Annual Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2016





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### Financial Highlights

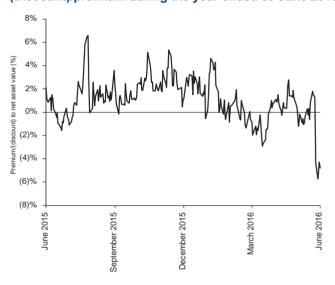
### Returns for the year ended 30 June 2016

Total returns	Year ended 30 June 2016	Year ended 30 June 2015
Net asset value per share Share price MSCI All Country World Index	16.0% 8.1% 13.3%	17.2% 21.7% 9.5%
Revenue and dividends  Revenue earnings per share  Dividends per share*  Ongoing charges	5.78p 4.50p 0.7%	4.13p 4.00p 0.8%
Capital	As at 30 June 2016	As at 30 June 2015
Net asset value per share Share price Gearing	369.70p 352.00p 0.9%	322.87p 329.75p 0.0%

### Performance for the year ended 30 June 2016

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### (Discount)/premium during the year ended 30 June 2016



Source: Datastream/Morningstar.

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Total returns to 30 June 2016	Since 1 May 2014**	3 years	5 years
Net asset value per share	38.8%	51.8%	57.1%
Share price	33.8%	42.6%	48.1%
MSCI All Country World Index	27.4%	35.3%	56.1%

Source: Artemis/Datastream.

- \* The final dividend for the year to 30 June 2016 of 2.85 pence will, if approved by shareholders, be paid on 11 November 2016 to shareholders on the register at the close of business on 7 October 2016. The Company's Registrar provides a Dividend Reinvestment Plan (see page 52) and the final date for receipt of elections for this dividend is 21 October 2016.
- \*\* The date when Artemis was appointed as Investment Manager.

### Ten year summary

At 30 June	Total assets (£'000)¹	Borrowings (£'000)	Shareholders' funds (£'000)	Net asset value per share (at fair value) (p)	Share price (p)	Premium/ (discount) (%)	Dividends per share (p) <sup>2</sup>	Ongoing charges (%)	Gearing (%)³
2007	52,590	(2,422)	50,168	199.78	168.50	(15.7)	2.40	0.8	4.5
2008	51,411	(1,422)	49,989	198.88	164.80	(17.1)	2.80	0.8	_
2009	40,953	(1,888)	39,065	155.30	134.50	(13.4)	3.00	0.8	4.5
2010	55,409	(5,347)	50,062	201.64	187.00	(7.3)	3.10	0.9	9.9
2011	71,795	(5,506)	66,289	251.44	254.00	1.0	3.30	0.8	6.3
2012	66,763	(4,927)	61,836	229.80	230.75	0.4	3.30	0.9	6.0
2013	71,858	(5,071)	66,787	253.10	256.63	1.4	3.40	0.9	5.8
2014	67,744	(4,902)	62,842	279.17	274.50	(1.7)	3.80	0.8	5.8
2015	85,463	(4,622)	80,841	322.87	329.75	2.1	4.00	0.8	-
2016	113,064	(5,438)	107,626	369.70	352.00	(4.8)	4.50	0.7	0.9

Total assets comprise total net assets before deduction of bank loans.

Source: Artemis.

### **Cumulative performance (from 30 June 2006)**

At 30 June	Dividend growth	Retail Prices Index¹	Net asset value per share (at fair value) total return²	Share price total return²	MSCI All Country World Index total return <sup>2</sup>
2007	14.3%	4.0%	12.8%	13.5%	15.5%
2008	33.3%	8.4%	14.7%	12.7%	5.7%
2009	42.9%	6.3%	(8.7)%	(6.0)%	(9.8)%
2010	47.6%	11.0%	20.4%	33.3%	11.0%
2011	57.1%	15.8%	52.2%	83.7%	34.7%
2012	57.1%	18.3%	41.1%	69.2%	28.9%
2013	61.9%	21.5%	57.6%	90.8%	55.3%
2014	81.0%	23.9%	76.1%	106.8%	69.4%
2015	90.5%	24.4%	106.4%	151.7%	85.5%
2016	114.3%	25.6%	139.3%	172.1%	110.1%

<sup>1</sup> Source: Office for National Statistics.

<sup>2</sup> Source: Datastream/Morningstar.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The 2008 dividend excludes the special dividend of 2.30 (0.46 pence if adjusted for the share split in October 2011). The 2016 dividend includes the proposed final dividend of 2.85 pence which is subject to shareholder approval at the Annual General Meeting.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Excess of total assets less cash and cash equivalents divided by shareholders' funds.

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### Strategic Report

### Chairman's Statement

### **Performance**

For the year ended 30 June 2016 the Company's net asset value increased by 14.5%, which compares favourably with a 10.9% rise in the MSCI All Country World Index. On a total return basis, with dividends assumed to be reinvested, the return was 16.0% against the index return of 13.3%. Since Artemis' appointment on 1 May 2014, the net asset value has increased by 38.8%, on a total return basis, against the index's return of 27.4%.

Over the year the share price rose by 6.7% and at 30 June 2016 the shares stood at a 4.8% discount to net asset value having stood at a premium of 2.1% as at 30 June 2015. As shareholders may be aware, the Company aims to have its shares trading within a 2% band relative to the net asset value. Clearly, the position at the year end was outside that band. The Board considered this to be a temporary position, arising from the market's reaction to the outcome of the UK's EU referendum a week before the year end. The widening of the discount was not out of line with the change in discounts across the Company's peer group that followed the referendum result. By the middle of July the Company's share price had returned to trading within the parameters of the Company's target range.

Further details of the performance of the Company for the year are included in the Investment Manager's Review.

In last year's statement, I indicated that the Board's strategic aim was to increase the size of the Company, thereby improving the liquidity in its shares and reducing the 'per share' running cost. It is pleasing to be able to report that the Company's net assets grew from £80.8 million as at 30 June 2015 to £107.6 million as at 30 June 2016. This growth has arisen from a combination of investment returns and the issue of shares (see below).

### **Earnings and Dividend**

The return for the year ended 30 June 2016, calculated using the weighted average number of shares in issue, was a gain of 53.72 pence per share, comprising a revenue gain of 5.78 pence per share and a capital gain of 47.94 pence per share. The Board is proposing a final dividend of 2.85 pence per share which, subject to approval by shareholders at the Annual General Meeting ('AGM'), will be paid on 11 November 2016 to those shareholders on the register at the close of business on 7 October 2016. An interim dividend of 1.65 pence per share was paid during the year.

In accordance with the Board's aim of paying progressive dividends, total dividends for the year of 4.50 pence per share represents an increase of 12.5% on the 4.00 pence per share paid in respect of the year ended 30 June 2015. This year's total dividends have been covered by earnings for the current year and a small amount has been retained in the Company's revenue reserve which stands at £1.3 million, representing 4.4 pence per share, once the final

dividend has been taken into account. The ability to retain a certain amount of income each year is a unique and helpful feature of an investment trust and it provides a greater degree of investment flexibility. This reserve will be used as necessary to support the Company's commitment to future dividend growth.

### **Share capital**

With demand for the Company's shares remaining strong, they traded at a small premium to net asset value for most of the year. Against this background, the Company was able to continue to issue shares to new and existing investors. The last of the remaining shares held in treasury were re-issued on 7 December 2015. In aggregate, 1,825,321 shares were sold, raising £6.0 million for the Company. With no further treasury shares available for issue the Company has continued to meet demand by issuing 1,350,000 new shares, raising a further £4.5 million.

In addition, as part of the effort to grow the net assets, on 22 December 2015 the Company announced that it had entered into an agreement to be the rollover option for the reconstruction and winding up of Drumeldrie Investments Limited ('Drumeldrie'), a private investment company which had assets of around £4.1 million. To date, £3.1 million has transferred to the Company resulting in the issue of 898,006 new shares, all of which were issued at the prevailing net asset value. Drumeldrie's remaining assets of approximately £1.0 million will be transferred in a final tranche at the end of September.

Since the year end, a further 665,000 shares have been issued raising £2.6 million for the Company.

#### **AGM**

The AGM is to be held on 7 November 2016 at 12 noon at 42 Melville Street, Edinburgh EH3 7HA. Artemis will make a short presentation at the meeting. The Board would welcome your attendance as it provides shareholders with an opportunity to ask questions of the Board and the Investment Manager. For those shareholders who are unable to attend, I would encourage you to make use of your proxy votes by completing and returning the form of proxy enclosed with this report.

### **Board changes**

Having served as a Director of the Company since 1981, and more recently as Chairman of the Board, I will retire at this year's AGM. I wish to record my appreciation of my fellow Directors, past and present, for their contribution during my time as a Director and Chairman. I wish the current Board continued success in developing the Company in the future.

I am pleased to hand over the role of Chairman to Malcolm Scott, who is currently the Senior Independent Director.

A search is underway to identify and appoint a new Director to the Board.

### **Outlook**

The prospects for any material growth in the global economy remain low. Many countries are still reliant on fiscal stimuli and record low interest rates in an effort to support their economies.

The Investment Manager's approach of selecting companies with strong market positions and balance sheets, operating in sectors with attractive, long-term growth prospects, should mean that the portfolio is less likely to be directly affected by adverse changes in the prospects for the global economy. While there may be periods of short-term volatility, it is hoped that over the longer term this approach will continue to generate further positive returns for shareholders.

### **Contact us**

Shareholders can keep up to date with developments between formal reports by visiting midwynd.co.uk where you will find information on the Company and a factsheet which is updated monthly. In addition, the Board is always keen to hear from shareholders. Should you wish to, you can e-mail the Chairman at midwyndchairman@artemisfunds.com.

Richard Burns Chairman 30 August 2016

### Strategic Report (continued)

### Investment Manager's Review

### Introduction

The past year has been one of steady returns against a background of very modest global economic growth. Inflation and thus interest rates have remained extremely low, supporting equity markets. However, political developments – Donald Trump gaining the Republican nomination and the UK voting to leave the European Union – have been most unexpected. Such events have produced periods of turbulence in financial markets, but our investment style and risk management have stood up well to these tests.

#### **Performance**

Over the year, the Company's share price rose from 329.75 pence to 352.00 pence, an increase of 6.7%. Including the 4.30 pence paid in dividends during the year, the total return was 8.1%. On the same total return basis, the net asset value increased by 16.0% (from 322.87 to 369.70 pence per share). This compares with the MSCI All Country World Index which fell 3.7% in US dollar terms, translating to a rise of 13.3% in Sterling terms.

### Five largest stock contributors

Company	Theme	Contribution %
Edison International	Low Carbon World	1.2
Boston Scientific	Healthcare Costs	1.2
Amazon.com	Online Services	1.2
Adidas	Retiree Spending Power	1.0
Facebook	Online Services	1.0

### Five largest stock detractors

Company	Theme	Contribution %
AmerisourceBergen	Healthcare Costs	(0.6)
Rakuten	Online Services	(0.6)
Mitsubishi UFJ	High Quality Assets	(0.6)
Financial Group		
Sumitomo Mitsui	High Quality Assets	(0.6)
Trust Holdings		
China Merchants	Emerging Market	(0.5)
Holdings (International)	Consumer	

### Artemis' investment approach

Our aim is to identify reliable commercial trends around the world such as rising consumer spending in emerging markets, the growth in demand for healthcare in developed markets and technological change on the internet and the energy industry. By focusing the portfolio around companies that benefit from these themes, we believe we can deliver superior returns over time.

Within each investment theme's universe of companies, there may be many quoted equities which could be attractive investments. From that group, our preference is to select high quality companies with proven records of

profitability, high cash generation, strong balance sheets and established barriers to entry protecting their industries. Such companies sometimes lag equity markets when they recover vigorously, but they tend to protect capital well when economic conditions become more testing.

Once we have identified an investment opportunity, we will only commit capital to it when its share price offers the chance to invest at a reasonable valuation. This valuation discipline is at the heart of all of our investment decisions.

In terms of portfolio construction, we aim to run a diversified portfolio with around 55 to 70 holdings spread across eight to 10 different themes. The size of those positions will reflect the strength of the opportunities that meet our investment criteria and not their benchmark weightings.

Over time, we have found this investment approach gives us the framework to deliver very attractive returns to investors. Further information on that approach can be found on our website at artemis.co.uk.

#### **Current investment themes**

Emerging Market Consumer (18.7% of investments) and Frontier Investments (0.3% of investments) – Emerging and frontier markets were out of favour in the first part of the year as investors worried about falling currencies and weakening growth in economies reliant on commodity exports such as Brazil, Russia and South Africa. Our stock selection has focused on growing consumer spending in the economies of South-East Asia and China, where demand has remained buoyant. Among the stocks exposed to this growth we have often found the best value to be from developed markets: the Company's larger holdings, such as L'Oreal and Essilor International (the world leader in ophthalmic lenses), are quoted in France but derive much of their growth in Asia.

Our direct investments in emerging markets have mostly been in Chinese companies. Although we recognise that debt levels in China have increased, we believe much of this to be a symptom of a closed economy with many communist characteristics. The major Chinese banks in which the Company invests have the People's Bank of China standing behind them. This is the world's most solvent central bank, currently holding over \$3 trillion of US bonds. Unlike certain European central banks, in the event of a crisis there would be no constraints on its ability to print renminbi.

Online Services (16.1% of investments) – These investments performed particularly well over the year, with Amazon.com and Facebook both showing exceptional growth in revenues. This seems to be continuing. We have recently invested in companies seeing growth in demand for financial data, especially as savers take a more active role in selecting funds and are increasingly using ETFs. We have bought holdings in MSCI (the

leading designer of the indices used by ETFs), S&P Global (Standard & Poor's) and Morningstar.

Healthcare Costs (13.2% of investments) – Having been the leading source of our investment returns last year, this theme had a more steady year as investors worried about the prospect of Hillary Clinton in the White House. Her record on healthcare when her husband was President left scars on Wall Street and some of her policies seem rather opposed to the free market. All the same, our focus on companies that help deliver healthcare efficiently and cheaply has allowed us to avoid the stocks that have worried investors most. Moreover, most of our holdings saw very good underlying growth in revenues and cashflows over the year.

Low Carbon World (9.7% of investments) – Over the year we developed a new theme, looking for companies who benefit from efforts to reduce carbon emissions. The Clean Power Plan in the United States and evidence that solar and wind power can be profitable even without state subsidies have significant implications for transmission networks. Compared to old networks designed around a handful of large power plants producing steady, predictable power, managing electricity flows from diverse sources of renewable power requires a more sophisticated grid. Under US regulations, investments in 'smart grids' receive attractive investment returns – so we have invested in transmission companies in California and the north east of the US. These investments performed very well through the year.

Retiree Spending Power (9.4% of investments) — Companies that we have identified as benefiting from the spending power of wealthy, older consumers in developed markets produced decent returns in the year. Henry Schein, one of America's leading suppliers of dental equipment, was the best performer in this theme during the year.

**Tourism** (9.2% of investments) – Over the decades, tourist numbers worldwide have grown steadily. The ageing population of developed countries take more holidays, especially as air travel has become less expensive. In some emerging markets, meanwhile, passports are now being issued for the first time. This latter factor led us to invest in airports in Australia, China, Japan and Thailand. These investments performed steadily in the year.

**Media Content** (8.4% of investments) – Because US investors became concerned that viewers were spending more time online and less time watching broadcast television, our media investments had a poor year. Subscriber numbers for some channels, such as ESPN, have fallen a little. However, the producers of media content in which we invest are starting to find ways of

being paid when their content is viewed online, through sites such as YouTube. The world's appetite for good quality entertainment still seems to be growing. We are looking to add companies to this theme while valuations remain undemanding.

Scientific Equipment (7.7% of investments) – This theme builds on the success of our long-standing investment in Thermo Fisher Scientific. Growth in research and development, pharmaceutical and materials science research, and increased demand from academic institutions and the food testing industry worldwide have combined to produce strong growth in sales for manufacturers of scientific equipment. This trend played out very consistently during the year.

