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The investment objective of the Company is to achieve long term capital growth from an actively managed portfolio of special situation investments, consisting primarily of securities listed or traded on the London Stock Exchange. Up to 20% may be invested outside of the UK.

Returns (%)

	Six months to 28 February 2009	From launch 17 November 1994
Capital Returns		
Net Asset Value ("NAV") per share	-33.2	+294.4
Share price	-28.3	+263.3
FTSE All-Share Index	-32.7	+23.7
Total Returns ¹		
NAV per share total return	-30.3	+355.7
Share price total return	-25.1	+325.2
FTSE All-Share Index total return	-31.4	+93.2

¹ Total return includes reinvested income

Standardised performance (on a total return basis) (%)

	01/03/04 to 28/02/05	01/03/05 to 28/02/06	01/03/06 to 28/02/07	01/03/07 to 29/02/08	01/03/08 to 28/02/09
NAV per share	+19.5	+31.3	+11.5	-2.8	-31.0
Share price	+17.2	+24.3	+8.4	-7.5	-29.6
FTSE All-Share Index	+15.0	+22.3	+11.6	-2.7	-33.0

Sources: Fidelity and Datastream

Past performance is not a guide to future returns

Summary of Results

	28 February 2009	31 August 2008	% change
Assets			
Total assets employed ¹	£240.83m	£354.26m	-32.0
Shareholders' funds	£213.83m	£319.26m	-33.0
Borrowings as % of shareholders' funds	12.6%	11.0%	
Borrowings less cash as % of shareholders' fund	ds ² 10.8%	3.4%	
NAV per share	375.54p	562.13p	-33.2
Number of shares in issue	56,938,896	56,794,503	
Stockmarket Data			
FTSE All-Share Index	1,929.75	2,868.69	-32.7
Share price period end	345.00p	481.50p	-28.3
high	486.00p	596.00p	
low	329.00p	407.00p	
Discount period end	8.1%	14.3%	
high	15.0%	14.7%	
low	2.6%	4.8%	
Returns for the six months to end February	2009	2008	
Capital loss per ordinary share	(173.41p)	(58.82p)	
Capital + revenue loss per ordinary share	(169.55p)	(56.88p)	

¹ Total assets less current liabilities, excluding fixed term loan liabilities

² Includes cash held and investment in cash funds; excludes amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers and any effect from Contracts for Difference

Half-Yearly Report

HALF YEAR RETURNS:

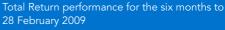
The results for the first half of the year are contained in the tables on the preceding two pages and can be summarised as follows:

NAV: -33.2% to 375.54p per share; Share Price: -28.3% to 345.00p: Benchmark: -32.7% (FTSE All-Share Index)

These results are obviously very disappointing indeed to shareholders. This half year report seeks to explain the circumstances of such a sharp decline in the net asset value, to report a degree of caution about the shorter term prospects but to offer longer term optimism once the causes of the current financial crisis have heen resolved

STOCK MARKET & PORTFOLIO **REVIEW:**

In one of the worst bear markets for decades, the UK stock market fell over 30% in the first half of our financial year. The outlook for the global economy deteriorated considerably as the severe problems in the banking system led to a sharp slowdown in borrowing, curtailing consumer spending and business investment. The deepening recession is also causing a sharp decline in corporate profits. The fall in commodity prices has resulted in a moderation in inflation. which allowed the world's central banks.





Sources: Fidelity and Datastream

to announce a series of interest rate cuts in addition to economic stimulus packages; so far, however, these measures have failed to trigger any recovery but it will take time for such measures to take effect.

The Bank of England reduced interest rates on six consecutive occasions starting in October reaching a record low of 0.5% in March and it recently announced an unprecedented asset purchase programme; as a consequence the US dollar value of sterling tumbled, declining from over \$2 to the pound down to circa \$1.40. In the near term, equity markets are expected to remain volatile with investment confidence likely to be influenced by economic developments and government action.

Half-Yearly Report

The nature of the Manager's approach to the management of the portfolio is to identify sectors and stocks that are considered to be materially undervalued. In normal circumstances, as share prices fall they tend to become more attractively valued – some more so than others depending on their individual circumstances. The crash in the stock market over the period, with stocks on average losing about a third of their value, has thrown up a lot of opportunities, some of which the Manager took advantage.

