

# **The Scottish Investment Trust PLC**

**Interim Report  
For the six months to  
30 April 2008**

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## Principal risks and uncertainties


The principal risks and uncertainties facing the business are as follows: investment and market price risk, interest rate risk, liquidity risk and foreign currency risk.

## Responsibility statement

The board of directors confirms that to the best of its knowledge:

- the condensed set of financial statements, which has been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, gives a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and net return of the company;
- the interim report includes a fair review of: important events that have occurred during the first six months of the financial year and their impact on the financial statements; and a description of the principal risks and uncertainties for the remaining six months of the financial year; and
- no transactions with related parties took place during the first six months of the financial year.

For and on behalf of the board



**Douglas McDougall**

Chairman

30 May 2008

# Financial Summary

## Summary of Results (unaudited) for the six months to 30 April 2008

		30 April 2008	31 October 2007	change
<b>CAPITAL</b>				
	NAV with borrowings at par	537.3p	597.6p	-10.1%
	NAV with borrowings at market value	540.3p	593.9p	-9.0%
	Stock price per ordinary unit	494.0p	529.0p	-6.6%
	Discount to NAV with borrowings at market value	8.6%	9.9%*	
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	FTSE All-World Index™			-5.8%
	UK FTSE All-Share Index™			-10.3%
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		£'000	£'000	
	Total assets less current liabilities	816,184	910,574	-10.4%
	Borrowings at par	(107,432)	(107,372)	
	Pension liability	(849)	(849)	
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	Equity stockholders' funds	707,903	802,353	-11.8%
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		Six months to		
		30 April 2008	30 April 2007	
		£'000	£'000	
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		12,423	11,465	+8.4%
	Total income			
	Earnings per ordinary unit	6.48p	5.30p	
	Interim dividend per ordinary unit	4.45p	4.30p	+3.5%
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	UK Retail Prices Index			+4.2%

\* Discount at 31 October 2007 is based on NAV after deducting dividends proposed but not paid.  
NAV is net asset value per ordinary unit with borrowings at par or market, as stated.

## Distribution of Total Assets less Current Liabilities

By Sector	30 April		31 October		By Region	30 April		31 October	
	2008	2007	2008	2007		2008	2007	2008	2007
	%	%				%	%		
Oil & Gas	16.8	11.5	UK		28.9	32.1			
Basic Materials	7.7	4.0	Europe (ex UK)		16.7	17.7			
Industrials	14.9	13.4	North America		27.1	22.7			
Consumer Goods	9.1	11.7	Latin America		7.7	1.0			
Health Care	6.5	4.8	Japan		3.1	3.1			
Consumer Services	8.3	9.4	Asia Pacific (ex Japan)		10.9	14.3			
Telecommunications	8.9	8.4	Middle East & Africa		1.7	0.8			
Utilities	3.7	2.2	Net current assets		3.9	8.3			
Financials	16.9	20.7							
Technology	3.3	5.6							
Net current assets	3.9	8.3							
	100.0	100.0				100.0	100.0		

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# The Company

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## Company Data as at 30 April 2008

TOTAL ASSETS	STOCKHOLDERS' FUNDS (with borrowings at par)	MARKET CAPITALISATION
£816,184,000	£707,903,000	£650,905,000

## Objectives of The Scottish Investment Trust PLC (SIT)

To provide investors, over the longer term, with above average returns through a diversified portfolio of international equities and to achieve dividend growth ahead of UK inflation.

## Investment Risk

The SIT investment portfolio is diversified over a range of industries and regions in order to spread risk. SIT has a long-term policy of borrowing money to invest in equities in the expectation that this will improve returns. However, should stockmarkets fall, such borrowings would magnify any losses.

## Performance Comparators

The company does not have a formal benchmark. Performance is reviewed in the context of returns achieved by a broad basket of UK equities through the FTSE All-Share Index<sup>TM</sup> and of international equities through the FTSE All-World Index<sup>TM</sup>. The portfolio is not modelled on any index.

## Management

The company is managed by its own employees led by the manager who is responsible to the directors for all aspects of the day to day management of the company.

## Capital Structure

At 30 April 2008 the company had in issue 131,762,115 ordinary stock units and long-term borrowings at par amounted to £107,432,000 with an average annual interest cost of 5.9%.

## Management Expenses

The total expenses of managing the company's business during the last financial year were £4,709,000 equivalent to 0.61% of average stockholders' funds. The company aims to keep this percentage low in comparison with competing investment products.