High Quality Assets (7.3% of investments) – This part of the portfolio contains a number of property companies. These investments would fare poorly were inflation to return as interest costs would probably rise quicker than these companies can increase their rents, so we have taken some profits over the last year. There is little sign of inflation yet, but we prefer to sell early rather than late.

#### Thematic attribution

Theme	Contribution %
Low Carbon World	3.4
Emerging Market Consumer	3.2
Online Services	2.9
Retiree Spending Power	2.0
Healthcare Costs	2.0
Scientific Equipment	1.8
High Quality Assets	1.4
Tourism	1.2
Media Content	0.2
Frontier Investments	(0.1)

### Regional attribution

Region	Contribution %
North America	11.8
Europe	4.9
UK	0.7
Emerging	0.6
Developed Asia	0.2
Japan	(0.2)

### Outlook

Global equity markets have continued to deliver satisfactory real returns to our investors. Clearly, a large part of this has been due to the fact that the Company is priced in Sterling while most of its holdings are outside the United Kingdom. This is not accidental: periods of weakness in Sterling have

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### Strategic Report (continued)

### Investment Manager's Review (continued)

been common over the last 50 years and we have therefore positioned the Company's portfolio with the purpose of enhancing the purchasing power of its shareholders in global – rather than Sterling – terms.

The UK's exit from the European Union will probably do little to enhance the prospects for the global economy, but we have been managing the portfolio on the basis there is little growth in the developed world for some time. The low-growth environment in Europe reminds us somewhat of Japan in the 2000s, where satisfactory investment returns could still be made by good stock selection and valuation discipline. We believe that although we will continue to face tricky economic and political conditions, our approach will allow us to continue to deliver satisfactory investment returns in the years ahead. Markets will, no doubt, be volatile. The companies we have selected have shown they are able to grow despite difficult conditions before and we believe they will be able to do so again.

Simon Edelsten, Alex Illingworth & Rosanna Burcheri Fund Managers

30 August 2016

### Investments

Investment	Region	Industry	Theme	Market value £'000	% of total net assets
Equities					
Time Warner	North America	Consumer Discretionary	Media Content	2,613	2.4
Alphabet	North America	Information Technology	Online Services	2,604	2.4
Boston Scientific	North America	Health Care	Healthcare Costs	2,581	2.4
Thermo Fisher Scientific	North America	Health Care	Scientific Equipment	2,521	2.3
Edison International	North America	Utilities	Low Carbon World	2,486	2.3
National Grid	UK	Utilities	Low Carbon World	2,360	2.2
Walt Disney	North America	Consumer Discretionary	Media Content	2,347	2.2
Essilor International	Europe	Health Care	Emerging Market Consumer	2,340	2.2
LVMH	Europe	Consumer Discretionary	Emerging Market Consumer	2,335	2.2
Medtronic	North America	Health Care	Healthcare Costs	2,317	2.2
Top 10 equity investments				24,504	22.8
Mastercard	North America	Information Technology	Online Services	2,276	2.1
Walgreens Boots Alliance	North America	Consumer Staples	Healthcare Costs	2,267	2.1
Facebook	North America	Information Technology	Online Services	2,230	2.1
Waters	North America	Health Care	Scientific Equipment	2,190	2.0
L'Oreal	Europe	Consumer Staples	Emerging Market Consumer	2,174	2.0
Prudential	UK	Financials	Emerging Market Consumer	2,164	2.0
Nike	North America	Consumer Discretionary	Retiree Spending Power	2,150	2.0
Fresenius Medical Care	Europe	Health Care	Healthcare Costs	2,118	2.0
Lamar Advertising	North America	Financials	Media Content	2,070	1.9
PerkinElmer	North America	Health Care	Scientific Equipment	2,059	1.9
Top 20 equity investments				46,202	42.9
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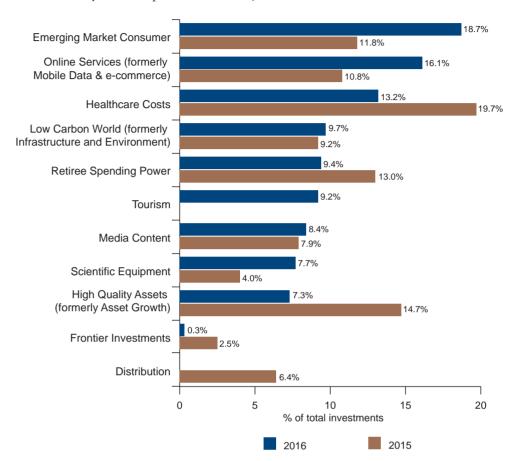
# Strategic Report (continued)

### Investments (continued)

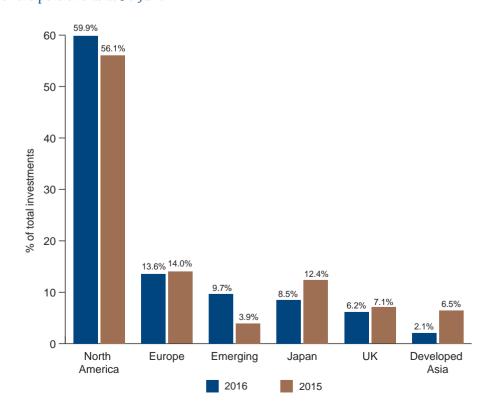
Investment	Region	Industry	Theme	Market value £'000	% of total net assets
Charles Schwab Corp	North America	Financials	Online Services	1,439	1.3
Beijing Enterprises	Emerging	Industrials	Low Carbon World	1,410	1.3
Anthem	North America	Health Care	Healthcare Costs	1,390	1.3
Beijing Capital International Airport	Emerging	Industrials	Tourism	1,372	1.3
Dufry	Europe	Consumer Discretionary	Tourism	1,361	1.3
Land Securities Group	UK	Financials	High Quality Assets	1,308	1.2
Paypal Holdings	North America	Information Technology	Online Services	1,295	1.2
Carnival	North America	Consumer Discretionary	Tourism	1,291	1.2
EOG Resources	North America	Energy	High Quality Assets	1,290	1.2
Sydney Airport	Developed Asia	Industrials	Tourism	1,205	1.1
Top 50 equity investments				93,756	87.1
Citizen Holdings	Japan	Information Technology	Emerging Market Consumer	1,161	1.1
Melia Hotels	Europe	Consumer Discretionary	Tourism	1,118	1.0
Stroeer	Europe	Consumer Discretionary	Media Content	1,100	1.0
Scentre Group	Developed Asia	Financials	High Quality Assets	1,087	1.0
MSCI	North America	Financials	Online Services	1,082	1.0
China Life Insurance	Emerging	Financials	Emerging Market Consumer	1,076	1.0
S&P Global	North America	Financials	Online Services	1,070	1.0
Occidental Petroleum	North America	Energy	High Quality Assets	1,062	1.0
Asics	Japan	Consumer Discretionary	Retiree Spending Power	1,050	1.0
World Wrestling Entertainment	North America	Consumer Discretionary	Media Content	1,046	1.0
Top 60 equity investments				104,608	97.2
Secure Income	UK	Financials	High Quality Assets	934	0.9
Kinden	Japan	Industrials	Low Carbon World	811	0.7
Airports of Thailand	Emerging	Industrials	Tourism	690	0.6
TLG Immobilien	Europe	Financials	High Quality Assets	664	0.6
Morningstar	North America	Financials	Online Services	624	0.6
East African Breweries	Emerging	Consumer Staples	Frontier Investments	375	0.4
Giant Manufacturing	Emerging	Consumer Discretionary	Retiree Spending Power	158	0.1
Ferro Alloy Resources <sup>1</sup> NBNK Investments (Warrants) <sup>1</sup>	Emerging UK	Materials Financials	_	_	_
Total equity investments (69)	OK	1 IIIdi Icidis		108,864	101.1
				100,004	101.1
Bond					
US Dollar denominated	_				
K1 Life Settlements 0% 10/08/16 <sup>1</sup>	Europe	Financials	-	105	0.1
Total bond investments				105	0.1
Total investments				108,969	101.2
Net current assets (excluding bank	loans)			4,095	3.8
Bank loan				(5,438)	(5.0)
Total net assets				107,626	100.0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Unquoted security.

### Thematic analysis of the portfolio as at 30 June



### Regional analysis of the portfolio as at 30 June



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### Strategic Report (continued)

### Strategy and Business Review

This Strategic Report has been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013.

### Corporate strategy and operating environment

The Company is incorporated in Scotland and operates as an investment trust company and is an investment company within the meaning of section 833 of the Companies Act 2006 (the 'Act'). Its business as an investment trust is to buy and sell investments with the aim of achieving the objective and investment policy outlined below.

### Objective and investment policy

The objective of the Company is to achieve capital and income growth by investing on a worldwide basis.

The Company is prepared to move freely between different markets, sectors, industries, market capitalisations and asset classes as investment opportunities dictate. On acquisition, no holding shall exceed 15% of the portfolio. The Company will not invest more than 15% of its gross assets in UK listed investment companies. Assets other than equities will be purchased from time to time including but not limited to fixed interest holdings, unquoted securities and derivatives. Subject to prior Board approval, the Company may use derivatives for investment purposes or for efficient portfolio management (including reducing, transferring or eliminating investment risk in its investments and protection against currency risk).

The number of individual holdings will vary over time but to ensure diversification there can be between 40 and 140 holdings and the portfolio is managed on a global basis rather than as a series of regional sub-portfolios.

It is an aim of the Company to provide dividend growth over time, although the primary aim is maximising total returns to shareholders.

While there is a comparative index for the purpose of measuring performance, little attention is paid to the composition of this index when constructing the portfolio and the composition of the portfolio is likely to vary substantially from that of the index. A long-term view is taken and there may be periods when the net asset value per share declines in absolute terms and relative to the comparative index.

### Gearing

The Company may use borrowings to support its investment strategy and the Company's Articles of Association (the 'Articles') allow the Company to borrow up to 30% of its net assets. The Company has a US\$16 million revolving credit facility with Scotiabank which is

available to the Company until 19 February 2018. As at 30 June 2016, US\$7.3 million (£5.4 million) was drawn down from this facility.

The Company's gearing is reviewed by the Board and Investment Manager on an ongoing basis.

### **Operating environment**

The Company has been approved as an investment trust in accordance with the requirements of section 1158 of the Corporation Taxes Act 2010. This approval remains subject to the Company continuing to meet the eligibility conditions and ongoing requirements of the regulations. The Board will manage the Company so as to continue to meet these conditions.

The Company has no employees and delegates most of its operational functions to a number of service providers, details of which are set out later in the report.

### **Current and future developments**

A summary of the Company's developments during the year ended 30 June 2016, together with its prospects for the future, is set out in the Chairman's Statement on pages 4 and 5 and the Investment Manager's Review on pages 6 to 8. The Board's principal focus is the delivery of positive long-term returns for shareholders. This will be dependent on the success of the investment strategy, in the context of both economic and stock market conditions. The investment strategy, and factors that may have an influence on it, are discussed regularly by the Board and the Investment Manager. The Board regularly considers the ongoing development and strategic direction of the Company, including its promotion and the effectiveness of communication with shareholders.

### **Key Performance Indicators ('KPIs')**

The performance of the Company is reviewed regularly by the Board and it uses a number of KPIs to assess the Company's success in meeting its objective. The KPIs which have been established for this purpose are set out below.

### Net asset value performance compared to the MSCI All Country World Index

The Board monitors the performance of the net asset value per share against that of the MSCI All Country World Index.

### Share price performance

The Board monitors the performance of the share price of the Company to ensure that it reflects the performance of the net asset value.

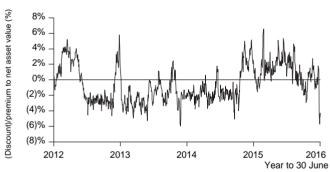
### Discrete annual total returns

Year ended 30 June	Net asset value	Share price	MSCI All Country World Index
2012	(7.3)%	(7.9)%	(4.3)%
2013	11.7%	12.8%	20.5%
2014	11.7%	8.4%	9.1%
2015	17.2%	21.7%	9.5%
2016	16.0%	8.1%	13.3%

### ■ Share price (discount)/premium to net asset value

The Board recognises that it is in the interests of shareholders to maintain a share price as close as possible to the net asset value per share. In October 2012 the Board confirmed its intention to limit the discount to a maximum of 2% in normal circumstances. The Company may issue shares at such times as demand is not being met by liquidity in the market and buy back shares when there is excess supply. Further details of the shares issued and bought back during the year are set out in the Share Capital section on page 14.

### Share price (discount)/premium to net asset value



Source: Datastream/Morningstar.

### Ongoing charges

The Board is mindful of the ongoing costs to shareholders of running the Company and monitors operating expenses on a regular basis. The Company's current ongoing charges ratio is 0.7% (2015: 0.8%).

### Dividends per share

The Board aims to grow the dividends paid to shareholders, in addition to capital growth. It monitors the revenue returns generated by the Company during the year and against this determines the dividends to be paid. Subject to approval of the final dividend by shareholders, total dividends of 4.50 pence per share (2015: 4.00 pence per share) will be paid in respect of the year ended 30 June 2016. This represents an increase of 12.5%.

### Principal risks and risk management

The Board, in conjunction with the Investment Manager, has developed a risk map which sets out the principal risks faced by the Company. It is used to monitor these

risks and to review the effectiveness of the controls established to mitigate them. Further information on the Company's internal controls is set out in the corporate governance section of the Directors' Report on page 22. As an investment company the main risks relate to the nature of the individual investments and the investment activities generally. These include market price risk, foreign currency risk, interest rate risk, credit and counterparty risk and liquidity risk.

A summary of the key areas of risk and uncertainties are set out below along with the controls in place to manage these which are highlighted for each risk:

- Strategic: the suitability of the Board's strategy for the development of the Company in the current market place and the effectiveness of the Board to deliver it. The Board meets regularly and considers the ongoing suitability of the Company's strategy as part of its review of the Company's performance. The Nomination Committee reviews the effectiveness of the Board annually.
- Investment: the management of the portfolio of the Company to achieve its investment objective and policy. The Company's investments are selected on their individual merits and the performance of the portfolio is not likely to track the wider market (represented by the MSCI All Country World Index). The Board believes this approach will continue to generate good long-term returns for shareholders. Risk will be diversified through a broad range of investments being held. The Board discusses the investment portfolio and its performance with the Investment Manager at each Board meeting.

The Company may borrow money for investment purposes. If the investments fall in value, any borrowings will magnify the extent of the losses. If borrowing facilities are not renewed, the Company may have to sell investments to repay borrowings. All borrowing arrangements entered into require the prior approval of the Board and gearing levels are discussed by the Board and Investment Manager at each Board meeting.

Regulatory: failure to comply with the requirements of a framework of regulation and legislation, within which the Company operates. The Company relies on the services of the Company Secretary and Investment Manager to monitor ongoing compliance with relevant regulations and legislation.

Failure to comply with appropriate accounting standards could result in a reporting error or breach of regulations or legislation. The Company relies on the services of the Company Secretary and Investment Manager to monitor and report on any changes in accounting standards. The Company's Independent Auditor also provides an annual update on any accounting changes that affect the Company.

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### Strategic Report (continued)

### Strategy and Business Review (continued)

Operational: failure of the Investment Manager's and/or any third party service providers' systems which could result in an inability to report accurately and monitor the Company's financial position. The Investment Manager has established a business continuity plan to facilitate continued operation in the event of a major service disruption or disaster and carries out oversight and monitoring of third party service providers.

Further information on risks and uncertainties and the management of them are set out in the Directors' Report on page 22 and in note 18 of the notes to the financial statements.

#### Other matters

### **Viability statement**

In accordance with the AIC Code of Corporate Governance, the Board has considered the longer term prospects for the Company. The period assessed is the five years to 30 June 2021. This has been deemed appropriate for the Company given the nature of its business, its current size and the longer term view taken by the Investment Manager when constructing the portfolio.

