

Half-Yearly Report

For the 6 months ended 30 June 2011



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# **Investment Objective and Performance Summary**

The investment objective of the Company is to achieve long term capital growth from the stockmarkets of continental Europe.

### Performance – total returns (includes reinvested income) (%)

	Six months to 30 June 2011	From launch 5 November 1991
Net asset value (NAV) per share	+10.8	+1,613.7
Share price	+14.8	+1,386.5
FTSE World Europe (ex UK) Index	+8.4	+522.7

### Standardised performance – total returns (includes reinvested income) (%)

	30/06/06 to 30/06/07	30/06/07 to 30/06/08	30/06/08 to 30/06/09	30/06/09 to 30/06/10	30/06/10 to 30/06/11
Net asset value per share	+24.8	-3.0	-24.2	+14.9	+30.5
Share price	+24.1	-5.2	-25.8	+7.0	+37.0
FTSE World Europe (ex UK) Index	+25.1	-9.5	-20.8	+15.1	+28.6

Sources: Fidelity and Datastream

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# **Summary of Results**

		30 June 2011	31 December 2010	% change
Assets				
Total assets employed <sup>1</sup>		£766.1m	£716.4m	+6.9
Shareholders' funds		£700.6m	£660.5m	+6.1
Borrowings as % of shareholders' fund	ds	9.4	8.4	
Borrowings less cash as % of sharehol	ders' funds	<sup>2</sup> 9.2	4.6	
NAV per share		1,461.98p	1,335.78p	+9.4
Stockmarket data				
FTSE World Europe (ex UK) Index		404.69	382.26	+5.9
Share price <sup>3</sup> pe	eriod end	1,260.00p	1,113.00p	+13.2
	high	1,287.00p	1,163.00p	
	low	1,071.00p	916.00p	
Discount <sup>3</sup> pe	eriod end	13.8%	16.7%	
	high	17.1%	17.9%	
	low	10.3%	7.7%	
Results for the six months to 30 June – see pages 8 and 9		2011	2010	
Revenue return per ordinary share		24.73p	17.38p	
Capital return/(loss) per ordinary share	9	111.40p	(133.82p)	
Total return/(loss) per ordinary share		136.13p	(116.44p)	
Total returns (includes reinvested inc for the six months to 30 June	ome)	2011	2010	
NAV per share		+10.8%	-9.1%	
Share price		+14.8%	-17.2%	
FTSE World Europe (ex UK) Index		+8.4%	-11.5%	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Total assets less current liabilities, excluding fixed term loan liabilities

Sources: Fidelity and Datastream

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Cash includes cash held at bank and for the prior year investment in cash funds

<sup>3</sup> The high and low figures relate to the six month period to 30 June 2011 and the year to 31 December 2010

#### **PERFORMANCE**

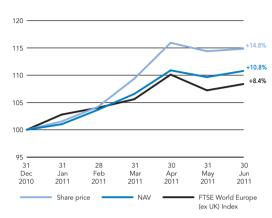
During the first six months of the year the net asset value rose by 10.8% to 1,461.98p per share, compared to a rise of 8.4% for the FTSE World Europe (ex UK) Index. The share price increased by 14.8% to 1,260.00p, the discount having narrowed during the six month period. (All figures in sterling terms and on a total return basis.)

#### MARKET REVIEW

European equities advanced over the period despite sporadic volatility. Healthy corporate earnings growth and robust balance sheets were the key factors supporting the market. Nevertheless, serious worries over the sovereign debt crisis in peripheral Europe and concerns about the next phase of global growth persisted. Fears about unexpected losses from the Japanese earthquake and the geopolitical unrest in the Middle East and North Africa also dampened sentiment. Cyclical and defensive segments generated mixed performance; healthcare and consumer discretionary advanced strongly, while technology, utilities and industrials lagged.