## ISA and SIPP

The ordinary units are fully eligible for both ISAs and SIPPs. Details of all of the savings schemes offered by SIT Savings Ltd are shown on page 8.

## The Association of Investment Companies (AIC)

The company is a member of The AIC, the trade organisation for the closed-ended investment company industry.

## Chairman's Review

In the six months to 30 April 2008, the net asset value per ordinary stock unit (NAV) fell by 9.1% (with borrowings at par) having deducted dividends proposed but not yet paid from the NAV at the company's year end, 31 October 2007. Over the period, the company's stock price fell by 6.6%, reflecting the decrease in NAV and a narrowing of the discount to 8.6% (with borrowings at market value). The company's principal comparator indices – the FTSE All-World Index™ and the UK FTSE All-Share Index™ – both fell, by 5.8% and 10.3% respectively. Under current accounting standards, the final and special dividends for the previous financial year are deducted from the NAV when the dividends are approved, in this case January 2008. This has had the impact of penalising the NAV performance at the 2008 interim stage by a further 1.0 percentage point to the -10.1% shown in the summary of results.

Since the introduction of the current investment approach in 2004, the NAV with borrowings at par has performed strongly and since 31 January 2004 has risen by 55.4% compared with the 40.6% capital return from the All-World Index and 41.7% from the UK All-Share Index.

After another period of double-digit gains in the year to October 2007, the impact of the unfolding credit crisis was felt in this financial year. Global stockmarkets initially fell in November and by a further 8% in January on signs of continued deterioration in the US housing market and fears over the subsequent impact on the US economy. Economic fears were compounded by the persistently high oil price which exceeded \$90 by the end of January. Between the end of October and mid-March, global equities had retreated by 15% as US investment bank Bear Stearns fell victim to the credit crisis enveloping the US banking industry. Its merger with JPMorgan Chase, orchestrated by the Federal Reserve (Fed), was followed by an equity market rally of over 15% lasting into mid-May. Economic fears were also assuaged by the aggressive interest rate action of the Fed which cut rates by 2.5 percentage points over the period to stand at just 2.0%. Rates were also cut in the UK, by 0.75%, and there was concerted central bank activity to provide extraordinary amounts of liquidity to the financial system.

Regional sterling equity market returns were heavily affected by currency movements as sterling weakened materially against both the Euro and the Japanese Yen. All regional returns were negative in local currency terms but in sterling terms, the strongest returns came from Latin America (+7.7%) with the weak local returns of Europe (ex UK) and Japan both transformed by the currency move to leave them down by only 4.0% and 2.4% respectively. Industry sector returns were skewed towards Oil & Gas (+7.3%) and Basic Materials (+4.2%) which were the only ones to generate gains. The other major sector groups were in a fairly narrow range of between 0% and -12% with Financials and Technology returns at the lower end of that range.

The global equity portfolio depreciated in value by £71.2m over the six months. Net additions to the portfolio amounted to £19.8m primarily due to the employment of an additional £36m of gearing mainly in late-January 2008 to take advantage of weak

stockmarkets. The net investments over the period and stock buybacks of £12.6m were financed from net current assets. Consequently, effective gearing rose from 105% to 111%.

During the period, we added £51.8m to Latin American holdings across a number of sectors including Oil & Gas and added a further £15.8m to North American holdings, bolstering further the exposure to oil producers and service companies. These additions were financed from net current assets and by reductions to UK and Europe (ex UK) as well as profit-taking in Asia Pacific after a prolonged period of strong returns. Our presence in the Middle East & Africa region was increased by £7.0m as a holding in regional telecoms group MTN (South Africa) was taken. Viewed in sector terms, we added £17.5m to Oil & Gas and £23.0m to Basic Materials with additions to Mining sector holdings and US seed specialist Monsanto. Reductions were made to Financials (-£23.3m) and Technology (-£12.9m).

The largest gains were made in Oil & Gas which appreciated by £15.0m with good contributions from a number of holdings and BG (UK) in particular. We also did well in Basic Materials, with strong returns from Monsanto (US) and Rio Tinto (UK), as well as a number of pharmaceutical and healthcare stocks including CSL (Australia), Gilead Sciences (US) and Fresenius Medical Care (Germany). However, despite selling over £74.3m of Financials in the last financial year, our progress over this period was hindered by losses in bank holdings and also in a number of medium sized holdings exposed to personal consumption and UK residential property.

