

The Brunner Investment Trust plc

Interim Report for the six months ended 31 May 2006



Key Facts

Investment Objective

To achieve a total return higher than that of the benchmark index of 60% FTSE All-Share and 40% FT/S&P World Index (ex UK sterling adjusted) over the long-term.

Strategy

The objective will be achieved by investing in UK and international securities and by using appropriate gearing to enhance returns. The strategy is designed to meet the requirements of those making a single investment in a diversified and professionally managed portfolio.

Financial Highlights

	For the six months ended 31 May					
Revenue	2006	2005	% change			
Available for Ordinary Dividend	£2.99m	£2.44m	+22.5			
Earnings per Ordinary Share	6.05p	4.67p	+29.5			
Dividend per Ordinary Share	4.00p	3.60p	+11.1			
	At	At				
	31 May	30 November				
Assets	2006	2005	% change			
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	£283m	£278m*	+1.8			
Net Asset Value per Ordinary Share	470.8p	451.7p*	+4.2			
Ordinary Share Price	382.5p	364.0p	+5.1			
Discount of Net Asset Value to Ordinary Share Price	(18.8)%	(19.4)%	+3.1			
NAV Total Return#			+5.4			
60% FTSE All-Share and 40% FT/S&P World Index (ex UK) in	sterling* (Total Return	l)	+3.9			

#NAV total return reflects both the change in net asset value per Ordinary Share (+4.2%) and the net ordinary dividends paid in respect of the period.

*Source: Datastream. Indices are price index returns rebalanced on a monthly basis.

*Figures are restated in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 21: 'Events after the Balance Sheet Date' and Financial Reporting Standard 25: 'Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation'.

Chairman's Statement

Net Asset Value

A summary of the results for the six months ended 31 May 2006 is set out below. The Net Asset Value attributable to each Ordinary Share at 31 May 2006 was 470.8p. This compares with 451.7p at 30 November 2005, an increase of 4.2% over the period. The capital return on the benchmark index (60% FTSE All-Share, 40% FTSE World Index \cdot £) was 3.4% over the period.

Earnings

Earnings in the six months to 31 May 2006 were 6.05p per Ordinary Share (2004: 4.67p).

Interim Dividend

The Board has declared an interim dividend of 4.0p net (2005: 3.6p) per Ordinary Share payable on 24 August 2006 to holders on the Register of Members at the close of business on 28 July 2006.

Share Buy Backs

During the period under review the Company purchased 893,500 Ordinary Shares for cancellation. In the period since 31 May 2006, a further 62,500 Ordinary Shares have been purchased for cancellation.

Investment Review

The first half of the financial year was set against a backdrop of increasing volatility within global equity markets and latterly a period of profit-taking as investors shifted their focus towards more defensive sectors. Adverse inflation data in the US triggered the initial weakness in May, before a series of global sell-offs became self sustaining as investors reflected on concerns that inflation was more of a threat than many commentators had previously thought. In May, the US Fed raised interest rates for a sixteenth consecutive time - a move which had been widely anticipated but which was accompanied by the comment that 'further policy firming may yet be needed to address inflation risks'. Subsequently, in June, the Federal Open Markets Committee raised its target for the Federal Funds Rate by a further 25 basis points to 5.25%.

Recovery in Europe remains on track and the European Central Bank, having raised its benchmark interest rate for the first time in five years in December, raised the rate a further 0.25% to 2.5% in March, as an improving economic sentiment survey indicated positive growth momentum. In Germany, the IFO Business Climate Index fell in May, although this was after having risen continuously for the 5 previous months. In France, consumer spending remained strong despite weak consumer confidence data and a subdued job market. In the UK, economic growth is currently at the lower range of trend growth, suggesting spare capacity has not been fully utilised. Nonetheless expectations are for a further modest rise in interest rates later this year. Consumer spending remains on an improving trend, with the Confederation of British Industry noting its gauge of retail sales for April was at its highest level since February 2005. In Japan, the economy remains on an improving trend, although monetary policy tightening has contributed to disappointing returns from Japanese equities this year. Elsewhere in the Far East, continuing growth in China and intra-regional trade has underpinned company profits in the region.