As part of its assessment of the viability of the Company, the Board has considered each of the principal risks above and the impact on the Company's portfolio of a significant fall in global markets. The Board has also considered the liquidity of the Company's portfolio to ensure that it will be able to meet its liabilities as they fall due. It has also discussed the result of the recent referendum in the UK to leave the EU, which is referred to in the Chairman's Statement and the Investment Manager's Review.

The conclusion of this review is that the Board has a reasonable expectation that the Company will be able to continue in operation and meet its liabilities as they fall due over the period to 30 June 2021.

### **Share capital**

1,825,321 of the Company's shares held in treasury at 30 June 2015 were re-sold during the year and a further 2,248,006 new shares were issued to satisfy continued demand for the Company's shares. All of the shares were issued at, or at a premium to, the prevailing net asset value on the date of issue.

In order to continue to be able to meet investor demand and grow the Company a prospectus was issued on 20 April 2016 to allow the issue of up to 15 million new shares. On the same date a circular was issued to shareholders seeking approval to increase the Directors' authority to issue further shares on a non pre-emptive basis. Shareholders approved this at a general meeting held on 16 May 2016.

During the year the Company did not buy back any ordinary shares (2015: 577,440).

Resolutions to continue to be authorised to issue and buy back shares will be put to shareholders at the AGM on 7 November 2016. Approval of these resolutions by shareholders will allow the Directors to continue to manage the liquidity of the Company's shares by buying back or issuing shares either side of a 2% band relative to the net asset value.

### **Directors**

The Directors of the Company and their biographical details are set out on page 16. Each of the Directors held office throughout the year under review. An independent executive search firm has been appointed to assist the Board with the identification and review of potential candidates for the role of Director.

No Director has a contract of service with the Company.

Appointments to the Board will be made on merit with due regard to the benefits of diversity, including gender. The priority in appointing a new director is to identify the candidate with the best range of skills and experience to complement existing Directors.

The Board is currently comprised of five male Directors. The Company does not have any employees.

### **Modern Slavery Act 2015**

The Company does not fall within the scope of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 as its turnover is less than £36 million. Therefore no slavery and human trafficking statement is included in the Annual Financial Report.

### Social and environmental matters

The Company has no employees and has delegated the management of the Company's investments to Artemis which, in its capacity as Investment Manager, has a Corporate Governance and Shareholder Engagement policy which sets out a number of principles that are intended to be considered in the context of its responsibility to manage investments in the financial interests of shareholders. Artemis undertakes extensive evaluation and engagement with company managements on a variety of matters such as strategy, performance, risk, dividend policy, governance and remuneration. All risks and opportunities are considered as part of the investment process in the context of enhancing the longterm value of shareholders' investments. This will include matters relating to material environmental, human rights and social considerations that will ultimately impact the profitability of a company or its stock market rating and hence these matters are an integral part of Artemis' thinking as institutional investors.

As the Company has delegated the investment management and administration of the Company to third party service providers, and has no fixed premises, there are no greenhouse gas emissions to report from its operations, nor does it have responsibility for any other emissions producing sources under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Reports) Regulations 2013, including those within the underlying investment portfolio.

### Leverage

Leverage is defined in the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive ('AIFMD') as any method by which the Company can increase its exposure by borrowing cash or securities, or from leverage that is embedded in derivative positions. The Company is permitted by its Articles to borrow up to 30% of its net assets (determined as 130% under the Commitment and Gross ratios). The Company is permitted to have additional leverage of up to 100% of its net assets, which results in permitted total leverage of 230% under both ratios. The Alternative Investment Fund Manager (the 'AIFM') monitors leverage values on a daily basis and reviews the limits annually. No changes have been made to these limits during the period. At 30 June 2016, the Company's leverage was 105.1% as determined using the Commitment method and 104.0% using the Gross method.

### **Financial statements**

The financial statements of the Company are included on pages 30 to 46 of this report.

For and on behalf of the Board.

### **Richard Burns**

Chairman 30 August 2016

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### Directors and Corporate Governance

#### Directors

### Richard Burns (Chairman)

Richard Burns became a Director of the Company at the time of the listing of its shares in 1981 and became Chairman on 30 June 2012. He is Chairman of the Nomination Committee. He qualified as a solicitor in 1971 and he joined Baillie Gifford in 1973 as a trainee investment manager, becoming a partner in 1977 and was joint senior partner from 1999 until his retiral in April 2006. He is Chairman of Standard Life Equity Income Trust PLC and JP Morgan Indian Investment Trust PLC and a director of Polaris Publishing Limited.

### Harry Morgan

Harry Morgan became a Director of the Company in 2012. He is currently a portfolio manager and director of investment management at Tilney Investment Management. He has spent his career managing portfolios for private clients and charities, serving as head of investment management at Adam & Company and in senior roles at Newton Investment Management and Edinburgh Fund Managers. He has an MBA with Distinction from the Edinburgh Business School, and is a Chartered Fellow of the Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment. He was elected a non-executive director of the Association of Investment Companies in 2014.

### Russell Napier

Russell Napier became a Director of the Company in 2009 and is Chairman of the Audit Committee. He worked for Baillie Gifford from 1989 and for Foreign & Colonial Emerging Markets from 1994. In 1995 he joined stockbrokers CLSA in Hong Kong as its Asian equity strategist. Since 1999 he has been a consultant global macro strategist advising institutional investors. He is the author of 'Anatomy of a Bear – Lessons from Wall Street's Four Great Bottoms' and has established and runs a course called 'A Practical History of Financial Markets' at The Edinburgh Business School. He is a director of the Didasko Education Company Limited, Orlock Advisors Limited and the Scottish Investment Trust PLC.

#### Alan Scott

Alan Scott became a Director of the Company in 2012. He has over 28 years' experience in banking, within the Royal Bank of Scotland Group, across various divisions including Retail, Corporate and Wealth. In 2003 he joined Adam & Company International in Guernsey as a relationship manager for a portfolio of offshore clients and trusts and in 2004 moved to Adam & Company's onshore operations, where he is an associate director, managing the banking support team in addition to a portfolio of private banking clients.

### Malcolm Scott, QC (Senior Independent Director)

Malcolm Scott became a Director of the Company in 1990. He was educated at Trinity College, Glenalmond and thereafter at Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge and Glasgow University. He became an Advocate in 1978 and a QC in 1991.

All Directors are members of the Nomination and Audit Committees.

### Directors' Report

The Directors have pleasure in presenting their report, together with the audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2016.

### Results and dividends

The Company's results for the year are set out in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on page 30.

The Directors are recommending the payment of a final dividend of 2.85 pence per share. If approved at the AGM, this will be paid on 11 November 2016, to shareholders on the register as at 7 October 2016. This will result in total dividends for the year of 4.50 pence (2015: 4.00 pence).

### Management and management fees

The Company's investments are managed by Artemis Fund Managers Limited ('Artemis'), following its appointment as Investment Manager on 1 May 2014, and is subject to the Investment Management Agreement dated 15 July 2014. Artemis is entitled to an investment management fee of 0.5% per annum of the net asset value of the Company. The agreement may be terminated by either party on six months' notice.

Simon Edelsten, Alex Illingworth and Rosanna Burcheri are the day-to-day fund managers.

The Board regularly reviews the Investment Manager's position, which includes a review of its management and investment processes, risk controls, the quality of support provided to the Board and consideration of investment performance.

Artemis is also the AIFM to the Company. The Investment Management Agreement sets out Artemis' duties to the Company in respect of the AIFMD. No fees are paid to Artemis in respect of its role as the AIFM to the Company. Artemis has delegated responsibility for the day-to-day portfolio management of the Company's portfolio to Artemis Investment Management LLP.

Both Artemis entities are authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and at 30 June 2016 had £22.6 billion, in aggregate, of assets under management.

### **Continued appointment of the Investment Manager**

The Board has reviewed the Investment Manager's engagement, including its management processes, risk controls and the quality of support provided to the Board and believes that its continuing appointment, on its current terms, remains in the interests of shareholders at this time. The last review was undertaken at a board meeting held on 16 May 2016.

### **Election of Directors**

The Board recommends the re-election of Malcolm Scott on the basis of his industry knowledge, experience and

his contribution to the operation of the Company. As Mr Scott has been a Director of the Company for more than nine years, he is subject to annual re-election.

### **Directors' insurance and indemnification**

Directors' and Officers' liability insurance cover is maintained by the Company to cover Directors against certain liabilities that may arise in conducting their duties.

The Company has entered into deeds of indemnity in favour of each of its Directors. The deeds cover any liabilities that may arise to a third party, other than the Company, for negligence, default or breach of trust or duty. The Directors are not indemnified in respect of liabilities to the Company, any regulatory or criminal fines, any costs incurred in connection with criminal proceedings in which the Director is convicted or civil proceedings brought by the Company in which judgement is given against him. In addition, the indemnity does not apply to any liability to the extent that it is recovered from another person.

#### Share capital

As at 30 June 2016, the capital structure of the Company was 29,111,836 (2015: 25,038,509) ordinary shares of 5 pence each.

Details of changes to the shares in issue can be found in the Strategic Report on page 14.

Since the year end a further 665,000 ordinary shares have been issued. As at 30 August 2016, the Company had 29,776,836 ordinary shares in issue. Therefore the Company's total voting rights are 29,776,836.

At any general meeting of the Company, every ordinary shareholder attending in person or by proxy (or by corporate representative) is entitled to one vote on a show of hands and, where a poll is called, every ordinary shareholder attending in person or by proxy is entitled to have one vote for every ordinary share of which he is the holder. There are no restrictions concerning the voting rights of the Company's ordinary shares or the holding or transfer of the Company's shares and there are no special rights attached to any of the ordinary shares. The Company's ordinary shareholders may, by ordinary resolution, declare dividends provided such dividends are not in excess of any dividends recommended by the Directors. The Directors may also pay interim dividends. The Company is not aware of any agreements between shareholders which may result in any restriction on the transfer of shares or on the voting rights.

The table overleaf sets out those shareholders who have notified the Company that they hold more than 3% of the voting rights attaching to the ordinary shares in issue as at the date of this report.

### Directors and Corporate Governance (continued)

### Directors' Report (continued)

Name	Number of ordinary shares in issue as at 30 August 2016	% of shares in issue
Brewin Dolphin Securities Limited	1,355,623	4.6
Mr Simon Edelsten	1,191,454	4.0
Mr Michael MacPhee	1,158,315	3.9

Further information on the share capital of the Company is detailed in note 12 of the notes to the financial statements.

#### Additional shareholder information

The requirements relating to the appointment and replacement of Directors are contained in the Articles of the Company, a copy of which can be found on the Company's web site at midwynd.co.uk. The granting of powers to issue or buy back the Company's shares require appropriate resolutions to be passed by shareholders. The current authorities to buy back and issue shares will expire at the AGM and proposals for their renewal are set out below.

There are no agreements to which the Company is party that might affect its control following a takeover bid; and there are no agreements between the Company and its Directors concerning compensation for loss of office.

### **Going concern**

The Directors, having considered the likely operational costs and liabilities of the Company for the 18 months from the year end, are of the opinion that the Company has adequate financial resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in the preparation of the financial statements.

### **AGM**

Details of the 2016 AGM are set out in the Notice of Meeting on pages 47 to 51. Resolutions in relation to the buy back and allotment of shares, are set out below.

### Authority to allot shares and disapply pre-emption rights

The Directors were authorised at the AGM in November 2015 to allot shares up to an aggregate nominal amount of £416,891 under a general authority to allot new shares. This authority will expire at the forthcoming AGM of the Company. Resolution 7, which will be proposed as an ordinary resolution, seeks to renew this authority.

The Directors also were authorised at the AGM in November 2015 to allot 3,755,760 shares in the Company without first offering them to existing shareholders in accordance with statutory pre-emption procedures. As a significant amount of this authority was used during the year, a further authority was approved by shareholders at a general meeting held on 16 May 2016. This provided authority to issue 4,316,340 shares on a non pre-emptive basis. Both of these authorities will expire at the forthcoming AGM. The Directors believe it to be in shareholders' interests to continue to have such an authority for the forthcoming year to enable the issue of shares to meet market demand and grow the Company and will seek to renew the authority at the forthcoming AGM.

Accordingly, Resolution 8, which is conditional upon Resolution 7 being approved, will, if approved, authorise the Directors to allot new ordinary shares or to sell treasury shares up to an aggregate nominal amount of £223,326, under a general authority, representing approximately 15% of the Company's issued ordinary share capital as at the date of this report, for cash without first offering such shares to existing shareholders pro rata to their existing holdings. Resolution 8 will be proposed as a special resolution and the authority will continue in effect until the conclusion of the AGM to be held in 2017. The Directors will only issue new ordinary shares pursuant to the general authority if they believe it is advantageous to the Company's shareholders to do so.

The Directors acknowledge that the authority sought by Resolution 8 is higher than the limit recommended by the Pre-Emption Group in its Statement of Principles on Dissapplying Pre-Emption Rights. The Directors intend to use the authorities which will be conferred by the passing of Resolution 8 at times when the share price stands at a premium to net asset value and market liquidity is unable to meet demand. The Directors will not make any issue of new ordinary shares to investors unless they consider it advantageous to the Company and its shareholders to do so, and no issue of ordinary shares will be made pursuant to Resolution 8 which would effectively alter the control of the Company without the prior approval of shareholders in general meeting.

### Authority to buy back shares

The Company's existing authority to make market purchases of up to 14.99% of the issued ordinary share capital will expire at the forthcoming AGM. The Directors consider that the Company should continue to have authority to make market purchases of its own shares and accordingly Resolution 9 will be proposed as a special resolution at the forthcoming AGM to renew that authority.

The maximum price which may be paid for purchases of ordinary shares in the market will not exceed the higher of: (i) 5.0% above the average of the middle market quotations (as derived from the Daily Official List of the London Stock Exchange) for the relevant shares for the

five consecutive dealing days ending on the dealing day immediately preceding the date on which the purchase is made; and (ii) the higher of the price quoted for (a) the last independent trade of, or (b) the highest current independent bid for any number of ordinary shares, as applicable, on the trading venue where the purchase is carried out.

The authority to make market purchases, if conferred, will only be exercised if the Directors are of the opinion that the net asset value per share will be enhanced for the continuing shareholders and it is considered to be in the best interests of shareholders generally or if the overall financial position of the Company was to benefit from such purchases. If the Company purchases any shares under this authority, it may cancel such shares or hold them in treasury. The Directors believe it is advantageous for the Company to have this choice. No dividends would be paid on treasury shares and the Company cannot exercise any rights (including any right to attend or vote at meetings) in respect of those shares. Shares will only be re-sold from treasury at, or at a premium to, the prevailing net asset value per share.

#### Recommendation

The Directors consider that passing the resolutions to be proposed at the AGM will be in the best interests of the Company and shareholders as a whole and unanimously recommend that shareholders vote in favour of each of these resolutions as they intend to do in respect of their own holdings.

### Independent auditor

Scott-Moncrieff has expressed its willingness to continue in office as independent Auditor. The Audit Committee has responsibility for making a recommendation to the Board on the re-appointment of the external auditor. After careful consideration of the services provided during the year and a review of their effectiveness, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board that Scott-Moncrieff be reappointed as Auditor. Accordingly, a resolution will be proposed at the forthcoming AGM for its re-appointment and to authorise the Directors to agree its remuneration.

#### **Audited information**

The Directors who held office at the date of approval of this Directors' Report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware and each Director has taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a Director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

### Corporate Governance

### Compliance

The Company is committed to high standards of corporate governance and has established procedures to monitor its continuing compliance with the AIC Code of Corporate Governance (the 'AIC Code'). This statement outlines how the principles of the AIC Code issued in February 2015 were applied throughout the financial year. The AIC Code has been endorsed by the Financial Reporting Council (the 'FRC') and compliance with the AIC Code enables the Company to meet its obligations in relation to the provisions of the FRC's Code of Corporate Governance, insofar as they relate to the Company's business. The Board considers that in the course of the year, and up to the date of this report, the Company has complied with the AIC Code. Set out below is how the Company applied the principles of the AIC Code.

All Directors on the Board of the Company are nonexecutive and the Company's day-to-day responsibilities are delegated to third party service providers.

