

Schroder

Oriental Income Fund Limited

Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2013



Schroders

Investment Objective

The Company's investment objective is to provide a total return for investors primarily through investments in equities and equity-related investments, of companies which are based in, or which derive a significant proportion of their revenues from, the Asia Pacific region and which offer attractive yields.

Directors

Robert Sinclair*† (Aged 64)
(Chairman)

was appointed as a non-executive Director of the Company on 17 June 2005.

Mr Sinclair is the Managing Director of Artemis Trustees Limited. Mr Sinclair has over 43 years experience in finance and accountancy of which 33 years have been spent in the Guernsey Financial Services industry. Mr Sinclair is a director of several companies which are quoted on the London Stock Exchange and is also a director of a number of fund management companies. He is a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland. Mr Sinclair is a resident of Guernsey.

Fergus Dunlop*† (Aged 55)

was appointed as a non-executive Director of the Company on 21 April 2008.

Mr Dunlop is a Director of Princess Private Equity Holding Limited and of several Channel Island based investment funds. He has over 20 years experience in investment companies in London, Frankfurt, Munich and the Channel Islands. Mr Dunlop joined Mercury Asset Management in 1987 in London, and managed their joint venture

with Munich Reinsurance, and its Jersey subsidiary. This led to the opening of a MAM (now BlackRock) Frankfurt office in 1995, to which he transferred in 1997, developing its institutional business until 2001. From 2002 to 2007 he was a managing director and partner of a fund advisory business in Munich. Mr Dunlop is a resident of Guernsey.

Peter Rigg*† (Aged 65)

was appointed as a non-executive Director of the Company on 17 June 2005. Mr Rigg is the Chairman of Polarcus, a Dubai-based, Norwegian listed seismic survey company. He is a board director of a private equity fund managed by General Enterprise Management Services Limited ("GEMS") investing principally in Asian companies. Between 1989 and 1995, Mr Rigg worked for the CS First Boston Group in Hong Kong, where he held various roles, including acting as board representative of International Investment Trust Co., a leading Taipei-based fund management company; managing director and Hong Kong-based head of Asian equity capital markets; and managing director and head of investment banking for CS First Boston (Hong Kong) Limited.

Prior to that, Mr Rigg worked for Credit Suisse First Boston Limited in London as director for Asian investment banking and as a solicitor in banking and private practice. Mr Rigg is a resident of the United Kingdom.

Christopher Sherwell† (Aged 65)

was appointed as a non-executive Director of the Company on 17 June 2005.

Mr Sherwell is a non-executive director of a number of investment-related companies. He was Managing Director of Schroders (C.I.) Limited from April 2000 until January 2004, and served as a director of various Schroder group companies and investment funds. He remains a non-executive Director of Burnaby Insurance (Guernsey) Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Schroders plc. Before joining Schroders in 1993, Mr Sherwell worked as Far East regional strategist with Smith New Court Securities in London and Hong Kong. Mr Sherwell was previously a journalist, working for the Financial Times. Mr Sherwell is a resident of Guernsey.

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Mr Rigg is chairman of the Audit and Management Engagement Committees.

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Financial Highlights

	2013	2012	
Total returns (including dividends reinvested) for the year ended 31 August			
Net asset value ("NAV") per share total return (based on ex-income NAV) ¹	15.6%	12.3%	
Share price total return ¹	13.0%	12.5%	
Shareholders' funds, NAV per share, share price and share price (discount)/premium at 31 August			
			% Change
Shareholders' funds (£'000)	395,926	290,324	+36.4
Ordinary shares in issue	218,191,574	175,764,500	+24.1
NAV per Ordinary share	181.46p	165.18p	+9.9
Share price	177.00p	164.00p	+7.9
Share price (discount)/premium to NAV excluding undistributed current year revenue	(0.4)%	2.1%	
Revenue for the year ended 31 August			
Net revenue after taxation (£'000)	16,571	12,734	+30.1
Earnings per share	8.74p	7.44p	+17.5
Dividends per share	7.45p	6.80p	+9.6
Gearing²	2.1%	2.7%	
Ongoing Charges³	0.93%	0.93%	

¹ Source: Morningstar

² Gearing represents borrowings used for investment purposes, less cash, expressed as a percentage of net assets.

³ Ongoing Charges represents the management fee and all other operating expenses excluding finance costs and any performance fee, expressed as a percentage of the average daily net asset values during the year.

Financial record since launch

	At launch on 28 July 2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
At 31 August									
Shareholders funds' (£'000)	148,155	159,631	197,265	179,011	167,604	219,199	254,070	290,324	395,926
NAV per share (pence)	98.77	101.64	125.61	115.31	109.31	136.63	152.80	165.18	181.46
Share price (pence)	100.00	95.00	117.75	101.50	106.00	136.25	152.00	164.00	177.00
Share price premium/(discount) to NAV per share (%)	1.2	2.8	3.4	(8.2)	0.5	2.4	2.5	2.1	(0.4)
Gearing (%) ¹	N/A	13.4	12.2	9.6	3.9	7.7	2.4	2.7	2.1
Revenue for the year ended 31 August		2006²	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Net revenue after taxation (£'000)		10,129	9,171	11,170	9,648	9,776	11,926	12,734	16,571
Earnings per share (pence)		6.50	5.84	7.14	6.27	6.25	7.22	7.44	8.74
Dividends per share (pence)		4.88	4.95	5.43	5.50	5.80	6.35	6.80	7.45
Ongoing Charges (%) ³		1.00	0.96	0.95	0.98	0.98	0.92	0.93	0.93

	At launch on 28 July 2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Performance⁴									
NAV total return (based on ex-income NAV)	100.0	102.8	133.1	126.1	128.3	168.4	195.5	220.3	254.7
Share price total return	100.0	97.1	125.5	112.9	127.4	171.2	198.4	223.2	252.2

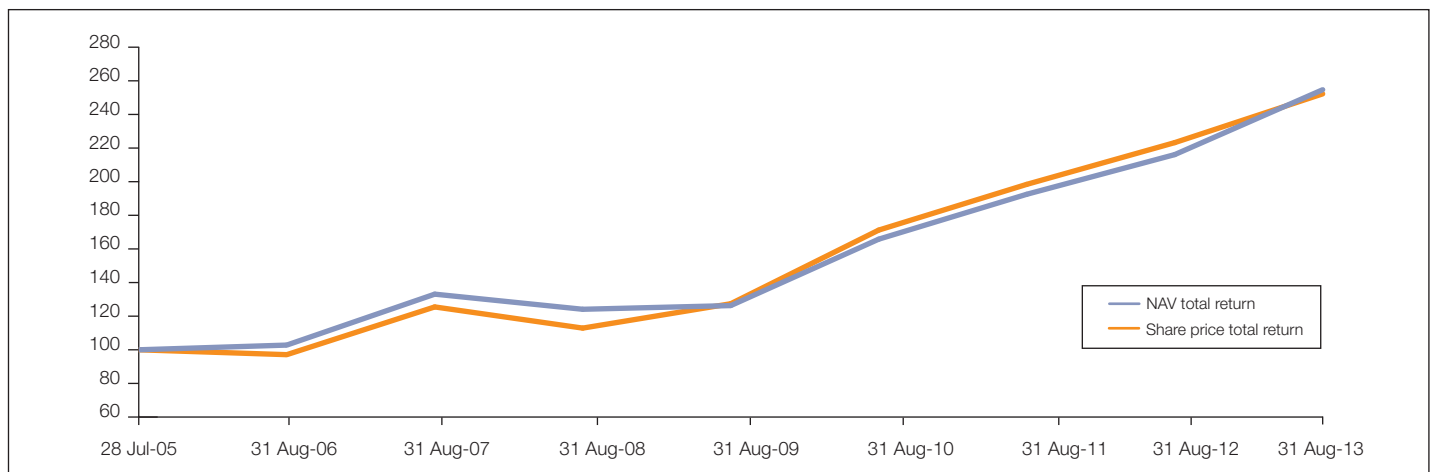
¹ Net assets plus borrowings used for investment purposes, less cash, expressed as a percentage of net assets.

² Represents the period from 28 July 2005 which is the date the Company began investing, to 31 August 2006.

³ Ongoing Charges represents the management fee and all other operating expenses excluding finance costs and any performance fee, expressed as a percentage of the average daily net asset values during the year. The figures for 2011 and prior years represent the expenses calculated as above, expressed as a percentage of the average month end net asset values during the year.

⁴ Source: Morningstar/Datastream. Rebased to 100 at 28 July 2005.

NAV and Share Price Performance Since Launch¹



¹ Source: Morningstar/Thomson Financial Datastream. Rebased to 100 at 28 July 2005.

Chairman's Statement

Performance

I am pleased to report that the Company's net asset value for the year ended 31 August 2013 produced a total return of 15.6% (2012: 12.3%) and the share price a total return of 13.0% (2012: 12.5%). These compare favourably with the reference index, the MSCI All Countries Pacific ex Japan Index, which produced a return of 11.3% for the period under review (2012: 1.9%).

The Investment Manager's Review provides a more detailed description of performance, market background and investment outlook.

Dividends

Revenue earnings per share for the year increased by 17.5% to 8.74p per share compared with 7.44p for the previous year. This is notwithstanding the impact on income from the substantial increase in shares in issue towards the end of the financial year, outlined below.

Earlier in the year, the Board announced a change in dividend policy with the effect that future dividends will be paid four times each year. A total of 4.45p per share has been paid in respect of the year ended 31 August 2013 and the Board has now declared a third interim dividend of 3.0p per share for the year. This takes total dividends per share for the year to 7.45p, an increase of 9.6% on total dividends of 6.80p per share paid last year. The third interim dividend will be paid on 29 November 2013 to shareholders on the register on 15 November 2013.

Issue of Shares

Demand for the Company's shares has continued to be strong during the year under review and the asset class has remained attractive for investors. The Board continued to issue shares at a slight premium to asset value in order to provide liquidity to investors and a total of 14,950,000 Ordinary shares were issued during the year (2012: 9,485,000).

Furthermore, in June 2013, the Company successfully completed a "C" Share issue and a total of 50,853,707 "C" shares were issued, raising a total of £50.8 million. The "C" shares were subsequently converted into 27,227,074 Ordinary shares on 1 July 2013.

A further 700,000 shares have been issued since the end of the year.

Share Issuance and Buy-Back Authorities

The Board is seeking to renew the existing authorities to pre-emptively issue and to buy-back shares in the Company and appropriate resolutions are included in the Notice of the Annual General Meeting. The Board believes that these authorities are valuable tools in the continuing management of the share price volatility relative to net asset value per share.

Gearing

During the year under review, the Company renewed the revolving £25 million multi-currency credit facility with Scotiabank Europe PLC, and subsequently increased it to £50 million as net assets had substantially increased. Gearing stood at 2.7% at the beginning of the year and had decreased to 2.1% at 31 August 2013. The level of gearing continues to be monitored closely by the Board and managed as necessary.

Outlook

While it is satisfying to see another double-digit rise in the NAV last year, Asian stock markets have moved out of favour since the middle of the year. The Manager's Review discusses the markets' concerns, for example about Chinese growth and US monetary policy. Your Board recognises the likelihood of further market volatility, but continues to believe in the region's ability to grow faster than the West and for this to convert into opportunities to fund higher dividends.

Chairman's Statement

The Company's dividend per share this year will be approximately 50% higher than in 2007, the year before the global financial crisis started. The Board hopes to be in a position to again grow this dividend materially over the next six years.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held in Guernsey at 12.00 noon on Wednesday 4 December 2013 and shareholders are invited to attend.

Robert Sinclair

Chairman

4 November 2013

Investment Manager's Review

Investment Manager's Review

The Net Asset Value per share of the Company recorded a total return of 15.6% over the twelve-month period to end August 2013. A third interim dividend of 3.0p has been declared, giving a total dividend of 7.45p, a 9.6% increase on last year.

Following the strong showing in the first half of the Company's financial year, the second half witnessed disappointing returns. For the period as a whole, regional markets offered a return of 11.3% in sterling terms, having been 21.7% up in the first six months. The correction in the middle of the year reflected a number of factors including the anticipation of "tapering"

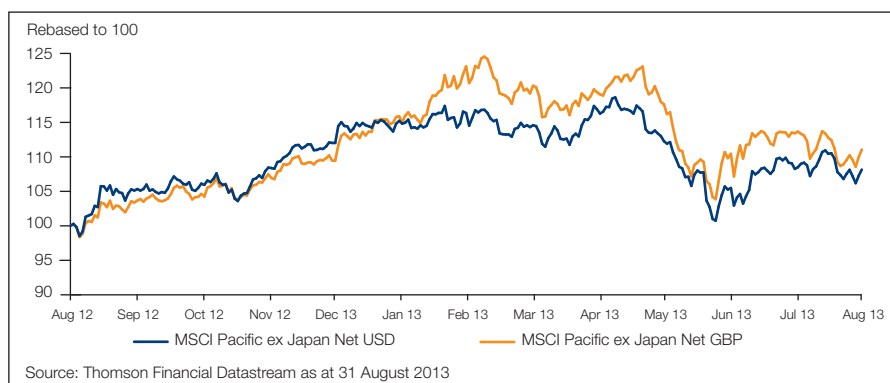
of asset purchases by the US Federal Reserve, a stronger dollar and sizeable investor redemptions from emerging market equities and bonds. These factors inevitably impacted the Asian regional stock markets given the importance of global investor flows, and the monetary linkages between the regional currencies and the US dollar which tends to be a safe haven during periods of uncertainty in the region.