A clear divergence could be seen between the stronger core economies such as Germany, which benefited from a weaker euro and healthy consumption in Asia, and peripheral countries, which were encumbered by debt issues. As a result, companies in Germany and France were some of the best performers. Among peripheral nations, Greek stocks suffered due to concerns about a debt default: however, some companies in Ireland, Spain and Italy performed relatively well.

#### TOTAL RETURNS PERFORMANCE FOR THE SIX MONTHS TO 30 JUNE 2011



Sources: Fidelity and Datastream Past performance is not a guide to future returns

#### PORTFOLIO MANAGER'S REPORT

Performance over the period has been driven by a number of overweight stock positions. German fashion retailer, Hugo Boss, was the stand out performer as it continues to enjoy a strong re-rating on the back of encouraging earnings updates. Dialysis manufacturer and supplier, Fresenius Medical Care, also contributed to performance following encouraging quidance, while a position in the Dutch financial company ING Groep rose after it announced encouraging fourth quarter earnings and an improving capital position. Conversely, an off-benchmark position in mining company Vale fell despite solid earnings as investors worried about the outlook for commodity prices. Dutch mobile telecom operator KPN also detracted from returns. KPN retreated after it cut its 2011 profit forecast, citing weak domestic revenues in the face of intense competition.

### **Half-Yearly Report**

# PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Board believes that the principal risks and uncertainties faced by the Company continue to fall into the following categories: market risks; performance risk; investment management and income risks; share price, NAV and discount volatility risk; gearing risk; and control systems, regulation, governance including shareholder relations risks. Information on each of these is given in the Business Review section of the Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2010.

#### **GOING CONCERN**

The Board receives regular reports from the Manager and the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements as outlined in the Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2010. The next continuation vote will be put to shareholders at the 2013 Annual General Meeting.

# DISCOUNT MANAGEMENT AND GEARING

The Board continued to adopt an active policy in relation to discount management and gearing.

A further 1,531,587 ordinary shares were repurchased for cancellation in the six month period to 30 June 2011. The purpose has been to control the level of discount and reduce share price volatility, in the interests of shareholders. The discount has been brought in from 16.7% at the start

of the period to 13.8% at 30 June 2011. Share repurchases at a discount also result in an enhancement of the NAV per share, which over the six month period amounted to 6.16p per share.

The level of net gearing was increased during the period from 4.6% to 9.2%, with a draw down from the revolving credit facility. This reflects the broadly positive view of the Manager towards opportunities in European equities, fully supported by the Board

#### **OUTLOOK**

There remain many unanswered questions regarding the outlook for the global economy and, therefore, equities over the coming months. Will the United States continue with quantitative easing when the current round comes to an end? Will China, and other emerging economies, experience "hard landings" as a result of their tightening of monetary policy to combat inflationary pressures? Will the EU be able to navigate its way out of the sovereign debt problem without setting off a worrying trend of contagion which may imperil the "too big to fail" sovereigns of Italy and Spain?

The handling of these various 'crises' is becoming increasingly political and therefore, also, increasingly difficult to predict. Solutions may well be messy and time-consuming but if solutions are found, European equities appear inexpensive relative to historic norms and other asset classes on a 10 times forward Price Earnings Ratio and a 4% forward dividend yield (with expectations of double-digit dividend growth).

## **Half-Yearly Report**

European companies are, generally, in much better shape than European economies and your Company remains focused on attractively valued stocks which will be able to sustain dividend growth in different economic scenarios. These sorts of companies will, in the Manager's view, continue to make progress, in terms of total return, despite a choppy economic and political back-drop.

By order of the Board FIL Investments International 27 July 2011

### **Responsibility Statement**

The Directors confirm to the best of their knowledge that:

- a) the condensed set of financial statements contained within the Half-Yearly financial report has been prepared in accordance with the UK Accounting Standards Board's Statement 'Half-Yearly Financial Reports';
- b) the Half-Yearly report narrative on pages 3 to 5 (constituting the interim management report) includes a fair review of the information required by Rule 4.2.7R of the FSA's Disclosure and Transparency Rules and their impact on the condensed set of financial statements and a description of the principal risks and uncertainties for the remaining six months of the financial year; and
- c) in accordance with Disclosure and Transparency Rule 4.2.8R there have been no related parties transactions during the six months to 30 June 2011 and therefore nothing to report on any material effect by such a transaction on the financial position or the performance of the Company during that period; and there have been no changes in this position since the last Annual Report that could have a material effect on the financial position or performance of the Company in the first six months of the current financial year.