The very broad base of the bear market meant that there was nowhere for equity investors to hide from declining share prices; indeed in our portfolio of well over 100 holdings, only four registered positive returns, those in the shares of Experian (a credit reference company), BSkyB, Marks & Spencer and Amlin (a Lloyds underwriter). Our investments in media, travel & leisure, gambling and catering fared relatively better than the averages.

However, inevitably there were some mistakes made as the fall in share prices of certain sectors and stocks reflected the depth of their underlying problems, the extent of which was such that the lower share prices proved to be – to use stock market jargon – a "value trap" instead of

a "value opportunity". Our investments in the media and particularly in the banking sectors proved to be very costly, none more so than our holding in Lloyds Banking Group.

There were other influences on the performance of the net asset value. We used derivatives, including the ability to sell short selected stocks in order to benefit from share price falls and to buy put options to help shield the Company's portfolio from the broad-based stock market decline to offset the declines. suffered elsewhere and, that helped alleviate the decline in the value of the portfolio. However we remained overinvested throughout the period with net borrowings of 3.4% of shareholders' equity at the beginning of the half year and 10.8% at the end; that exacerbated the decline in the net asset value.

OUTLOOK:

There can be no doubt that the current economic and financial circumstances are very grave indeed with far reaching consequences likely to evolve for some time to come. At present it is impossible to forecast with any degree of confidence how the next year or two will develop, so we are not in a position to offer any short term optimism. The best one can say is

that stock markets are likely to remain very volatile with marked movements on both the upside and downside.

In the longer term, however, the enormous and broadly based overindebtedness of consumers, banks and governments will be reduced as savings rise and borrowings are paid down. In the circumstances of a sounder economic and financial environment, Fidelity's proven ability to manage portfolios profitably provides the prospects of good long term returns for shareholders.

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND **UNCERTAINTIES**

The Board believes that the principal risks and uncertainties faced by the Company continue to fall into two broad categories. The first, external risks, being stock market, share price and discount and the second, internal risks, being portfolio and governance, operational, financial, compliance, administration etc. Information on each of these is given in the Business Review section of the Annual Report for the year ended 31 August 2008.

By order of the Board FIL Investments International 16 April 2009

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, 4 and 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 28 February 2009 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 auditors.

The Half-Yearly financial report was approved by the Board on 16 April 2009 and the above responsibility statement was signed on its behalf by Alex Hammond-Chambers, Chairman.

	Fair Value	
Holding	£'000	% [†]
GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceutical company	8,920	3.7
BSkyB Broadcasting company	8,900	3.7
AstraZeneca Pharmaceutical company	8,750	3.6
Vodafone Group Mobile telecommunications company	8,684	3.6
Pearson Global publishing company	8,316	3.5
HSBC Banking and financial services organisation	8,226	3.4
Royal Dutch Shell 'A' Oil & gas company	7,217	3.0
Reed Elsevier International publishing company	7,035	2.9
LogicaCMG Information technology consultancy services provider	6,301	2.6
PartyGaming Online gaming company	6,254	2.6
Premier Farnell Electronic components and equipment distributing company	6,219	2.6
Kingfisher International home improvement retailer	5,308	2.2
London Stock Exchange United Kingdom's primary stock exchange	5,086	2.1
Cairn Energy Oil and gas company	5,036	2.1
Xchanging Insurance and financial markets processing services provider	4,797	2.0
Standard Chartered Banking and financial services organisation	4,575	1.9
Provident Financial International personal finance and insurance company	4,383	1.8
Lloyds Banking Group Banking and financial services company	4,349	1.8
Compass Group International food service provider	3,992	1.7
British Land Property company	3,543	1.5
Top 20 holdings	125,891	52.3

^{† %} total assets less current liabilities, excluding fixed term loan liabilities

