

The Scottish Oriental <u>Smaller Comp</u>anies Trust plc

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Interim Report and Accounts 28 February 2015

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Corporate Objective

The investment objective of The Scottish Oriental Smaller Companies Trust plc ("Scottish Oriental", "the Company" or "the Trust") is to achieve long-term capital growth by investing in mainly smaller Asian quoted companies with market capitalisations of below US\$1,500m, or the equivalent thereof, at the time of investment. For investment purposes, this includes the Indian sub-continent but excludes Japan and Australasia.

This is an abridged version of Scottish Oriental's investment policy and objective. A full statement of Scottish Oriental's investment policy can be found on page 21 of the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 August 2014 ("the Annual Report and Accounts").

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

Given the nature of its investment activities, the principal risks that Scottish Oriental faces from its financial instruments are market risk (comprising interest rate, currency and share price risks) and credit risk. The principal risks and uncertainties have not changed since the publication of the Annual Report and Accounts. A detailed explanation of these risks and how they are managed is set out in Note 15 on pages 49-53 of the Annual Report and Accounts. As Scottish Oriental's assets mainly comprise readily realisable securities, other than in exceptional circumstances there should be no significant liquidity risk. Scottish Oriental's investment portfolio is exposed to market price fluctuations and currency fluctuations which are monitored by the Investment Manager. Movements in interest rates, to the extent that they affect the fair value of the Company's fixed rate borrowings, may also affect the amount by which the Company's share price is an a discount or a premium to the net asset value (assuming that the Company's share price is unaffected by movements in interest rates). The Company is also exposed to minimal interest rate risk on interest receivable from bank deposits and interest payable on bank overdraft positions.

Directors' Responsibility Statement

The Directors are responsible for preparing the half-yearly financial report in accordance with applicable law and regulations. The Directors confirm that, to the best of their knowledge:

- (a) the condensed set of financial statements within the half-yearly financial report, prepared in accordance with the Accounting Standards Board's statement 'Half-Yearly Financial Reports', gives a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Company; and
- (b) the Interim Management Report includes a fair review of the information required by 4.2.7R of the Financial Conduct Authority's Disclosure and Transparency Rules (important events that have occurred in the first six months of the Company's financial year, together with their effect on the half-yearly financial statements to 28 February 2015 and a description of the principal risks and uncertainties for the remaining six months of the financial year). Rule 4.2.8R requires information on related party transactions. No related party transactions have taken place during the first six months of the financial year that have materially affected the financial position of the Company during that period and there have been no changes in the related party transactions described in the last annual report that could do so.

The half-yearly report for the six months to 28 February 2015 comprises the Interim Management Report, the Directors' Responsibility Statement and a condensed set of financial statements and has not been audited or reviewed by auditors pursuant to the Auditing Practices Board guidance on Review of Interim Financial Information.

By order of the Board

James Ferguson Chairman

22 April 2015

Total Return* Performance (Unaudited)

for the six months to 28 February 2015

| Net Asset Value | 4.5% | MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index (£) | 5.9% |
|-----------------|------|--|------|
| Share Price | 2.1% | MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Small Cap Index (£) | 2.4% |
| | | FTSE All-Share Index (£) | 4.1% |

*Total return (capital return with dividends reinvested).

Summary Data (Unaudited)

at 28 February 2015

| Shares in issue | 31,643,650 | Shareholders' Funds | £289.63m |
|---------------------------|------------|--|----------|
| Net Asset Value per share | 915.30p | Market Capitalisation | £270.55m |
| Share Price | 855.00p | Share Price Discount to Net Asset Value | 6.6% |

Benchmark and Comparative Indices

Since 2003 the Directors have used the Morgan Stanley Capital International AC Asia ex Japan Index as the Trust's benchmark. This Index, being dominated by larger companies, is far from ideal as a performance measurement tool. It has, however, the dual merit of being the most widely recognised regional index and of pre-dating the inception of the Trust in March 1995.

For comparison purposes, the Trust is also displaying the Morgan Stanley Capital International AC Asia ex Japan Small Cap Index which covers the relevant markets with the exception of Pakistan and Sri Lanka. This Index is made up of companies with a market capitalisation of between US\$6.6m and US\$2,532.8m. The range is not an exact match to that of the Trust, which has no lower limit and which mainly invests in companies with a market capitalisation of under US\$1,500m. Nevertheless, it gives a useful indication of the performance of smaller companies in Asia over recent years.