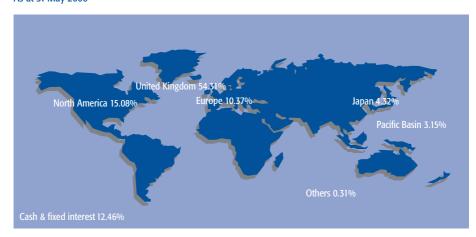
In this period, performance came from a diversified selection of stocks with significant contributions from Man Group, the UK hedge fund group, which increased by 32%, and Hong Kong Exchange, the operator of the main financial exchange in Hong Kong, which was up by 74%. Vallourec, a French steel producer specialising in the supply of piping for use in the oil sector, and Atlas Copco, in the Industrials sector, were also strong performers. Shares in the mining companies, Rio Tinto and BHP Billiton, also contributed to the performance, despite profit-taking towards the end of the period. On a less positive note, Carnival was disappointing with difficult trading and high oil prices affecting sentiment. This holding has now been sold.

Outlook

Given the prevailing market environment we continue to monitor closely the risks inherent within the portfolio, which remains diversified across major sectors and regions. Despite recent market movements, we believe that we remain in an environment where equities in general are reasonably valued and that inflationary concerns are unlikely to prompt a disproportionate and potentially destabilising increase in interest rates. Whilst we expect that volatility will continue in the near term, and that we will see some further modest tightening of monetary policy in most regions, equities have the capacity to deliver another positive year for investors in 2006.

Keith Percy Chairman 12 July 2006

Portfolio Analysis



Twenty Largest Equity Holdings

As at 31 May 2006

	Market value	% of	
Security Name	£'000s	Total Assets*	Principal Activity
Treasury Stock 4.5% 07/03/2007	24,956	8.81	UK Government Bond
GlaxoSmithKline	11,275	3.98	Pharmaceuticals
BP	11,235	3.97	Oil and Gas
Royal Dutch Shell 'B' shares	10,631	3.75	Oil and Gas
HSBC	7,470	2.64	Banking
Rio Tinto	6,014	2.12	Mining
BHP Billiton	5,816	2.05	Mining
Vodafone	5,676	2.00	Mobile Telecommunication
Royal Bank of Scotland	5,655	2.00	Banking
Barclays	5,335	1.88	Banking
HBOS	5,056	1.79	Banking
BG	4,029	1.42	Oil & Gas
BAE Systems	3,945	1.39	Aerospace and Defence
Xstrata	3,823	1.35	Mining
Sage	3,783	1.34	Software & Computer Services
Cobham	3,726	1.32	Aerospace and Defence
Spectris	3,561	1.26	Electronic & Electrical Equipment
Informa	3,491	1.23	Media and Entertainment
Astrazeneca	3,165	1.12	Pharmaceuticals
Reuters	2,952	1.04	Media and Entertainment
	131,594	46.46	

* Total assets are stated net of current liabilities

Income Statement

For the six months ended 31 May 2006

	Revenue	Capital	Total
	£'000s	£'000s	£'000s
Net gains on investments at fair value Income from investments Other income Investment management fee Expenses of administration Net return before finance costs and taxation	4,020 397 (230) (199) 3,988	10,648 	(Note 2) 10,648 4,020 397 (767) (206) 14,092
Finance costs: interest payable and similar charges	<u>(714)</u>	(1,601)	(2,315)
Return on ordinary activities before taxation	3,274	8,503	11,777
Taxation	(117)	-	(117)
Overseas taxation	(163)	163	-
UK taxation	(280)	163	(117)
Return attributable to Ordinary Shareholders	2,994	8,666	11,660
Return per Ordinary Share (Note 1)	6.05p	17.51p	23.56p

(basic and diluted)

Balance Sheet

	As at 31 May 2006 £'000s
Investments held at fair value through profit or loss	273,023
Net current assets	10,124
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	283,147
Creditors - Amounts falling due after one year	(52,115)
Total Net Assets	231,032
Called up Share Capital	12,267
Capital Redemption Reserve	3,733
Capital Reserves: Realised	172,129
Unrealised	32,066
Revenue Reserve	10,837
Equity Shareholders' Funds	231,032
Net Asset Value per Ordinary Share	470.8p