### **Board responsibilities**

The Board is responsible for determining the strategic direction of the Company. It meets at least four times a year to review the performance of the Company's investments, the financial position of the Company, its performance in relation to the investment objective and all other important issues to ensure that the Company's affairs are managed within a framework of prudent and effective controls. Whilst certain responsibilities are delegated, a schedule of matters specifically reserved for its decision has been adopted by the Board.

Responsibilities are clearly defined and allocated between the Chairman, the Board, the Investment Manager and a number of third party service providers.

No one individual has unfettered powers of decision. The Chairman, Richard Burns and Malcolm Scott, who will become Chairman at the AGM, are independent of the Investment Manager. The Chairman leads the Board and ensures its effectiveness on all aspects of its operation ensuring that each Director receives accurate, timely and clear information enabling them to perform effectively as a Board. The Company Secretary liaises with the Chairman prior to each meeting to agree agenda content and papers to be submitted to Board and Committee meetings. In addition, the Chairman is responsible for ensuring there is effective communication with shareholders.

The Board has set the parameters within which the Investment Manager operates and these are set out in the Investment Management Agreement and in Board minutes. Representatives of the Investment Manager attend each Board meeting enabling the Directors to discuss its activities in managing the Company.

### Directors and Corporate Governance (continued)

### Directors' Report (continued)

The Board has formalised arrangements under which Directors, in furtherance of their duties, may take independent professional advice at the Company's expense. The Directors have access to the advice and services of the Company Secretary, through its appointed representatives, who are responsible to the Board for ensuring that proper procedures are followed and that applicable rules and regulations are complied with.

The appointment and removal of the Company Secretary is a matter for the Board as a whole.

### **Board composition**

The Board comprises five Directors, all of whom are nonexecutive. The names of the Directors, together with their biographical details, are set out on page 16 of this report.

The Board considers that all the Directors are independent of the Investment Manager and comply with the criteria for independence as set out in the AIC Code. Each of the Directors is deemed to be independent in character and judgement. The Nomination Committee meets annually to consider matters of independence.

The Company's Senior Independent Director is currently Malcolm Scott. Upon Mr Scott becoming Chairman of the Company at the AGM on 7 November 2016, Russell Napier will take up the position of Senior Independent Director. This position is reviewed annually.

### **Appointment of Directors and performance evaluation**

Directors are appointed subject to the provisions of the Act and the Company's Articles. All Directors are subject to election by shareholders at the first AGM following their appointment and thereafter will be subject to re-election no later than the third AGM following the meeting at which they were last elected or re-elected, subject to not having served for more than nine years, after which they will be subject to annual re-election.

The Directors of the Company have not been appointed subject to a service contract. The terms and conditions of their appointments are set out in letters of appointment, which are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company and at the AGM.

The Board, led by the Nomination Committee, conducts an annual review of its performance and that of its Committees, the Chairman and individual Directors. This review is based on a process of appraisal by interview, with the evaluation of the performance of the Chairman being undertaken by the other Directors, led by the Senior Independent Director.

Following a formal performance evaluation, and in the case of Mr Scott, notwithstanding his length of service, having served on the Board for more than nine years, the Board has concluded that all Directors continue to demonstrate independence of character and judgement

and their skills and experience enhance the collective strength of the Board. The Board believes that none of the other commitments of the Directors, as set out on page 16 of this report, interfere with the discharge of their duties to the Company and the Board is satisfied that they are capable of devoting sufficient time to the Company. The Board is also satisfied that it continues to have an appropriate balance of skills and experience and therefore supports the resolution to re-elect Mr Scott at the forthcoming AGM.

Director	Date of appointment	Due for re-election/ election
Richard Burns	25 September 1981	_
Harry Morgan	21 May 2012	AGM 2018
Russell Napier	10 August 2009	AGM 2018
Alan Scott	21 May 2012	AGM 2018
Malcolm Scott, QC	12 February 1990	AGM 2016

#### **Board committees**

In order to enable the Directors to discharge their duties, two Board Committees, each with written terms of reference, have been established. As the Board is currently comprised of five independent non-executive Directors, all Directors are members of each Committee. Attendance at meetings of the Committees is restricted to members and persons expressly invited to attend. Copies of the terms of reference for the Board Committees are available from the Company Secretary and on the Company's website at midwynd.co.uk. The Chairman of the Board acts as Chairman for the Nomination Committee and the Audit Committee is chaired by Russell Napier.

The Company Secretary acts as the Secretary to each Committee.

As all the Directors are non-executive there is no requirement for a separate Remuneration Committee. Directors' fees are considered by the Board as a whole within the limits as set out in the Articles and in accordance with the Remuneration Policy approved by shareholders. The Company's Remuneration Policy is set out on page 23 of this report.

As all the Directors are independent of the Investment Manager, there is no requirement to establish a separate Management Engagement Committee. The Board as a whole reviews the terms of appointment and performance of the Company's third party service providers, including the Investment Manager but excluding the Auditor, who is reviewed by the Audit Committee.

#### **Audit Committee**

The responsibilities of the Audit Committee are disclosed in the Report of the Audit Committee on page 26 of this report.

### **Nomination Committee**

The Nomination Committee meets at least annually. It is responsible for ensuring that the Board has an appropriate balance of skills and experience to carry out its duties, for identifying and nominating to the Board new Directors and for proposing that existing Directors be re-elected. The Committee undertakes an annual performance evaluation of the Board, led by the Chairman. On those occasions when the Committee is reviewing the Chairman, or considering his successor, the Nomination Committee will normally be chaired by the Senior Independent Director.

As detailed in the Strategic Report on page 14, the Board supports the principles of diversity in the boardroom, and considers this in seeking to ensure that the overall balance of skills and knowledge that the Board has remains appropriate so that it can continue to operate effectively.

### **Board and Committee Meetings**

The following table sets out the Directors' attendance at the Board and Committee meetings held during the year.

	Board	Audit Committee	Nomination Committee
Number of meetings	5	2	1
Richard Burns	5	2	1
Harry Morgan	5	2	1
Russell Napier	3	2	1
Alan Scott	4	1	1
Malcolm Scott, QC	5	2	1

### **Directors' tenure**

Directors do not serve on the Board for a specified period of time. Each Director will be subject to the election/re-election provisions as set out in the Company's Articles, which provide that a Director appointed during the year is required to retire and seek election by shareholders at the first annual general meeting following their appointment. Directors are required to submit themselves for re-election at least once every three years and Directors who have served for more than nine years will be subject to an annual re-election, providing that the Nomination Committee and the Board remain satisfied that the relevant Director's continuing appointment and independence is not impaired by his length of service. The Board does not consider that the length of time served by a Director is as important as his contribution to the running of the Company, or that it necessarily impairs his independence. Each situation will be rigorously reviewed on a case-by-case basis to ensure that a Director's independence is maintained and that his continuing appointment is in the best interests of the Company.

### Induction and training

New Directors appointed to the Board will be provided with an induction which is tailored to the particular circumstances of the appointee. Regular updates are provided on changes in regulatory requirements that could affect the Company. The Directors are encouraged to attend industry and other seminars covering issues and developments relevant to investment trusts and receive other training as necessary.

#### Relations with shareholders

The Board considers communication with shareholders an important function and Directors are always available to respond to shareholder queries. The Board aims to ensure that shareholders are kept fully informed of developments in the Company's business through the Annual and Half-Yearly Financial Reports, as well as the daily announcement of the net asset value of the Company's ordinary shares to the London Stock Exchange. The Investment Manager produces a monthly factsheet which can be found on the Company's website at midwynd.co.uk, along with other information on the Company. The Investment Manager meets with the major shareholders of the Company on a periodic basis.

All shareholders are encouraged to attend and vote at the AGM, during which the Board and Investment Manager will be available to discuss issues affecting the Company. Details of shareholder voting are declared at every AGM and are available on the Company's website as soon as practicable following the close of the meeting. All Directors intend to attend this year's AGM, details of which are set out in the Notice of Meeting on pages 47 to 51 of this report.

### **UK Stewardship Code**

Artemis has endorsed the UK Stewardship Code. This sets out the responsibilities of institutional investors in relation to the companies in which they invest and a copy of this can be found on the Investment Manager's website at artemis.co.uk.

### Voting policy

The Board has given the Investment Manager discretion to exercise the Company's voting rights and the Investment Manager, so far as is practicable, will exercise them in respect of resolutions proposed by investee companies. The Investment Manager's voting for its clients is summarised on its website at artemis.co.uk.

### **Bribery Act 2010**

The Company is committed to carrying out business fairly, honestly and openly. The Investment Manager has established policies and procedures to prevent bribery.

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### Directors and Corporate Governance (continued)

### Directors' Report (continued)

### **Conflicts of interest**

The Board has put in place procedures to deal with conflicts and potential conflicts of interest and considers that these have operated effectively throughout the year. The Board also confirms that its procedures for the approval of conflicts and potential conflicts of interest have been followed by the Directors during the year under review.

### Internal controls and management of risk

The Board recognises its responsibility for the implementation, review and maintenance of effective systems of internal control to manage the risks to which the Company is exposed as well as ensuring that a sound system of internal control is maintained to safeguard the Company's assets and shareholders' interests. As the majority of the Company's systems are maintained on behalf of the Company by third party service providers under contract, the Board fulfils its obligations by requiring these service providers to report and provide assurances on their systems of internal control, which are designed to manage, rather than eliminate, risks. In light of the Board's reliance on these systems and the reports thereon, the Board can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss. The Board does, however, ensure that these service providers are employed subject to clearly defined contracts.

Both the Investment Manager and the Administrator have established internal control frameworks to provide reasonable assurances as to the effectiveness of the internal control systems operated on behalf of their clients. The Investment Manager reports to the Board on a regular basis with regard to the operation of its internal controls and risk management within its operations in so far as it impacts the Company. In addition, the Investment Manager reports quarterly to the Board on compliance with the terms of its delegated authorities under the Investment Management Agreement and other restrictions determined by the Board.

The Administrator and Depositary also report on a quarterly basis any breaches of law and regulation and any operational errors. This enables the Board to address any issues with regard to the management of the Company as and when they arise and to identify any known internal control failures.

The key procedures which have been established to provide effective internal controls are as follows:

- The Board, through the Audit Committee, has carried out and documented a risk and control assessment, which will be kept under ongoing, and at least a six monthly, review.
- Investment management, accounting and custody of assets are segregated. The procedures of the

- individual parties carrying out these functions are designed to complement each other.
- Investment management and company secretarial services are provided by Artemis. The Board is responsible for setting the overall investment policy and monitoring the actions of the Investment Manager. The Board reviews information produced by the Investment Manager in detail on a regular basis.
- Administration services are provided by J.P. Morgan Europe Limited. The Administrator reports to the Board on a quarterly basis and ad hoc as appropriate. In addition, the Board receives the Administrator's semi-annual report on its internal controls.
- The Board is aware of the whistleblowing procedures of Artemis and the Administrator, which are considered satisfactory.
- Safekeeping of the Company's assets is undertaken by J.P. Morgan Chase Bank N.A.
- Oversight of certain administrative and custodial procedures is undertaken by the Company's Depositary, J.P. Morgan Europe Limited. The Board reviews any exceptional items raised by the Depositary on a quarterly basis.
- The Board defines the duties and responsibilities of the Company's agents and advisers in the terms of their contracts. The appointment of agents and advisers is conducted by the Board after consideration of the quality of parties involved; their ongoing performance and contractual arrangements are monitored to ensure that they remain effective.
- Mandates for authorisation of investment transactions and expense payments are approved by the Board.

By the procedures set out above, the Directors have reviewed the effectiveness of the Company's internal controls throughout the year under review and up to the date of this report.

Further information on the risks and the management of them is set out in the Strategic Report on pages 13 and 14 and note 18 of the notes to the financial statements.

The Directors consider that the Annual Report and Accounts, taken as a whole, is fair, balanced and understandable and the information provided to shareholders is sufficient to allow them to assess the Company's performance, business model and strategy.

By order of the Board.

Artemis Fund Managers Limited Company Secretary

30 August 2016

### Directors' Remuneration Policy and Report

### Directors' Remuneration Policy

In accordance with Schedule 8 of The Large and Mediumsized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 (the 'Regulations') the remuneration policy of the Company was approved by shareholders at the annual general meeting held on 27 October 2014. The policy will apply until the annual general meeting to be held in 2017 (being three years from the date of shareholders approval of the policy) unless renewed, varied or revoked by shareholders at a general meeting and is as follows.

Fees payable to Directors are commensurate with the amount of time Directors are expected to spend on the Company's affairs, whilst seeking to ensure that fees are set at an appropriate level so as to enable candidates of a sufficient calibre to be recruited. The Company's Articles state the maximum aggregate amount of fees that can be paid to Directors in any year. This is currently set at £125,000 per annum and shareholder approval is required for any changes to this. The Board reviews and sets the level of Directors' fees annually, or at the time of the appointment of a new director, as provided for in the Directors' letters of appointment. The review considers a range of external information, including peer group comparisons, relevant independent research and any comments received from shareholders.

Each Director is entitled to a base fee. The Chairman of the Board is paid a higher fee than the other Directors, to reflect the additional work required to be carried out in this role. The Chairman of the Audit Committee receives an additional fee to reflect the additional responsibilities and work associated with the role.

No Director is entitled to any benefits in kind, share options, annual bonuses, long-term incentives, pensions or other retirement benefits or compensation for loss of office.

Directors are appointed with no fixed notice periods and are not entitled to any extra payments on resignation. It is also considered appropriate that no aspect of Directors' remuneration is performance-related in light of the Directors' non-executive status.

Directors are able to claim expenses that are incurred in respect of duties undertaken in connection with the management of the Company.

New Directors will be remunerated in accordance with this policy and will not be entitled to any payments from the Company in respect of remuneration arrangements in place with any other employers which are terminated upon appointment as a Director of the Company.

No changes have been made, or are proposed to be made, to the Remuneration Policy of the Company as

approved by shareholders at the annual general meeting held on 27 October 2014, however, the Company's policy and the overall remuneration of each Director will continue to be monitored by the Board taking into account those matters referred to in the annual statement above.

To date no comments have been received from shareholders in respect of the Remuneration Policy.

### Directors' Remuneration Report

The Directors are pleased to present the Company's remuneration report for the year ended 30 June 2016, produced in accordance with the Regulations. The Company's Auditor is required to audit certain information contained within this report and, where information set out below has been audited, it is clearly indicated. The Auditor's opinion is included in the Independent Auditor's report which can be found on pages 28 and 29.

In accordance with the Regulations, an ordinary resolution, Resolution 2, to approve this report will be put to shareholders at the AGM.

#### The Board

During the year ended 30 June 2016, the Board consisted solely of non-executive Directors who determine their remuneration as a whole. Accordingly, a separate Remuneration Committee has not been established. After consideration at a meeting of the Board on 16 May 2016, it was agreed that the fees for each Director, for the year ending 30 June 2017, should remain unchanged. The Board has not relied upon the advice or services of any external party to assist in making its remuneration decisions, although the Directors carry out reviews from time to time of the fees paid to directors of other investment trusts. The Directors do not have a contract of service with the Company but are instead appointed by letters of appointment. A Director may resign from the Board at any time; there are no fixed notice periods or any entitlement to compensation for loss of office.

#### Directors' fees (audited)

The Directors who served during the year to 30 June 2016 and 30 June 2015 received the following emoluments:

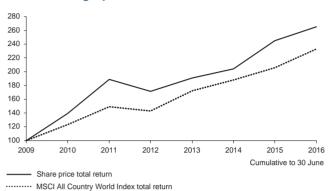
Director	Year ended 30 June 2016	Year ended 30 June 2015
Richard Burns	£22,000	£19,000
Harry Morgan	£16,000	£14,000
Russell Napier	£18,000	£15,500
Alan Scott	£16,000	£14,000
Malcolm Scott, QC	£16,000	£14,000
	£88,000	£76,500

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### Directors and Corporate Governance (continued)

### Directors' Remuneration Policy and Report (continued)

### Performance graph



The performance graph above sets out the Company's share price total return from 1 July 2009, compared to the total return of a notional investment in the MSCI All Country World Index.