As most investors in the Trust are based in the United Kingdom, the Directors consider that it is also relevant to compare the Trust's performance with that of the FTSE All-Share Index.

Interim Management Report

Investment performance

In the six months ending 28 February 2015, Scottish Oriental's net asset value per share increased by 4.5 per cent in total return terms, while the MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index recorded a sterling adjusted increase of 5.9 per cent and the MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Small Cap Index a rise of 2.4 per cent on the same basis. The Trust's share price rose by 2.1 per cent in total return terms over the period. The Trust's shares traded at a discount to net asset value of 6.6 per cent on 28 February 2015. The Trust outperformed the FTSE All-Share Index, which rose by 4.1 per cent in total return terms over the six month period.

Scottish Oriental has borrowings of £20 million, equivalent to 6.9 per cent of net asset value as of 28 February 2015. No new shares were issued during the six months under review. The Trust's cash level declined to £34.1m at the end of the period. Its cash position represented 11.8 per cent of net assets. The Manager will seek to invest this money gradually once suitable long term investment opportunities have been identified.

Review

Asian stock markets performed positively in the six months ending 28 February 2015. Investor sentiment continued to be influenced by the outlook for the global economy, and specifically by monetary policies in China, the West, and Japan. While the US curtailed its quantitative easing programme in November 2014, Asian economies reacted with unexpected interest rate cuts and announcements of stimulus measures from new Governments elected in India, Indonesia and Thailand in 2014.

The Philippines registered a robust performance over the period with the economy growing strongly in the fourth quarter and, as a significant oil importer, it is also a beneficiary of falling crude prices. India was the next best performing market, boosted by a surprise cut in policy rate in January by its central bank, the first since May 2013. Inflation continued to ease and foreign direct investment looks likely to increase. Malaysia, a net exporter of hydrocarbons, was the weakest market, with the country's budget deficit expected to widen in 2015 and the ongoing financial controversy regarding a government owned strategic development company dampening the market.

Asian smaller companies underperformed their larger counterparts. This was especially notable in China, Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Outlook

Equity markets continue to face increasing challenges and are likely to be volatile. Political, social and valuation risks are intensifying as the key economic issues of excess debt, unorthodox monetary policies and low growth remain unaddressed. In this context and amidst rising labour costs, Asian equities have fared well. Consequently, valuations are high and the prospect for short term returns is diminished. Partially offsetting these concerns is the benefit of a lower oil price to Asian coffers, with the notable exception of Malaysia. However, this impact may be transitory with the lower oil price insufficient to compensate for a deteriorating export environment.

In China, the enduring anti-graft campaign is having a chilling effect on commerce amidst the wider transition from an export-to a domestic-led growth model. The leadership also has to contend with the increasing burden of debt, social disharmony and a slowing economy. Recent monetary stimulus suggests that growth challenges are pressing but policies aimed at reducing corruption and increasing the quality of growth need to be endured for China to prosper in the longer term.

The outlook for India and South East Asia is slightly brighter, given the greater number of quality franchises. However, political discord and social tension are both risks to these regions and are arguably underappreciated by current valuations. Accordingly, the Trust will remain conservatively positioned and endeavour to seek out sustainable franchises at reasonable valuations for the benefit of longer term returns. Nowhere can current valuations be deemed especially attractive.

Dividend

A dividend of 11.5p per share was paid on 23 February 2015 for the year ending 31 August 2014 (31 August 2013: 11.5p per share). It is too early to make a forecast of the distribution for the current financial year.