The Half-Yearly financial report has not been audited or reviewed by the Company's Independent Auditor.

The Half-Yearly financial report was approved by the Board on 27 July 2011 and the above responsibility statement was signed on its behalf by Humphrey van der Klugt, Chairman.

# Twenty Largest Investments as at 30 June 2011

	Fair Value	
Holding	£′000	% <sup>1</sup>
Nestle Packaged food	44,723	5.8
Sanofi-Aventis Pharmaceuticals	26,508	3.5
BNP Paribas Financial services	24,652	3.2
Novo Nordisk Healthcare services	24,510	3.2
SAP Software solutions and consultancy	23,339	3.0
Schneider Electric Electricity distribution and automation management	23,305	3.0
Siemens Electronic and electrical engineering	20,081	2.6
Saipem Oil and gas	19,763	2.6
UBS Financial services	18,746	2.4
Societe Generale Financial services	18,692	2.4
Umicore Materials technology	18,449	2.4
Fresenius Medical Care Healthcare services	18,448	2.4
Royal Dutch Shell Oil and gas	18,431	2.4
Zurich Financial Services Financial services	17,170	2.3
Vale Mining	16,208	2.1
BASF Chemicals	15,846	2.1
Schindler Holding Escalators, elevators and moving walks	15,287	2.0
Linde Gases and engineering	15,179	2.0
Storebrand Insurance	15,062	2.0
Swedish Match Smokeless tobacco products	14,778	2.0
Twenty Largest Investments	409,177	53.4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> % of total assets less current liabilities, excluding fixed term loan liabilities

### **Income Statement**

		for the six months ended 30.06.11 unaudited		
	Notes	revenue £'000	capital £'000	total £'000
Gains/(losses) on investments designated at fair value through profit or loss		_	57,817	57,817
Income	2	17,754	_	17,754
Investment management fee		(2,920)	_	(2,920)
Other expenses		(371)	_	(371)
Exchange gains/(losses) on other net assets		53	(461)	(408)
Exchange (losses)/gains on loans		_	(3,093)	(3,093)
Net return/(loss) before finance costs and taxation		14,516	54,263	68,779
Finance costs		(1,284)	_	(1,284)
Net return/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation		13,232	54,263	67,495
Taxation on return/(loss) on ordinary activities	3	(1,193)	(36)	(1,229)
Net return/(loss) on ordinary activities after taxation for the period		12,039	54,227	66,266
Return/(loss) per ordinary share	4	24.73p	111.40p	136.13p

A Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses has not been prepared as there are no gains and losses other than those reported in this Income Statement.

The total column of the Income Statement is the profit and loss account of the Company.

All revenue and capital items in the above statement derive from continuing operations.

No operations were acquired or discontinued in the period.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the AIC Statement of Recommended Practice ("SORP") issued in January 2009.

for the y	ear ended 3 audited	1.12.10	for the six	months ende	d 30.06.10
revenue £'000	capital £'000	total £'000	revenue £'000	capital £'000	total £′000
_	33,621	33,621	_	(67,171)	(67,171)
18,883	_	18,883	15,123	_	15,123
(5,036)	-	(5,036)	(2,384)	_	(2,384)
(664)	-	(664)	(333)	_	(333)
65	(4,808)	(4,743)	85	(6,429)	(6,344)
_	4,153	4,153		6,502	6,502
13,248	32,966	46,214	12,491	(67,098)	(54,607)
(3,025)		(3,025)	(1,760)		(1,760)
10,223	32,966	43,189	10,731	(67,098)	(56,367)
(2,262)	(60)	(2,322)	(2,012)	(39)	(2,051)
7,961	32,906	40,867	8,719	(67,137)	(58,418)
15.95p	65.91p	81.86p	17.38p	(133.82p)	(116.44p)