Worries about tighter liquidity conditions in Asia coincided with downward revisions in regional growth forecasts and deteriorating leading indicators. This happened despite the stabilization in the developed economies, and reflected slowing domestic confidence and continued caution in the corporate sector. The exception has been China where a relaxation in credit and selective infrastructure spending has stabilized growth, but at the expense of further increases in debt.

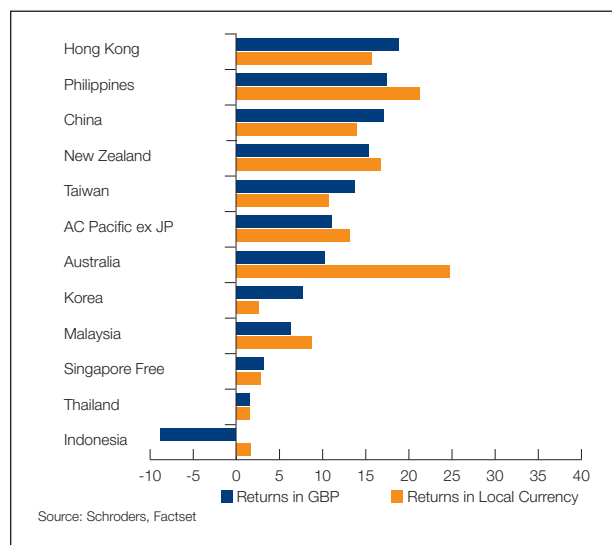
The shift in investor sentiment post Bernanke's May tapering statement was most dramatic in emerging ASEAN markets. These had seen amongst the greatest declines in borrowing costs since the global financial crisis of 2008, and had been favourite destinations for foreign bond investors chasing returns in a low rate environment. Consequently, liquidation of exposure has hit the regional markets more than proportionately, and all except the Philippines registered sub par returns over the year, with Indonesia down almost 10% in sterling terms due to the weakness in the local currency, the rupiah.

Another notable feature of the year was the weakness in the Australian dollar, which fell 12% against sterling, a reaction to sharply lower commodity prices, a slowing economy and looser interest rate policy by the Reserve Bank of Australia undermining the interest rate support for the currency. The market still managed broadly to match the benchmark returns given a looser monetary backdrop and translation benefits for companies with international operations.

Performance of the MSCI AC Pacific ex Japan Index 31 August 2012 to 31 August 2013



MSCI AC Pacific ex Japan net returns by country 31 August 2012 to 31 August 2013



Investment Manager's Review

Fund Positioning and Performance

The Company outperformed over the year, with the main contributions coming from stock selection which was positive in every benchmark country. The major areas of added value were Korea, Singapore and Thailand, alongside smaller contributions from Indonesia and China. In terms of sectors, the big contributors were materials, consumer discretionary and telecoms. Country allocation was of little overall impact, although being underweight China detracted from relative performance.

The main country exposures in the Company's portfolio have remained Hong Kong, Taiwan, Australia and Singapore, although we made small reductions in the latter two while adding to China. However, we remain underweight the China market, along with Korea, where dividend yields remain scant. The only significant emerging ASEAN exposure has been Thailand. In sector terms, key exposures are financials (although we reduced the real estate exposure during the year), information technology, telecoms, materials and industrials.

Investment Outlook

There are some big questions facing Asia, as is usual in the wake of a significant correction in the regional markets. There are doubts surrounding growth and some of the regional currencies, but the most significant is the pace and extent of a US led tightening in credit conditions. A stronger US dollar and perception of tighter money are never good for Asian asset values, and it is difficult to paint a positive near-term picture. The concern over tapering may have been overdone in the short-term, but to an extent the genie is out of the bottle and will not be easily put back in. We are in an uneasy market phase where the best of liquidity is behind us, but earnings growth support is unclear. However, one should not lose sight of the fact that if higher US treasury yields are a harbinger of economic spring for the global economy, then plenty of Asian companies and markets stand to benefit.

While it is tempting to draw parallels with the Asian crisis of 1997/98, this ignores the very different fundamentals of the region. Most economies are in much healthier financial condition in terms of positive current accounts and trade balances, high foreign exchange reserves, lower external debt and strong government and corporate balance sheets. Also, equity markets do not look expensive in terms of historical valuations and there are plenty of attractive and well-covered dividends available. As the markets have corrected, we are seeing an increasing number of stocks at attractive discounts to analysts' fair value, while still conscious of the potential overhang from "hotter" money still sitting in the region.

Amid all the recent volatility, China has perhaps benefited from winning in the "least ugly" contest this year. A controlled capital account undoubtedly helps (at least in the short-term) during a time of dwindling global liquidity. Meanwhile, those looking for some kind of economic restructuring have drawn some modest comfort from recent pronouncements from the Chinese leadership on the need to promote consumption and services as key growth drivers. Those looking for growth have also responded to recent moves to institute some limited stimulus moves and a recovery in leading indicators. We remain concerned over the composition of growth, and still struggle to find Chinese stocks which are attractive from a bottom-up point of view. We remain underweight China and, while looking to add to strongly financed companies with attractive and expanding dividend capacity, we find more opportunities elsewhere in the region.

Investment Manager's Review

Sector and Country Weights

Portfolio by Country at 31 August 2013

Country	% of Portfolio
Australia	22.6
Singapore	17.9
Hong Kong	16.1
Taiwan	12.7
Thailand	8.3
South Korea	7.2
China	4.9
New Zealand	3.9
United Kingdom	3.3
Indonesia	1.9
Malaysia	0.7
Philippines	0.5

Portfolio by Sector at 31 August 2013

Sector	% of Portfolio
Financials	37.5
Industrials	18.8
Telecommunications	11.5
Consumer Goods	9.9
Technology	9.5
Basic Materials	6.2
Oil and Gas	2.6
Consumer Services	2.4
Utilities	1.6

Source: Schroders as at 31 August 2013.

Schroder Investment Management Limited

4 November 2013

Investment Portfolio

As at 31 August 2013

Company	Industrial Classification	Activity	Market Value of Holding £'000	% of Total Equity Shareholders' Funds
Fortune Real Estate Investment Trust	Real Estate Investment Trusts	Owner operator of shopping malls in Hong Kong	19,765	5.0
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	Technology Hardware and Equipment	Taiwanese manufacturer of semiconductor products	17,911	4.5
Taiwan Mobile	Mobile Telecommunications	Taiwanese telecom services provider	15,229	3.9
HSBC	Banks	International Banking group	13,757	3.5
LG Chemical	Chemicals	Diversified Petro-Chemical Group	13,022	3.3
Sydney Airport	Industrial Transportation	Airport Services provider	11,250	2.8
Venture	Electronic and Electrical Equipment	Singapore contract manufacturing services provider	10,775	2.7
China Petroleum & Chemical	Oil and Gas Producers	Petroleum and petrochemical company	10,404	2.6
Hopewell	Real estate investment and services	Property and toll roads operator in Hong Kong/China	10,199	2.6
Fletcher Building	Construction and Materials	New Zealand based building materials manufacturer	10,130	2.6
National Australia Bank	Banks	Australian Bank	10,077	2.5
SunCorp	Financial Services	Australian bank and general insurance Group	9,688	2.5
Amcor	General Industrials	International packaging Group	8,788	2.2
Macquarie Korea Infrastructure Fund	Industrial Transportation	Investor in roads, tunnels and bridges in Korea	8,775	2.2
Texwinca	Personal Goods	Hong Kong producer of dyes and yarn	8,344	2.1
Hanjaya Mandala Sampoerna	Tobacco	Leading cigarette manufacturer in Indonesia	7,672	1.9
PCCW	Fixed Line Telecommunications	Hong Kong telecommunications provider	7,434	1.9
Hyundai Motor	Automobiles and Parts	Korean cars, trucks and commercial vehicles producer	7,284	1.8
Coca-Cola Amatil	Beverages	Australian company that bottles and distributes beverages	6,978	1.8
Keppel Corp	General Industrials	Singapore holding company	6,812	1.7
Twenty largest investments			214,294	54.1
Mirvac	Real Estate Investment Trusts	Property Investor and developer in Australia	6,742	1.7
Siliconware Precision	Technology Hardware and Equipment	Taiwanese semi-conductor assembly and testing	6,588	1.7
Glow Energy	Electricity	Thai supplier of electricity and steam power	6,424	1.6
Australia & NZ Banking	Banks	Australian bank	6,383	1.6
Sun Hung Kai Properties	Real estate investment and services	Hong Kong real estate developer	6,324	1.6
Asustek Computer	Technology Hardware and Equipment	Taiwanese computer manufacturer	6,216	1.6
Frasers Centrepoint Trust	Real Estate Investment Trusts	Singapore REIT investing in retail properties	6,183	1.6
BTS Rail Mass Transit Infrastructure	Non Equity Investment Instruments	Transport infrastructure fund	5,962	1.5
Westfield Retail Trust	Real Estate Investment Trusts	Australian retail shopping centres	5,921	1.5
Chorus	Fixed Line Telecommunications	Provider of telecommunication services in New Zealand	5,646	1.4
CapitaMall	Real Estate Investment Trusts	Real estate	5,214	1.3
Mapletree Industrial Trust	Real Estate Investment Trusts	Singapore based REIT	4,973	1.3
Far EasTone Telecommunications	Mobile Telecommunications	Taiwanese provider of communications services	4,927	1.2
CPN Retail Growth Property Fund	Real Estate Investment Trusts	Owner operator of shopping properties in Thailand	4,917	1.2
Frasers Commercial Trust	Non Equity Investment Instruments	Singapore commercial real estate	4,704	1.2
Orica	Chemicals	Chemical and mining services provider	4,611	1.2
Jiangsu Expressway	Industrial Transportation	Manager and operator of toll roads in China	4,535	1.1
Zhejiang Expressway	Industrial Transportation	Manager and operator of toll roads in China	4,284	1.1
Incitec Pivot	Chemicals	Australian manufacturer of fertilisers and chemicals	4,232	1.1
Ascott Residence REIT	Real Estate Investment Trusts	Global manager of serviced residences	4,182	1.1
Shin Corporation	Technology Hardware and Equipment	Thai conglomerate	4,166	1.1
Sho China	Real estate investment and services	Office real estate developer and investor	4,116	1.0
AMP	Life Insurance	Wealth management company	3,857	1.0
Computershare	Financial Services	Australian share registries and shareholder communications	3,712	0.9
Soilbuild Business Space REIT	Real estate investment trusts	Singapore real estate investment trust	3,676	0.9
BOC Hong Kong	Banks	Financial Services in Hong Kong	3,646	0.9

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Company	Industrial Classification	Activity	Market Value of Holding £'000	% of Total Equity Shareholders' Funds
Brambles	General Industrials	Provider of reusable pallets and crates	3,630	0.9
Advanced Information Services	Mobile Telecommunications	Thai cellular operator	3,545	0.9
Bangkok Bank	Banks	Thai bank	3,545	0.9
Vtech	Technology Hardware and Equipment	Consumer electronics supplier based in Hong Kong	3,498	0.9
Dah Chong Hong	General Retailers	Hong Kong listed conglomerate	3,131	0.8
Iluka Resources	Mining	Australian mineral sands operator	3,115	0.8
Total Access Communication	Mobile Telecommunications	Thai telecommunications provider	3,007	0.8
Shanghai Industrial	General Industrials	Investor in real estate and utilities in China	2,799	0.7
Digi Com	Mobile Telecommunications	Designer and marketer of networking devices	2,770	0.7
Mapletree Commercial Trust	Real Estate Investment Trusts	Singapore focused real estate investor	2,762	0.7
Myer	General Retailers	Australian department store	2,696	0.7
Asian Citrus	Food Producers	Fruit processor in China	2,650	0.7
Jardine Strategic	General Industrials	Hong Kong diversified investment company	2,318	0.6
Yue Yuen Industrial	Personal Goods	Hong Kong footwear manufacturer and distributor	2,112	0.5
HKT Trust and HKT	Fixed Line Telecommunications	Hong Kong telecommunication company	2,040	0.5
Philippine Long Distance Telecom	Mobile Telecommunications	Philippines telephone service provider	2,027	0.5
Pacific Basin Shipping	Industrial Transportation	Marine transportation service provider	1,799	0.5
Pacific Textiles	Personal Goods	Fabric manufacturing company	1,692	0.4
Giordano International	General Retailers	International retailer of apparel and accessories	1,566	0.4
361 Degrees International	Personal Goods	Chinese sportswear brand company	1,385	0.4
LPN Development	Real estate investment and services	Real estate developer in Thailand	1,292	0.3
Evergreen International	Personal Goods	Leading Hong Kong clothes retailer	1,163	0.3
GuocoLeisure	Travel and Leisure	Hotels and resorts operator in Singapore	1,158	0.3
Sansiri	Real estate investment and services	Thai real estate developer	887	0.2
Anta Sports	Personal Goods	Leading Chinese sportswear branded distributor	829	0.2
Charm Communications	Media	Advertising agency in China	767	0.2
Glorious Sun Enterprise	General Retailers	China based clothing manufacturer	537	0.1
Tripod Technology	Electronic and Electrical Equipment	Manufacturer of printed circuit boards	477	0.1
Keppel REIT	Real Estate Investment Trusts	Commercial real estate company	64	–
Total investments			405,696	102.5
Net current liabilities			(9,770)	(2.5)
Total equity shareholders' funds			395,926	100.0

The twenty largest investments represent 54.1% (2012: 55.4%) of total equity shareholders' funds.