List of Quoted Equity Investments

as at 28 February 2015

| Shareho | % of olders' Funds | Sharehol | % of ders' Funds | Shareh | % of olders' Funds |
|--|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| CHINA (15.0%) | runus | INDIA (25.3%) | unus | INDONESIA (2.2%) | runus |
| Consumer Discretionary (8.1%) Asia Satellite Telecom Luthai Textile | 1.6 0.8 | Consumer Discretionary (1.6%) Indian Hotels Trent | 0.6 1.0 | Consumer Discretionary (0.7%) Ace Hardware Selamat Sempurna | 0.5 0.2 |
| Minth Pacific Textiles Sitoy | 2.4 1.2 0.5 | Consumer Staples (5.4% Marico Tata Global Beverages | 5) 3.0 2.4 | Consumer Staples (0.7 Hero Supermarket Financials (0.5%) | %) 0.7 |
| Trinity YGM Trading | 0.7 0.9 | Energy (0.7%) Great Eastern Shipping | 0.7 | Bank OCBC NISP | 0.5 |
| Consumer Staples (0.1 Yashili Healthcare (2.2%) Tong Ren Tang | %) 0.1 2.2 | Financials (3.8%) Godrej Properties Mahindra Lifespace | 1.6 2.2 | Telecommunication Services (0.3%) XL Axiata MALAYSIA (3.2%) | 0.3 |
| Industrials (1.0%) Singamas Container | 1.0 | Healthcare (0.3%) Indoco Remedies | 0.3 | Consumer Discretionary (1.4%) | 1.1 |
| Materials (1.3%) CPMC Holdings | 1.3 | Industrials (5.1%) Blue Dart Express Container Corp of India | 1.4 1.2 | Aeon Company APM Automotive | 1.1 0.3 |
| Utilities (2.3%) Towngas China | 2.3 | Lakshmi Machine Works SKF India | 0.9 0.3 | Industrials (1.8%) AirAsia IJM Corporation | 0.8 1.0 |
| HONG KONG (7.8%) | | Tube Investments of India | 1.3 | PHILIPPINES (1.2%) | |
| Consumer Discretionary (2.2%) Dickson Concepts Tao Heung Holdings | 1.0 1.2 | Materials (5.8%) EID Parry (India) Kansai Nerolac Paints Linde India Pidilite Industries | 1.0 1.9 1.9 1.0 | Utilities (1.2%) Manila Water Company | 1.2 |
| Consumer Staples (1.3 Vitasoy International | %) 1.3 | Information | 1.0 | | |
| Financials (3.9%) Aeon Credit Service Keck Seng Investments Public Financial Tai Cheung Holdings | 0.5 1.1 1.7 0.6 | Technology (2.6%) CMC | 2.6 | | |
| Industrials (0.4%) Pacific Basin Shipping | 0.4 | | | | |

| Sharehol | % of |
|-------------------------|------|
| | unds |
| SINGAPORE (17.0%) | unus |
| Consumer | |
| Discretionary (0.4%) | |
| Tan Chong International | 0.4 |
| Consumer Staples (4.2% | |
| Haw Par | 1.1 |
| Petra Foods | 2.3 |
| Sheng Siong Group | 0.8 |
| Energy (1.2%) | |
| Ezion Holdings | 1.2 |
| Financials (2.3%) | |
| Bukit Sembawang Estates | 1.0 |
| Hong Leong Finance | 1.3 |
| Healthcare (3.1%) | |
| Eu Yang Sang | |
| International | 0.9 |
| Raffles Medical Group | 2.2 |
| Industrials (3.2%) | |
| Amtek Engineering | 1.8 |
| Singapore Post | 1.2 |
| Tat Hong | 0.2 |
| Telecommunication | |
| Services (2.6%) | |
| M1 | 2.6 |
| | |
| | |
| | |

| Shareh | |
|--|-------------------|
| SOUTH KOREA (4.8%) | Funds |
| Consumer | |
| Discretionary (1.2%) Cuckoo Electronics Hana Tour Service | 0.3 0.9 |
| Consumer Staples (3.0 Amorepacific Group |)%) 3.0 |
| Healthcare (0.6%) Interojo | 0.6 |
| SRI LANKA (2.9%) Consumer Staples (0.9 | |
| CT Holdings | 0.9 |
| Industrials (0.7%) Hemas Holdings | 0.7 |
| Telecommunication Services (1.3%) Dialog Axiata | 1.3 |
| TAIWAN (12.6%) | |
| Consumer Discretionary (2.6%) Taiwan Familymart | 2.6 |
| Consumer Staples (2.2 Standard Foods | 2%) 2.2 |
| Industrials (0.9%) Airtac International | 0.9 |
| Information Technology (6.9%) | |
| Axiomtek Chroma ATE Flytech Technology | 0.5 2.3 0.8 |
| Lumax International Taiflex Scientific Wah Lee Industrial | 0.9 1.1 1.3 |

% of Shareholders' Funds

THAILAND (3.1%)

| Consumer | |
|----------------------|-----|
| Discretionary (1.0%) | |
| Somboon Advance | |
| Technology | 1.0 |
| Financials (1.1%) | |
| Aeon Thana Sinsap | 1.1 |
| Industrials (1.0%) | |
| Delta Electronics | 1.0 |
| | |