The number of listed portfolio holdings was reduced from 98 to 85 over the period.

Earnings per ordinary stock unit increased in comparison to the 2007 interim period by 22.3% from 5.30p to 6.48p owing to strong dividend growth and the effect of our stock buybacks over the last 12 months.

At the AGM in January, stockholders voted to renew the company's authority to repurchase its own stock for cancellation. These powers are used in the stock buyback scheme which is intended to maintain the company's stock price discount to NAV at 9% or lower (with borrowings taken at market value). Over the first half of the year, the company repurchased for cancellation 2.5m stock units (utilising 0.6% of the current 14.99% authority) at an average discount of 9.6% and a cost of £12.6m inclusive of dealing expenses. The average daily discount over the first half of the year was 8.7%.

The board has declared an interim dividend of 4.45p, an increase of 3.5% on 2007, which will be payable on 18 July 2008.

For and on behalf of the board



**Douglas McDougall**  
Chairman

30 May 2008

## Changes in Asset Distribution

Six months to 30 April 2008

	Opening Valuation £m	Net Purchases (Sales) £m	Appreciation (Depreciation) £m	Closing Valuation £m
Oil & Gas	104.7	17.5	15.0	137.2
Basic Materials	36.9	23.0	3.0	62.9
Industrials	121.9	7.4	(7.3)	122.0
Consumer Goods	106.9	(20.1)	(12.6)	74.2
Health Care	44.1	5.3	3.2	52.6
Consumer Services	85.7	3.3	(21.4)	67.6
Telecommunications	76.6	8.1	(11.9)	72.8
Utilities	19.7	11.5	(1.3)	29.9
Financials	188.3	(23.3)	(27.4)	137.6 <sup>1</sup>
Technology	50.6	(12.9)	(10.5)	27.2
Total equities	835.4	19.8	(71.2)	784.0
Net current assets	75.2	(43.5)	0.4	32.1
Total assets	910.6	(23.7)	(70.8)	816.1
Borrowings	(107.4)	0.0	0.0	(107.4)
Pension liability	(0.8)	0.0	0.0	(0.8)
Equity stockholders' funds	802.4	(23.7) <sup>2</sup>	(70.8)	707.9

<sup>1</sup> Includes £14.0m of investments which are unlisted.

<sup>2</sup> Stock buybacks, interest and expenses apportioned to capital and payment of final and special dividends for year to 31 October 2007.

## Performance Attribution Analysis

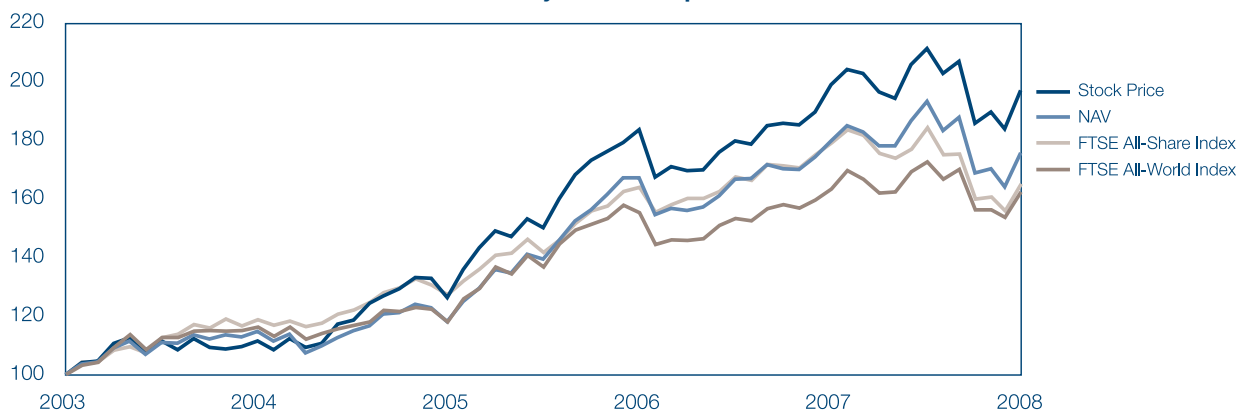
Six months to 30 April 2008

	%
Decrease in NAV with borrowings at par*	-9.1
Decrease in FTSE All-World Index	-5.8
Relative performance	-3.5
Sector allocation	+0.3
Stock selection	-3.5
Total equities	-3.2
Gearing	-0.2
Buybacks	+0.2
Interest and expenses charged to capital	-0.3
Relative performance	-3.5

\*The decrease in NAV is calculated from an opening NAV at the company's year end, 31 October 2007, having deducted dividends proposed but not yet paid, at that time. This has the effect of reducing the decrease in NAV by 1 percentage point from the -10.1% shown in the financial summary and summary balance sheet.