### Statement of voting at the last annual general meeting

The following table sets out the votes received at the last annual general meeting of shareholders, held on 2 November 2015, in respect of the approval of the Directors' Remuneration Report:

		Votes o	cast		Number
Votes ca	ast for	again	st	Total	of votes
Number	%	Number	%	votes cast	withheld
6,654,881	99.4	36,473	0.6	6,691,354	28,153

### **Directors' interests**

The interests of the Directors and their connected persons in the ordinary shares of the Company at the beginning and end of the financial year were as follows:

Director	Nature of Interest	Holding as at 30 June 2016	Holding as at 30 June 2015
Richard Burns	Beneficial Non-beneficial trustee	882,500 –	847,500 119,500
Harry Morgan	Beneficial	10,000	10,000
Russell Napier	Beneficial	234,325	264,325
Alan Scott	Beneficial Beneficial trustee	150,000 140,000	150,000 140,000
Malcolm Scott, QC	Beneficial Beneficial trustee Non-beneficial trustee	581,690 250,000 –	581,690 - 250,000

There have been no changes to the above holdings between 30 June 2016 and the date of this Report. At no time during the year did any Director hold a material amount in any contract, arrangement or transaction with the Company.

On behalf of the Board and in accordance with the Regulations, I confirm that the Directors' Remuneration Report for the year ended 30 June 2016 summarises the review undertaken and the decisions made regarding the fees paid to the Board.

### **Richard Burns**

Chairman 30 August 2016

### Statement of Directors' Responsibilities in respect of the Annual Financial Report and the Financial Statements

### Management Report

Listed companies are required by the Financial Conduct Authority's Disclosure Rules and Transparency Rules (the 'Rules') to include a management report in their annual financial statements. The information required to be in the management report for the purpose of the Rules is included in the Strategic Report (pages 4 to 15). Therefore no separate management report has been included.

### Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Financial Report and the Company's financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law they are required to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Under company law the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period. In preparing each of the financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures being disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that its financial statements comply with the Act. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Under applicable law and regulations, the Directors are also responsible for preparing a Strategic Report, Directors' Report, Directors' Remuneration Report and Corporate Governance Statement.

The financial statements are published on a website, midwynd.co.uk, maintained by the Company's Investment Manager, Artemis Fund Managers Limited. The maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information relating to the Company is the responsibility of the Investment Manager. Legislation in the UK governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

We confirm that to the best of our knowledge:

- (a) the financial statements, prepared in accordance with the applicable set of accounting standards, give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Company as at 30 June 2016 and of the profit for the year then ended; and
- (b) the Strategic Report includes a fair review of the development and performance of the business and the position of the Company, together with a description of the principal risks and uncertainties that it faces.

For and on behalf of the Board.

### Richard Burns Chairman

30 August 2016

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### Audit Information

### Report of the Audit Committee

### Roles and responsibilities

The main responsibilities of the Audit Committee include monitoring the integrity of the Company's financial statements, the appropriateness of its accounting policies, reviewing the internal control systems and the risks to which the Company is exposed. It is also responsible for making recommendations to the Board regarding the appointment and independence of the Auditor, the objectivity and effectiveness of the audit process, monitoring the non-audit services provided to the Company by its Auditor and approving the financial statements and confirming to the Board that they are fair, balanced and understandable.

The Audit Committee also provides a forum through which the Company's Auditor reports to the Board.

### Composition and meetings

All Directors are members of the Audit Committee and are considered to have relevant and recent financial and investment experience as a result of their employment in financial services and other industries. It meets at least twice per year and representatives from the Investment Manager and the Administrator may be invited to attend the meetings of the Audit Committee to report on issues as required.

The Audit Committee meets with the Audit Partner responsible for the Company's audit at least once each year to discuss any matters arising from the audit.

### Internal audit and controls

The Company does not have an internal audit function as most of its day-to-day operations are delegated to third parties. Both the Investment Manager and the Administrator have established internal control frameworks to provide reasonable assurance as to the effectiveness of the internal controls operated on behalf of their clients. Both third parties report to the Board, on a quarterly basis, any operational errors or breaches of law or regulation.

The Audit Committee considers annually whether there is a need for an internal audit function, and has agreed that it remains appropriate for the Company to rely on the internal controls that exist within its third party service providers.

As part of the Board's review of internal controls, the Audit Committee carries out and documents a risk and control assessment, which is kept under ongoing, and at least a six monthly, review. The Audit Committee reports its findings and recommendations to the Board.

### Auditor appointment and remuneration

Scott-Moncrieff was appointed as Auditor to the Company on 10 June 2002. No tender for the audit of the Company has been undertaken since this date although under new regulations a tender will need to be undertaken ahead of the year ending 30 June 2024. Scott-Moncrieff will not be able to participate in this.

The fees paid to Scott-Moncrieff in respect of audit services are disclosed in note 4 of the notes to the financial statements. As part of its review of the continuing appointment of the Auditor ahead of making a recommendation to the Board, the Audit Committee considered the quality of service provided by, and the effectiveness of, the Auditor, the length of tenure of the audit firm, its fees and independence from the Investment Manager, along with any matters raised during the audit.

As noted in the Directors' Report on page 19, Scott-Moncrieff has expressed its willingness to continue in office as independent Auditor. After careful consideration of the services provided during the year and a review of its effectiveness, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board that Scott-Moncrieff should be re-appointed as Auditor. Accordingly, a resolution will be proposed at the forthcoming AGM for its re-appointment and to authorise the Directors to agree its remuneration.

### Audit for the year ended 30 June 2016

As part of the planning for the annual audit, the Audit Committee reviewed the audit plan produced by the Auditor, which highlighted the level of materiality applied by the Auditor, its key perceived audit risks and the scope of the audit.

Following this review, which included a discussion with the Auditor and the Investment Manager, the Audit Committee considered the main risks that arise in relation to the financial statements to be the valuation of investments, revenue recognition, the rollover of certain of the undertaking and assets of Drumeldrie Investments Limited, misappropriation of Company assets, and compliance with the revised UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

As part of the annual audit, the Auditor has agreed the valuation of all listed investments in the portfolio to independent pricing providers, and for unquoted investments, reviewed the valuation bases with the Investment Manager, considering recent transactions, underlying investee operating performance and capital structures to assess the appropriateness of the valuations.

The Auditor has validated the existence of all the securities held by the Company to the records of the Custodian. The Auditor has specific tests it uses as part of its review of the financial statements to provide assurance that the figures in the financial statements, including the revenue of the Company, are complete and accurate.

The Audit Committee met with the Audit Partner responsible for the Company's audit at the Audit

Committee meeting held on 22 August 2016 to discuss any matters arising from the annual audit. The Auditor reported that there were no significant matters to be reported and an unqualified audit opinion on the financial statements has been provided on page 29.

### Audited information

The Directors who held office at the date of approval of this Annual Report and Accounts confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's Auditor is unaware and each Director has taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a Director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's Auditor is aware of that information.

The Audit Committee considers that the Annual Report and Accounts, taken as a whole, is fair, balanced and understandable and the information provided to shareholders is sufficient to allow them to assess the Company's performance, business model and strategy.

#### Non-audit services

The Audit Committee has established a policy for the provision of non-audit services to the Company which prohibits the provision of certain services by the Auditor which the Audit Committee believes would compromise auditor independence. This includes the provision of tax advice or services in relation to the maintenance of the accounting records of the Company. All other non-audit services are permitted subject to the fees earned by the Auditor being no higher than 70% of the average audit fee for the last three years and where auditor knowledge would be advantageous in carrying out the service.

During the year, Scott-Moncrieff was engaged to assist in the preparation and submission of the Company's annual tax returns to HM Revenue & Customs. The fees paid to the Auditor for providing these services to the Company are disclosed in note 4 of the notes to the financial statements. The engagement has been approved by the Audit Committee which is satisfied that this does not compromise auditor independence.

By order of the Board.

### **Russell Napier**

Chairman of the Audit Committee 30 August 2016

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### Audit Information (continued)

### Independent Auditor's Report to the shareholders of Mid Wynd International Investment Trust PLC

We have audited the financial statements of Mid Wynd International Investment Trust PLC for the year ended 30 June 2016, which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Changes in Equity, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

This report is made solely to the Company's members as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's 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 members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities on page 25, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinon on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

### Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements.

In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

### Our assessment of risks of material misstatement

We identified the following risks that we believe have the greatest impact on the audit strategy:

- investment portfolio valuation;
- revenue recognition;
- rollover of certain of the undertaking and assets of Drumeldrie Investments Limited; and
- misappropriation of company assets.

### Our application of materiality

We apply the concept of materiality in planning and performing our audit, and in evaluating the effect of misstatements on our audit and on the financial statements. For the purposes of determining whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement we define materiality as the level of error that would change the opinion of the reader of the financial statements.

When establishing our overall audit strategy, we determined the level of uncorrected misstatements that would be material for the financial statements as a whole to be £1,076,000, which is 1% of net assets (net assets being a key performance indicator for investors in the Company).

Materiality for revenue transactions was determined to be £26,500, as we believe readers of the financial statements will be more sensitive to variances in the revenue account

We agreed with the Audit Committee that we would report to them individual and extrapolated errors in excess of a threshold of £1,300, as well as differences below that threshold that we believe warranted reporting on qualitative grounds.

### An overview of the scope of our audit

The way in which we scoped our audit in order to address the assessed risks of material misstatement was as follows:

### Investment portfolio valuation

The holdings of all investments were reconciled to the custodian report. All year end valuations were agreed to appropriate external sources.

### Revenue recognition

The income recorded for a sample of securities was checked to appropriate external sources. We paid particular attention to any "special dividends" and their accounting treatment. A sample of investment disposals was agreed to contract notes to ensure these were recorded correctly.

### Rollover of certain of the undertaking and assets of Drumeldrie Investments Limited

We reviewed the accounting treatment to ensure that the transaction has been correctly recorded in accordance with the terms of the transfer agreement and the relevant disclosures included in the financial statements.

### **Misappropriation of Company assets**

We reviewed the accounting records for any significant transactions that were outside the normal course of business.

### **Revised UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice**

We reviewed the financial statements to ensure they comply with the requirements of FRS 102 and the revised AIC Statement of Recommended Practice.

The Audit Committee's consideration of these risks is set out on pages 26 and 27.

### Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 30 June 2016 and of its return for the year then ended:
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

# Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion:

- the part of the Directors' Remuneration Report to be audited has been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006;
- the information given in the Strategic Report and Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the information given in the Corporate Governance Statement in compliance with rules 7.2.5 and 7.2.6 in the Disclosure Rules and Transparency Rules sourcebook issued by the Financial Conduct Authority (information about internal control and risk management systems in relation to financial reporting processes and share capital structure) is consistent with the financial statements.

### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Under the International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland), we are required to report to you if, in our opinion, information in the annual report is:

- materially inconsistent with the information in the audited financial statements; or
- apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, our knowledge of the Company acquired in the course of performing our audit; or
- is otherwise misleading.

In particular, we are required to consider whether we have identified any inconsistencies between our knowledge acquired during the audit and the Directors' statement that they consider the annual report is fair, balanced and understandable and whether the annual report appropriately discloses those matters that we communicated to the Audit Committee which we consider should have been disclosed.

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept and returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements and the part of the Directors' Remuneration Report to be audited are not in agreement with the accounting records and return; or
- certain disclosures of Directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Under the Listing Rules we are required to review:

- the Directors' statement on page 18 in relation to going concern and the viability statement set out on page 14;
   and
- the part of the Corporate Governance Statement relating to the Company's compliance with the nine provisions of the Corporate Governance Code specified for our review; and
- certain elements of the report to the shareholders by the Board on Directors' remuneration.

We have nothing to report in respect of any of the above matters.

### **Gareth Magee (Senior Statutory Auditor)**

for and on behalf of Scott-Moncrieff, Statutory Auditor Exchange Place 3
Semple Street
Edinburgh EH3 8BL
30 August 2016

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### Financial Statements

### Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 30 June

	Notes	2016 Revenue £'000	2016 Capital £'000	2016 Total £'000	2015 Revenue £'000	2015 Capital £'000	2015 Total £'000
Gains on investments	9	_	13,918	13,918	_	9,645	9,645
Currency (losses)/gains	13	_	(570)	(570)	_	270	270
Income	2	2,107	_	2,107	1,405	_	1,405
Investment management fee	3	(113)	(340)	(453)	(91)	(273)	(364)
Other expenses	4	(200)	(20)	(220)	(216)	(39)	(255)
Net return before finance costs and taxation Finance costs of borrowings	5	<b>1,794</b> (20)	<b>12,988</b> (60)	<b>14,782</b> (80)	<b>1,098</b> (27)	<b>9,603</b> (79)	<b>10,701</b> (106)
Net return on ordinary activities before taxation Taxation on ordinary activities	6	<b>1,774</b> (214)	12,928	<b>14,702</b> (214)	<b>1,071</b> (111)	9,524	<b>10,595</b> (111)
Net return on ordinary activities after taxation		1,560	12,928	14,488	960	9,524	10,484
Net return per ordinary share	8	5.78p	47.94p	53.72p	4.13p	40.95p	45.08p

The total column of this statement is the profit and loss account of the Company.

All revenue and capital items in this statement derive from continuing operations. No operations were acquired or discontinued during the year.

The net return for the year disclosed above represents the Company's total comprehensive income.

	Notes	2016 £'000	2016 £'000	2015 £'000	2015 £'000
Non-current assets					
Investments held at fair value through profit or loss	9		108,969		79,135
Current assets					
Debtors	10	1,669		1,992	
Cash and cash equivalents	18	4,427		5,460	
		6,096		7,452	
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(7,439)		(5,746)	
Net current (liabilities)/assets			(1,343)		1,706
Total net assets			107,626		80,841
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	12		1,456		1,343
Capital redemption reserve	13		16		16
Share premium	13		15,205		6,650
Capital reserve	13		88,851		71,146
Revenue reserve	13		2,098		1,686
Shareholders' funds			107,626		80,841
Net asset value per ordinary share	14		369.70p		322.87p

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and signed on its behalf on 30 August 2016.

### **Richard Burns**

Chairman

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### Financial Statements (continued)

### Statement of Changes in Equity

For the year ended 30 June 2016

	Notes	Share capital £'000	Capital redemption reserve £'000	Share premium £'000	Capital reserve £'000	Revenue reserve £'000	Shareholders' funds £'000
Shareholders' funds at 1 July 2015		1,343	16	6,650	71,146	1,686	80,841
Net return on ordinary activities							
after taxation	13	_	_	_	12,928	1,560	14,488
Issue of new shares	12	113	_	7,476	_	_	7,589
Expenses related to issue of							
the prospectus	13	_	_	_	(109)	_	(109)
Issue of shares from treasury	12	_	_	1,079	4,886	_	5,965
Dividends paid	7	-	_	_	_	(1,148)	(1,148)
Shareholders' funds at 30 June 2016		1,456	16	15,205	88,851	2,098	107,626

### For the year ended 30 June 2015

	Notes	Share capital £'000	Capital redemption reserve £'000	Share premium £'000	Capital reserve £'000	Revenue reserve £'000	Shareholders' funds £'000
Shareholders' funds at 1 July 2014		1,343	16	4,983	54,904	1,596	62,842
Net return on ordinary activities							
after taxation	13	_	_	_	9,524	960	10,484
Issue of shares from treasury	12	_	_	1,667	8,332	_	9,999
Repurchase of shares into treasury	12	_	_	_	(1,614)	_	(1,614)
Dividends paid	7	-	-	-	-	(870)	(870)
Shareholders' funds at 30 June 2015		1,343	16	6,650	71,146	1,686	80,841

	Notes	2016 £'000	2016 £'000	2015 £'000	2015 £'000
Cash used in operations	15		916		691
Interest received Interest paid		15 (80)		1 (106)	
Net cash generated from operating activities			(65)		(105)
Cash flow from investing activities Purchase of investments Sale of investments Realised currency gains		(130,162) 115,732 244		(114,199) 110,287 6	
Net cash used in investing activities			(14,186)		(3,906)
Cash flow from financing activities Issue of new shares		7,589		_	
Issue of shares from treasury		5,965		9,999	
Repurchase of shares into treasury				(1,621)	
Expenses related to issue of the prospectus		(106)		(970)	
Dividends paid  Net cash generated from financing activities		(1,148)	12,300	(870)	7,508
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents			(1,035)		4,188
Cash and cash equivalents at start of the year (Decrease)/increase in cash in the year Unrealised currency gains/(losses) on cash and cash equivalents			5,460 (1,035)		1,288 4,188 (16)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year			4,427		5,460

### Financial Statements (continued)

### Notes to the Financial Statements

### 1. Accounting policies

### (a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention modified to include the revaluation of investments. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, applicable United Kingdom accounting standards, including Financial Reporting Standard ('FRS') 102, and the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Financial Statements of Investment Trust Companies and Venture Capital Trusts' (the 'SORP') issued in November 2014 by the Association of Investment Companies (the 'AIC').