Ten Largest Equity Holdings

as at 28 February 2015

| | | Market Valuation | % of Shareholders' |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Company | Country | £'000 | Funds |
| Marico | India | 8,715 | 3.0 |
| Amorepacific Group | South Korea | 8,651 | 3.0 |
| CMC | India | 7,654 | 2.6 |
| M1 | Singapore | 7,585 | 2.6 |
| Taiwan Familymart | Taiwan | 7,479 | 2.6 |
| Minth | China | 6,954 | 2.4 |
| Tata Global Beverages | India | 6,924 | 2.4 |
| Petra Foods | Singapore | 6,832 | 2.3 |
| Towngas China | China | 6,732 | 2.3 |
| Chroma ATE | Taiwan | 6,569 | 2.3 |
| Total | | 74,095 | 25.5 |
| | | | |

Sector Allocation

as at 28 February 2015

| | % of |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| | Shareholders' |
| Sector | Funds |
| Consumer Discretionary | 19.2 |
| Consumer Staples | 17.8 |
| Industrials | 14.1 |
| Financials | 11.6 |
| Information Technology | 9.5 |
| Materials | 7.1 |
| Healthcare | 6.2 |
| Telecommunication Services | 4.2 |
| Utilities | 3.5 |
| Energy | 1.9 |
| | 95.1 |
| Net current assets | 11.8 |
| Loan | (6.9) |
| Net Assets | 100.0 |

Income Statement

for the six months to 28 February 2015

| | Six months to 28 February 2015 (unaudited) | | Six months to 28 February 2014 (unaudited) | | Year ended 31 August 2014 (audited) | | | | |
|--|--|-----------------|--|-----------------|---|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | Revenue £000 | Capital £000 | Total* £000 | Revenue £ooo | Capital £000 | Total* £ooo | Revenue £ooo | Capital £000 | Total* £000 |
| Gains/(losses) on investments Income from | - | 8,447 | 8,447 | - | (34) | (34) | _ | 32,701 | 32,701 |
| investments | 1,776 | - | 1,776 | 1,763 | _ | 1,763 | 6,267 | _ | 6,267 |
| Other income | 45 | - | 45 | 29 | - | 29 | 72 | - | 72 |
| Investment management fee | (1,086) | (188) | (1,274) | (961) | (373) | (1,334) | (1,986) | (859) | (2,845) |
| Currency gains/(losses) | - | 1,152 | 1,152 | - | (1,155) | (1,155) | - | (1,050) | (1,050) |
| Other administrative expenses | (347) | | (347) | (339) | | (339) | (658) | | (658) |
| Net return before finance costs and taxation | 388 | 9,411 | 9,799 | 492 | (1,562) | (1,070) | 3,695 | 30,792 | 34,487 |
| Finance costs of borrowing | (313) | _ | (313) | (221) | | (221) | (441) | | (441) |
| Net return on ordinary activities before taxation Tax on ordinary activities | 75 (35) | 9,411 | 9,486 (35) | 271 (39) | (1,562) | (1,291) | 3,254 (219) | 30,792 | 34,046 |
| Net return attributable to equity shareholders | 40 | 9,411 | 9,451 | 232 | (1,562) | (1,330) | 3,035 | 30,792 | 33,827 |
| Net return per ordinary share | 0.13p | 29.74p | 29.87p | 0.73p | (4.93p |) (4.20p) | 9.59p | 97.31p | 0 106.90p |

* The total column of this statement is the Profit & Loss Account of the Company. The revenue and capital columns are supplementary to this and are prepared under guidance published by the Association of Investment Companies.

A Statement of Total Recognised Gains or Losses has not been prepared as any gains or losses are recognised in the Income Statement.

All revenue and capital items derive from continuing operations.