## **Reconciliation of Movements in Shareholders' Funds**

Note	share capital £'000	share premium account £'000
Opening shareholders' funds: 1 January 2010	12,779	58,615
Net recognised capital loss on ordinary activities before taxation for the period	_	_
Taxation charged to capital	_	-
Repurchase of ordinary shares	(304)	-
Net revenue return on ordinary activities after taxation for the period	_	_
Dividend paid to ordinary shareholders 5	_	-
Closing shareholders' funds: 30 June 2010	12,475	58,615
Opening shareholders' funds: 1 January 2010	12,779	58,615
Net recognised capital return on ordinary activities before taxation for the year	_	_
Taxation charged to capital	_	_
Repurchase of ordinary shares	(417)	-
Net revenue return on ordinary activities after taxation for the year	_	_
Dividend paid to ordinary shareholders 5	_	-
Closing shareholders' funds: 31 December 2010	12,362	58,615
Net recognised capital return on ordinary activities before taxation for the period	_	_
Taxation charged to capital	_	-
Repurchase of ordinary shares	(383)	-
Net revenue return on ordinary activities after taxation for the period	_	_
Dividend paid to ordinary shareholders 5	_	-
Closing shareholders' funds: 30 June 2011	11,979	58,615

	6.0			
	capital	conital	<b>*</b> 0.40 <b>*</b> 0.10	total
rec	demption reserve	capital reserve	revenue reserve	total equity
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
	3,046	558,047	16,448	648,935
	_	(67,098)	_	(67,098)
	_	(39)	_	(39)
	304	(13,274)	_	(13,274)
	_	_	8,719	8,719
	_	_	(11,292)	(11,292)
	3,350	477,636	13,875	565,951
	3,046	558,047	16,448	648,935
	_	32,966	-	32,966
	_	(60)	_	(60)
	417	(17,968)	_	(17,968)
		(177700)		(1777007
	_	_	7,961	7,961
	_	_	(11,292)	(11,292)
	3,463	572,985	13,117	660,542
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	_	54,263	_	54,263
	_	(36)	_	(36)
	383	(18,511)		(18,511)
	303	(10,511)	_	(10,511)
	_	_	12,039	12,039
			(7,740)	(7,740)
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	3,846	608,701	17,416	700,557

## **Balance Sheet**

		30.06.11 unaudited	31.12.10 audited	30.06.10 unaudited
	Notes	£'000	f'000	f'000
Fixed assets		2 000	2 000	2 000
Investments designated at fair value through profit or loss		766,655	693,547	565,509
Current assets				
Debtors		6,004	2,106	5,474
Fidelity Institutional Liquidity Fund plc		_	21,533	42,562
Cash at bank		750	3,976	11,652
		6,754	27,615	59,688
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year				
Bank loans	6	(65,532)	(55,812)	(53,464)
Other creditors		(7,320)	(4,808)	(5,782)
		(72,852)	(60,620)	(59,246)
Net current (liabilities)/assets		(66,098)	(33,005)	442
Total net assets		700,557	660,542	565,951
Capital and reserves				
Share capital		11,979	12,362	12,475
Share premium account		58,615	58,615	58,615
Capital redemption reserve		3,846	3,463	3,350
Capital reserve		608,701	572,985	477,636
Revenue reserve		17,416	13,117	13,875
Total equity shareholders' funds		700,557	660,542	565,951
Net asset value per ordinary share	7	1,461.98p	1,335.78p	1,134.18p