The SORP reflects the changes arising from the adoption of FRS 102 which is effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015. Aside from the renaming of the primary financial statements and a change to the presentation of the Statement of Cash Flows, no other material changes have arisen from the adoption of the SORP.

In March 2016 an amendment was made to the fair value hierarchy requirements of FRS 102, which is effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2017. As permitted the change has been adopted early, for the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2016, which has resulted in the same fair value hierarchy classifications as those disclosed previously.

In order to better reflect the activities of the Company and in accordance with guidance issued by the AIC, supplementary information which analyses the profit and loss account between items of a revenue and capital nature has been presented in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised in the Company's Statement of Financial Position when it becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

No significant estimates or judgements have been made in the preparation of the financial statements.

The Directors consider the Company's functional currency to be Sterling as the Company's shareholders are predominantly based in the UK and the Company is subject to the UK's regulatory environment.

### (b) Investments

Purchases and sales of investments are accounted for on a trade date basis. Investments are designated as held at fair value through profit or loss on initial recognition and are measured at subsequent reporting dates at fair value. The fair value of listed investments is bid value or last traded prices for holdings on certain recognised overseas exchanges. The fair value of unquoted investments uses valuation techniques, determined by the Directors, based upon latest dealing prices, stockbroker valuations, net asset values and other information, as appropriate, and with reference to the valuation guidelines issued by the International Private Equity and Venture Capital Valuation Board.

### (c) Derivatives

The Company may use derivatives for the purpose of efficient portfolio management (including reducing, transferring or eliminating risk in its investments and protection against currency risk) and to achieve capital growth. Such instruments are recognised on the date of the contract that creates the Company's obligation to pay or receive cash flows and are measured as financial assets or liabilities at fair value at subsequent reporting dates, while the relevant contracts remain open. The fair value is determined by reference to the open market value of the contract. Where the investment rationale for the use of derivatives is to hedge specific risks pertaining to the Company's portfolio composition, hedge accounting will only be adopted where the derivative instrument relates specifically to a single item, or group of items, of equal and opposite

financial exposure, and where the derivative instrument has been explicitly designated as a hedge of such item(s) at the date of initial recognition. In all other circumstances changes in the fair value of derivative instruments are recognised immediately in the Statement of Comprehensive Income as capital or revenue as appropriate.

### (d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

### (e) Income

Income from equity investments is brought into account on the date on which the investments are quoted exdividend or, where no ex-dividend date is quoted, when the Company's right to receive payment is established. Unfranked investment income includes the taxes deducted at source. Franked investment income is stated net of tax credits. If scrip is taken in lieu of dividends in cash, the net amount of the cash dividend declared is credited to the revenue account. Any excess in the value of the shares received over the amount of the cash dividend foregone is recognised as capital. Interest from fixed interest securities is recognised on an effective interest rate basis. Underwriting commission and interest receivable on deposits are recognised on an accruals basis.

### (f) Expenses

All expenses are accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenses are charged through the revenue account except where they relate directly to the acquisition or disposal of an investment, in which case they are added to the cost of the investment or deducted from the sale proceeds, and where they are connected with the maintenance or enhancement of the value of investments, in which case they have been charged 25% to the revenue reserve and 75% to the capital reserve. Costs arising from the filing of claims to reclaim tax on overseas dividends have been deducted from the capital reserve. On receipt of any reclaims, the relevant costs will be transferred to the revenue reserve.

#### (g) Finance costs

Loan interest is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been allocated 25% to the revenue reserve and 75% to the capital reserve.

### (h) Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided on all timing differences which have originated but not reversed by the date of the Statement of Financial Position, calculated at the current tax rate relevant to the benefit or liability. Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is more likely than not that there will be taxable profits from which underlying timing differences can be deducted.

#### (i) Dividend distributions

Interim dividends are recognised in the period in which they are paid and final

dividends are recognised in the period in which the dividends are approved by the Company's shareholders.

#### (j) Foreign currencies

Transactions involving foreign currencies are converted at the rate ruling at the time of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated at the closing rates of exchange at the date of the Statement of Financial Position, with the exception of forward currency contracts which are valued at the forward rate on that date. Any gain or loss arising from a change in exchange rates subsequent to the date of the transaction is included as an exchange gain or loss in the capital reserve or revenue account as appropriate.

#### (k) Capital reserve

Gains and losses on sales of investments, exchange differences of a capital nature and the amount by which the fair value of assets and

liabilities differs from their book value are dealt with in this reserve. 75% of investment management fees and finance costs together with any associated tax relief are allocated to the capital reserve in accordance with the Company's objective of combining capital and income growth. Purchases of the Company's own shares that are held in treasury are also funded from this reserve. When shares are reissued from treasury an amount equal to the weighted average purchase price paid for the shares is recognised in this reserve with any excess over this price recognised in share premium.

## (I) Segmental reporting

The Company has only one material segment of business being that of an investment trust company.

#### 2. Income

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Income from investments		
Overseas dividends	1,897	1,270
UK dividends	160	134
Property income distribution	35	<u>-</u>
	2,092	1,404
Other income		
Bank interest	15	1
Total income	2,107	1,405
Total income comprises:		
Dividends from financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss	2,092	1,404
Other income	15	1
	2,107	1,405

#### 3. Investment management fee

	2016	2016	2016	2015	2015	2015
	Revenue	Capital	Total	Revenue	Capital	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Investment management fee	113	340	453	91	273	364

Details of the investment management fee are set out in the Directors' Report on page 17. As at 30 June 2016, £124,000 (2015: £104,000) was outstanding in respect of amounts due to the Investment Manager.

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# Financial Statements (continued)

# Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

# 4. Other expenses

	2016 Revenue £'000	2016 Capital £'000	2016 Total £'000	2015 Revenue £'000	2015 Capital £'000	2015 Total £'000
Directors' remuneration	88	_	88	76	_	76
Auditor's remuneration (excluding VAT):						
- Fees for the audit of the Company's annual financial report	13	_	13	13	_	13
<ul> <li>Non-audit services supplied relating to taxation</li> </ul>	3	_	3	3	_	3
Custody fees	9	13	22	15	9	24
Registrar fees	20	_	20	16	_	16
Depositary fees	13	_	13	10	_	10
Printing fees	12	_	12	17	_	17
Stock Exchange fees	10	_	10	12	_	12
Directors' & Officers' insurance	7	_	7	7	_	7
Other expenses	25	7	32	47	30	77
	200	20	220	216	39	255

# 5. Finance costs of borrowings

	2016 Revenue £'000	2016 Capital £'000	2016 Total £'000	2015 Revenue £'000	2015 Capital £'000	2015 Total £'000
Loan interest	15	46	61	25	74	99
Loan non-utilisation fee	5	14	19	2	5	7
	20	60	80	27	79	106

# 6. Taxation on ordinary activities

	2016 Revenue £'000	2016 Capital £'000	2016 Total £'000	2015 Revenue £'000	2015 Capital £'000	2015 Total £'000
Overseas taxation	214	_	214	111	_	111
Total tax	214	-	214	111	-	111

The tax charge for the year is lower than the average standard rate of corporation tax in the UK (20.00%). The differences are explained below:

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Net return on ordinary activities before taxation	14,702	10,595
Net return on ordinary activities multiplied by the average standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 20.00% (2015: 20.75%)  Effects of:	2,940	2,198
Overseas tax – non offsettable	214	111
Taxable losses in the year not utilised	107	121
Income not taxable (UK dividends)	(32)	(28)
Income not taxable (overseas dividends)	(345)	(234)
Capital returns not taxable	(2,670)	(2,057)
Current tax charge for the year	214	111

As an investment trust, the Company's capital returns are not taxable.

#### Factors that may affect future tax charges

At 30 June 2016 the Company had a potential deferred tax asset of £563,000 (2015: £485,000) in respect of taxable losses which are available to be carried forward and offset against future taxable profits. A deferred tax asset has not been recognised on these losses as it is considered unlikely that the Company will make suitable taxable revenue profits in excess of deductible expenses in future periods. Due to the Company's status as an investment trust, and the intention to continue meeting the conditions required to obtain approval in the foreseeable future, the Company has not provided for deferred tax on any capital gains and losses arising on the revaluation or disposal of investments.

#### 7. Dividends paid and proposed

	2016	2015	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Amounts recognised as distributions in the year:				
Previous year's final dividend	2.65p	2.50p	681	549
Interim dividend	1.65p	1.35p	467	321
	4.30p	3.85p	1,148	870

Set out below are the total dividends paid and payable in respect of the financial year, which is the basis on which the requirements of section 1159 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 are considered. The revenue available for distribution by way of dividend for the year is £1,560,000 (2015: £960,000).

	2016	2015	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Dividends paid and payable in respect of the year: Interim dividend per ordinary share	1.65p	1.35p	467	321
Proposed final dividend per ordinary share	2.85p <b>4.50</b> p	2.65p 4.00p	830 1, <b>297</b>	681 1,002

#### 8. Net return per ordinary share

	2016 Revenue			2015 Revenue		
Net return on ordinary activities after taxation	5.78p	47.94p	53.72p	4.13p	40.95p	45.08p

Revenue return per ordinary share is based on the net revenue on ordinary activities after taxation of £1,560,000 (2015: £960,000), and on 26,969,898 (2015: 23,254,943) ordinary shares, being the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (excluding treasury shares) during the year.

Capital return per ordinary share is based on the net capital gain for the financial year of £12,928,000 (2015: £9,524,000), and on 26,969,898 (2015: 23,254,943) ordinary shares, being the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (excluding treasury shares) during the year.

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# Financial Statements (continued)

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

#### 9. Fixed assets – investments

Investments in securities are financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss on initial recognition in accordance with FRS 102. The following tables provide an analysis of these investments based on the fair value hierarchy as described below which reflects the reliability and significance of the information used to measure their fair value.

The levels are determined by the lowest (that is the least reliable or least independently observable) level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement for the individual investment in its entirety as follows:

- **Level 1** investments with unadjusted quoted prices in an active market;
- **Level 2** investments whose fair value is based on inputs other than quoted prices that are either directly or indirectly observable;
- **Level 3** investments whose fair value is based on inputs that are unobservable (i.e. for which market data is unavailable).

	Year ended 30 June 2016 £'000	Year ended 30 June 2015 £'000
Quoted (Level 1) Forward currency contracts (Level 2) Unquoted (Level 3)	108,864 - 105	79,090 (39) 84
Total financial asset investments	108,969	79,135

	Level 1 £'000	Level 2 £'000	Level 3 £'000	Total £'000
Opening book cost Fair value adjustment at 30 June 2015	76,534 2,556	(39)	597 (513)	77,131 2,004
Valuation at 30 June 2015 Purchases at cost Disposals – proceeds – realised gains/(losses)	79,090 130,998 (115,253) 1,466	(39) - 171 (171)	84	79,135 130,998 (115,082) 1,295
Increase in fair value adjustment  Valuation as at 30 June 2016	12,563 108,864	39	21 105	12,623 108,969
Book cost at 30 June 2016 Fair value adjustment	93,745 15,119	_ _	597 (492)	94,342 14,627
Valuation as at 30 June 2016	108,864	-	105	108,969

The purchases and sales proceeds figures above include transaction costs of £212,000 on purchases (2015: £173,000) and £116,000 on sales (2015: £126,000), making a total of £328,000 (2015: £299,000).

The gains and losses included in the above table have all been recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on page 30. The Company believes that other reasonably possible alternative valuations for its Level 3 holdings would not be significantly different from those included in the financial statements. During the year, there was an increase in the value of one Level 3 asset, K1 Life Settlements 0% 10/08/16, of £31,000, and a decrease in the value of one Level 3 asset, Ferro Alloy Resources, of £10,000.

#### 10. Debtors

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Sales for subsequent settlement Income accrued (net of overseas withholding tax) Other debtors and prepayments	1,200 389 80	1,850 88 54
	1,669	1,992

None of the above debtors are financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss. The carrying amount of the debtors is a reasonable approximation of fair value.

# 11. Creditors – amounts falling due within one year

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Bank loan Purchases for subsequent settlement Other creditors and accruals	5,438 1,787 214	4,622 951 173
	7,439	5,746

# 12. Called up share capital

	2016 Number	2016 £'000	2015 Number	2015 £'000
Allotted, called up and fully paid ordinary shares of 5 pence each Ordinary shares of 5 pence each held in treasury	29,111,836	1,456	25,038,509 1.825.321	1,252 91
Total	29,111,836		26,863,830	

No shares were bought back in the period (2015: 577,440 shares at a cost of £1,614,000).

A total of 1,825,321 ordinary shares (2015: 3,115,488) were issued from treasury for proceeds of £5,965,000 (2015: £9,999,000).

The Company alloted 2,248,006 new ordinary shares for proceeds of £7,589,000 during the year ended 30 June 2016 (2015 - nil).

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# Financial Statements (continued)

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

## 13. Capital and reserves

	Share capital £'000	Capital redemption reserve £'000	Share premium £'000	Capital reserve £'000	Revenue reserve £'000	Shareholders' funds £'000
At 1 July 2015	1,343	16	6,650	71,146	1,686	80,841
Gains on sales of investments	_	_	_	1,295	_	1,295
Currency losses on bank loans	_	_	_	(816)	_	(816)
Finance costs of borrowings	_	_	_	(60)	_	(60)
Other currency gains	_	_	_	246	_	246
Expenses charged to capital	_	_	_	(360)	_	(360)
Issue of new shares	113	_	7,476	_	_	7,589
Expenses related to issue						
of the prospectus	_	_	_	(109)	_	(109)
Issue of shares from treasury	_	_	1,079	4,886	_	5,965
Changes in unrealised gains/(losses)	_	_	_	12,623	_	12,623
Revenue return on ordinary activities						
after taxation	-	_	_	_	1,560	1,560
Dividends paid	-	_	_	_	(1,148)	(1,148)
At 30 June 2016	1,456	16	15,205	88,851	2,098	107,626

The capital reserve includes unrealised gains on fixed asset investments of £14,627,000 (2015: £2,004,000) as disclosed in note 9.

The capital reserve and the revenue reserve are distributable by way of dividend.

## 14. Net asset value per ordinary share

The net asset value per ordinary share and the net assets attributable to the ordinary shareholders at the year end, calculated in accordance with the Articles of Association, were as follows:

	2016		2016		20	15
	Net asset value	Net assets £'000		Net assets £'000		
Ordinary shares	369.70p	107,626	322.87p	80,841		

The movements during the year of the assets attributable to the ordinary shares were as follows:

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Total net assets at 1 July	80,841	62,842
Total recognised gains for the year	14,488	10,484
Issue of new shares	7,589	_
Issue of shares from treasury	5,965	9,999
Repurchase of shares into treasury	_	(1,614)
Expenses related to issue of the prospectus	(109)	_
Dividends paid	(1,148)	(870)
Total net assets at 30 June	107,626	80,841

Net asset value per ordinary share is based on net assets as shown above and on 29,111,836 (2015: 25,038,509) ordinary shares, being the number of ordinary shares (excluding treasury shares) in issue at the year end.