Income Statement

		for the six months ended 28.02.09		
	Notes	revenue £'000	capital £'000	total £'000
Losses on investments		_	(98,737)	(98,737)
Income	2	4,698	_	4,698
Investment management fee		(1,317)	_	(1,317)
VAT recovered on investment management fee		6	_	6
Other expenses		(277)	_	(277)
Exchange gains/(losses)		-	138	138
Net return/(loss) before finance costs and taxation		3,110	(98,599)	(95,489)
Interest payable		(899)	_	(899)
Net return/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation		2,211	(98,599)	(96,388)
Taxation on return on ordinary activities	3	(15)	_	(15)
Net return/(loss) on ordinary activities after taxation for the period		2,196	(98,599)	(96,403)
Return/(loss) per ordinary share	4	3.86p	(173.41p)	(169.55p)

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 this Income Statement is the profit and loss account of the Company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the AIC Statement of Recommended Practice ("SORP") issued in January 2003 and revised in December 2005.

for the y	ear ended 3 audited	1.08.08	for the six	months ende	ed 29.02.08
revenue £'000	capital £'000	total £'000	revenue £'000	capital £'000	total £'000
-	(46,807)	(46,807)	-	(34,406)	(34,406)
13,758	_	13,758	4,322	_	4,322
(3,507)	-	(3,507)	(1,848)	-	(1,848)
2,300	_	2,300	-	_	_
(490)	_	(490)	(270)	_	(270)
_	(46)	(46)	(4)	(44)	(48)
12,061	(46,853)	(34,792)	2,200	(34,450)	(32,250)
(2,033)	_	(2,033)	(1,064)	-	(1,064)
10,028	(46,853)	(36,825)	1,136	(34,450)	(33,314)
(121)	_	(121)	(2)	_	(2)
9,907	(46,853)	(36,946)	1,134	(34,450)	(33,316)
17.13p	(81.03p)	(63.90p)	1.94p	(58.82p)	(56.88p)

Reconciliation of Movements in Shareholders' Funds

Opening shareholders' funds: 1 September 2007	Notes	share capital £'000 14,926	premium account £'000 95,058
Net recognised gains/(losses) for the period		_	-
Repurchase of ordinary shares		(537)	-
Net revenue after taxation		_	_
Dividend paid to shareholders		_	_
Shareholders' funds: 29 February 2008		14,389	95,058
Opening shareholders' funds: 1 September 2007		14,926	95,058
Net recognised gains/(losses) for the year		-	-
Repurchase of ordinary shares		(728)	_
Net revenue after taxation		_	_
Dividend paid to shareholders		_	_
Closing shareholders' funds: 31 August 2008		14,198	95,058
Net recognised losses for the period		_	_
Repurchase of ordinary shares		(9)	_
Issue of ordinary shares		45	709
Net revenue after taxation		_	_
Dividend paid to shareholders	7	_	_
Closing shareholders' funds: 28 February 2009		14,234	95,767

total equity £'000	revenue reserve £'000	capital reserve unrealised £'000	capital reserve realised £'000	other non- distributable reserve £'000	capital redemption reserve £'000
376,590	5,514	21,733	232,390	5,152	1,817
(34,450)	_	(60,168)	25,718	_	_
(11,923)	_	_	(11,923)	_	537
1,134	1,134	_	_	_	_
(4,426)	(4,426)	-	-	-	-
326,925	2,222	(38,435)	246,185	5,152	2,354
376,590	5,514	21,733	232,390	5,152	1,817
(46,853)	_	(55,894)	9,041	_	_
(15,961)	_	_	(15,961)	_	728
9,907	9,907	_	_	_	_
(4,426)	(4,426)	_	_	_	_
319,257	10,995	(34,161)	225,470	5,152	2,545
(98,599)	_	(69,385)	(29,214)	_	_
(123)	_	_	(123)	_	9
754	_	-	_	_	_
2,196	2,196	_	_	_	_
(9,655)	(9,655)	_	_	_	
213,830	3,536	(103,546)	196,133	5,152	2,554