Report of the Directors

The Directors present their annual report and the audited accounts for the year ended 31 August 2013.

Introduction

The Report of the Directors includes the Business Review and Corporate Governance Statement. The Business Review contains a review of the Company's business, the principal risks and uncertainties it faces and an analysis of its performance during the financial year and its future development.

Business Review

Company's Business

The Company carries on business as a Guernsey closed-ended investment company.

Investment Objective

The investment objective of the Company is to provide a total return for investors primarily through investments in equities and equity-related investments, of companies which are based in, or which derive a significant proportion of their revenues from, the Asia Pacific region and which offer attractive yields.

Relationship with the Investment Manager

Schroder Investment Management Limited ("Schroders" and/or ("the Manager")), which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA"), provides investment management, accounting and company secretarial services to the Company under the terms of an investment management agreement. Schroders also provides general marketing support for the Company and manages relationships with key investors, in conjunction with the Chairman, other Board members or the corporate broker as appropriate.

The Company's assets are managed in line with appropriate restrictions placed on Schroders by the Board. These restrictions include limits on the type and relative size of holdings which may be held in the portfolio and on the use of gearing, hedging, cash, derivatives and other financial instruments. Schroders is also responsible for ensuring that the voting rights held in respect of portfolio companies are used as part of a process of effective engagement with the management of portfolio companies. The Company also gives instructions to Schroders to ensure that it discharges the obligations of the UK Stewardship Code on its behalf.

Schroders, in its capacity as Company Secretary, liaises with the Company's corporate broker to assist in the implementation of the Company's share issuance and discount management policies. The Company Secretary also advises the Board on key relationships with other third party service providers and ensures regular review of the services provided by these parties.

All services carried out by Schroders are subject to regular monitoring by the Board or its Committees.

Investment Strategy

The Board has delegated management of the Company's portfolio to Schroders. The Manager manages the portfolio with the aim of helping the Company to achieve its investment objective. Details of the Manager's strategy, and other factors that have affected performance during the year, are set out in the Investment Manager's Review.

Investment Policy

The investment policy of the Company is to invest in a diversified portfolio of investments, primarily equities and equity-related investments, of companies which are based in, or derive a significant proportion of their revenues from, the Asia Pacific region. The portfolio is diversified across a number of industries and a number of countries in that region. The portfolio may include government, quasi-government, corporate and high yield bonds and preferred shares. A full breakdown of the investment portfolio may be found on pages 9 and 10.

Equity-related investments which the Company may hold include investments in other collective investment undertakings (including real estate investment trusts and related stapled securities), warrants, depository receipts, participation certificates, guaranteed performance bonds, convertible bonds, other debt securities, equity-linked notes and similar instruments (whether or not investment grade) which give the Company access to the performance of underlying equity securities, particularly where the Company may be restricted from directly investing in such underlying equity securities or where the Manager considers that there are benefits to the Company in holding such investments instead of directly holding the relevant underlying equity securities. Such investments may be listed or traded outside the Asia Pacific region. Such investments may subject the Company to credit risk against the issuing entity. The Company may also participate, subject to regulatory and tax implications, in debt-to-equity conversion programmes.

Report of the Directors

The Investment Manager may consider writing calls over some of the Company's holdings, as a low risk way of enhancing the returns from the portfolio. The Board has set a limit such that covered calls cannot be written over portfolio holdings representing in excess of 15% of gross assets. However, the Company may only invest in derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management. Investors should note that the types of equity-related investments listed in this paragraph are not exhaustive of all of the types of securities and financial instruments in which the Company may invest, and the Company will retain the flexibility to make any investments unless these are prohibited by the investment restrictions applicable to the Company.

Although the Company has the flexibility to invest in bonds and preferred shares as described above, the intention of the Directors is that the assets of the Company which are invested (that is to say, which are not held in cash, money funds, debt securities, interest bearing gilts or treasuries) will predominantly comprise Asia Pacific equities and equity-related investments.

Spread of Investment Risk and Investment Restrictions

Risk in relation to the Company's investments is spread as a result of the Manager monitoring the Company's portfolio with a view to ensuring that the portfolio retains an appropriate balance to meet the Company's investment objective.

In order to comply with the Listing Rules, the Company will not invest more than 10%, in aggregate, of the value of its total assets (calculated at the time of any relevant investment) in other investment companies or investment trusts which are listed on the Official List (save to the extent that those investment companies or investment trusts have stated investment policies to invest no more than 15% of their gross assets in other investment companies or investment trusts which are listed on the Official List). Additionally, the Company will not:

- (i) invest, either directly or indirectly, or lend more than 20% (calculated at the time of any relevant investment or loan) of its gross assets to any single underlying issuer (including the underlying issuer's subsidiaries or affiliates);
- (ii) invest more than 20% (calculated at the time of any relevant investment) of its gross assets in one or more collective investment undertakings which may invest more than 20% of its gross assets in other collective investment undertakings;
- (iii) invest more than 40% (calculated at the time of any relevant investment) of its gross assets in another collective investment undertaking;
- (iv) expose more than 20% of its gross assets to the creditworthiness or solvency of any one counterparty;
- (v) invest in physical commodities; or
- (vi) invest in derivatives except for the purposes of efficient portfolio management.

In the event of any breach of the investment restrictions applicable to the Company, shareholders will be informed of the actions to be taken by the Manager by notice sent to the registered addresses of the shareholders in accordance with the Articles or by an announcement issued through a regulatory information service approved by the FCA.

No breaches of these investment restrictions took place during the year ended 31 August 2013.

The Investment Portfolio on pages 9 and 10 and the Investment Manager's Review on pages 6 to 8 demonstrate that, as at 31 August 2013, the portfolio was invested in at least 10 countries and in many different industry sectors within such countries. There were 76 equity holdings in the portfolio at the year end. The Board therefore believes that the objective of spreading risk has been achieved in this way.

Gearing

The Company's policy is to permit net borrowings (including foreign currency borrowings) of up to 25% of the Company's net assets (measured when new borrowings are incurred). It is intended that the Manager should have the flexibility to utilise this power to leverage the Company's portfolio in order to enhance returns where and to the extent that this is considered appropriate by the Directors.

At the beginning of the year under review, gearing (as defined in note 20 on page 39) was 2.7% and at the end of the year it was 2.1%. The average month-end gearing during the year under review was 4.6%. The Company's gearing continues to operate within pre-agreed limits and will not exceed 25%.

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Performance

An outline of performance, market background, investment activity and portfolio strategy during the year under review, as well as the outlook, is provided in the Chairman's Statement and Investment Manager's Review.

Measuring Success – Key Performance Indicators ("KPIs")

The Board has adopted key performance indicators which assist it in measuring the development and success of the Company's business. The KPIs focus on the following areas: the measurement of the success of the Company's investment objective, the management of the discount and the level of expenses incurred in the running of the Company.

Investment Performance

An outline of performance, market background, investment activity and portfolio strategy during the year under review, as well as in outlook, is provided in the Investment Manager's Review.

In order to measure the Company's investment performance, quarterly reports, including commentary on its view of markets, the impact of stock selection decisions and other attribution analysis, portfolio activity and strategy and outlook for the portfolio and the markets are provided by the Manager and form the basis of discussions at every board meeting. On a regular basis, the Board also reviews the investment processes of the Manager and considers reports from its broker on the perception of shareholders and the market on the Manager's performance and the Company's strategy.

For the year ended 31 August 2013, the Company produced a total return on net asset value of 15.6%.

Charts showing the Company's financial highlights and financial record since launch as at 31 August 2013 can be found on pages 2 and 3 of this report.

Premium/Discount Management

The shares of the Company trade at a premium or discount to net asset value and the management of the premium/discount is a key factor for the Board.

As the premium/discount is a function of the balance between the supply and demand for the Company's shares, a principal objective for the Board is to ensure that, through Schroders' marketing team and the Company's stockbrokers, potential shareholders and their advisers continue to be kept informed of the Company's progress and the ways they can invest in it.

Share buy-backs are a more direct way of managing the discount. If appropriate, the discount of the Company's share price to its underlying net asset value and the discounts of peer group companies are monitored. As indicated in the launch Prospectus, the Directors have implemented an active discount management policy through the use of share buy-backs to seek to maintain the price at which the Ordinary shares trade relative to their prevailing net asset value at no greater than a 5% discount over the longer term. No Ordinary shares were purchased for cancellation during the year (2012: nil).

The Directors also seek to manage the premium through the issuance of shares at a premium of at least 1% to the prevailing net asset value to provide liquidity to the market. During the year under review the share price traded at an average premium of 2.5% to net asset value (excluding undistributed current year revenue). A total of 14,950,000 Ordinary shares were issued to the market during the year, to satisfy demand. In addition, following a Placing and Offer for Subscription, 50,853,707 "C" shares were issued during the year and these duly converted into 27,227,074 Ordinary shares. The Company also issued 19,000,000 Ordinary shares to the Company's broker, Numis Securities, and these were immediately repurchased for the same amount and held in Treasury. A total of 250,000 of these Treasury shares were subsequently reissued to the market before the year end. A further 700,000 Ordinary shares have been issued out of Treasury since the end of the year.

Control of Ongoing Charges

The Board also keeps the Ongoing Charges of the Company under review.

An analysis of all costs, including the management fee, Directors' fees and administration expenses, is submitted to each Board meeting. The Management Engagement Committee, comprised entirely of independent Directors, considers the terms of the management agreement with the Manager, including the fee, on an annual basis. Services (including costs) provided by most other providers including bankers, the auditor, insurance providers and printers are also reviewed annually.

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The Ongoing Charges figure for the year ended 31 August 2013 (representing the management fee and all other operating expenses excluding finance costs and any performance fee, expressed as a percentage of the average daily net assets values during the year) was 0.93% (2012: 0.93%). The Ongoing Charges figure is calculated in accordance with guidance issued by the AIC in May 2012.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The Board has adopted a matrix of key risks which affect its business and a robust framework of internal control which is designed to monitor those risks and to provide a monitoring system to enable the Directors to mitigate these risks as far as possible and which assist in determining the nature and extent of the significant risks the Board is willing to take in achieving its strategic objectives. A full analysis of the Directors' system of internal control and its monitoring system is set out in the Corporate Governance Statement. The principal risks are considered to be as follows:

Financial Risk

The Company is exposed to the effect of market fluctuations due to the nature of its business. A significant fall in regional equity markets would have an adverse impact on the value of the Company's underlying investments. The Board considers the portfolio's risk profile at each Board meeting and discusses with the Manager appropriate strategies to mitigate any negative impact of substantial changes in markets.

The Company invests predominantly in underlying assets which are denominated in currencies other than Sterling and therefore has an exposure to changes in the exchange rates between Sterling and these currencies which have the potential to have a significant effect on returns. While the Directors consider the Company's hedging policy on a regular basis, the Company did not engage in currency hedging to reduce the risk of currency fluctuations and the volatility of returns which might result from such currency exposure during the current or prior year.

The Company utilises a credit facility, currently in the amount of £50 million, which increases the funds available for investment through borrowing ("gearing"). Therefore, in falling markets, any reduction in the net asset value and, by implication, the consequent share price movement is amplified by the gearing. The Directors keep the Company's gearing under constant review and impose strict restrictions on borrowings to mitigate this risk. The Company's gearing continues to operate within pre-agreed limits and will not exceed 25%.

A full analysis of the financial risks facing the Company is set out in note 19 on pages 35 to 39.

Strategic Risk

Over time, investment vehicles and asset classes can fall from favour with investors, and/or may fail to meet their investment objectives. This may be reflected in a wide discount of the share price to underlying asset value. Directors periodically review whether the Company's investment remit remains appropriate and they continually monitor the success of the Company in meeting its stated objectives. Further details may be found under the sections on "Investment Performance" and "Premium/Discount Management" above.

Accounting, Legal and Regulatory Risk

Breaches of the UK Listing Rules, Companies (Guernsey) Law 2008 or other regulations with which the Company is required to comply, could lead to a number of detrimental outcomes and damage the Company's reputation. Breaches of controls by service providers, including the Manager, could also lead to reputational damage or loss.

The Board's system of internal control seeks to mitigate the potential impact of these risks and it also relies on its advisers to assist it in ensuring continued compliance.