## **Cash Flow Statement**

	30.06.11	31.12.10	30.06.10
	unaudited	audited	unaudited
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Operating activities			
Investment income received	12,771	14,713	11,755
Deposit interest received	10	188	75
Investment management fee paid	(2,820)	(4,958)	(2,572)
Directors' fees paid	(49)	(112)	(53)
Other cash payments	(268)	(735)	(379)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	9,644	9,096	8,826
Servicing of finance			
Interest paid on bank loans	(622)	(3,054)	(1,803)
Net cash outflow from servicing of finance	(622)	(3,054)	(1,803)
Overseas taxation recovered	1,524	1,485	139
Financial investment			
Purchase of investments	(217,184)	(555,131)	(229,385)
Disposal of investments	201,952	554,223	251,785
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from financial investment	(15,232)	(908)	22,400
Dividend paid to shareholders	(7,740)	(11,292)	(11,292)
Net cash (outflow)/inflow before use of liquid resources and financing	(12,426)	(4,673)	18,270
Cash flow from management of liquid resources			
Fidelity Institutional Liquidity Fund plc	21,533	24,290	3,261
Cash inflow from management of	24 522	24.200	2.2/1
liquid resources	21,533	24,290	3,261
Net cash inflow before financing	9,107	19,617	21,531
Financing			
Repurchase of ordinary shares	(18,552)	(19,590)	(14,712)
Variable rate unsecured bank loan drawn down	6,627	_	_
3.23% fixed rate unsecured bank loan repaid		(33,147)	(33,147)
Net cash outflow from financing	(11,925)	(52,737)	(47,859)
Decrease in cash	(2,818)	(33,120)	(26,328)

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Half-Yearly financial statements have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out in the Company's annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2010.

#### 2 INCOME

	30.06.11 unaudited £'000	31.12.10 audited £'000	30.06.10 unaudited £'000
Income from investments designated at fair value			
through profit or loss			
UK dividends	104	_	_
Overseas dividends	15,850	18,344	14,871
Overseas scrip dividends	1,790	352	176
	17,744	18,696	15,047
Other income			
Deposit interest	6	55	13
Income from Fidelity Institutional Liquidity Fund plc	4	132	63
Total income	17,754	18,883	15,123

#### 3 TAXATION ON RETURN/(LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

	30.06.11 unaudited			31.12.10 audited		30.06.10 unaudited			
	revenue £'000		total £′000	revenue £'000	capital £'000	total £′000	revenue £'000		total E′000
UK corporation tax	(36)	36	_	(60)	60	_	419	39	458
Double taxation relief							(458)		(458)
	(36)	36	_	(60)	60	_	(39)	39	_
Overseas taxation suffered Overseas taxation	2,939	-	2,939	3,687	-	3,687	3,149	- 3	3,149
recovered	(1,710)	-	(1,710)	(1,365)	-	(1,365)	(1,098)	- (1	,098)
Current taxation charge	1,193	36	1,229	2,262	60	2,322	2,012	39 2	2,051

### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

#### RETURN/(LOSS) PER ORDINARY SHARE

	30.06.11 unaudited	31.12.10 audited	30.06.10 unaudited
Revenue	24.73p	15.95p	17.38p
Capital	111.40p	65.91p	(133.82p)
Total	136.13p	81.86p	(116.44p)

Returns/(losses) per ordinary share are based on the net revenue return on ordinary activities after taxation in the period, the net capital return/(loss) on ordinary activities after taxation in the period and the net total return/(loss) on ordinary activities after taxation in the period and on the weighted average number of shares in issue during the period.

	30.06.11	31.12.10	30.06.10
	unaudited	audited	unaudited
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Revenue	12,039	7,961	8,719
Capital	54,227	32,906	(67,137)
Total	66,266	40,867	(58,418)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue	48,678,237	49,925,614	50,168,442

#### **DIVIDENDS PAID**

	30.06.11 unaudited £'000	31.12.10 audited £'000	30.06.10 unaudited £'000
Final dividend of 15.75 pence per share paid for the year ended 31 December 2010 Interim dividend of 22.50 pence per share paid for the	7,740	-	-
year ended 31 December 2009		11,292	11,292
	7,740	11,292	11,292

No dividend has been declared in respect of the current period.