Balance Sheet

as at 28 February 2015

| | At 28 | At 28 | At 31 |
|--|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | February | February | August |
| | 2015 £000 | 2014 £000 | 2014 £000 |
| | (unaudited) | (unaudited) | (audited) |
| EQUITY INVESTMENTS | (unauditeu) | (unautiteu) | (auditeu) |
| China | 42 502 | 41,269 | 42,748 |
| Hong Kong | 43,503 22,511 | 22,828 | 22,357 |
| India | 73,300 | 48,657 | 67,960 |
| Indonesia | 6,325 | 3,058 | 7,158 |
| Malaysia | 9,228 | 9,503 | 11,819 |
| Philippines | | 2,349 | 2,999 |
| | 3,419 | 37,628 | 46,604 |
| Singapore South Korea | 49,353 | 10,532 | 13,883 |
| Sri Lanka | 13,911 | 8,743 | 7,044 |
| Taiwan | 8,459 | , | |
| Thailand | 36,538 | 39,728 | 36,073 |
| Thanana | 9,001 | 7,649 | 6,435 |
| Total equities | 275,548 | 231,944 | 265,080 |
| Net Current Assets | 34,085 | 16,720 | 38,741 |
| Total Assets less Current Liabilities CREDITORS (due after one year) | 309,633 | 248,664 | 303,821 |
| Loan | (20,000) | | (20,000) |
| Equity Shareholders' Funds | 289,633 | 248,664 | 283,821 |
| CAPITAL AND RESERVES | | | |
| Ordinary share capital | 7,911 | 7,911 | 7,911 |
| Share premium account | 32,940 | 32,940 | 32,940 |
| Warrant reserve exercised | 1,319 | 1,319 | 1,319 |
| Capital reserves | 241,668 | 199,903 | 232,257 |
| Revenue reserve | 5,795 | 6,591 | 9,394 |
| Revenue reserve | 21/22 | 0,391 | 9,091 |
| | 289,633 | 248,664 | 283,821 |
| Net asset value per share | 915.30p | 785.82p | 896.93p |

Cash Flow Statement

for the six months to 28 February 2015

| ODEDATING ACTIVITIES. | Six months to 28 February 2015 £000 (unaudited) | Six months to 28 February 2014 £000 (unaudited) | Year ended 31 August 2014 £000 (audited) |
|--|--|--|---|
| OPERATING ACTIVITIES: Dividends received from investments Other income | 2,077 59 | 2,257 147 | 6,299 191 |
| Investment management fee Performance fee Secretarial fee Directors' fees Other expenses paid | 2,136 (1,077) (859) (80) (42) (215) | 2,404 (966) (1,725) (52) (42) (300) | 6,490 (1,933) (1,725) (79) (84) (492) |
| Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE: Interest paid on borrowings | (137) (320) | (681) | 2,177 |
| Net cash outflow from investments and servicing of finance | (320) | (225) | (438) |
| TAXATION: Total tax paid | (48) | (53) | (219) |
| CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL INVESTMENT: Purchases of investments Sales of investments Currency gains/(losses) | (22,333) 19,235 1,152 | (65,342) 61,646 (2,702) | (97,593) 93,878 (2,595) |
| Net cash outflow from capital expenditure and financial investment | (1,946) | (6,398) | (6,310) |
| EQUITY DIVIDEND PAID | (3,639) | (3,639) | (3,639) |
| Net cash outflow before financing | (6,090) | (10,996) | (8,429) |
| FINANCING: Loan drawn down Loan repaid | - - | - | 20,000 (19,412) |
| Net cash inflow from financing activities | - | | 588 |
| Decrease in cash | (6,090) | (10,996) | (7,841) |

Reconciliation of Movements in Shareholders' Funds

for the six months ended 28 February 2015

| | | Premium | Exercised | Capital Reserves | | Total £ooo |
|--|-------|---------|-----------|---------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Balance at 31 August 2014 | 7,911 | 32,940 | 1,319 | 232,257 | 9,394 | 283,821 |
| Profit for the period Dividend paid in the period | | - | - | 9,411 | 40 (3,639) | 9,451 (3,639) |
| Balance at 28 February 2015 | 7,911 | 32,940 | 1,319 | 241,668 | 5,795 | 289,633 |

for the year ended 31 August 2014

| | | Premium | Exercised | Capital Reserves | | Total £ooo |
|--|-------|---------|-----------|---------------------|-------|-------------------|
| Balance at 31 August 2013 | 7,911 | 32,940 | 1,319 | 201,465 | 9,998 | 253,633 |
| Profit for the year Dividend paid in the year | | | | 30,792 | , | 33,827 (3,639) |
| Balance at 31 August 2014 | 7,911 | 32,940 | 1,319 | 232,257 | 9,394 | 283,821 |