Future Developments

The future performance of the Company depends upon the success of the Company's investment strategy in the light of economic factors and Asia Pacific equity market developments. Further comments on the outlook for the Company for the next 12 months are set out in both the Chairman's Statement on pages 4 and 5 and the Investment Managers' Review on page 7.

Environmental Policy

As a Guernsey investment company, the Company has no direct social or environmental responsibilities; its policy is focussed on ensuring that its portfolio is properly managed and invested. The Company has however adopted an environmental policy, details of which are set out in the Corporate Governance Statement.

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Net Asset Value

Over the year under review the net asset value per share of the Company increased from 165.18 pence to 181.46 pence per share.

Dividend Policy

Following a change in dividend policy during June 2013, dividends on the Company's Ordinary shares are expected to be paid four times a year, in respect of the quarters ending 30 November, 28 February, 31 May and 31 August. All dividends will be paid as interim dividends.

Having already paid interim dividends amounting to 4.45p per share, the Board has now declared a third interim dividend of 3.00p per share for the year ended 31 August 2013 which is payable on 29 November 2013 to Shareholders on the Register on 15 November 2013. Thus, dividends for the year amount to 7.45p (2012: 6.80p) per share. This represents an increase of 9.6% over the rate of dividends payable in respect of the previous year.

Total dividend payments for the year of £14,958,000 (2012: £11,865,000) would have resulted in retained revenue for the year of £1,590,000 but in accordance with accounting standards, the third interim dividend, amounting to £6,546,000, will not be accounted for until it has been paid.

As the Board's policy to pay quarterly dividends was introduced in June 2013, only three interim dividends will be paid in respect of the year ended 31 August 2013. For the year ended 31 August 2014 onwards, four quarterly dividends will be payable in respect of each financial year.

Directors and their Interests

The Directors of the Company and their biographical details can be found on the inside front cover. All Directors held office throughout the year under review and up to the date of signing this Report.

In accordance with the Company's Articles of Incorporation and its policy on tenure as outlined in the Corporate Governance Statement, Mr Peter Rigg will retire by rotation and, being eligible, offers himself for re-election at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Mr Christopher Sherwell was Managing Director of Schroders (C.I.) Limited from April 2000 until January 2004 and a non-executive director of the company until December 2008. He has also served as a director of various Schroder group companies and investment funds and remains a non-executive Director of Burnaby Insurance (Guernsey) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Schroders plc. Given this connection he therefore offers himself for re-election at the Annual General Meeting in accordance with the Listing Rules.

No Director has any material interest in any other contract which is significant to the Company's business.

The Board, having reviewed its performance during the year, considers that Mr Rigg and Mr Sherwell continue to demonstrate commitment to their roles and provide valuable contributions to the deliberations of the Board. It therefore recommends that shareholders vote in favour of their re-elections.

The Directors' interests in the Company's share capital at the beginning and end of the financial year ended 31 August 2013, all of which were beneficial, were as follows:

Director	Ordinary shares of 1p each 31 August 2013	Ordinary shares of 1p each 1 September 2012
Robert Sinclair	12,142	10,000
Fergus Dunlop	12,142	10,000
Peter Rigg	12,142	10,000
Christopher Sherwell	12,142	10,000

There have been no changes in the above holdings between the end of the financial year and the date of this Report.

Share Capital

As at the date of this Report, the Company had 218,891,574 Ordinary shares of 1p each in issue and an additional 18,050,000 shares held in treasury. Accordingly, the total number of voting rights in the Company at the date of this Report is 218,891,574. Full details of the Company's share capital and charges during the year under review, are set out in note 13 on page 33.

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Substantial Share Interests

As at the date of this Report, the Company has received notifications in accordance with the FCA's Disclosure and Transparency Rule 5.1.2 R of the following interests in 3% or more of the voting rights attaching to the Company's issued share capital.

	Number of Ordinary shares	% of total voting rights
Investec Wealth & Investment Limited	19,610,014	8.96
Rathbone Investment Management	11,069,985	5.06
Sarasin and Partners LLP	10,530,055	4.82
KB Financial Services Holdings Limited	9,927,288	4.54
Brewin Dolphin Limited	9,043,847	4.13
Charles Stanley & Co Ltd	7,860,051	3.59
Cheviot Asset Management Limited	7,789,750	3.56

Investment Manager

Schroders provides investment management services to the Company in accordance with an Investment Management Agreement.

Under the terms of the Investment Management Agreement, the Manager is entitled to receive a basic management fee of an amount equivalent to 0.75% per annum of the net assets of the Company, payable quarterly in arrears and calculated as at the last business day in February, May, August and November in each year while the agreement remains in force.

The Investment Manager is entitled to receive a performance fee based on the performance of the Company's adjusted net asset value per Ordinary share. The performance fee is 10% of the amount by which the adjusted net asset value per Ordinary share (adjusted as described below) at the end of the relevant calculation period exceeds a hurdle, being 107% of the adjusted net asset value per Ordinary share at the end of the previous calculation period multiplied by the time weighted average of the number of Ordinary shares in issue during the period. The net asset value as at the end of the period is adjusted as appropriate to take account of dividends, buy-backs or the issue of Ordinary shares and to add back performance fees paid or accrued during the period.

The performance fee is only payable in respect of any period to the extent that the closing adjusted net asset value per Ordinary share, taking account of the performance fee, exceeds the higher of 100p or the highest adjusted net asset value per Ordinary share (reduced to the level at which any cap as described below applied) in respect of which a performance fee was previously paid. The total amount of any performance fee payable in respect of any one accounting period is capped at 1% of the net assets of the Company calculated at the end of that period. A performance fee of £2,405,000 is payable in respect of the year ended 31 August 2013 (2012: £1,583,000).

Any investment management fees payable to the Investment Manager or to other subsidiaries of Schroders plc ("Schroders") in respect of investments by the Company in collective investment schemes and collective investment trusts managed or advised by Schroders are deducted from the fee payable to the Investment Manager under the Investment Management Agreement. There were no such investments as at 31 August 2013.

The appointment of the Investment Manager is subject to termination by either party giving to the other at any time not less than 12 months' written notice of termination. No such notice had been given at the year end.

Given the Company's satisfactory long-term performance, the Directors consider the continuing appointment of the Investment Manager on the terms of the existing Investment Management Agreement to be in the best interests of the Company and shareholders as a whole. Schroders provides the Company with considerable investment management resource, thereby assisting the Company to achieve its investment objective.

Secretarial and Administration Arrangements

Schroders provides administrative, accounting and company secretarial services to the Company. For these services, Schroders receives a quarterly fee, payable in arrears, at the rate of £75,000 per annum.

Policy for the Payment of Creditors

It is the policy of the Company to settle all investment transactions in accordance with the terms and conditions of the relevant markets in which it operates. All other expenses are paid on a timely basis in the ordinary course of business. There were no outstanding trade creditors at 31 August 2013 (2012: nil).

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Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The Directors are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable Guernsey law and generally accepted accounting principles.

Guernsey Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Directors should:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; and
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies (Guernsey) Law, 2008 (as amended). They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Each of the Directors, whose names and functions are listed within the Directors and Advisors section on the inside front cover, confirms that, to the best of their knowledge:

- the financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted in the EU and with the Companies (Guernsey) Law, 2008, give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and the net return of the Company; and
- the Report of the Directors includes a fair review of the development and performance of the business and the position of the Company, together with a description of the principal risks and uncertainties that it faces.

The Directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the Company's website. Visitors to the website need to be aware that legislation in Guernsey governing the preparation and dissemination of the Annual Report and Accounts may differ from legislation in their jurisdiction.

Going Concern

The Directors believe that, having considered the Company's investment objective (see inside front cover), risk management policies (see note 19 to the accounts on pages 35 to 39), capital management policies and procedures (see note 20 to the accounts on page 39), expenditure projections, and the fact that the Company's assets comprise readily realisable securities which can be sold to meet funding requirements if necessary, that the Company has adequate resources, an appropriate financial structure and suitable management arrangements in place to continue the operational existence for the foreseeable future. For these reasons, they consider that there is reasonable evidence to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the final statements.

Corporate Governance Statement

The Company's Corporate Governance Statement is set out on pages 20 to 23 and forms part of the Report of the Directors.

Anti-Bribery Policy

The Company continues to be committed to carrying out its business fairly, honestly and openly and continues to operate an anti-bribery policy which aims to prevent bribery being committed by Directors and persons associated with the Company on the Company's behalf and to ensure compliance with the Bribery Act 2010.

Independent Auditor

The Company's Auditor, Ernst & Young LLP, has expressed its willingness to remain in office and resolutions to re-appoint it as Auditor to the Company and to authorise the Directors to determine its remuneration will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The Audit Committee remains satisfied with the effectiveness of the audit provided by Ernst & Young LLP and therefore has not considered it necessary to require an independent tender process. The Auditor is required to rotate the audit engagement partner every five years and this is the third year that the current partner has been engaged.

The Audit Committee has adopted a pre-approval policy on the engagement of the Auditor to supply non-audit services to the Company. The Auditor did not supply any non-audit services during the year under review (2012: nil).

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Provision of Information to the Auditor

The Directors at the date of approval of this report confirm that, so far as each of the Directors is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's Auditor is unaware; and each Director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a Director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's Auditor is aware of that information.

Annual General Meeting ("AGM")

The following information is important and requires your immediate attention. If you are in any doubt about the action you should take, you should consult an independent financial adviser, authorised under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000. If you have sold or transferred all of your Ordinary shares in the Company, please forward this document with its accompanying form of proxy at once to the purchaser or transferee, or to the stockbroker, bank or other agent through whom the sale or transfer was effected, for onward transmission to the purchaser or transferee.

The AGM will be held on Wednesday, 4 December 2013 at 12.00 noon. The formal notice of the AGM is set out on page 40.

Special Business to be Proposed at the AGM

Resolution 7 – Authority to make market purchases of the Company's own shares (special resolution)

At the AGM on 30 December 2012, the Company was granted authority to make market purchases of up to 26,774,313 Ordinary shares for cancellation. No Ordinary shares were bought back under this authority and the Company therefore has remaining authority to purchase up to 26,774,313 Ordinary shares. This authority will expire at the forthcoming AGM.

The Directors believe it is in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders to have a general authority for the Company to buy-back its Ordinary shares in the market as they keep under review the share price discount to net asset value and the purchase of Ordinary shares. A special resolution will be proposed at the forthcoming AGM to give the Company authority to make market purchases of up to 14.99% of the Ordinary shares in issue at 4 November 2013. The Directors will exercise this authority only if the Directors consider that any purchase would be for the benefit of the Company and its Shareholders, taking into account relevant factors and circumstances at the time. Any shares so purchased would be cancelled.

The maximum purchase price that may be paid for an Ordinary share will not be more than 105% of the average of the middle market values of the shares, as taken from the London Stock Exchange Daily Official List, for the five business days preceding the date of purchase and the higher of the price of the last independent trade in the shares and the highest then current independent bid for the shares on the London Stock Exchange. The minimum price will be 1p, being the nominal value per Ordinary share.

Resolution 8 – Disapplication of pre-emption rights (special resolution).

As last year the Board is proposing an annual authority be given to Directors to disapply pre-emption rights when issuing shares.

The approval of this authority will allow the Company to continue to issue shares on the current basis and provide sufficient liquidity to meet demand for shares in the market. The Directors intend to issue new Ordinary shares pursuant to these authorities if investor demand for them is strong. However, the Directors will issue Ordinary shares only when they believe it to be advantageous to the Company's existing shareholders to do so. The issue of new Ordinary shares will only be made at a premium to net asset value.

If renewed, both the above authorities will expire at the conclusion of the AGM in 2014 unless renewed or revoked earlier.

Recommendation

The Board considers that the resolutions relating to the above items of special business are in the best interests of shareholders as a whole. Accordingly, the Board unanimously recommends to shareholders that they vote in favour of the above resolutions and the other ordinary resolutions to be proposed at the forthcoming AGM, as they intend to do in respect of their own beneficial holdings.

By Order of the Board
Schroder Investment Management Limited
Company Secretary

4 November 2013

Remuneration Report

The determination of the Directors' fees is a matter dealt with by the Management Engagement Committee and the Board.

The Company's Articles of Incorporation limit the aggregate fees payable to the Board of Directors to a total of £150,000 per annum. Subject to this overall limit, it is the Company's policy to determine the level of Directors' fees having regard to the level of fees payable to non-executive Directors in the industry generally, the role that individual Directors carry out in respect of Board and Committee responsibilities, and the time committed to the Company's affairs. The Directors' fees are reviewed annually by the Board. During the year ended 31 August 2013, Directors received fees of £25,000 per annum and the Chairman received fees of £30,000 per annum to reflect his more onerous role. The Chairman of the Audit Committee receives an additional £2,750 per annum. In addition, the Directors all received an additional £5,000 in the current year for work in connection with the "C" share issue.

No Director past or present has any entitlement to pensions and the Company has not awarded any share options or long term performance incentives to any of the Directors. No element of the Directors' remuneration is performance related.