The net asset value is based on 49,069,338 Ordinary Shares in issue

	For the six month 31 May 200			For the year en 30 November 2	
Revenue (restated) £'000s	Capital (restated) £'000s	Total (restated) £'000s	Revenue (restated) £'000s	Capital (restated) £'000s	Total (restated) £'000s
3,472 402 (197) (210) 3,467 (707)	11,484 (458) - 11,026 (1,598)	(Note 2) 11,484 3,472 402 (655) (210) 14,493 (2,305)	6,566 801 (410) (301) 6,656 (1,419)	43,599 (956) (16) 42,627 (3,203)	(Note 2) 43,599 6,566 801 (1,366) (317) 49,283 (4,622)
2,760	9,428	12,188	5,237	39,424	44,661
(133) (190)	- 190	(133)	(217) (289)	- 289	(217)
(323)	190	(133)	(506)	289	(217)
2,437	9,618	12,055	4,731	39,713	44,444
4.67p	18.44p	23.11p	9.21p	77.36p	86.57p

As at 31 May 2005 (restated) £′000s	As at 30 November 2005 (restated) £'0005
236,336	260,383
16,477	17,463
252,813	277,846
(52,180)	(52,147)
200,633	225,699
12,912	12,491
3,088	3,509
160,736	164,055
13,959	35,226
9,938	10,418
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	451.7p

The net asset value is based on 51,708,416 Ordinary Shares in issue.

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Reconciliation of Movements in Shareholders' Funds

	Called up Share Capital £'000s	Preference Share Capital £'000s	Capital Redemption Reserve £'000s	Capital Reserve Realised £'000s	Capital Reserve Unrealised £'000s	Revenue Reserve £'000s	Total £'000s
Six months ended 31 May 2006							
Net Assets at 30 November 2005 as previously stated	12,491	450	3,509	164,055	35,226	7,820	223,551
Reclassification of 5% Cumulative Preference Stock as a long term creditor	-	(450)	-	-	-	-	(450)
Dividends on Ordinary Shares not recognised as a current liability		-	-	-	-	2,598	2,598
Net Assets at 30 November 2005 (restated)	12,491	-	3,509	164,055	35,226	10,418	225,699
Adjustment to record investments at bid value	-	-	-	-	(216)	-	(216)
Revenue Return	-	-	-	-	-	2,994	2,994
Shares repurchased during the period	(224)	-	224	(3,536)	-	-	(3,536)
Dividends on Ordinary Shares	-	-	-	-	-	(2,575)	(2,575)
Capital Return	-	-	-	11,610	(2,944)	-	8,666
Net Assets at 31 May 2006	12,267	-	3,733	172,129	32,066	10,837	231,032
Six months ended 31 May 2005							
Net Assets at 30 November 2004 as previously stated	13,102	450	2,898	159,387	7,931	7,497	191,265
Reclassification of 5% Cumulative Preference Stock as a long term creditor	-	(450)	-	-	-	-	(450)
Dividends on Ordinary Shares not recognised as a current liability		-	-	-	-	2,411	2,411
Net Assets at 30 November 2004 (restated)	13,102	-	2,898	159,387	7,931	9,908	193,226
Revenue Return	-	-	-	-	-	2,437	2,437
Shares repurchased during the period	(190)	-	190	(2,241)	-	-	(2,241)
Dividends on Ordinary Shares	-	-	-	-	-	(2,407)	(2,407)
Capital Return	-	-	-	3,590	6,028	-	9,618
Net Assets at 31 May 2005 (restated)	12,912	-	3,088	160,736	13,959	9,938	200,633

	Called up Share Capital £'000s	Preference Share Capital £'000s	Capital Redemption Reserve £'000s	Capital Reserve Realised £'000s	Capital Reserve Unrealised £'000s	Revenue Reserve £'000s	Total £'000s
Year ended 30 November 2005							
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Dividends on Ordinary Shares not recognised as a current liability		-	-	-	-	2,411	2,411
Net Assets at 30 November 2004 (restated)	13,102	-	2,898	159,387	7,931	9,908	193,226
Revenue Return	-	-	-	-	-	4,731	4,731
Shares repurchased during the year	(611)	-	611	(7,750)	-	-	(7,750)
Dividends on Ordinary Shares	-	-	-	-	-	(4,221)	(4,221)
Capital Return	-	-	-	12,418	27,295	-	39,713
Net Assets at 30 November 2005 (restated)	12,491	-	3,509	164,055	35,226	10,418	225,699