Balance Sheet

	Notes	28.02.09 unaudited £'000	31.08.08 audited £'000	29.02.08 unaudited £'000
Fixed assets Investments at fair value through				
profit or loss		233,281	331,312	347,533
Current assets				
Debtors		3,789	6,994	7,292
Amounts held at futures			•	
clearing houses and brokers		1,985	1,573	1,549
Fidelity Institutional Cash Fund plc		_	9,091	9,578
Cash at bank		3,846	14,994	3,883
		9,620	32,652	22,302
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year				
Fixed rate unsecured loans	8	(27,000)	(8,000)	_
Other creditors		(2,071)	(9,707)	(7,910)
		(29,071)	(17,707)	(7,910)
Net current (liabilities)/assets		(19,451)	14,945	14,392
Total assets less current liabilities		213,830	346,257	361,925
Creditors - amounts falling due after more than one year				
Fixed rate unsecured loans	8	_	(27,000)	(35,000)
Total net assets		213,830	319,257	326,925
Capital and reserves				
Called up share capital		14,234	14,198	14,389
Share premium account		95,767	95,058	95,058
Capital redemption reserve		2,554	2,545	2,354
Other non-distributable reserve		5,152	5,152	5,152
Capital reserve - realised		196,133	225,470	246,185
Capital reserve - unrealised		(103,546)	(34,161)	(38,435)
Revenue reserve		3,536	10,995	2,222
Total equity shareholders' funds		213,830	319,257	326,925
Net asset value per ordinary share	5	375.54p	562.13p	568.00p

Cash Flow Statement

	28.02.09 unaudited £'000	31.08.08 audited £'000	29.02.08 unaudited £'000
Operating activities			
Investment income received	2,162	5,639	1,832
Deposit interest received	616	947	571
Investment management fee paid	(1,447)	(3,704)	(2,033)
VAT recovered on investment management fee	2,306	-	-
Directors' fees paid	(49)	(108)	(47)
Other cash payments	(220)	(620)	(500)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	3,368	2,154	(177)
Return on investments and servicing of finance Interest paid	(960)	(2,057)	(1,099)
Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance	(960)	(2,057)	(1,099)
Taxation			
Overseas taxation recovered	38	13	13
Taxation recovered	38	13	13
Financial investments			
Purchase of investments	(144,546)	(318,920)	(170,539)
Disposal of investments	139,301	338,703	177,008
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from financial investments	(5,245)	19,783	6,469
Equity dividend paid to shareholders	(9,655)	(4,426)	(4,426)
Net cash (outflow)/inflow before use of liquid resources and financing	(12,454)	15,467	780
Net cash inflow from management of liquid resources	9,091	1,251	764
Net cash (outflow)/inflow before financing	(3,363)	16,718	1,544
Financing Repurchase of ordinary shares Issue of ordinary shares	(123) 754	(16,442)	(12,400)
4.91% fixed rate unsecured loan repaid	7 34	(5,000)	(5,000)
5.655% fixed rate unsecured loan repaid	(8,000)	(3,000)	(3,000)
Net cash outflow from financing	(7,369)	(21,442)	(17,400)
Decrease in cash	(10,732)	(4,724)	(15,856)

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 dated 31 August 2008.

2 INCOME

	28.02.09 unaudited £'000	31.08.08 audited £'000	29.02.08 unaudited £′000
Franked investment income	1,295	5,051	1,790
UK unfranked investment income	_	60	_
UK scrip dividends	2,181	6,009	1,808
Overseas dividends	167	1,144	103
Overseas scrip dividends	228	275	_
Property income distribution	244	197	40
Other income	17	38	4
Deposit Interest	131	632	342
Income from Fidelity Institutional Cash Fund plc	28	352	235
Interest on VAT recovered on investment management fee*	407	-	-
	4,698	13,758	4,322

^{*} This is interest received on VAT on the investment management fees reclaimed following the decision of the European Court of Justice in the JPMorgan Claverhouse Investment Trust / AIC Case (C-363/05).