The Board believes that the principles set out in Section D of the UK Corporate Governance Code relating to remuneration do not apply to the Company, except as outlined above, as the Company has no executive Directors.

No Director has a service contract with the Company. However, Directors have a letter of appointment with the Company under which they are entitled to one month's notice in the event of termination. The terms of appointment are available for inspection at the Company's Registered Office address during normal business hours and at the Annual General Meeting ("AGM").

All Directors are appointed for an initial term covering the period from the date of their appointment until the first AGM thereafter, at which they are required to stand for election in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation. Thereafter Directors retire by rotation at least every three years as required by the Company's policy on tenure. The Chairman meets with each Director before such Director is proposed for re-election and, subject to the evaluation of performance carried out each year, the Board agrees whether it is appropriate for such Directors to seek an additional term.

When recommending whether an individual Director should seek re-election, the Board will take into account the provisions of the UK Corporate Governance Code, including the appropriateness of refreshing the Board and its Committees.

Remuneration

The following amounts were paid by the Company for services as non-executive Directors.

Director	Annual fee £	Additional 2013 fee £	Total fee for the year ended 31 August 2013 £	Fee for the year ended 31 August 2012 £
Robert Sinclair (Chairman)	30,000	5,000	35,000	25,000
Fergus Dunlop	25,000	5,000	30,000	20,000
Peter Rigg	27,750	5,000	32,750	22,500
Christopher Sherwell	25,000	5,000	30,000	20,000
	107,750	20,000	127,750	87,500

By order of the Board
Schroder Investment Management Limited
Company Secretary
4 November 2013

Corporate Governance

Compliance with the UK Corporate Governance Code

The Board is committed to high standards of corporate governance and has implemented a framework for corporate governance which it considers to be appropriate for an investment company in order to comply with the principles of the UK Corporate Governance Code (the "Code"), which is applicable to the Company for the year under review. The Code is published by the UK Financial Reporting Council and is available to download from www.frc.org.uk.

The Board has noted the publication of the revised UK Corporate Governance Code, which applies to financial years ending on or after 30 September 2013 and is considering the Company's corporate governance framework in light of the changes.

Compliance Statement

The UK Listing Authority requires all UK listed companies to disclose how they have complied with the provisions of the Code. This Corporate Governance Statement, together with the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities and Going Concern set out on page 17, indicates how the Company has complied with the principles of good governance of the Code and its requirements on Internal Control.

The Board considers that the Company has, throughout the year under review, complied with all relevant provisions set out in the Code, save in respect of the appointment of a Senior Independent Director, where the departure from the Code is considered appropriate given the Company's position as an investment company. The Board has considered whether a Senior Independent Director should be appointed. As the Board comprises entirely non-executive Directors, the appointment of a Senior Independent Director is not considered necessary. However, the Chairman of the Audit Committee effectively acts as the Senior Independent Director, leads the evaluation of the performance of the Chairman and is available to Directors and/or shareholders if they have concerns which cannot be resolved through discussion with the Chairman.

Application of Code Principles

Role of the Chairman

The Chairman is responsible for leading the Board, ensuring its effectiveness in all aspects of its role promoting a culture of openness and debate by facilitating the effective contribution of Directors, setting the Board's agenda and for ensuring that adequate time is available for discussion of all agenda items, including strategy.

Role of the Board

The Board is collectively responsible for the long-term success of the Company.

The Board determines and monitors the Company's investment objectives and policy, and considers the future strategic direction of the Company. Matters specifically reserved for decision by the Board have been adopted. The Board is responsible for presenting a balanced and understandable assessment of the Company's position and, where appropriate, its prospects in annual and half-yearly accounts and other forms of public reporting. It monitors and reviews the shareholder base of the Company, marketing and shareholder communication strategies, and evaluates the performance of all service providers, with input from its Committees where appropriate. A procedure has been adopted for Directors, in the furtherance of their duties, to take independent professional advice at the expense of the Company, where appropriate. The Directors have access to the advice and services of the corporate Company Secretary through its appointed representative, who is responsible to the Board, inter alia, for ensuring that Board procedures are followed, and that applicable rules and regulations are complied with.

Composition and Independence

The Board currently consists of four non-executive Directors. The biographies of each of these Directors, including their age and length of service, are set out on the inside front cover of this Report. The Board considers each of the Chairman, Mr Dunlop and Mr Rigg to be independent. Mr Sherwell is not deemed independent by virtue of his relationship with the Investment Manager as disclosed in the Report of the Directors.

The Board has no executive Directors and has not appointed a Chief Executive Officer as it has contractually delegated responsibility for the management of the Company's investment portfolio, the arrangement of custodial services and the provision of accounting and company secretarial services. The Company has no employees.

The Board is satisfied that it is of sufficient size with an appropriate balance of skills and experience, independence and knowledge of both the Company and the wider investment company industry to enable it to discharge its respective duties and responsibilities effectively and that no individual or group of individuals is, or has been, in a position to dominate decision making.

Board Committees

The Board has delegated certain responsibilities and functions to Committees. Terms of Reference for each of these Committees, which are reviewed annually, are available on the Company's website at www.schroderorientalincomefund.com. Details of membership of the Committees at 31 August 2013 may be found on the inside front cover of this report and information regarding attendance at Committee meetings during the year under review may be found on page 22.

Corporate Governance

Audit Committee

The role of the Audit Committee, chaired by Mr Rigg, is to ensure that the Company maintains the highest standards of integrity in financial reporting and internal control. The Board considers each member of the Committee to be independent. The Board also considers that members of the Committee have recent and relevant financial experience.

To discharge its duties, the Committee met on two occasions during the year ended 31 August 2013 and considered the annual and half-year accounts, the external Auditor's year-end report, management representation letters, the effectiveness of the audit process, the independence and objectivity of the external Auditor and internal controls operating within the management company and custodian.

Representatives of the Company's Auditor attend the Audit Committee meeting at which the draft Annual Report and Accounts are considered. Having reviewed the performance of the external Auditor, the Committee considered it appropriate to recommend its re-appointment. The Board supported this recommendation which will be put to shareholders at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Management Engagement Committee

The role of the Management Engagement Committee, chaired by Mr Rigg, is to ensure that the Company's Investment Manager remains suitable to manage the portfolio, that the management contract is competitive and reasonable for the shareholders, and that the Company maintains appropriate administrative and company secretarial support. In addition, the Committee reviews fees paid to Directors and makes recommendations to the Board in this regard. The Board considers each member of the Committee to be independent.

To discharge its duties, the Committee met on one occasion during the year ended 31 August 2013 and considered the performance and suitability of the Investment Manager, the terms and conditions of the management contract and the fees paid to Directors.

Nomination Committee

The role of the Nomination Committee, chaired by Mr Sinclair, is to consider and make recommendations to the Board on its composition so as to maintain an appropriate balance of skills, experience and diversity, including gender, and to ensure progressive refreshment of the Board. On individual appointments, the Committee leads the process and makes recommendations to the Board. The Board considers each member of the Committee, with the exception of Mr Sherwell, to be independent.

Before the appointment of a new Director, the Nomination Committee prepares a description of the role and capabilities required for a particular appointment, having evaluated the balance of skills, knowledge and experience and diversity of the Board. When considering whether to replace a Director, the Company's policy on tenure is also taken into account. In light of this evaluation, the Nomination Committee will consider a range of candidates sourced either from recommendation from within the Company or by using external consultants.

The Nomination Committee will assess potential candidates on merit against a range of criteria including experience, knowledge, professional skills and personal qualities as well as independence, if this is required for the role. Candidates' ability to commit sufficient time to the business of the Company is also key, particularly in respect of the appointment of the Chairman. The Chairman of the Nomination Committee is primarily responsible for interviewing suitable candidates and a recommendation will be made to the Board for final approval.

To discharge its duties, the Committee met once during the year under review to consider the composition and balance of the Board.

Tenure

The Directors have adopted a policy on tenure that is considered appropriate for an investment company. The Board does not believe that length of service, by itself, leads to a closer relationship with the Investment Manager or necessarily affects a Director's independence of character or judgement. Therefore, the independence of Directors will continue to be assessed on a case by case basis. In order to give shareholders the opportunity to endorse this policy, and in accordance with the provisions of the Code, any Director who has served for more than nine years will thereafter be subject to annual re-election by shareholders.

Induction and Training

The Board has adopted a full, formal and tailored induction programme for new Directors, which is administered by the Company Secretary. Directors are provided, on a regular basis, with key information on the Company's policies, regulatory requirements and its internal controls. Regulatory and legislative changes affecting Directors' responsibilities are advised to the Board as they arise along with changes to best practice. Advisers to the Company also prepare reports for the Board from time to time. In addition, the Chairman reviews the training and development needs of each Director annually, as part of the evaluation process outlined below.

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Board Evaluation

The Board has adopted a formal and rigorous annual evaluation of its own performance and that of its Committees and individual Directors. The last evaluation took place in July 2013. The evaluation takes place in two stages, first, the evaluation of individual Directors is led by the Chairman, and the evaluation of the Chairman's performance is led by the Chairman of the Audit Committee. Secondly, the Board evaluates its own performance and that of its Committees. The Directors meet at least once a year without the Chairman present and the Chairman of the Audit Committee chairs this meeting.

Evaluation is conducted utilising a questionnaire combined with one to one meetings if appropriate. The Board has developed criteria for use at the evaluation, which focuses on the individual contribution to the Board and its Committees made by each Director, an analysis of the time which Directors are able to allocate to the Company to discharge their duties effectively and the responsibilities, composition and agenda of the Committees and of the Board itself.

Meetings and Attendance

The Board meets at least four times each year, and in addition meets specifically to discuss strategy once each year. Additional meetings are also arranged as required and regular contact between Directors, the Investment Manager and the Company Secretary is maintained throughout the year. Representatives of the Investment Manager and Company Secretary attend each meeting and other advisers also attend when requested to do so by the Board. Attendance at the four scheduled Board meetings and at Committee meetings held during the year under review was as follows:

Director	Board	Nomination Committee	Audit Committee	Management Engagement Committee
Robert Sinclair	4/4	1/1	2/2	1/1
Fergus Dunlop	4/4	1/1	2/2	1/1
Peter Rigg	4/4	1/1	2/2	1/1
Christopher Sherwell	4/4	1/1	N/A	N/A

The Board is satisfied that each of the Chairman and the other non-executive Directors commits sufficient time to the affairs of the Company to fulfil their duties as Directors.

Information Flows

The Chairman ensures that all Directors receive in a timely manner relevant management, regulatory and financial information and are provided, on a regular basis, with key information on the Company's policies, regulatory requirements and internal controls. The Board receives and considers reports regularly from the Investment Manager and other key advisers and ad hoc reports and information are supplied to the Board as required.

Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance

During the year, the Company has maintained insurance cover for its Directors and Officers under a Directors' and Officers' liability insurance policy.

Directors' Indemnities

The Company provides a Deed of Indemnity to each Director to the extent permitted by Guernsey law whereby the Company is able to indemnify such Director against any liability incurred in proceedings in which the Director is successful, and for costs in defending a claim brought against the Director for breach of duty where the Director acted honestly and reasonably. The Deeds of Indemnity were in place throughout the year under review for each Director as appropriate.

Conflicts of Interest

The Board has approved a policy on Directors' conflicts of interest. Under this policy, the Directors are required to disclose all actual and potential conflicts of interest to the Board as they arise for consideration and approval. The Board may impose restrictions or refuse to authorise such conflicts if deemed appropriate.

Substantial Share Interests

Interests of 3% or more of the voting rights attaching to the Company's issued share capital, which have been notified to the Company, are set out in the Report of the Directors on page 16.

Relations with Shareholders

The Board believes that the maintenance of good relations with both institutional and retail shareholders is important for the long-term prospects of the Company. It has, since its launch, sought engagement with investors. The Chairman, and other Directors where appropriate, discuss governance and strategy with major shareholders and

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the Chairman ensures communication of shareholders' views to the Board. The Board receives feedback on the views of shareholders from its corporate broker and the Investment Manager.

The Board believes that the Annual General Meeting provides an appropriate forum for investors to communicate with the Board, and encourages participation. The Annual Report and Accounts is, when possible, sent to shareholders at least 20 business days before the Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting is typically attended by the full Board of Directors and proceedings include a presentation by the Investment Manager. There is an opportunity for individual shareholders to question the Chairmen of the Board and its Committees at the Annual General Meeting. Details of proxy votes received in respect of each resolution are made available to shareholders at the meeting and the Company's website as soon as practicable after the meeting.

The Board believes that the Company's policy of reporting to shareholders as soon as possible after the Company's year-end and holding the earliest possible Annual General Meeting is valuable. The Notice of Meeting on page 40 sets out the business of the meeting.

Environmental Policy

The Company's primary investment objective is to achieve optimal financial returns for shareholders, within established risk parameters and regulatory constraints. Providing that this objective is not compromised in the process the Board does however, believe that it is also possible to develop a framework that, in the interests of our shareholders, allows a broader range of considerations, including environmental and social issues, to be taken into account when selecting and retaining investments. The investment process therefore contains a review of research into the environmental, social and ethical stance of companies. Where potential financial or reputational risks are identified, their materiality is assessed and given due consideration when selecting or retaining investments.