Cash Flow Statement

Six Net cash inflow from operating activities	months ended 31 May 2006 £'000s 2,973	Six months ended 31 May 2005 £'000s 2,823	Year ended 30 November 2005 £'000s 6,037
Servicing of finance Interest paid Dividends paid on Preference Stock Net cash outflow on servicing of finance	(2,336) (11) (2,347)	(2,326) (11) (2,337)	(4,663) (23) (4,686)
Financial investment Purchase of fixed asset investments Sale of fixed asset investments Net cash inflow (outflow) inflow from investing activity	(83,882) 83,909 ties 27	(78,663) 76,566 (2,097)	(181,836) 189,667 7,831
Equity dividends paid	(2,575)	(2,407)	(4,221)
Net cash (outflow) inflow before financing	(1,922)	(4,018)	4,961
Financing Purchase of Ordinary Shares for cancellation	(3,536)	(2,241)	(7,750)
Decrease in cash	(5,458)	(6,259)	(2,789)

Notes

Note 1

The return per Ordinary Share is based on a weighted average number of shares in issue 49,481,205 (31 May 2005 - 52,168,537; 30 November 2005 - 51,334,348).

Note 2

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

All revenue and capital items derive from continuing operations. No operations were acquired or discontinued in the period.

A Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses is not required as all gains and losses of the Company have been reflected in the Income Statement.

Included in the cost of investments are transaction costs on purchases which amounted to £348,154 (31 May 2005 - £96,958; 30 November 2005 - £617,290) and transaction costs on sales which amounted to £147,761 (31 May 2005 - £151,881; 30 November 2005 - £343,202).

Note 3

Investments are designated as held at fair value through profit or loss in accordance with FRS 26 'Financial Instruments: Measurement'. Listed investments are valued at bid market prices. This represents a change in accounting policy. However, in accordance with the exemption conferred by paragraph 108D of FRS 26, comparatives have not been restated. In prior periods listed investments were valued at mid market prices. As a consequence the adoption of bid prices on 1 December 2005 decreased the value of listed investments by £215,910 to £260,167,513.

Note 4

In accordance with FRS 21 'Events after the Balance Sheet Date', the final dividend payable on Ordinary Shares is recognised as a liability when approved by shareholders. Interim dividends are recognised only when paid. This is a change in accounting policy and results in a restatement of the prior year creditors and a consequential increase in the prior year Net Asset Value, as explained in Note 6.

Dividends paid on Ordinary Shares in respect of earnings for each period are as follows:

	Six months to 31 May 2006 £'000s	Six months to 31 May 2005 £'000s	Year to 30 November 2005 £'000s
Interim dividend 3.60p paid 25 August 2005	-	-	1,814
Final dividend 5.20p paid 24 March 2006 (2005 - 4.60p)	2,575	2,407	2,407
	2,575	2,407	4,221

Dividends payable are not recognised as a liability under FRS 21. Details of these dividends are set out below.

	months to May 2006 £'000s	Six months to 31 May 2005 £'000s	Year to 30 November 2005 £'000s
Interim dividend 4.0p payable 24 August 2006 (2005 - 3.60p) 1,962	1,862	-
Final dividend 5.20p	-	-	2,598

Notes

The interim dividend noted above is based on the number of shares in issue at the period end. However, the dividend subsequently paid will be based on the number of shares in issue on the record date and will reflect any purchases or cancellations of shares by the Company settled subsequent to the period end.

Note 5

Following the introduction of FRS 25 'Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation', the 5% Cumulative Preference Stock is now classified as a liability as the rights of the stockholders to receive dividend payments are not calculated by reference to the Company's profits. This is a change of accounting policy and prior year net assets have been restated accordingly, as explained in Note 6.