## Performance

NAV\* and Stock Price against Comparator Indices  
5 years to 30 April 2008



\* NAV with borrowings at par.

# List of Investments

## Listed Holdings

Holding	Country	Market value £'000	Cumulative weight %
China Mobile	Hong Kong	28,779	
Suncor Energy	Canada	21,107	
Monsanto	US	20,150	
EnCana	Canada	19,810	
Petrobras	Brazil	19,722	
BG Group	UK	19,217	
Gilead Sciences	US	18,462	
Rio Tinto	UK	17,805	
Pride International	US	17,283	
Fresenius Medical Care	Germany	16,672	25.4
DBS	Singapore	16,625	
FLIR Systems	US	16,491	
América Móvil	Mexico	16,028	
E.On	Germany	15,484	
Telefónica	Spain	15,064	
Walmex	Mexico	15,018	
HSBC Holdings	UK	14,889	
BNP Paribas	France	14,847	
Serco	UK	14,619	
United Utilities	UK	14,412	45.0
Nintendo	Japan	14,324	
National Oilwell Varco	US	14,023	
De La Rue	UK	13,870	
UniCredit	Italy	13,672	
Lloyds TSB	UK	13,113	
Barclays	UK	12,978	
Li & Fung	Hong Kong	10,846	
HgCapital Trust	UK	10,440	
Diamond Offshore Drilling	US	9,758	
Lonmin	UK	9,229	60.5
FMC Technologies	US	8,988	
Royal Bank of Scotland	UK	8,880	
Adobe Systems	US	8,668	
Enodis	UK	8,399	
Persimmon	UK	8,282	
CSL	Australia	8,000	
MTN	South Africa	7,748	
McGraw-Hill	US	7,748	
BHP Billiton	UK	7,598	
Norfolk Southern	US	7,485	71.0
Esprit Holdings	Hong Kong	7,345	
Noble	US	7,337	
Informa	UK	7,112	
Outotec	Finland	6,982	
InBev	Belgium	6,795	
Continental	Germany	6,771	
Vossloh	Germany	6,385	
Keppel	Singapore	6,232	
Murray & Roberts	South Africa	6,206	
East Japan Railway	Japan	6,098	79.6

## Listed Holdings

Holding	Country	Market value £'000	Cumulative weight %
Fiat	Italy	6,021	
Nokia	Finland	5,960	
Hologic	US	5,944	
Imperial Tobacco	UK	5,792	
Meggitt	UK	5,647	
Nine Dragons Paper	Hong Kong	5,492	
Spectris	UK	5,474	
Oshkosh Truck	US	5,471	
Vinci	France	5,330	
Desarrolladora Homex	Mexico	5,231	86.7
Hartford Financial	US	5,082	
Apple	US	4,984	
Rofin-Sinar Technologies	Germany	4,913	
Gafisa	Brazil	4,669	
Google	US	4,583	
Komatsu	Japan	4,529	
Tesco	UK	4,347	
Impax Environmental Services	UK	4,064	
Siemens	Germany	3,956	
United Business Media	UK	3,948	92.5
Colruyt	Belgium	3,913	
Thomas Cook	UK	3,619	
Roche	Switzerland	3,565	
Amazon.com	US	3,324	
Hengan	Hong Kong	3,309	
Vodafone	UK	3,164	
Cisco Systems	US	3,032	
Marks & Spencer	UK	2,894	
HBOS	UK	2,703	
Blackrock World Mining Trust	UK	2,676	96.6
Lojas Renner	Brazil	2,260	
Toll Brothers	US	2,114	
Invista Foundation Property	UK	2,085	
Standard Life Inv. Property	UK	2,069	
Invista European Real Estate	UK	2,065	
Bharti Airtel	India	2,015	
Others (under £1m) (1)		66	
<b>Total listed equities</b>		<b>770,106</b>	<b>98.2</b>
<b>Unlisted Holdings</b>			
<b>Holding</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>£'000</b>	
Boston Ventures VI	US	4,292	
Apax Europe V-B	UK	2,891	
Boston Ventures V	US	2,261	
Heritable Property & Loans	UK	1,332	
1818 Fund III	US	787	
Sprout Capital VII	US	774	
Cahill Warnock Strategic Partners	US	617	
Sprout Capital VIII	US	559	
Others (under £0.5m) (7)		462	
<b>Total unlisted equities</b>		<b>13,975</b>	<b>1.8</b>
<b>Total equities</b>		<b>784,081</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## Income Statement (unaudited)