Exercise of Voting Rights and the UK Stewardship Code

The Company has delegated responsibility for voting to Schroders which votes in accordance with its corporate governance policy. A copy of this policy is available on the Company's website. The Board considers the UK Stewardship Code to be an important tool in shareholder engagement. Schroders' compliance with the principles of the UK Stewardship Code, as revised in September 2012, is reported on its website, www.schroders.com.

Internal Control

The Code requires the Board at least annually to conduct a review of the adequacy of the Company's systems of internal control, including its risk management system, and report to shareholders that it has done so. The Board has undertaken a full review of all the aspects of the Turnbull Guidance, as revised in October 2005 ("the Turnbull Guidance"), under which the Board is responsible for the Company's system of internal control and for reviewing its effectiveness. The Board has approved a detailed Risk Map identifying significant strategic, investment-related, operational and service provider-related risks and has in place a monitoring system to ensure that risk management and all aspects of internal control are considered on a regular basis, and fully reviewed at least annually. The monitoring system assists in determining the nature and extent of the significant risk the Board is willing to take in achieving its strategic objectives.

The Board believes that the key risks identified and the implementation of a system to identify, evaluate and manage these risks are based upon and relevant to the Company's business as an investment company. Risk assessment, which has been in place throughout the financial year and up to the date of this report, includes consideration of the scope and quality of the systems of internal control, including any whistleblowing policies where appropriate, adopted by the Investment Manager and other major service providers, and ensures regular communication of the results of monitoring by third parties to the Board, the incidence of significant control failings or weaknesses that have been identified at any time and the extent to which they have resulted in unforeseen outcomes or contingencies that may have a material impact on the Company's performance or condition. No significant control failings or weaknesses were identified during the course of the year and up to the date of this report, from the Board's on-going risk assessment.

Although the Board believes that it has a robust framework of internal control in place, this can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance against material financial misstatement or loss and is designed to manage, not eliminate, risk.

The Company does not have an internal audit function as it employs no staff and contracts to third parties most of its operations. The Board will continue to monitor its system of internal control and will continue to take steps to embed the system of internal control and risk management into the operations of the Company. In doing so, the Audit Committee will review at least annually whether a function equivalent to internal audit is needed.

Independent Auditor's Report

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Schroder Oriental Income Fund Limited

We have audited the accounts of Schroder Oriental Income Fund Limited for the year ended 31 August 2013 which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement and the related notes 1 to 20. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union.

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 262 of the Companies (Guernsey) Law, 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Directors and Auditor

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities on page 17, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Report and Accounts to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 August 2013 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the European Union; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies (Guernsey) Law, 2008.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the matters set out below.

Under the Companies (Guernsey) Law, 2008 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Under the Listing Rules we are required to review the part of the Corporate Governance Statement relating to the Company's compliance with the nine provisions of the UK Corporate Governance Code specified for our review.

Michael Bane
For and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP
Recognised Auditors
Guernsey
4 November 2013

Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 31 August 2013

	Note	Revenue £'000	2013 Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	2012 Capital £'000	Total £'000
Gains on investments at fair value through profit or loss	2	–	28,283	28,283	–	23,242	23,242
Net foreign currency gains/(losses)		–	2,786	2,786	–	(308)	(308)
Income from investments	3	19,878	–	19,878	15,044	200	15,244
Other income	3	33	–	33	41	–	41
Total income		19,911	31,069	50,980	15,085	23,134	38,219
Management fee	4	(815)	(1,902)	(2,717)	(599)	(1,397)	(1,996)
Performance fee	4	–	(2,405)	(2,405)	–	(1,583)	(1,583)
Other administrative expenses	5	(614)	(5)	(619)	(476)	(7)	(483)
Profit before finance costs and taxation		18,482	26,757	45,239	14,010	20,147	34,157
Finance costs	6	(325)	(1,416)	(1,741)	(224)	(522)	(746)
Profit before taxation		18,157	25,341	43,498	13,786	19,625	33,411
Taxation	7	(1,586)	–	(1,586)	(1,052)	–	(1,052)
Net profit and total comprehensive income		16,571	25,341	41,912	12,734	19,625	32,359
Earnings per share	9	8.74p	13.36p	22.10p	7.44p	11.47p	18.91p

The “Total” column of this statement represents the Company’s Statement of Comprehensive Income, prepared in accordance with IFRS. The “Revenue” and “Capital” columns represent supplementary information prepared under guidance issued by the Association of Investment Companies.

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

The notes on pages 29 to 39 form an integral part of these accounts.

Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 31 August 2013

	Share capital £'000	Treasury share reserve £'000	Capital redemption reserve £'000	Special reserve £'000	Capital reserves £'000	Revenue reserve £'000	Total £'000
At 31 August 2011	19,918	–	39	150,374	68,016	15,723	254,070
Issue of Ordinary shares	14,791	–	–	–	–	–	14,791
Net profit	–	–	–	–	19,625	12,734	32,359
Dividends paid in the year	–	–	–	–	–	(10,896)	(10,896)
At 31 August 2012	34,709	–	39	150,374	87,641	17,561	290,324
Issue of shares	28,314	–	–	–	–	–	28,314
Issue of Ordinary shares on conversion of "C" shares	49,765	–	–	–	882	–	50,647
Issue and repurchase of Ordinary shares into Treasury	36,092	(36,092)	–	–	–	–	–
Reissue of Ordinary shares from Treasury	–	468	–	–	–	–	468
Net profit	–	–	–	–	25,341	16,571	41,912
Dividends paid in the year	–	–	–	–	–	(15,739)	(15,739)
At 31 August 2013	148,880	(35,624)	39	150,374	113,864	18,393	395,926

The notes on pages 29 to 39 form an integral part of these accounts.

Balance Sheet

at 31 August 2013

	Note	2013 £'000	2012 £'000
Non current assets			
Investments at fair value through profit or loss	10	405,696	299,377
Current assets			
Receivables	11	1,674	1,160
Cash and cash equivalents		18,168	15,893
		19,842	17,053
Total assets		425,538	316,430
Current liabilities			
Payables	12	(29,612)	(26,106)
Net assets		395,926	290,324
Equity attributable to equity holders			
Share capital	13	148,880	34,709
Treasury share reserve	14	(35,624)	–
Capital redemption reserve	14	39	39
Special reserve	14	150,374	150,374
Capital reserves	14	113,864	87,641
Revenue reserve	14	18,393	17,561
Total equity shareholders' funds		395,926	290,324
Net asset value per share	15	181.46p	165.18p

These accounts were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 4 November 2013 and signed on its behalf by:

Director

The notes on pages 29 to 39 form an integral part of these accounts.

Cash Flow Statement

for the year ended 31 August 2013

	2013 £'000	2012 £'000
Operating activities		
Profit before finance costs and taxation	45,239	34,157
Add back exchange (gains)/losses on foreign currency bank loan	(3,042)	444
Add back gains on investments at fair value through profit or loss	(28,283)	(23,242)
Net purchases of investments at fair value through profit or loss	(78,043)	(14,818)
(Increase)/decrease in receivables	(478)	610
Increase/(decrease) in payables	1,044	(578)
Overseas taxation paid	(1,615)	(1,233)
Net cash outflow from operating activities before interest	(65,178)	(4,660)
Interest paid	(1,267)	(562)
Finance costs paid relating to "C" shares	(877)	–
Net cash outflow from operating activities	(67,322)	(5,222)
Financing activities		
Net bank loans drawn down	5,700	3,250
Issue of Ordinary shares	64,406	14,791
Gross proceeds of "C" share issue	50,854	–
Repurchase of Ordinary shares into Treasury	(36,092)	–
Reissue of Ordinary shares from Treasury	468	–
Dividends paid	(15,739)	(10,896)
Net cash inflow from financing activities	69,597	7,145
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	2,275	1,923
Cash and cash equivalents at the start of the year	15,893	13,970
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	18,168	15,893

The notes on pages 29 to 39 form an integral part of these accounts.

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1. Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Companies (Guernsey) Law 2008 and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), which comprise standards and interpretations approved by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"), together with interpretations of the International Accounting Standards and Standing Interpretations Committee approved by the International Accounting Standards Committee ("IASC"), that remain in effect and to the extent that they have been adopted by the European Union.

Where consistent with the requirements of IFRS, the Directors have sought to prepare the financial statements on a basis compliant with presentational guidance set out in the statement of recommended practice for investment trust companies ("the SORP") issued by the Association of Investment Companies in January 2009.

The policies applied in these accounts are consistent with those applied in the preceding year.

The Company's share capital is denominated in Sterling and this is the currency in which its shareholders operate and expenses are generally paid. The Directors have therefore determined that Sterling is the functional currency and the currency in which the accounts are presented.

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis. The disclosures on going concern in the Directors' Report on page 17 form part of these financial statements. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

(b) Presentation of the Statement of Comprehensive Income

In order better to reflect the activities of an investment company and in accordance with the recommendations of the SORP, supplementary information has been presented which analyses items in the Statement of Comprehensive Income between those which are income in nature and those which are capital in nature.

(c) Investments at fair value through profit or loss

Investments are recognised and derecognised on the trade date where a purchase or sale is under a contract whose terms require delivery within a timeframe established by the market concerned.

Under IFRS, all the Company's investments are designated as "investments at fair value through profit or loss", because performance is evaluated on a fair value basis.

Investments are designated upon initial recognition as investments at fair value through profit or loss, and are measured at subsequent reporting dates at fair value, which are quoted bid market prices for investments traded in active markets.

(d) Accounting for reserves

Gains and losses on sales of investments, including the related foreign exchange gains and losses, are included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and in "Gains and losses on sales of investments". Increases and decreases in the valuation of investments held at the year end, including the related foreign exchange gains and losses are included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and in capital reserves within "Holding gains and losses on investments".

Foreign exchange gains and losses on cash and deposit balances are included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and in capital reserves within "Gains and losses on sales of investments". Unrealised exchange gains and losses on foreign currency loans are included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and in capital reserves within "Holding gains and losses on investments".

(e) Income

Dividends receivable are included in the revenue column of the Statement of Comprehensive Income on an ex-dividend basis except where, in the opinion of the Directors, the dividend is capital in nature, in which case it is included in the capital column.

Income from fixed interest debt securities is recognised using the effective interest method.

Deposit interest outstanding at the year end is calculated and accrued on a time apportionment basis using market rates of interest.

(f) Expenses

All expenses are accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenses are allocated wholly to the revenue column of the Statement of Comprehensive Income with the following exceptions:

- The management fee is allocated 30% to revenue and 70% to capital in line with the Board's expected long term split of revenue and capital return from the Company's investment portfolio.
- Any performance fee is allocated 100% to capital.
- Expenses incidental to the purchase or sale of investments are charged to capital. These expenses are commonly referred to as transaction costs and mainly comprise brokerage commission. Details of transaction costs are given in note 10 on page 32.

(g) Finance costs

Finance costs, including any premiums payable on settlement or redemption and direct issue costs, are accounted for on an accruals basis in profit or loss using the effective interest method.

Finance costs of the "C" shares issued by the Company, which were classified as a liability, are recognised as an expense and shown in the capital column of the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

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Finance costs, other than those relating to the "C" shares, are allocated 30% to revenue and 70% to capital in line with the Board's expected long term split of revenue and capital return from the Company's investment portfolio.

(h) Financial instruments

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash and demand deposits which are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to insignificant risk of changes in value. Other receivables are non interest bearing, short term in nature and are accordingly stated at nominal value as reduced by appropriate allowances for estimated irrecoverable amounts. Interest bearing bank loans are initially recognised at cost, being the proceeds received net of direct issue costs, and subsequently at amortised cost.

(i) Taxation

The taxation charge in the Statement of Comprehensive Income comprises irrecoverable overseas tax deducted from dividends receivable.

(j) Foreign currency

The results and financial position are expressed in Sterling which is the Company's functional and presentational currency. Transactions in currencies other than Sterling are recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing on the dates of the transactions. At each balance sheet date, monetary items and non monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rates prevailing on the balance sheet date. Gains or losses arising on translation are included in net profit or loss for the year and presented as revenue or capital as appropriate.

(k) Adoption of new and revised standards

The policies applied in these accounts are consistent with those applied in the preceding year. All new standards that came into effect during the year have been adopted, however they had no impact on the Company's financial statements.

The following new and revised standards have been issued, but are not yet effective and are not expected to be relevant to the Company's financial statements.

IAS 27 Separate Financial Statements, effective for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013.

IAS 28 Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures, effective for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013.

IFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements, effective for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013.

IFRS 11 Joint Arrangements, effective for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013.

IFRS 12 Disclosure of Involvement with Other Entities, effective for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013.

IFRS 7 & IAS 32 Offsetting of Financial Instruments, effective for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013 and 1 January 2014 respectively.

The following standards have been issued, but are not yet effective and may be relevant to the Company's financial statements. The Board is currently assessing any impact.

IFRS 9 Financial Instruments: Classification and Measurement, effective for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013. Early adoption is currently not permitted. This is the first instalment of a phased replacement of the existing standard IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement.

IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement, effective for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013.

(l) Accounting for "C" shares

The "C" shares are classified as a liability of the Company; the income, expenses and capital gains or losses generated by the "C" share pool of assets during the period these shares were in existence, are included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income in their respective categories and the total is charged or credited back within finance costs in the capital column. The issue costs of the "C" shares are also recognised as a finance cost and charged to the capital column of the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

2. Gains on investments held at fair value through profit or loss

	2013 £'000	2012 £'000
Gains on sales of investments based on historic cost	20,012	7,747
Amounts recognised in investment holding gains and losses in the previous year in respect of investments sold in the year	(5,314)	(3,351)
Gains on sales of investments based on the carrying value at the previous balance sheet date	14,698	4,396
Net movement in investment holding gains and losses	13,585	18,846
Gains on investments held at fair value through profit or loss	28,283	23,242

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3. Income

	2013 £'000	2012 £'000
Income from investments:		
Overseas dividends	19,875	15,044
Overseas stock dividends	3	–
	19,878	15,044
Other income:		
Deposit interest	33	41
Total income	19,911	15,085

4. Management and performance fee

	Revenue £'000	2013 Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	2012 Capital £'000	Total £'000
Management fee	815	1,902	2,717	599	1,397	1,996
Performance fee	–	2,405	2,405	–	1,583	1,583
	815	4,307	5,122	599	2,980	3,579

The basis for calculating the investment management fee and performance fee is set out in the Report of the Directors on page 16.

5. Other administrative expenses

	Revenue £'000	2013 Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	2012 Capital £'000	Total £'000
Administration expenses	380	5	385	284	7	291
Directors' fees	128	–	128	88	–	88
Secretarial fee	75	–	75	75	–	75
Auditor's remuneration for audit services ¹	31	–	31	29	–	29
	614	5	619	476	7	483

¹No amounts are payable to the Auditor for non-audit services.

6. Finance costs

	Revenue £'000	2013 Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	2012 Capital £'000	Total £'000
Interest on bank loans and overdrafts	325	740	1,065	224	522	746
Net loss attributable to "C" shares	–	(206)	(206)	–	–	–
Expenses of "C" share issue	–	882	882	–	–	–
	325	1,416	1,741	224	522	746

7. Taxation

	2013 £'000	2012 £'000
Irrecoverable overseas tax deducted from dividends receivable	1,586	1,052

The Company has been granted an exemption from Guernsey taxation, under the Income Tax (Exempt Bodies) Guernsey Ordinance 1989 and is charged an annual exemption fee of £600.

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8. Dividends

	2013 £'000	2012 £'000
Dividends paid and declared		
2012 second interim dividend of 4.10p (2011: 3.70p)	7,327	6,237
First interim dividend of 2.95p (2012: 2.70p)	5,551	4,659
Second interim dividend in respect of the three month period ended 31 May 2013 of 1.50p (2012: nil)	2,861	–
Total dividends paid in the year	15,739	10,896
	2013 £'000	2012 £'000
Third interim dividend declared of 3.00p (2012: second interim dividend of 4.10p)	6,546	7,206

During the year the Board announced its intention that, commencing with the three month period ended 31 May 2013, dividends will be paid on a quarterly basis.

The second interim dividend declared in respect of the year ended 31 August 2012 differs to the amount actually paid, due to shares issued being after the balance sheet date but prior to the share register record date.

9. Earnings per share

	2013 £'000	2012 £'000
Net revenue profit	16,571	12,734
Net capital profit	25,341	19,625
Net total profit	41,912	32,359
Weighted average number of Ordinary shares in issue during the year	189,641,302	171,163,885
Revenue earnings per share	8.74p	7.44p
Capital earnings per share	13.36p	11.47p
Total earnings per share	22.10p	18.91p

10. Investments at fair value through profit or loss

	2013 £'000	2012 £'000
Opening book cost	261,516	238,951
Opening investment holding gains	37,861	22,366
Opening valuation	299,377	261,317
Purchases at cost	232,738	131,293
Sales proceeds	(154,702)	(116,475)
Gains on sales of investments based on the carrying value at the previous balance sheet date	14,698	4,396
Net movement in investment holding gains and losses	13,585	18,846
Closing valuation	405,696	299,377
Closing book cost	359,564	261,516
Closing investment holding gains	46,132	37,861
Total investments at fair value through profit or loss	405,696	299,377

During the year, prior year investment holding gains amounting to £5,314,000 have been transferred to gains and losses on sales of investments as disclosed in note 14 on page 34.

The following transaction costs, mainly comprising brokerage commissions, were incurred during the year:

	2013 £'000	2012 £'000
On acquisitions	346	225
On disposals	304	232
	650	457

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11. Receivables

	2013 £'000	2012 £'000
Dividends and interest receivable	1,657	1,145
Securities sold awaiting settlement	7	–
Other debtors	10	15
	1,674	1,160

The Directors consider that the carrying amount of receivables approximates to their fair value.

12. Payables

	2013 £'000	2012 £'000
Bank loan	26,312	23,654
Other creditors and accruals	3,300	2,452
	29,612	26,106

The bank loan comprises Australian \$45.7 million (2012: Australian \$36.4 million) drawn down on the Company's £50 million multicurrency credit facility with Scotiabank. The facility is secured and drawings are subject to covenants and restrictions which are customary for a facility of this nature and all of these have been complied with. Further details of the facility are given in note 19 on page 37.

The Directors consider that the carrying amount of creditors falling due within one year approximates to their fair value.

13. Share capital

	2013 £'000	2012 £'000
Ordinary shares of 1p each allotted, called-up and fully paid:		
Opening balance of 175,764,500 (2012: 166,279,500) shares	34,709	19,918
Issue of 14,950,000 (2012: 9,485,000) shares to the market	28,314	14,791
Issue of 19,000,000 (2012: nil) shares to the Company's broker	36,092	–
Repurchase of 19,000,000 (2012: nil) shares into Treasury	(36,092)	–
Issue of 27,227,074 (2012: nil) shares, following the conversion of "C" shares	49,765	–
Reissue of 250,000 (2012: nil) shares from Treasury	468	–
Subtotal of 218,191,574 (2012: 175,764,500) shares	113,256	34,709
18,750,000 (2012: nil) shares held in Treasury	35,624	–
Closing balance ¹	148,880	34,709

¹Represented by 236,941,574 (2012: 175,764,500) shares, including 18,750,000 (2012: nil) shares held in Treasury.

Share capital transactions during the year

During the year a total of 14,950,000 Ordinary shares, nominal value £149,500, were issued to the market, to satisfy demand, at an average price of 189p per share, for a total consideration of £28,314,000.

On 11 June 2013, 50,853,707 "C" shares with a nominal value of 1p each were issued following a Placing and Offer for Subscription, for gross proceeds of £50,853,707. On this date, the Company also issued 19,000,000 Ordinary shares to the company's broker, Numis Securities for consideration of £36,092,000 and these were immediately repurchased for the same amount and held in Treasury. On admission, the "C" shareholders held rights over a separate portfolio attributable to the "C" shares and this portfolio was invested in accordance with the Company's investment policy. On 1 July 2013, the "C" shares were duly converted into 27,227,074 Ordinary shares based on a conversion ratio, as calculated in accordance with the requirements of the Placing and Offer for Subscription document.

During the year 250,000 shares, nominal value £2,500, were issued to the market, from Treasury, for a total consideration of £468,000. A total of 18,750,000 (2012: nil) shares were held in Treasury at the year end.

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14. Reserves

					Capital reserves		
	Share Capital £'000	Treasury share reserve £'000	Capital redemption reserve £'000	Special reserve £'000	Gains and losses on sales of investments £'000	Investment holding gains and losses £'000	Revenue reserve £'000
Opening balance	34,709	–	39	150,374	49,626	38,015	17,561
Gains on sales of investments based on the carrying value at the previous balance sheet date	–	–	–	–	14,698	–	–
Movement in investment holding gains and losses	–	–	–	–	–	13,585	–
Transfer on disposal of investments	–	–	–	–	5,314	(5,314)	–
Realised exchange losses on cash and short term deposits	–	–	–	–	(256)	–	–
Exchange gains on foreign currency credit facility	–	–	–	–	32	3,010	–
Prior year unrealised exchange gains on foreign currency credit facility now realised	–	–	–	–	154	(154)	–
Issue of Ordinary shares, following the conversion of "C" shares	49,765	–	–	–	882	–	–
Issue of Ordinary shares	28,314	–	–	–	–	–	–
Issue and repurchase of 19,000,000 shares into Treasury	36,092	(36,092)	–	–	–	–	–
Reissue of 250,000 shares from Treasury	–	468	–	–	–	–	–
Management fee, finance costs and other expenses charged to capital	–	–	–	–	(3,323)	–	–
Performance fee	–	–	–	–	(2,405)	–	–
Dividends paid in the year	–	–	–	–	–	–	(15,739)
Net revenue profit for the year	–	–	–	–	–	–	16,571
Closing balance	148,880	(35,624)	39	150,374	64,722	49,142	18,393

15. Net asset value per share

	2013	2012
Net assets attributable to shareholders (£'000)	395,926	290,324
Shares in issue at the year end	218,191,574	175,764,500
Net asset value per share	181.46p	165.18p

16. Contingent liabilities and capital commitments

There were no contingent liabilities or capital commitments at the balance sheet date (2012: none).

17. Related Party Transactions

The Company has appointed Schroder Investment Management Limited ("the Manager"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Schroders plc, to provide investment management, accounting, secretarial and administration services. Details of the management and performance fee agreement are given in the Report of the Directors on page 16. The management fee payable in respect of the year amounted to £2,717,000 (2012: £1,996,000), of which £730,000 (2012: £532,000) was outstanding at the year end. The Company Secretarial fee payable to the Manager amounted to £75,000 (2012: £75,000) of which £29,000 (2012: £19,000) was outstanding at the year end. A performance fee amounting to £2,405,000 (2012: £1,583,000) is payable in respect of the year and the whole of this amount (2012: same) was outstanding at the year end.

If the Company invests in funds managed or advised by the Manager or any of its associated companies, any fees earned by the Manager from those funds is deducted from the management fee payable by the Company. There have been no such investments during the current or comparative year.

Details of Mr Sherwell's connections with the Manager are given on page 15.

The Directors of the Company received fees for their services and details are given in the Remuneration Report on page 19.

Details of Directors' shareholdings in the Company are given on page 15.

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18. Disclosures regarding financial instruments measured at fair value

The Company's financial instruments within the scope of IFRS 7 that are held at fair value comprise its investment portfolio. The Company currently holds no derivative financial instruments and its liabilities are not held at fair value. The investments are categorised into a hierarchy consisting of the following three levels:

Level 1 – valued using quoted prices in active markets.

Level 2 – valued by reference to valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted market prices included within Level 1.

Level 3 – valued by reference to valuation techniques using inputs that are not based on observable market data.

Categorisation within the hierarchy has been determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement of the relevant asset.

Details of the valuation techniques used by the Company are given in note 1(c) on page 29.

At 31 August 2013, the Company's investment portfolio comprised entirely Level 1 investments (2012: same).

There have been no transfers between Levels 1, 2 or 3 during the year (2012: Nil).

19. Financial instruments' exposure to risk and risk management policies

The Company's investment objective is to provide a total return for investors primarily through investments in shares of companies which are based in, or which derive a significant proportion of their revenues from, the Asia Pacific region and which offer attractive yields. In pursuing this objective, the Company is exposed to a variety of risks that could result in a reduction in the Company's net assets. These risks include market risk (comprising currency risk, interest rate risk and market price risk), liquidity risk and credit risk. The Directors' policy for managing these risks is set out below. The Board coordinates the Company's risk management policy.

The objectives, policies and processes for managing the risks and the methods used to measure the risks that are set out below, have not changed from those applying in the comparative year.

The Company's classes of financial instruments are as follows:

- investments in shares of companies in the Asia Pacific region which are held in accordance with the Company's investment objective;
- short term debtors, creditors and cash arising directly from its operations; and
- a multicurrency credit facility with Scotiabank, the purpose of which is to assist in financing the Company's operations.

(a) Market risk

The fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument held by the Company may fluctuate because of changes in market prices. This market risk comprises three elements – currency risk, interest rate risk and market price risk. Information to enable an evaluation of the nature and extent of these three elements of market risk is given in parts (i) to (iii) of this note, together with sensitivity analyses where appropriate. The Board reviews and agrees policies for managing these risks and these policies have remained unchanged from those applying in the comparative year. The Manager assesses the exposure to market risk when making each investment decision and monitors the overall level of market risk on the whole of the investment portfolio on an ongoing basis.

(i) Currency risk

Certain of the Company's assets, liabilities and income are denominated in currencies other than Sterling, which is the Company's functional currency and the presentational currency of the accounts. As a result, movements in exchange rates will affect the Sterling value of those items.

