenses.

#### 6. FINANCE COSTS

The distributions take into account income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares, and comprise:

	28/02/08 £'000
Interim distribution	4
	4
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	-
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	(2)
Net distribution for the year	2
Interest	1
Total Finance Costs	3

The difference between the net income after taxation and the amounts distributed comprises:

Net expense after taxation	(40)
Income deficit taken to capital	42
Finance costs: Distributions	2

#### 7. DEBTORS

7. DEDITIONS	
	28/02/08
	£'000
	£'000
Accrued income	8
	8
	<u>0</u>
8. CASH AND BANK BALANCES	
	28/02/08
	£'000
Sterling	295
Cash and bank balances	295
9. CREDITORS	
	28/02/08
	£'000
Accrued expenses	48
Amounts payable for cancellation of shares	19
	67

# 10. SIGNIFICANT AGREEMENTS AND TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

#### Authorised Corporate Director ("ACD")

The ACD of the sub-fund is Premier Portfolio Managers Limited. The ACD is responsible for managing and administering the sub-fund's affairs in compliance with the FSA Regulations. In payment for carrying out its duties and responsibilities the ACD is entitled to take an annual fee out of the sub-fund, calculated on a mid-market basis.

The annual management charge ("AMC") is £20,000 per annum and is payable monthly. Amounts paid to Premier Portfolio Managers Limited in respect of the ACD's periodic charge are disclosed in note 4 on page 55. The balance outstanding at the period end was £6,242.

#### **Investment Adviser**

The ACD has appointed Castlefield Investment Partners LLP to provide investment management and advisory services to the ACD.

#### Depositary

The sub-fund's Depositary is The Royal Bank of Scotland plc. The Depositary is responsible for the safekeeping of all of the scheme property of the sub-fund and has a duty to take reasonable care to ensure that the sub-fund is managed in accordance with the provisions of the FSA Regulations relating to the pricing of and dealing in shares and relating to the income of the sub-fund. Subject to FSA Regulations, the Depositary has full power under the Depositary agreement to delegate (and authorise its delegates to sub-delegate) all or any part of its duties as Depositary received for its own account a periodic fee which accrues daily and is payable monthly. The fee is payable out of the property attributable to the sub-fund. The rate of the periodic fee is as agreed between the ACD and the Depositary from time to time and subject to a current maximum of 0.077% of the value of the relevant sub-fund per annum which may be varied from time to time with the agreement of the ACD and the Depositary.

The total remuneration payable to the Depositary out of the property attributable to each sub-fund for its services also includes transaction charges and custody charges.

Amounts paid to The Royal Bank of Scotland plc in respect of the Depositary's services are disclosed in note 4 on page 55. There was £140 due to the Depositary at the period end.

#### 11. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND COMMITMENTS

There were no contingent liabilities at the Balance Sheet date (2007: nil).

#### 12. DERIVATIVE AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

In pursuing the sub-funds investment objective, as set out in the investment objective and policy on page 10, the main risks arising from the sub-funds financial instruments are market price, currency, interest rate, liquidity and counterparty risk.

#### Market Price Risk

Market price risk arises mainly from uncertainty about future prices of financial instruments held. It represents the potential loss the sub-fund might suffer through holding market positions in the face of price movements. The Investment Adviser considers the asset allocation of the portfolio in order to minimise the risk associated with particular countries or industry sectors whilst continuing to follow the sub-fund's investment objective.

The Investment Adviser does not use derivative instruments to hedge the investment portfolio against risks as, in their opinion, the cost of such a process would result in an unacceptable reduction in the potential capital growth.

### Currency Risk

There was no direct foreign currency exposure within the sub-fund at the Balance Sheet date.

#### Interest Rate Risk

The majority of the sub-fund's assets comprise equity shares which do not pay interest.

The only interest-bearing financial asset of the sub-fund is bank balances, on which interest is calculated at a variable rate by reference to sterling bank deposit rates or the international equivalent.

#### Liquidity Risk

The sub-fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities, which can be readily sold. The main liability of the sub-fund is the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell. All the financial liabilities of the sub-fund fall within one year.

#### **Counterparty Risk**

The sub-fund will be exposed to counterparty risk on parties with whom it trades and will bear the risk of settlement default. The sub-fund minimises concentrations of credit risk by undertaking transactions with a large number of counterparties on recognised and reputable exchanges. The sub-fund only buys and sells investments through brokers which have been approved by the Investment Adviser as an acceptable counterparty and from recognised product providers.

#### Fair Value of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

There is no material difference between the carrying values and the fair values of the financial assets and liabilities of the sub-fund disclosed in the Balance Sheet on page 53.

## Derivatives 5 1 2

The sub-fund does not hold any derivatives that could materially impact the value of the sub-fund.

#### 13. SHARE CLASSES

The sub-fund currently has 2 classes of share, General and Institutional. The AMC on each share class is as follows:

General Shares: 1.50% Institutional Shares: 0.75%

The net asset value, the net asset value per share and the number of shares in issue are given in the comparative tables on page 50. The distribution per share class is given in the distribution tables on page 57.

## 14. PORTFOLIO TRANSACTION COSTS Analysis of total purchase costs: 28/02/08 £'000 Purchases in year before transaction costs 613 Commissions 2 Taxes 2 4 Total purchase costs 617 Gross purchases total Analysis of total sale costs: Gross sales before transaction costs 1,149 Commissions (3) Total sale costs (3) Total sales net of transaction costs 1,146 **15. DISTRIBUTION TABLES**

For the period from 1st June 2007 to 31st August 2007

#### Interim dividend distribution

Expenses exceeded income during the period, for the General Income and General Accumulation share classes, as a result no distributions were paid.

#### Institutional Income Shares

			Distribution
	Net		Paid
	Income	Equalisation	27/11/07
Group 1	0.3305	-	0.3305
Group 2	0.2429	0.0876	0.3305

#### Institutional Accumulation Shares

		Distribution
Net		Paid
Income	Equalisation	27/11/07
0.2249	-	0.2249
0.1122	0.1127	0.2249
	<b>Income</b> 0.2249	Income Equalisation 0.2249 -

For the period from 1st September 2007 to 28th February 2008

### Final dividend distribution

Expenses exceeded income during the period, as a result no distributions are to be paid.

# Administration Queries

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