	Six months to 30 April 2008			Six months to 30 April 2007			Year to 31 October 2007		
	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000
Net (losses)/gains on investments and currencies	–	(70,677)	(70,677)	–	65,613	65,613	–	118,591	118,591
Income	12,423	–	12,423	11,465	–	11,465	23,704	–	23,704
Expenses	(1,520)	(1,056)	(2,576)	(1,446)	(1,005)	(2,451)	(2,779)	(1,930)	(4,709)
<b>Net Return before Finance Costs and Taxation</b>	<b>10,903</b>	<b>(71,733)</b>	<b>(60,830)</b>	<b>10,019</b>	<b>64,608</b>	<b>74,627</b>	<b>20,925</b>	<b>116,661</b>	<b>137,586</b>
Interest payable	(1,599)	(1,599)	(3,198)	(1,593)	(1,593)	(3,186)	(3,213)	(3,213)	(6,426)
<b>Return on Ordinary Activities before Tax</b>	<b>9,304</b>	<b>(73,332)</b>	<b>(64,028)</b>	<b>8,426</b>	<b>63,015</b>	<b>71,441</b>	<b>17,712</b>	<b>113,448</b>	<b>131,160</b>
Tax on ordinary activities	(691)	461	(230)	(893)	517	(376)	(2,346)	1,501	(845)
<b>Return attributable to Equity Stockholders</b>	<b>8,613</b>	<b>(72,871)</b>	<b>(64,258)</b>	<b>7,533</b>	<b>63,532</b>	<b>71,065</b>	<b>15,366</b>	<b>114,949</b>	<b>130,315</b>
<b>Return per Ordinary Stock Unit</b>	<b>6.48p</b>	<b>(54.85p)</b>	<b>(48.37p)</b>	<b>5.30p</b>	<b>44.65p</b>	<b>49.95p</b>	<b>11.02p</b>	<b>82.43p</b>	<b>93.45p</b>
<b>Weighted average number of Ordinary Stock Units in issue</b>		132,859,963			142,281,248			139,446,127	
	<b>£'000</b>			<b>£'000</b>			<b>£'000</b>		
Dividends paid and proposed	5,863			5,974			15,104		
Income comprises:									
Dividends	10,944			9,110			18,670		
Interest	1,529			2,258			4,951		
Other income	(50)			97			83		
	12,423			11,465			23,704		

## Summary Balance Sheet (unaudited)

	30 April 2008 £'000	31 October 2007 £'000	30 April 2007 £'000
Equity investments	784,081	835,357	783,232
Net current assets	32,103	75,217	95,440
Total assets less current liabilities	816,184	910,574	878,672
Long-term borrowings at par	(107,432)	(107,372)	(107,311)
Pension liability	(849)	(849)	(1,795)
Equity stockholders' funds	707,903	802,353	769,566
Net asset value per ordinary stock unit with borrowings at par	537.3p	597.6p	549.8p



## Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses (unaudited)

	Six months to 30 April 2008 £'000	Six months to 30 April 2007 £'000	Year to 31 October 2007 £'000
Total recognised (losses)/gains	(72,871)	63,532	131,358*
Total recognised (losses)/gains per ordinary stock unit	(54.85p)	44.65p	94.20p

\* Includes actuarial gain of £1,043,000

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

	Six months to 30 April 2008 £'000	Six months to 30 April 2007 £'000	Year to 31 October 2007 £'000
Opening equity stockholders' funds	802,353	730,594	730,594
Total recognised (losses)/gains	(72,871)	63,532	131,358
Ordinary stock repurchases	(12,553)	(15,170)	(44,234)
Dividends on ordinary stock	(9,026)	(9,390)	(15,365)
	707,903	769,566	802,353

## Cash Flow Statement (unaudited)

	Six months to 30 April 2008 £'000	Six months to 30 April 2007 £'000	Year to 31 October 2007 £'000
Net cash inflow from operating activities	5,910	5,768	17,986
Servicing of finance	(3,155)	(3,153)	(6,305)
Taxation recovered	95	101	170
Purchases of investments	(377,068)	(149,943)	(387,957)
Sales of investments	360,658	168,673	419,530
Equity dividends paid	(9,026)	(9,390)	(15,365)
Decrease in short-term deposits	49,000	3,500	18,000
Stock buybacks	(12,928)	(14,981)	(44,365)
Increase in cash	13,486	575	1,694

### Notes:

The interim accounts have been prepared under accounting policies consistent with those used in the preparation of the annual report and accounts for the year to 31 October 2007.