## 15. Reconciliation of net return before finance costs and taxation to cash used in operations

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Net return before finance costs and taxation	14,782	10,701
Gains on investments	(13,918)	(9,645)
Currency losses/(gains)	570	(270)
(Increase)/decrease in accrued income	(301)	1
Interest received	(15)	(1)
(Increase)/decrease in other debtors and prepayments	(26)	31
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	38	(15)
Oversease tax suffered	(214)	(111)
Cash used in operations	916	691

## 16. Contingent liabilities, guarantees and financial commitments

At 30 June 2016 and 30 June 2015 the Company had no contingent liabilities, guarantees or financial commitments.

## 17. Transactions with the Investment Manager and related parties

The amounts paid to the Investment Manager and amounts outstanding at the year end are disclosed in notes 3 and 11, respectively. The existence of an independent Board of Directors demonstrates that the Company is free to pursue its own financial and operating policies and therefore the Investment Manager is not considered to be a related party.

#### 18. Financial Instruments

As an investment trust, the Company invests in equities and makes other investments so as to meet its investment objective of achieving capital and income growth by investing on a worldwide basis. In pursuing its investment objective, the Company is exposed to various types of risk that are associated with the financial instruments and markets in which it invests.

These risks are categorised here as market risk (comprising currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk), liquidity risk and credit risk. The Board monitors closely the Company's exposure to these risks but does so in order to reduce the likelihood of a permanent loss of capital rather than to minimise the short term volatility.

The Company may enter into derivative transactions as explained in the Investment Policy on page 12. In the period under review the Company entered into a number of foreign exchange contracts. At the year end there were no open positions (2015: one open position). Further details can be found in note 9.

#### Market risk

The fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument or other investment held by the Company may fluctuate because of changes in market prices. This market risk comprises three elements – currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk. The Board reviews and agrees policies for managing these risks and the Company's Investment Manager assesses the exposure to market risk when making individual investment decisions and monitors the overall level of market risk across the investment portfolio on an ongoing basis. Details of the Company's investment portfolio are shown in note 9 and on pages 9 to 10.

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# Financial Statements (continued)

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

#### 18. Financial instruments (continued)

#### Market risk (continued)

#### (i) Currency risk

Certain of the Company's assets, liabilities and income are denominated in currencies other than Sterling (the Company's functional currency and that in which it reports its results). Consequently, movements in exchange rates may affect the Sterling value of those items.

The Investment Manager monitors the Company's exposure to foreign currencies and reports to the Board on a regular basis. The Investment Manager assesses the risk to the Company of the foreign currency exposure by considering the effect on the Company's net asset value and income of a movement in the rates of exchange to which the Company's assets, liabilities, income and expenses are exposed. However, the country in which a company is listed is not necessarily where it earns its profits. The movement in exchange rates on overseas earnings may have a more significant impact upon a company's valuation than a simple translation of the currency in which the company is quoted.

Foreign currency borrowings may limit the Company's exposure to anticipated future changes in exchange rates which might otherwise adversely affect the value of the portfolio of investments.

At 30 June 2016	Investments £'000	Forward foreign exchange contracts £'000	Cash and cash equivalents £'000	Bank Ioan £'000	Other debtors and creditors £'000	Net exposure £'000
US dollar	65,349	_	2,009	(5,438)	297	62,217
Euro	11,849	_	_	_	35	11,884
Hong Kong dollar	9,387	_	_	_	269	9,656
Japanese yen	9,195	_	_	_	8	9,203
Swiss franc	2,908	_	_	_	5	2,913
Australian dollar	2,292	_	_	_	22	2,314
Other overseas currencies	1,223		346		169	1,738
Total exposure to currency risk	102,203	_	2,355	(5,438)	805	99,925
Sterling	6,766	_	2,072	_	(1,137)	7,701
	108,969	-	4,427	(5,438)	(332)	107,626

At 30 June 2015	Investments £'000	Forward foreign exchange contracts £'000	Cash and cash equivalents £'000	Bank loan £'000	Other debtors and creditors £'000	Net exposure £'000
US dollar	44,484	4,139	459	(4,622)	949	45,409
Euro	9,060	_	_		29	9,089
Japanese yen	9,820	(4,178)	_	_	10	5,652
Singapore dollar	2,706	_	_	_	_	2,706
Hong Kong dollar	2,431	_	2	_	25	2,458
Swiss franc	1,935	_	_	_	16	1,951
Egyptian pound	824	_	515	_	_	1,339
Korean won	814	_	_	_	3	817
Other overseas currencies	1,493	_	_	_	2	1,495
Total exposure to currency risk	73,567	(39)	976	(4,622)	1,034	70,916
Sterling	5,607		4,484	_	(166)	9,925
	79,174	(39)	5,460	(4,622)	868	80,841

#### Currency risk sensitivity

At 30 June 2016, if Sterling had strengthened by 5% in relation to all currencies, with all other variables held constant, total net assets and total return on ordinary activities would have decreased by the amounts shown below. A 5% weakening of Sterling against all currencies, with all other variables held constant, would have had an equal but opposite effect on the financial statements amounts. The analysis is performed on the same basis for 2015.

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
US dollar	3,111	2,270
Euro	594	454
Hong Kong dollar	483	123
Japanese yen	460	283
Swiss franc	146	98
Australian dollar	116	_
Other overseas currencies	87	318
	4,997	3,546

#### (ii) Interest rate risk

Interest rate movements may affect directly:

- the fair value of investments in fixed interest rate securities;
- the level of income receivable on cash deposits; and
- the interest payable on the value of the Company's borrowings.

Interest rate movements may also impact the market value of the Company's investments outwith fixed income securities. The effect of interest rate movements upon the earnings of a company may have a significant impact upon the valuation of that company's equity. The possible effects on fair value and cash flows that could arise as a result of changes in interest rates are taken into account when making investment decisions and when entering into borrowing agreements.

The Board reviews on a regular basis the amount of investments in cash and fixed income securities and the income receivable on cash deposits, floating rate notes and other similar investments.

The interest rate risk profile of the Company's financial assets and liabilities at 30 June 2016 and 30 June 2015 is shown below.

### Financial assets

	2016 Fair value £'000	2016 Weighted average interest rate	2016 Weighted average period until maturity (years)	2015 Fair value £'000	2015 Weighted average interest rate	2015 Weighted average period until maturity (years)
Fixed rate: US dollar bonds	105	_	0.1	74	_	1.1

The cash deposits generally comprise all call deposits or short term money market deposits with original maturities of less than three months, which are repayable on demand. The benchmark rate which determines the interest payments received on cash balances is the Bank of England base rate.

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# Financial Statements (continued)

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

#### 18. Financial instruments (continued)

Market risk (continued)
(ii) Interest rate risk (continued)

Financial liabilities

The interest rate risk profile of the Company's bank loan is shown below.

## Interest rate exposure

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
US Dollar denominated (floating rate of US LIBOR plus 0.9% per annum)	5,438	4,622
	5,438	4,622

On 19 February 2015, the Company entered into a three-year US\$16 million revolving credit facility with Scotiabank, which will mature on 19 February 2018. US\$7.3 million was drawn down at 30 June 2016 (2015: US\$7.3 million). Interest is charged at variable rates equivalent to 0.9% over the US dollar London interbank market rate. The interest rate as at 30 June 2016 was 1.35080% (2015: 1.08675%).

The main covenants relating to the revolving credit facility are:

- (i) Total borrowings shall not exceed 33.33% of the Company's investment portfolio.
- (ii) The Company's minimum net asset value shall be £32 million.

The Company has complied with the covenants throughout the year under review.

## Interest rate risk sensitivity

As the majority of the Company's financial assets are non-interest bearing and the loan can be repaid within the next 12 months the exposure to fair value interest rate fluctuations is limited.

#### (iii) Other price risk

Changes in market prices other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk may also affect the value of the Company's net assets.

The Board manages the market price risks inherent in the investment portfolio by ensuring full and timely access to relevant information from the Investment Manager. The Board meets regularly and at each meeting reviews investment performance, the investment portfolio and the rationale for the current investment positioning to ensure consistency with the Company's objectives and investment policies. The portfolio does not seek to reproduce the index. Investments are selected based upon the merit of individual companies and therefore performance may well diverge from short term fluctuations in the comparative index.

#### Other price risk sensitivity

Investments are valued at bid prices which equate to their fair value. A full list of the Company's investments is given on pages 9 to 10. In addition, an analysis of the investment portfolio by geographical split is given on page 11. A 5% increase in quoted valuations at 30 June 2016 would have increased total assets, and total return on ordinary activities by £5,443,000 (2015: £3,955,000). A decrease of 5% would have had an equal but opposite effect.

#### Liquidity risk

This is the risk that the Company will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities.

The Alternative Investment Fund Manager ('AIFM') has a liquidity management policy for the Company which is intended to ensure that the Company's investment portfolio maintains a level of liquidity which is appropriate to the Company's expected outflows, which include share buy backs, dividends and operational expenses. This policy involves an assessment of the prices or values at which it expects to be able to liquidate its assets over varying hypothetical periods in varying market conditions, taking into account the sensitivity of particular assets to particular market risks and other relevant factors. This requires the AIFM to identify and monitor investment in asset classes which are considered to be relatively illiquid. Illiquid assets of the Company are likely to include investments in unquoted companies. The quoted companies in the portfolio are generally deemed to be liquid but from time to time, however, liquidity in these holdings may be affected by wider economic events. The Company's equity portfolio is monitored on an ongoing basis to ensure that it is adequately diversified and liquid. The AIFM's liquidity management policy is reviewed on at least an annual basis and updated, as required.

There have been no material changes to the liquidity management systems and procedures during the year. In addition, none of the Company's assets are subject to special arrangements arising from their illiquid nature.

The Company has the power to enter into borrowings, which gives it access to additional funding when required.

#### Credit and counterparty risk

This is the risk that a failure of a counterparty to a transaction to discharge its obligations under that transaction could result in the Company suffering a loss.

This risk is managed as follows:

- Where the Investment Manager makes an investment in a bond or other security with credit risk, that credit risk is assessed and then compared to the prospective investment return of the security in question.
- The Company's quoted investments are held on its behalf by J.P. Morgan Chase Bank N.A, the Company's Custodian. Bankruptcy or insolvency of the Custodian may cause the Company's rights with respect to securities held by the Custodian to be delayed. The Investment Manager monitors the Company's risk by reviewing the Custodian's internal control reports and reporting on their findings to the Board.
- Investment transactions are carried out with a large number of brokers whose creditworthiness is reviewed by the Investment Manager. Transactions are ordinarily undertaken on a delivery versus payment basis whereby the Company's Custodian ensures that the counterparty to any transaction entered into by the Company has delivered on its obligations before any transfer of cash or securities away from the Company is completed.
- Transactions involving derivatives, and other arrangements wherein the creditworthiness of the entity acting as broker or counterparty to the transaction is likely to be of sustained interest, are subject to rigorous assessment by the Investment Manager of the creditworthiness of that counterparty.
- Cash is only held at banks that are regularly reviewed by the Investment Manager.

### Credit and counterparty risk exposure

The exposure to credit and counterparty risk at 30 June 2016 and 30 June 2015 was:

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Cash and deposits Debtors and prepayments Fixed interest investments	4,427 1,669 105	5,460 1,992 74
	6,201	7,526

As disclosed in note 9, the fair value of K1 Life Settlements 0% 10/08/16 increased by £31,000 during the year following a review of the expected value of the investment at maturity. None of the Company's financial assets are past due or impaired.

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# Financial Statements (continued)

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

#### 18. Financial instruments (continued)

# Fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities

The Directors are of the opinion that the financial assets and liabilities of the Company are stated at fair value in the balance sheet.

#### **Capital management**

The capital of the Company is its share capital and reserves as set out in notes 12 and 13 together with its borrowings (see note 11). The objective of the Company is to achieve capital and income growth by investing on a worldwide basis. The Company's investment policy is set out in page 12. In pursuit of the Company's objective, the Board has a responsibility for ensuring the Company's ability to continue as a going concern and details of the related risks and how they are managed are set out on pages 13, 14 and 22. The Company has the ability to issue and buy back its shares (see pages 18 and 19) and changes to the share capital during the year are set out in notes 12 and 14. The Company does not have any externally imposed capital requirements.

# Shareholder information

### Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Mid Wynd International Investment Trust PLC will be held at 42 Melville Street, Edinburgh EH3 7HA on Monday, 7 November 2016 at 12.00 noon (the 'Meeting') for the following purposes:

#### **Ordinary Business**

To consider and, if thought fit, pass Resolutions 1 to 7 (inclusive) which will be proposed as ordinary resolutions:

- To receive and adopt the Annual Financial Report of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2016 together with the Report of the Directors.
- 2. To approve the Directors' Remuneration Report for the year ended 30 June 2016.
- 3. To approve a final dividend of 2.85 pence per ordinary share for the year ended 30 June 2016.
- 4. To re-elect Malcolm Scott, QC as a Director of the Company.
- To re-appoint Scott-Moncrieff as Independent Auditor
  of the Company to hold office from the conclusion of
  the Meeting until the conclusion of the next meeting
  at which the financial statements are laid before the
  Company.
- 6. To authorise the Directors to determine the remuneration of the Independent Auditor.
- 7. That, in substitution for any existing authority but without prejudice to the exercise of any such authority prior to the date hereof, the Directors of the Company be and they are hereby generally and unconditionally authorised in accordance with Section 551 of the Companies Act 2006 (the 'Act') to exercise all the powers of the Company to allot new shares in the Company and to grant rights to subscribe for, or to convert any security into, ordinary shares in the Company (such shares and rights together being 'Securities') up to an aggregate nominal value of £495,784, being equal to approximately 33.3% of the Company's issued share capital (excluding treasury shares) as at 30 August 2016, to such persons and on such terms as the Directors may determine, such authority to expire at the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company held after the passing of this resolution, unless previously revoked, varied or extended by the Company in a general meeting, save that the Company may at any time prior to the expiry of this authority make an offer or enter into an agreement which would or might require Securities to be allotted or granted after the expiry of such authority and the Directors shall be entitled to allot or grant Securities in pursuance of such an offer or agreement as if such authority had not expired.

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass Resolutions 8 and 9 which will be proposed as special resolutions:

- the 'Section 551 Resolution'), and in substitution for any existing authority but without prejudice to the exercise of any such authority prior to the date hereof, the Directors of the Company be and they are hereby generally empowered, pursuant to Sections 570 and 573 of the Act, to allot equity securities (as defined in Section 560(1) of the Act), for cash pursuant to the authority given by the Section 551 Resolution or by way of a sale of treasury shares (as defined in Section 560(3) of the Act), in each case as if Section 561(1) of the Act did not apply to any such allotment of equity securities or sale of treasury shares, provided that this power:
  - (a) shall be limited to the allotment of equity securities or sale of treasury shares in connection with an offer of such securities to the holders of shares in the capital of the Company in proportion (as nearly as may be) to their respective holdings of such shares but subject to such exclusions, limits or restrictions or other arrangements as the Directors may deem necessary or expedient to deal with treasury shares, fractional entitlements, record dates or any legal, regulatory or practical problems in or under the laws of any territory, or the requirements of any regulatory body or any stock exchange in any territory or otherwise howsoever; or
  - (b) shall be limited to the allotment of equity securities or sale of treasury shares (otherwise than pursuant to sub-paragraph (a) of this resolution) up to an aggregate nominal value of £223,326 being approximately 15% of the nominal value of the issued share capital of the Company (excluding treasury shares), as at 30 August 2016; and
  - (c) expires at the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company held after the passing of this resolution, save that the Company may, before such expiry, make an offer or enter into an agreement which would or might require equity securities to be allotted after such expiry and the Directors may allot equity securities in pursuance of any such offer or agreement as if the power conferred hereby had not expired.
- That, in substitution for any existing authority but without prejudice to the exercise of any such authority prior to the date hereof, the Company be and is hereby generally and unconditionally

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# Shareholder information (continued)

### Notice of Annual General Meeting (continued)

authorised pursuant to Section 701 of the Act to make market purchases (within the meaning of Section 693(4) of the Act) of any of its ordinary shares in the capital of the Company in such manner and upon such terms as the Directors of the Company may from time to time determine, provided that:

- (a) the maximum aggregate number of ordinary shares hereby authorised to be purchased is 4,463,547, or, if less, the number representing approximately 14.99% of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company (excluding treasury shares) as at the date on which this resolution is passed;
- (b) the minimum price which may be paid for any ordinary share is the nominal value thereof;
- (c) the maximum price which may be paid for any ordinary share shall not be more than the higher of:
  - 5% above the average of the middle market quotations for an ordinary share (as derived from the Daily Official List of the London Stock Exchange) over the five business days immediately preceding the date of purchase; and
  - (ii) the higher of the price of the last independent trade in ordinary shares and the highest current independent bid for such shares on the London Stock Exchange; and

(d) unless previously varied, revoked or renewed by the Company in a general meeting, the authority hereby conferred shall expire at the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company held after the passing of this resolution, save that the Company may, prior to such expiry, enter into a contract to purchase ordinary shares under such authority which will or might be completed or executed wholly or partly after the expiration of such authority and may make a purchase of ordinary shares pursuant to any such contract.