Changes in Equity Investments

| | Valuation at 31 August 2014 £000 | Purchases £ooo | Sales £ooo | Appreciation £000 | Valuation at 28 February 2015 £000 |
|-------------|---|-------------------|---------------|----------------------|---|
| China | 42,748 | 6,371 | (2,299) | (3,317) | 43,503 |
| Hong Kong | 22,357 | 1,534 | (1,204) | (176) | 22,511 |
| India | 67,960 | 1,592 | (10,905) | 14,653 | 73,300 |
| Indonesia | 7,158 | 1,424 | (1,074) | (1, 183) | 6,325 |
| Malaysia | 11,819 | 1,000 | (2,141) | (1,450) | 9,228 |
| Philippines | 2,999 | - | - | 420 | 3,419 |
| Singapore | 46,604 | 5,881 | (539) | (2,593) | 49,353 |
| South Korea | 13,883 | 845 | (2,267) | 1,450 | 13,911 |
| Sri Lanka | 7,044 | 387 | (224) | 1,252 | 8,459 |
| Taiwan | 36,073 | 1,962 | (220) | (1, 277) | 36,538 |
| Thailand | 6,435 | 2,256 | (358) | 668 | 9,001 |
| | 265,080 | 23,252 | (21,231) | 8,447 | 275,548 |

Notes to Accounts

- 1 The position as at 31 August 2014 on page 8 is an abridged version of that contained in the Annual Report and Accounts, which received an unqualified audit report and which have been filed with the Registrar of Companies. This Interim Report has been prepared under the same accounting policies adopted for the year to 31 August 2014.
- 2 The return per Ordinary share figure is based on the net profit for the six months of £9,451,000 (six months ended 28 February 2014: net loss of £1,330,000; year ended 31 August 2014: net profit of £33,827,000) and on 31,643,650 (six months ended 28 February 2014: 31,643,650; year ended 31 August 2014: 31,643,650) Ordinary shares, being the weighted average number of Ordinary shares in issue during the respective periods.
- 3 At 28 February 2015 there were 31,643,650 Ordinary shares in issue (28 February 2014: 31,643,650; 31 August 2014: 31,643,650).

| | At 28 | At 28 | At 31 |
|---|----------|----------|--------|
| | February | February | August |
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2014 |
| | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| 4 Amounts recognised as distributions in the period: Dividend for the year ending 31 August 2014 of 11.5p (2013 – 11.5p), paid 23 February 2015 | 3,639 | 3,639 | 3,639 |

5 Under the terms of the Investment Management Agreement, an annual performance fee may be payable to the Investment Manager at the end of the year. A detailed explanation of the performance fee computation is set out on page 44 of the Annual Report and Accounts. The total fee payable to the Investment Manager is capped at 1.5% per annum of the Company's net assets.

Assuming no change in share price, MSCI AC Asia Free ex Japan Index Total Return and shares in issue between 28 February and 31 August 2015, the estimated performance fee for the year ending 31 August 2015 would amount to £376,000. An amount of £188,000 has been accrued in the six months to 28 February 2015.

Information for Investors

Financial Diary

The Company's financial year ends on 31 August. The preliminary results are announced in October and the annual report and accounts are published in November. Any dividend payable on the ordinary shares will be paid in January, on shareholdings registered approximately one month before the payment date.

Capital Gains Tax

An individual tax payer is currently entitled to an annual total tax free gain (\pounds 11,100 for tax year 2015/16) from the sale of any shares and other capital assets. Any gain beyond that amount may be liable to capital gains tax.

For initial investors the apportioned base cost of ordinary shares and warrants for capital gains tax purposes is 92.59p per ordinary share and 37.05p per warrant.

Where to find Scottish Oriental's Share Price

Scottish Oriental's share price appears daily in the Investment Companies Sector of the Financial Times and other leading daily newspapers.

The share price can also be found on the London Stock Exchange website by using the Trust's TIDM code 'SST' within the price search facility.

The Internet

Scottish Oriental's website provides up-to-date information on the share price, net asset value and discount. We hope you will visit the Trust's website at : www.scottishoriental.com. Investor Centre from Computershare (Scottish Oriental's registrar) enables you to manage and update your shareholder information. For this purpose you can register free with Investor Centre at www-uk.computershare.com/investor.

Regulatory Status

Since Scottish Oriental is an investment trust pursuant to section 1158 of the Corporation Taxes Act 2010, the FCA rules in relation to non-mainstream investment products do not apply to the Company.

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