The figures for 31 October 2007 have been extracted from the annual report and accounts for the year ended on that date which have been filed with the Registrar of Companies and which contain an unqualified report from the auditors.

Based on the number of ordinary stock units in issue at 30 April 2008, the interim dividend would absorb £5,863,000 (2007 – £5,974,000) and is payable on 18 July 2008 to stockholders registered at 13 June 2008. The ordinary stock will be traded 'ex' the interim dividend from 11 June 2008 and investors purchasing on or after that date will not be entitled to the interim dividend for 2007/8.

Equity stockholders' funds at 30 April 2008/2007 exclude all revenue items for the current financial year.

Equity investments include the unlisted portfolio of £24.5m. Of this, £10.5m is in listed funds which invest in unlisted securities.

The weighted average number of ordinary stock units in issue during the half-year was 132,859,963 (2007 – 142,281,248) and this figure has been used to calculate the return per ordinary stock unit shown in the income statement. The net asset value per ordinary stock unit at 30 April 2008 has been calculated using the number of ordinary stock units in issue on that date which was 131,762,115 (31 October 2007 – 134,267,515).

# Investor Information

The company's wholly-owned subsidiary, SIT Savings Ltd, promotes awareness of the investment schemes available. A priority is to offer low-cost, simple, transparent investment products with the flexibility and accessibility to fulfil investor requirements.

## How to invest

You can buy SIT stock using the simple, low-cost investment products outlined below. SIT stock can also be bought directly on the stockmarket through a stockbroker or a bank, lawyer, accountant or other professional adviser.

## THE SIT SIPP

Allows investment into SIT through a cost-effective, flexible self-invested personal pension. The wide choice of investments available, including SIT, enables you to tailor the investment combination in the SIPP to suit your particular needs and objectives whether you are just starting to contribute to your pension or are approaching retirement. You can open a SIT SIPP even if you are already an active member of an employer's pension scheme or are contributing to other pension plans.

## STOCKPLAN

SIT's investment trust savings scheme is one of the lowest charging available. Extremely flexible, it allows you to invest regularly (minimum investment £25 per month) and/or with a lump sum (minimum investment £250). There is no maximum investment limit and you can stop and start at any time.

## STOCKPLAN: A Flying Start

SIT's Investing for Children plan. Based on the STOCKPLAN scheme, it benefits from the same low charges and flexibility and can be opened in one of two ways, either as a designated plan or, more formally, as a bare trust. STOCKPLAN: A Flying Start enables family and friends to invest on behalf of a child to help build savings for the future.

## The SIT ISA

One of the most competitively priced stocks and shares ISAs on offer. There is no initial plan charge, other than stamp duty, nor are there closure or withdrawal charges. The annual management fee of 0.6% of the value of the investment is capped at £30+VAT regardless of how much your ISA investment grows or how many years' ISA allowances you invest with SIT.

## Changes to PEP and ISA investing from 6 April 2008.

A number of changes have been made to PEPs and ISAs by the Government which were implemented on 6 April 2008.

- PEPs have been re-designated as stocks and shares ISAs

- The overall ISA annual investment limit has increased to £7,200 (up to £3,600 in a cash ISA and the balance, or full amount, in a stocks and shares ISA)
- The distinction between Mini and Maxi ISAs has been abolished, with accounts re-designated simply as cash ISAs or stocks and shares ISAs
- Transfers from cash ISAs into stocks and shares ISAs are permitted and do not count against the current year's subscription

Investment in ISAs continues to be free from any capital gains tax. Higher rate tax payers do not have to pay any additional tax on the dividend, nor does it need to be included in a tax return.

## Contract Notes

As a result of new legislation which came into force on 1 November 2007, known as the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (MiFID), it is no longer possible to suppress contract notes. Investors in SIT schemes will receive contract notes for every transaction on their account.