By order of the Board.

#### **Artemis Fund Managers Limited**

Company Secretary 30 August 2016

Registered Office: Cassini House 57 St James's Street London SW1A 1LD

#### **Notes**

1. Attending the Meeting in person

If you wish to attend the Meeting in person, you should arrive at the venue for the Meeting in good time to allow your attendance to be registered. It is advisable to have some form of identification with you as you may be asked to provide evidence of your identity prior to being admitted to the Meeting.

2. Appointment of proxies

Members are entitled to appoint one or more proxies to exercise all or any of their rights to attend, speak and vote at the Meeting. A proxy need not be a member of the Company but must attend the Meeting to represent a member. To be validly appointed a proxy must be appointed using the procedures set out in these notes and in the notes to the accompanying proxy form.

If members wish their proxy to speak on their behalf at the Meeting, members will need to appoint their own choice of proxy (not the chairman of the Meeting) and give their instructions directly to them.

Members can only appoint more than one proxy where each proxy is appointed to exercise rights attached to different shares. Members cannot appoint more than one proxy to exercise the rights attached to the same share(s). If a member wishes to appoint more than one proxy, they should contact Computershare on 0370 707 1186 (calls to this number are charged at 2 pence per minute plus network extras. Lines are open from 8.30am to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday).

A member may instruct their proxy to abstain from voting on any resolution to be considered at the Meeting by marking the "vote withheld" option when appointing their proxy. It should be noted that an abstention is not a vote in law and will not be counted in the calculation of the proportion of votes "for" or "against" the resolution.

The appointment of a proxy will not prevent a member from attending the Meeting and voting in person if he or she wishes.

A person who is not a member of the Company but who has been nominated by a member to enjoy information rights does not have a right to appoint any proxies under the procedures set out in these notes and should read note 8 below.

3. Appointment of a proxy using a proxy form

A proxy form for use in connection with the Meeting is enclosed. To be valid any proxy form or other instrument appointing a proxy, together with any power of attorney or other authority under which it is

signed or a certified copy thereof, must be received by post or (during normal business hours only) by hand by the Registrar at Computershare Investor Services PLC, The Pavilions, Bristol BS99 6ZY or eproxyappointment.com no later than 48 hours (excluding non working days) before the time of the Meeting or any adjournment of that meeting.

If you do not have a proxy form and believe that you should have one, or you require additional proxy forms, please contact the Registrar on 0370 707 1186 (calls to this number are charged at 2 pence per minute plus network extras. Lines are open from 8.30am to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday).

4. Appointment of a proxy through CREST

CREST members who wish to appoint a proxy or proxies through the CREST electronic proxy appointment service may do so by using the procedures described in the CREST Manual and by logging on to the following website: euroclear.com/CREST. CREST personal members or other CREST sponsored members, and those CREST members who have appointed (a) voting service provider(s), should refer to their CREST sponsor or voting service provider(s) who will be able to take the appropriate action on their behalf.

In order for a proxy appointment or instruction made using the CREST service to be valid, the appropriate CREST message (a 'CREST Proxy Instruction') must be properly authenticated in accordance with Euroclear UK & Ireland Limited's specifications, and must contain the information required for such instruction, as described in the CREST Manual. The message, regardless of whether it constitutes the appointment of a proxy or is an amendment to the instruction given to a previously appointed proxy, must in order to be valid be transmitted so as to be received by the Registrar (ID 3RA50) no later than 48 hours (excluding non working days) before the time of the Meeting or any adjournment of that meeting. For this purpose, the time of receipt will be taken to be the time (as determined by the timestamp applied to the message by the CREST Application Host) from which the Registrar is able to retrieve the message by enquiry to CREST in the manner prescribed by CREST. After this time any change of instructions to proxies appointed through CREST should be communicated to the appointee through other means.

CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting service provider(s) should note that Euroclear UK & Ireland Limited does not make available special procedures in CREST for any particular message. Normal system timings and limitations will, therefore, apply in

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relation to the input of CREST Proxy Instructions. It is the responsibility of the CREST member concerned to take (or, if the CREST member is a CREST personal member, or sponsored member, or has appointed (a) voting service provider(s), to procure that his CREST sponsor or voting service provider(s) take(s)) such action as shall be necessary to ensure that a message is transmitted by means of the CREST system by any particular time. In this connection, CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting system providers are referred, in particular, to those sections of the CREST Manual concerning practical limitations of the CREST system and timings.

The Company may treat as invalid a CREST Proxy Instruction in the circumstances set out in Regulation 35(5)(a) of the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001.

#### 5. Appointment of proxy by joint holders

In the case of joint holders, where more than one of the joint holders purports to appoint one or more proxies, only the purported appointment submitted by the most senior holder will be accepted. Seniority is determined by the order in which the names of the joint holders appear in the Company's register of members in respect of the joint holding (the first named being the most senior).

#### 6. Corporate representatives

Any corporation which is a member can appoint one or more corporate representatives. Members can only appoint more than one corporate representative where each corporate representative is appointed to exercise rights attached to different shares. Members cannot appoint more than one corporate representative to exercise the rights attached to the same share(s).

#### 7. Entitlement to attend and vote

To be entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting (and for the purpose of determining the votes they may cast), members must be registered in the Company's register of members at 6.00 pm on 3 November 2016 (or, if the Meeting is adjourned, at 6.00 pm two working days prior to the adjourned meeting).

Changes to the register of members after the relevant deadline will be disregarded in determining the rights of any person to attend and vote at the Meeting.

#### 8. Nominated persons

Any person to whom this notice is sent who is a person nominated under Section 146 of the Act to enjoy information rights (a 'Nominated Person') may,

under an agreement between him/her and the member by whom he/she was nominated, have a right to be appointed (or to have someone else appointed) as a proxy for the Meeting. If a Nominated Person has no such proxy appointment right or does not wish to exercise it, he/she may, under any such agreement, have a right to give instructions to the member as to the exercise of voting rights.

#### 9. Forms of proxy

A personalised form of proxy will be sent to each registered shareholder with the Annual Financial Report and instructions on how to vote will be contained therein.

10. Website giving information regarding the Meeting Information regarding the Meeting, including information required by Section 311A of the Act, and a copy of this notice of Meeting is available on the website: midwynd.co.uk.

#### 11. Voting rights

As at 30 August 2016 (being the latest practicable date prior to the publication of this notice) the Company's issued share capital consisted of 29,776,836 ordinary shares, carrying one vote each. Therefore, the total voting rights in the Company as at 30 August 2016 were 29,776,836 votes.

#### 12. Notification of shareholdings

Any person holding 3% or more of the total voting rights of the Company who appoints a person other than the Chairman of the General Meeting as his proxy will need to ensure that they both comply with their respective disclosure obligations under the UK Disclosure Rules and Transparency Rules.

If the Chairman, as a result of any proxy appointments, is given discretion as to how the votes of those proxies are cast, and the voting rights in respect of those discretionary proxies, when added to the interests in the Company's ordinary shares already held by the Chairman, result in the Chairman holding such number of voting rights that he has a notifiable obligation under the Disclosure Rules and Transparency Rules, the Chairman will make the necessary notifications to the Company and the Financial Conduct Authority. As a result, any member holding 3% or more of the voting rights in the Company who grants the Chairman a discretionary proxy in respect of some or all of those voting rights and so would otherwise have a notification obligation under the Disclosure Rules and Transparency Rules, need not make a separate notification to the Company and the Financial Conduct Authority.

# 13. Members' right to require circulation of resolution to be proposed at the Meeting

Members meeting the threshold requirements set out in the Act have the right to: (a) require the Company to give notice of any resolution which can properly be, and is to be, moved at the Meeting pursuant to Section 338 of the Act; and/or (b) include a matter in the business to be dealt with at the meeting, pursuant to Section 338A of the Act.

#### 14. Further questions and communication

Under Section 319A of the Act, the Company must cause to be answered any question relating to the business being dealt with at the Meeting put by a member attending the Meeting unless answering the question would interfere unduly with the preparation for the Meeting or involve the disclosure of confidential information, or the answer has already been given on a website in the form of an answer to a question, or it is undesirable in the interests of the Company or the good order of the meeting that the question be answered.

Members who have any queries about the Meeting should contact the Company Secretarial Department by writing to Artemis Fund Managers Limited, Cassini House, 57 St James's Street, London, SW1A 1LD.

Members may not use any electronic address provided in this notice or in any related documents (including the accompanying proxy form) to communicate with the Company for any purpose other than those expressly stated.

### 15. Documents available for inspection

The following documents will be available for inspection at the registered office of the Company during normal business hours on any weekday (Saturdays, Sundays and English public holidays excepted) from the date of this notice until the conclusion of the Meeting:

- 15.1. a statement of all transactions of each Director and of their family interests in the share capital of the Company; and
- 15.2. copies of the Directors' letters of appointment.

No Director has a service contract with the Company.

#### 16. Director's biography

The biography of the Director standing for re-election is set out on page 16 of the Company's Annual Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2016.

#### 17. Announcement of results

As soon as practicable following the Meeting, the results of the voting at the Meeting will be announced via a Regulatory Information Service and the number of votes cast for and against and the number of votes withheld in respect of each resolution will be placed on the website: midwynd.co.uk.

#### 18. Audit concerns

Members should note that it is possible that, pursuant to requests made by members of the Company under Section 527 of the Act, the Company may be required to publish on a website a statement setting out any matter relating to: (a) the audit of the Company's financial statements (including the auditor's report and the conduct of the audit) that are to be laid before the Meeting; or (b) any circumstance connected with an auditor of the Company ceasing to hold office since the previous meeting at which annual financial statements were laid in accordance with Section 437 of the Act. The Company may not require the members requesting any such website publication to pay its expenses in complying with Sections 527 or 528 of the Act. Where the Company is required to place a statement on a website under Section 527 of the Act, it must forward the statement to the Company's auditor not later than the time when it makes the statement available on the website. The business which may be dealt with at the Meeting includes any statement that the Company has been required under Section 527 of the Act to publish on a website.

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#### General information

# Buying shares in the Company

The Company's ordinary shares are traded on the London Stock Exchange and can be bought or sold through a stockbroker, a financial advisor or via an investment platform. Find out more at midwynd.co.uk.

# Company numbers:

London Stock Exchange (SEDOL) number: B6VTTK0

ISIN number: GB00B6VTTK07

Ticker: MWY

## Capital Gains Tax

For Capital Gains Tax indexation purposes, the market value of an ordinary share in the Company as at 31 March 1982 was 52 pence. The equivalent price, adjusted for the five for one share split in October 2011, is 10.4 pence.

#### Share register enquiries

Computershare maintains the share register on behalf of the Company. In the event of queries regarding shares registered in your own name, please contact the Registrar on 0370 707 1186. This helpline also offers an automated self-service functionality (available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week) which allows you to:

- hear the latest share price;
- confirm your current share holding balance;
- confirm your payment history; and
- order Change of Address forms, Dividend Bank Mandates and Stock Transfer forms.

By quoting the reference number on your share certificate you can also check your holding on the Registrar's website at investorcentre.co.uk.

It also offers a free, secure share management website service which allows you to:

- view your share portfolio and see the latest market price of your shares;
- calculate the total market price of each shareholding;
- view price histories and trading graphs;
- update bank mandates and change address details;
- use online dealing services; and
- pay dividends directly into your overseas bank account in your chosen local currency.

To take advantage of this service, please log in at investorcentre.co.uk. You will need your Shareholder Reference Number and Company Code to do this (this information can be found on the last dividend confirmation or your share certificate).

#### Dividend Reinvestment Plan

Computershare provides a Dividend Reinvestment Plan which can be used to buy additional shares instead of receiving your dividend via cheque or into your bank account. For further information log in to investorcentre.co.uk and follow the instructions or telephone 0370 707 1694.

#### Electronic proxy voting

If you hold stock in your own name you can choose to vote by returning proxies electronically at eproxyappointment.com. If you have any questions about this service please contact Computershare on 0370 707 1186.

### Tax information reporting

With effect from 1 January 2016 tax legislation requires investment trust companies to provide information to HMRC on certain investors who purchase shares in investment trusts. Accordingly, the Company may have to provide information annually to HMRC on the tax residencies of those certificated shareholders that are tax resident outwith the UK, in those countries that have signed up to the OECD's ('Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development') Common Reporting Standard for Automatic Exchange of Financial Account Information (the 'Common Reporting Standard'), or the United States (under the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act, 'FATCA').

All new shareholders, excluding those whose shares are held in CREST, that enter the share register from 1 January 2016 will be sent a certification form from the Registrar to complete. Existing shareholders may also be contacted by the Registrar should any extra information be needed to correctly determine their tax residence.

Failure to provide this information may result in the account being reported to HMRC.

For further information, please see HMRC's Quick Guide: Automatic Exchange of Information – information for account holders: gov.uk/government/publications/exchange-of-information-account-holders.

#### Financial Advisers and retail investors

The Company currently conducts its affairs so that the shares in issue can be recommended by Financial Advisers to ordinary retail investors in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority's ('FCA's') rules in relation to non-mainstream investment products and intends to do so for the foreseeable future. The shares are excluded from the FCA's restrictions which apply to non-mainstream investment products because they are shares in an investment trust.

## Further information on the Company

The Company's net asset value is calculated daily and released to the London Stock Exchange. The share prices are listed in the Financial Times and also on the TrustNet website (trustnet.com). Up-to-date information can be found on the Company's website (midwynd.co.uk), including a factsheet which is updated monthly. Shareholders can also contact the Chairman to express any views on the Company or to raise any questions they have using the e-mail address: midwyndchairman@artemisfunds.com.

#### AIFMD disclosures

A number of disclosures are required to be made under the AIFMD as follows:

- Information in relation to the leverage of the Company is provided in the Strategic Report on page 15.
- Details of the Company's principal risks and their management are provided in the Strategic Report on pages 13 and 14.
- Details of the monitoring undertaken of the liquidity of the portfolio is provided in note 18 in the notes to the financial statements.
- The Investment Manager is not able to enter into any stocklending agreements; to borrow money against the security of the Company's investments; nor create any charges over any of the Company's investments, unless prior approval has been received from the Board.
- Details of the Company's strategy and policies, administration arrangements and risk management and monitoring, required to be made available to investors in the Company before they invest, are available at midwynd.co.uk.

Any material changes to this information is required to be reported in the Company's Annual Financial Report.

There have been no material changes from the prior year to the information above which requires disclosure to shareholders.

As the AIFM to the Company, Artemis is required to make certain disclosures regarding remuneration which will be disclosed at the appropriate time.

#### Reporting calendar

#### Year End

30 June

#### Results announced

Interim: February Annual: August

#### **Dividends Payable**

April and November

#### **Annual General Meeting**

November

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# Shareholder information (continued)

### Investment Manager, Company Secretary and Advisers

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