Note 6

Restatement of opening balances

As p	previously stated	A.P. 1	Restated
	31 May 2005 £'000s	Adjustment £'000s	31 May 2005 £'000s
Fixed Assets	236,336	-	236,336
Net Current Assets	14,615	1,862 ¹	16,477
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	250,951	1,862	252,813
Less: Creditors - amounts falling due after one year	(51,730)	(450) ³	(52,180)
Total Net Assets	199,221	1,412	200,633
Capital and Reserves			
Called up Share Capital: Ordinary	12,912	-	12,912
: Preference	450	(450)3	-
Capital Redemption Reserve	3,088	-	3,088
Capital Reserves: Realised	160,736	-	160,736
Unrealised	13,959	-	13,959
Revenue Reserve	8,076	1,8621	9,938
Shareholders' Funds	199,221	1,412	200,633
Net asset value per Ordinary Share	384.4p	3.6p	388.0p

Notes

	As previously stated 30 November 2005 £'000s	Adjustment £'000s	Restated 30 November 2005 £'000s
Fixed Assets	260,383	-	260,383
Net Current Assets	14,865	2,598²	17,463
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	275,248	2,598	277,846
Less: Creditors - amounts falling due after one year	(51,697)	(450) ³	(52,147)
Total Net Assets	223,551	2,148	225,699
Capital and Reserves			
Called up Share Capital: Ordinary	12,491	-	12,491
: Preference	450	(450) ¹	-
Capital Redemption Reserve	3,509	-	3,509
Capital Reserves: Realised	164,055	-	164,055
Unrealised	35,226	-	35,226
Revenue Reserve	7,820	2,598 ²	10,418
Shareholders' Funds	223,551	2,148	225,699
Net asset value per Ordinary Share	446.5p	5.2p	451.7p

Represents the effect of not recognising the interim dividend (FRS 21).

²Represents the effect of not recognising the final dividend (FRS 21).

³Represents the effect of recognising the 5% Cumulative Preference Stock holding as a creditor due after more than one year (FRS 25).

Note 7

The interim statement has neither been audited nor reviewed by the Company's auditors. The financial information for the year ended 31 October 2005 has been extracted from the statutory accounts for that year which have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies and restated by reference to the changes in accounting policies detailed above. The auditor's report on those accounts was unqualified and did not contain a statement under either Section 237(2) or Section 237(3) of the Companies Act 1985.

Investor Information

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Results

Half-year announced in July. Full year announced late January/early February. Reports and Accounts posted to shareholders late February/early March. Annual General Meeting held in March.

Dividends

Interim dividend payable 24 August 2006 (ex dividend 26 July 2006) Final dividend payable March 2007.

Net Asset Value

The Net Asset Value of the Ordinary Shares is

calculated daily and the top ten holdings are announced monthly. They are published on the London Stock Exchange Regulatory News Service.

They are also available from the Managers on request.

Savings Plan

Investors are able to buy shares in the Company at low cost through the Allianz Global Investors Investment Trust Savings Plan. Investments can be in the form of a regular monthly contribution, an individual lump sum or a combination of the two. There is an arrangement for the reinvestment of dividends as well as facilities for selling and switching. Full details of the savings plan are available from Allianz Global Investors, via Investor Services on 0800 317 573 or on the Managers' website: www.allianzglobalinvestors.co.uk, or alternatively, please use the FREEPOST card enclosed to request any literature you may require.

Maxi ISA and PEP Transfer

Shareholders can invest in the shares of the Company through the Allianz Global Investors Investment Trust Maxi ISA and PEP Transfer. Full details are available from Allianz Global Investors, via Investor Services on 0800 317 573 or on the Managers' website: www.allianzglobalinvestors.co.uk, or alternatively, please use the FREEPOST card enclosed to request any literature you may require.

Shareholders' Enquiries

Capita Registrars maintain the share register. In the event of queries regarding shareholdings, lost certificates, registered details, etc., shareholders should contact the registrars on 0870 162 3100 or, if calling from overseas, 0044 20 8639 2157, or by email: ssd@capitaregistrars.com. Changes of name or address must be notified to the registrars in writing.

Any general enquiries about the Company should be directed to the Company Secretary, The Brunner Investment Trust PLC, 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3AD.

AITC Membership

The Company is a member of the Association of Investment Trust Companies.

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