

BRITISH ASSETS TRUST PLC
INTERIM ACCOUNTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS
TO
31 MARCH 1997

Company Registration Number: 3721

Prepared in accordance with Section 272 of the Companies Act 1985



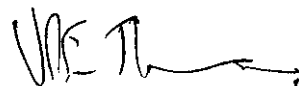
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REVENUE ACCOUNT

		6 Months to 31 March 1997 £'000	Year to 30 September 1996 £'000
	Notes		
INCOME			
Franked investment income		9,463	25,816
UK unfranked investment income		1,433	3,483
Stock and Foreign income dividends		363	420
Overseas investment income		923	4,091
Deposit interest		263	1,001
Underwriting commission		48	257
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Total income	1	12,493	35,068
EXPENSES			
Interest		(1,645)	(10,884)
Administrative expenses		(657)	(1,327)
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Revenue before taxation		10,191	22,857
Taxation	2	(2,012)	(4,146)
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		8,179	18,711
Preference Dividends		(90)	(180)
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Available for ordinary shareholders		8,089	18,531
Ordinary dividends		(7,508)	(15,015)
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Net revenue transferred to revenue reserve		581	3,516
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Earnings per Ordinary 25p share		2.51p	5.74p
Dividends per Ordinary 25p share		2.3275p	4.655p

BALANCE SHEET

		As at 31 March 1997 £'000	As at 30 September 1996 £'000
FIXED ASSETS - INVESTMENTS			
Listed on a Recognised Investment Exchange		582,237	670,457
Unlisted Investments		3,623	4,032
	3	----- 585,860	----- 674,489
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	4	5,979	7,472
Cash at bank and on deposit		7,186	22,950
Creditors (amounts falling due within one year)	5	(17,489)	(47,758)
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Net current liabilities		(4,324)	(17,336)
Total assets (less current liabilities)		581,536	657,153
Creditors (amounts falling due after more than one year)	6	(92,594)	(188,079)
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		488,942	469,074
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CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital			
Ordinary shares		80,640	80,640
Growth shares		15,360	15,360
Preference stock		5,250	5,250
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	7	101,250	101,250
Share premium account	8	3,630	3,630
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Capital reserve	9	210,974	237,588
Net unrealised appreciation	9	162,960	117,059
Revenue reserve	9	10,128	9,547
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		488,942	469,074
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Equity Shareholders' funds		483,692	463,824
Non-equity Shareholder's funds		5,250	5,250
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Net Asset Value per Ordinary and Growth 25p Share - basic		126.0p	120.8p
Net Asset Value per Ordinary share and Growth 25p share - fully diluted		124.3p	117.8p


 Director
 4 June 1997

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention modified to include revaluation of fixed asset investments. The accounts are prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

Investments

Listed investments are valued at middle market prices. Unlisted investments are valued by the Directors on the basis of all information available to them at the time of valuation. Year end exchange rates have been used when translating foreign currencies.

Loans

The Equities Index Unsecured Loan Stock 2005 is valued by reference to the capital value of the FTSE All-Share Index using the month end rate.

Capital reserves

- (a) Capital reserve - gains and losses on realisation of fixed asset investments and realised exchange differences are accounted for in this reserve together with the proportion of management fees charged to capital.
- (b) Net unrealised appreciation - increases and decreases in the valuation of investments held are accounted for in this reserve. Provision is also made in this reserve for changes in the value of the Equities Index Unsecured Loan Stock 2005.

Income

- (a) Dividends and interest from UK securities with the addition of the relevant tax credit where appropriate, are included in the Revenue Account on an accruals basis when the security is first quoted 'ex-dividend'. Overseas income is recorded at rates of exchange ruling when received and, if accrued, at the rate of exchange ruling when accrued. Dividends taken as stock by the Company are included in the Revenue Account on an accruals basis.
- (b) Deposit interest is included on an accruals basis.

Expenses

Administrative expenses and interest payable are dealt with on an accruals basis. Overseas expenses are converted at the exchange rate ruling at date of payment or at year end exchange rates when interest is accrued.

Rates of Exchange

	31 March 1997	30 September 1996
US Dollar	1.6462	1.5634
Deutschemark	2.7395	2.3846
Japanese Yen	203.2961	174.1237

EXPLANATORY NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS

	6 Months 31 March 1997 £'000	Year to 30 September 1996 £'000
1. Income		
Listed on the London Stock Exchange	11,215	29,561
Listed on other stock exchanges	905	4,118
Unlisted	62	131
Deposit interest	263	1,001
Underwriting commission	48	257
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Total income	12,493	35,068
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2. Taxation		
Tax on franked investment income:	1,893	5,163
Overseas tax	81	453
Corporation Tax	38	-
Section 242 claim	-	(1,470)
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	2,012	4,146
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3. Fixed Assets - Investments		
Opening valuation of investments	674,489	661,228
Opening unrealised appreciation	(200,193)	(233,326)
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Opening cost of investments	474,296	427,902
Additions at cost	177,524	383,870
Disposals at cost	(273,747)	(337,476)
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Closing cost of investments	378,073	474,296
Closing unrealised appreciation	207,787	200,193
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Closing valuation of investments	585,860	674,489
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4. Debtors		
Taxation recoverable	1,908	1,734
Due from brokers	799	471
Income receivable from shares and securities	3,272	5,267
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	5,979	7,472
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	6 Months to 31 March 1997 £'000	Year to 30 September 1996 £'000
5. Creditors - Amounts falling due within one year		
Taxation	101	201
Due to brokers	3,931	320
Dividend on Preference Stocks	-	90
Dividend on ordinary shares	7,506	7,669
Interest on Equities Index Unsecured Loan Stock	898	2,429
Other creditors	134	293
Yen borrowings	4,919	36,756
	<u>17,489</u>	<u>47,758</u>

6. Creditors - Amounts falling due after more than one year

Equities Index Unsecured Loan Stock 2005	<u>92,594</u>	<u>188,079</u>
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Subject to the provisions in the Trust Deed constituting the Index Stock, the Company shall redeem the Index Stock with effect from 31 December 2005 at the Capital Value which will be determined by the level of the FTSE All-Share Index at that date. Interest paid on the units of the Index Stock is equivalent to the gross yield of the Index and is paid quarterly.

7. Share Capital	Shares	£'000
Authorised at 31 March 1997		
Ordinary shares of 25p	399,360,000	99,840
Growth shares of 25p	61,440,000	15,360
3.15 per cent preference stock		1,300
'A' 3.50 per cent preference stock		3,950
		<u>120,450</u>
Allotted, issued and fully paid at 31 March 1997		
Ordinary shares of 25p	322,560,000	80,640
Growth Shares of 25p	61,440,000	15,360
3.15 per cent preference stock		1,300
'A' 3.50 per cent preference stock		3,950
		<u>101,250</u>
8. Share Premium		£'000
At 31 March 1997 (30 September 1996 - same)		3,630
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9. Reserves	£'000
Capital reserve	
At 30 September 1996	237,588
Movement during the period	(26,614)

At 31 March 1997	210,974

Net unrealised appreciation	
At 30 September 1996	117,059
Movement during the period	45,901

At 31 March 1997	162,960

Revenue Reserve	
At 30 September 1996	9,547
Transferred to revenue account	581

At 31 March 1997	10,128