#### BANK LOANS

	30.06.11 unaudited £′000	31.12.10 audited £'000	30.06.10 unaudited £'000
Fixed rate unsecured loan @ 4.38% per annum*	58,753	55,812	53,464
Variable rate unsecured loan**	6,779	_	
	65,532	55,812	53,464

<sup>\*</sup> The fixed rate loan from Barclays Bank PLC of euro 65,000,000 was drawn down on 29 December 2006 for a period of five years at an interest rate of 4.38% per annum. The loan is repayable on 15 December 2011.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Company has a variable rate euro 25,000,000 credit facility agreement with Lloyds TSB Bank plc which expires on 15 December 2011. On 18 May 2011, euro 7,500,000 was drawn down and is repayable on 17 November 2011.

### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

#### NET ASSET VALUE PER ORDINARY SHARE

The net asset value per ordinary share is based on net assets of £700,557,000 (31.12.10: £660,542,000; 30.06.10: £565,951,000) and on 47,918,399 (31.12.10: 49,449,986; 30.06.10: 49,899,656) ordinary shares, being the number of ordinary shares in issue at the relevant period end.

#### INVESTMENT TRANSACTION COSTS

Transaction costs are incurred in the acquisition and disposal of investments. These are included in the gains/(losses) on investments designated at fair value through profit or loss in the capital column of the Income Statement and are summarised below:

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#### SHARE REPURCHASES

The following repurchases of ordinary shares were made in the period:

	30.06.11 unaudited	31.12.10 audited	
Number of ordinary shares repurchased	1,531,587	1,666,619	1,216,949
Average price per ordinary share	1,208.62p	1,078.11p	1,090.76p
Total cost including stamp duty and commission	£18,511,000	£17,968,000	£13,274,000

#### 10 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The results for the six months to 30 June 2011 and 30 June 2010, which are unaudited, constitute non-statutory accounts within the meaning of s435 of the Companies Act 2006. The figures and financial information for the year ended 31 December 2010 are extracted from the latest published financial statements. These financial statements, on which the Independent Auditor gave an unqualified report, have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies.

### **Investor Information**

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

Private investors can call free on 0800 41 41 10

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8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday. www.fidelity.co.uk/its

Existing shareholders who have specific queries regarding their holding or need to provide updated information, for example a change of address, should contact one of the following administrators.

#### Fidelity Share Plan investors:

Fidelity Investment Trust Share Plan, BNP Paribas Securities Services, Block C, Western House, Lynchwood Business Park, Peterborough PE2 6BP.

Telephone: 0845 358 1107 (calls to this number are charged at 4p per minute from a BT landline. Other telephone service providers' costs may vary.)

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Fidelity, using the freephone number given above, or by writing to: UK Customer Service, Fidelity International, Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 9DZ. www.fidelity.co.uk/its

Fidelity ShareNetwork: www.fidelity.co.uk/sharenetwork

#### Other holders of ordinary shares:

Capita Registrars, Registrars to Fidelity European Values PLC, The Registry, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4BR.

Telephone: 0871 664 0300 (calls cost 10p per minute plus network extras) Email: ssd@capitaregistrars.com

Details of individual shareholdings and other information can also be obtained from the Registrar's website: www.capitaregistrars.com

General enquiries should be made to Fidelity, the Investment Manager and Secretary, at the Company's registered office: FIL Investments International, Investment Trusts, Beech Gate, Millfield Lane, Lower Kingswood, Tadworth, Surrey KT20 6RP.

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#### FINANCIAL CALENDAR

30 June 2011 – Half-Yearly period end

27 July 2011 – Announcement of Half-Yearly results

August 2011 – Publication of Half-Yearly report

31 December 2011 – Financial year end March 2012 – Publication of Annual Report May 2012 – Annual General Meeting

### **Directory**

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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