## SIT Schemes' Contact/Helpline Number

There is one telephone number for the administration of the SIT STOCKPLAN and ISA schemes. This is the number for our scheme Administrator, Halifax Share Dealing Ltd (HSDL), and it should be used by holders of our STOCKPLAN, STOCKPLAN: A Flying Start and ISA schemes for:

- account queries,
- requests for valuations,
- information about your scheme,
- instructing a sale,
- making an investment using a debit card,
- giving change of address details,
- help with accessing STOCKPLAN and ISA information on line.

The number is: **0845 850 0181**.

## Accessing Your Account Online

### ISA, STOCKPLAN and STOCKPLAN: A Flying Start designated scheme investors

The above scheme investors may view their accounts online by registering with halifax-online. This can be accessed through the links in the various product sections in the private investor part of our website **[www.sit.co.uk](http://www.sit.co.uk)** or by visiting **[www.halifax.co.uk/online](http://www.halifax.co.uk/online)** Please note you will need your Share Dealing Personal Reference Number (PRN) to access this service. If you do not have this, please contact SIT's scheme administrator, Halifax Share Dealing, on 0845 850 0181.

### SIPP investors

SIPP investors can set up monthly payments, buy and sell stock and access their account online, by visiting **[www.halifax.co.uk/online](http://www.halifax.co.uk/online)**

## Investor Information

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### Name on register stockholders

Investors who hold ordinary stock in their own name on SIT's stock register can check their holdings on our Registrar's website [www-uk.computershare.com](http://www-uk.computershare.com) or through the link in the stockholder information section on SIT's website, [www.sit.co.uk](http://www.sit.co.uk). Please note that to access this facility investors will need to quote the reference number shown on their stock certificate.

Alternatively, by registering for the Investors' Centre facility on Computershare's website, investors can view details of all their holdings for which Computershare is Registrar, as well as access additional facilities and documentation.

Please see [www-uk.computershare.com/investor](http://www-uk.computershare.com/investor) for further information.

### Electronic Communications

If you are a name on register stockholder (i.e. not in the SIPP, STOCKPLAN or ISA schemes, nor in a broker's nominee) you may choose to receive our interim and annual reports and other stockholder communications electronically instead of in paper form. All you need to do to register is to visit the link in the stockholder information section on our website at

[www.sit.co.uk](http://www.sit.co.uk) and provide your email details. You will then be advised by email when an electronic communication is available to be accessed.

### Risk warning

The capital value of stock units and the income from them can go down as well as up as a result of market and currency fluctuations and cannot be guaranteed. That means you may not get back the amount you originally invested. Past performance may not be repeated and is no indicator of future performance. The Scottish Investment Trust PLC has a long-term policy of borrowing money to invest in equities in the expectation that this will improve returns for stockholders. However, if markets fall, these borrowings will magnify any losses. Investment in SIT is intended as a long-term investment. Taxation levels, bases and reliefs are subject to change and may depend on individual circumstances.

Please remember that we are unable to offer individual investment or taxation advice. If you require such advice, you should consult your professional adviser. SIT Savings Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority (FSA), 25 The North Colonnade, Canary Wharf, London E14 5HS.

## Useful Addresses

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For further information and brochures on any SIT products please visit our website: [www.sit.co.uk](http://www.sit.co.uk) or contact:

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### The Association of Investment Companies

SIT is a member of The Association of Investment Companies (AIC) which publishes a number of useful free booklets and explanatory leaflets for investors interested in investment trusts. Their address is:

The AIC  
9th Floor  
24 Chiswell Street  
London  
EC1Y 4YY  
Telephone 020 7282 5555  
website [www.theaic.co.uk](http://www.theaic.co.uk)

For valuations and other details of your investment or to notify a change of address please contact the following:

### Registrar

Computershare Investor Services PLC  
PO Box 82  
The Pavilions  
Bridgwater Road  
BRISTOL  
BS99 7NH

Helpline: 0870 703 0195  
Website: [www-uk.computershare.com](http://www-uk.computershare.com)

### STOCKPLAN, STOCKPLAN: A Flying Start and The SIT ISA Administrator

Halifax Share Dealing Limited  
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Halifax  
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Website: [www.halifax-online.co.uk](http://www.halifax-online.co.uk)

### The SIT SIPP Administrator

If you have specific questions about the administration of your SIT SIPP or any other pension related enquiries, contact the SIPP Administrator, A J Bell Management Limited:

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