3 TAXATION ON RETURN ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

	28.02.09	31.08.08	29.02.08
	unaudited	audited	unaudited
	£'000	£'000	£′000
Overseas taxation suffered	15	121	2

Notes to the Financial Statements

4 RETURN/(LOSS) PER ORDINARY SHARE

	28.02.09 unaudited	31.08.08 audited	29.02.08 unaudited
Revenue	3.86p	17.13p	1.94p
Capital	(173.41p)	(81.03p)	(58.82p)
Total	(169.55p)	(63.90p)	(56.88p)

Return per ordinary share is based on the net revenue return on ordinary activities after taxation in the period, the capital loss in the period and the weighted average of number of shares in issue over the period:

	28.02.09	31.08.08	29.02.08
	unaudited	audited	unaudited
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Revenue return	2,196	9,907	1,134
Capital loss	(98,599)	(46,853)	(34,450)
Total	(96,403)	(36,946)	(33,316)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares	56,859,269	57,823,165	58,567,005

5 NET ASSET VALUE PER ORDINARY SHARE

The net asset value per ordinary share is based on net assets of £213,830,000 (31.08.08: £319,257,000; 29.02.08: £326,925,000) and on 56,938,896 ordinary shares (31.08.08: 56,794,503; 29.02.08: 57,557,003), being the number of ordinary shares in issue at the period end.

6 COSTS OF INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS

Included in the losses on investments are the following costs of investment transactions:

Purchases expenses	704	1,634	876
Sales expenses	107	313	156
Total	811	1,947	1,032
Total	811	1,947	1,032

Notes to the Financial Statements

7 DIVIDEND

No dividend has been declared in respect of the current period. The dividend shown in the Reconciliation of Movements in Shareholders' Funds for the six months ended 28 February 2009 relates to the year ended 31 August 2008.

8 LOAN FACILITIES

The fixed rate unsecured loan from Barclays Bank PLC of £7,000,000 (Tranche A) was drawn down on 25 October 2004 and a further £20,000,000 (Tranche B) was drawn down on 26 January 2005 each with a maturity date of 26 January 2010 at an interest rate of 5.435% per annum.

The fixed rate unsecured loan from The Royal Bank of Scotland PLC of £8,000,000 drawn down on 16 January 2004 at an interest rate of 5.655% per annum was repaid on 16 January 2009.

9 SHARE ISSUES

During the period 178,393 ordinary shares of 25p were issued at a small premium for a total cost of £754,000 and an average price per share of 422.66 pence (31.08.08: nil; 29.02.08: nil).

10 SHARE REPURCHASES

The following share repurchases were made in the period:

	28.02.09	31.08.08	29.02.08
	unaudited	audited	unaudited
Number of shares repurchased	34,000	2,910,157	2,147,657
Average price per share	361.76p	548.46p	555.16p
Total cost including stamp duty and commission	£123,000	£15,961,000	£11,923,000

11 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The results for the six months to 28 February 2009 and 29 February 2008, 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 August 2008 are extracted from the latest published financial statements. These financial statements, on which the auditors gave an unqualified report, have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies.

Investor Information

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Existing shareholders who have a specific query regarding their holding or need to provide update information, for example a change of address, should contact the appropriate administrator.

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FINANCIAL CALENDAR 2009

28 February - Half-Yearly period end

16 April – announcement of Half-Yearly results

Beginning – publication of of May Half-Yearly report

July – Interim Management Statement

(as at 31 May 2009)

31 August – financial year end

November – publication of annual report

December – Annual General Meeting

Directory

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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WARNING TO SHAREHOLDERS - BOILER ROOM SCAMS

Over the last year, many companies have become aware that their shareholders have received unsolicited phone calls or correspondence concerning investment matters. These are typically from overseas based 'brokers' who target UK shareholders, offering to sell them what often turn out to be worthless or high risk shares in US or UK investments. These operations are commonly known as 'boiler rooms'. These 'brokers' can be very persistent and extremely persuasive, and a 2006 survey by the Financial Services Authority (FSA) has reported that the average amount lost by investors is around £20,000. It is not just the novice investor that has been duped in this way; many of the victims had been successfully investing for several years. Shareholders are advised to be very wary of any unsolicited advice, offers to buy shares at a discount or offers of free company reports. If you receive any unsolicited investment advice:

Make sure you get the correct name of the person and organisation

Check that they are properly authorised by the FSA before getting involved by visiting www.fsa.gov.uk/register

Report the matter to the FSA either by calling 0845 606 1234 or visiting www.moneymadeclear.fsa.gov.uk

If the calls persist, hang up.

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www.fsa.gov.uk/pages/doing/regulated/law/alerts/overseas.shtml

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