Management of currency risk

The Manager monitors the Company's exposure to foreign currencies and reports to the Board, which meets on at least four occasions each year. The Manager measures the risk to the Company of the foreign currency exposure by considering the effect on the Company's net asset value and income of a movement in the rates of exchange to which the Company's assets, liabilities, income and expenses are exposed. The Company may use foreign currency borrowings or forward foreign currency contracts to limit the exposure to anticipated changes in exchange rates which might otherwise adversely affect the value of the portfolio of investments. Further details on the management of currency risk are given in the Report of Directors on page 14. Income denominated in foreign currencies is converted into Sterling on receipt.

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Foreign currency exposure

The fair value of the Company's monetary items that have foreign currency exposure at 31 August are shown below. The Company's investments (which are not monetary items) have been included separately in the analysis so as to show the overall level of exposure.

2013									
	Hong Kong	Australian	Singapore	Taiwan	Thai	New Zealand	US	Other	Total
	dollars	dollars	dollars	dollars	Baht	dollars	dollars	£'000	£'000
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Current assets	386	4,539	4,084	302	363	9	1,179	101	10,963
Current liabilities – bank loan	–	(26,312)	–	–	–	–	–	–	(26,312)
Foreign currency exposure on net monetary items	386	(21,773)	4,084	302	363	9	1,179	101	(15,349)
Investments at fair value through profit or loss	118,007	91,679	50,503	46,421	33,746	15,777	8,012	41,551	405,696
Total net foreign currency exposure	118,393	69,906	54,587	46,723	34,109	15,786	9,191	41,652	390,347
2012									
	Hong Kong	Australian	Singapore	Taiwan	Thai	New Zealand	US	Other	Total
	dollars	dollars	dollars	dollars	Baht	dollars	dollars	£'000	£'000
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Current assets	327	580	1,654	51	300	14	265	6,475	9,666
Current liabilities – bank loan	–	(23,654)	–	–	–	–	–	–	(23,654)
Foreign currency exposure on net monetary items	327	(23,074)	1,654	51	300	14	265	6,475	(13,988)
Investments at fair value through profit or loss	77,577	70,503	39,342	33,847	22,219	14,926	8,735	29,373	296,522
Total net foreign currency exposure	77,904	47,429	40,996	33,898	22,519	14,940	9,000	35,848	282,534

The above year end amounts are broadly representative of the exposure to foreign currency risk during the current and comparative year.

Foreign currency sensitivity

The following tables illustrate the sensitivity of net total profit for the year and net assets with regard to the Company's monetary financial assets, financial liabilities and exchange rates. The sensitivity analysis is based on the Company's monetary currency financial instruments held at each balance sheet date and assumes a 10% (2012: 10%) appreciation or depreciation in Sterling against the currencies to which the Company is exposed, which is considered to be a reasonable illustration based on the volatility of exchange rates during the year.

If Sterling had weakened by 10% this would have had the following effect:

	2013	2012
	£'000	£'000
Statement of Comprehensive Income – net profit		
Net revenue profit	1,800	1,381
Net capital profit	(1,567)	(1,421)
Net total profit	233	(40)
Net assets	233	(40)

Conversely if Sterling had strengthened by 10% this would have had the following effect:

	2013	2012
	£'000	£'000
Statement of Comprehensive Income – net profit		
Net revenue profit	(1,800)	(1,381)
Net capital profit	1,567	1,421
Net total profit	(233)	40
Net assets	(233)	40

In the opinion of the Directors, the above sensitivity analysis with respect to monetary financial assets and liabilities is broadly representative of the whole of the current and comparative year. The sensitivity of the Company's investments to changes in foreign currency exchange rates is subsumed into market price risk sensitivity on page 38.

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(ii) Interest rate risk

Interest rate movements may affect the level of income receivable on cash deposits and the interest payable on variable rate borrowings when interest rates are re-set. The fair value of fixed interest investments may be affected by interest rate movements or the expectation of such movements in the future. However the Company held no such investments at the current or comparative year end.

Management of interest rate risk

Liquidity and borrowings are managed with the aim of increasing returns to shareholders. The Company's gearing policy is to limit gearing to 25% where gearing is defined as borrowings used for investment purposes, less cash, expressed as a percentage of net assets.

The possible effects on cash flows that could arise as a result of changes in interest rates are taken into account when the Company draws on the credit facility. However, amounts drawn down on this facility are for short term periods and therefore exposure to interest rate risk is not significant.

Interest rate exposure

The exposure of financial assets and financial liabilities to floating interest rates, giving cash flow interest rate risk when rates are re-set, is shown below:

	2013 £'000	2012 £'000
Exposure to floating interest rates:		
Cash and cash equivalents	18,168	15,893
Other payables: drawings on the credit facility	(26,312)	(23,654)
Total exposure	(8,144)	(7,761)

Interest receivable on cash balances, or paid on overdrafts, is at a margin below or above LIBOR respectively (2012: same).

During the year, the Company extended its 364 day multicurrency revolving credit facility with Scotiabank, which now expires in May 2014. The limit on this facility has been increased from £25 million to £50 million. Interest is payable at a rate of LIBOR as quoted in the market for the relevant currency and loan period plus a margin, plus Mandatory Costs, which are the lender's costs of complying with certain regulatory requirements of the Bank of England. At 31 August 2013, the Company had drawn down Australian \$45.7 million (£26.3 million) on this facility at an interest rate of 3.4% per annum. At 31 August 2012, the Company had drawn down Australian \$36.4 million (£23.7 million) on the preceding facility with Scotiabank.

The above year end amounts are not representative of the exposure to interest rates during the year as the level of cash balances and drawings on the credit facility has fluctuated. The maximum and minimum net interest rate exposure during the year has been as follows:

	2013 £'000	2012 £'000
Maximum debit interest rate exposure during the year – net loan balances	(24,789)	(20,267)
Minimum debit/maximum credit interest rate exposure during the year – net (loan)/cash balances	(8,144)	2,256

Interest rate sensitivity

The following table illustrates the sensitivity of the return after taxation for the year and net assets to a 0.5% (2012: 0.5%) increase or decrease in interest rates in regards to the Company's monetary financial assets and liabilities. This level of change is considered to be a reasonable illustration based on observation of current market conditions. The sensitivity analysis is based on the Company's monetary financial instruments held at the balance sheet date with all other variables held constant.

	2013		2012	
	0.5% increase in rate £'000	0.5% decrease in rate £'000	0.5% increase in rate £'000	0.5% decrease in rate £'000
Statement of Comprehensive Income – net profit				
Net revenue profit	51	(51)	44	(44)
Net capital profit	(92)	92	(83)	83
Net total profit	(41)	41	(39)	39
Net assets	(41)	41	(39)	39

In the opinion of the Directors, this sensitivity analysis may not be representative of the Company's future exposure to interest rate changes due to fluctuations in the level of cash balances and drawings on the credit facility.

(iii) Market price risk

Market price risk includes changes in market prices, other than those arising from interest rate risk, which may affect the value of equity investments.

Management of market price risk

The Board meets on at least four occasions each year to consider the asset allocation of the portfolio and the risk associated with particular industry sectors. The investment management team has responsibility for monitoring the portfolio, which is selected in accordance with the Company's investment objective and seeks to ensure that individual stocks meet an acceptable risk/reward profile.

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Market price risk exposure

The Company's total exposure to changes in market prices at 31 August comprised the following:

	2013	2012
	£'000	£'000
Investments at fair value through profit or loss	405,696	299,377

The above data is broadly representative of the exposure to market price risk during the year.

Concentration of exposure to market price risk

An analysis of the Company's investments is given on pages 9 and 10. This shows that the portfolio comprises investments quoted on Asian stockmarkets. Accordingly there is a concentration of exposure to that region. However it should be noted that an investment may not be entirely exposed to the economic conditions in its country of domicile or of listing.

Market price risk sensitivity

The following table illustrates the sensitivity of the net total profit for the year and net assets to an increase or decrease of 10% (2012: 10%) in the fair values of the Company's equities. This level of change is considered to be a reasonable illustration based on observation of current market conditions. The sensitivity analysis is based on the Company's equities, adjusting for changes in the management fee, but with all other variables held constant.

	2013		2012
	10% increase in fair value £'000	10% decrease in fair value £'000	10% increase in fair value £'000
			10% decrease in fair value £'000
Statement of Comprehensive Income – net profit			
Net revenue profit	(91)	91	(67)
Net capital profit	40,357	(40,357)	29,781
Net total profit	40,266	(40,266)	29,714
Net assets	40,266	(40,266)	29,714

(b) Liquidity risk

This is the risk that the Company will encounter difficulty in meeting its obligations associated with financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset.

Management of the risk

Liquidity risk is not significant as the Company's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities, which can be sold to meet funding requirements if necessary. Short term flexibility is achieved through the use of a credit facility.

The Board's policy is for the Company to remain fully invested in normal market conditions and that the credit facility be used to manage short term liabilities and working capital requirements and to gear the Company as appropriate.

Liquidity risk exposure

Contractual maturities of financial liabilities, based on the earliest date on which payment can be required are as follows:

	2013	2012
	Three months or less £'000	Three months or less £'000
Other payables		
Bank loan - including interest	26,390	23,966
Other creditors and accruals	3,270	2,221
	29,660	26,187

(c) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that the failure of the counterparty to a transaction to discharge its obligations under that transaction could result in loss to the Company.

Management of credit risk

This risk is managed as follows:

Portfolio dealing

The Company invests in markets that operate a "Delivery Versus Payment" settlement process which mitigates the risk of losing the principal of a trade during settlement. The Manager continuously monitors dealing activity to ensure best execution, which involves measuring various indicators including the quality of trade settlement and incidence of failed trades. Counterparties must be pre-approved by the Manager's credit committee.

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The Company may sometimes invest in equity linked securities, such as participatory notes which provide synthetic equity exposure where the Company may otherwise find it problematic to invest in the underlying asset directly. They have the same economic risks as a direct investment, except that there is a counterparty risk to the issuing investment bank. Counterparties must be approved by the Manager's Credit Risk Team based on a list of criteria and are monitored on an ongoing basis by the Portfolio Compliance Team.

Cash

Counterparties are subject to daily credit analysis by the Manager. Cash balances will only be deposited with reputable banks with high-quality credit ratings.

Exposure to the Custodian

JPMorgan Chase is the Custodian of the Company's assets. The Company's assets are segregated from JPMorgan Chase's own trading assets and are therefore protected from creditors in the event that JPMorgan Chase were to cease trading.

Credit risk exposure

The following amounts shown in the Balance Sheet, represent the maximum exposure to credit risk at the current and comparative year end.

	2013		2012	
	Balance sheet £'000	Maximum exposure £'000	Balance sheet £'000	Maximum exposure £'000
Current assets				
Other receivables – securities sold awaiting settlement, dividends and interest receivable and other debtors	1,664	1,664	1,145	1,145
Cash and cash equivalents	18,168	18,168	15,893	15,893
	19,832	19,832	17,038	17,038

No items included in "Other receivables" are past their due date and none have been provided for.

(d) Fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities

All financial assets and liabilities are either carried in the balance sheet at fair value or the balance sheet amount is a reasonable approximation of fair value.

20. Capital management policies and procedures

The Company's objectives, policies and processes for managing capital are unchanged from the preceding year.

The Company's debt and capital structure comprises the following:

	2013 £'000	2012 £'000
Debt		
Bank loan	26,312	23,654
Equity		
Share capital	148,880	34,709
Reserves	247,046	255,615
	395,926	290,324
Total debt and equity	422,238	313,978

The Company's capital management objectives are to ensure that it will continue as a going concern and to maximise the capital return to its equity shareholders through an appropriate level of gearing.

The Board's policy is to limit gearing to 25%. Gearing for this purpose is defined as borrowings used for investment purposes, less cash, expressed as a percentage of net assets.

	2013 £'000	2012 £'000
Borrowings used for investment purposes, less cash	8,144	7,761
Net assets	395,926	290,324
Gearing	2.1%	2.7%

The Board, with the assistance of the Manager, monitors and reviews the broad structure of the Company's capital on an ongoing basis. This review includes:

- the planned level of gearing, which takes into account the Manager's views on the market;
- the need to buy back equity shares, which takes into account the share price discount;
- the opportunities for issues of new shares; and
- the amount of dividend to be paid in excess of that which is required to be distributed.

Notice of Meeting

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Schroder Oriental Income Fund Limited will be held at 12.00 noon on Wednesday, 4 December 2013 at Trafalgar Court, Les Banques, St Peter Port, Guernsey GY1 3QL to consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolutions, of which resolutions 1 to 6 will be proposed as ordinary resolutions and resolutions 7 and 8 will be proposed as special resolutions:

1. To receive the Report of the Directors and the audited accounts for the year ended 31 August 2013.
2. To approve the Remuneration Report for the year ended 31 August 2013.
3. To re-elect Mr Peter Rigg as a Director of the Company.
4. To re-elect Mr Christopher Sherwell as a Director of the Company.
5. To re-appoint Ernst & Young LLP as Auditors of the Company.
6. To authorise the Board to determine the remuneration of Ernst & Young LLP as Auditors of the Company.
7. To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as a special resolution:
"That the Company be and is hereby generally and unconditionally authorised in accordance with Section 315 of the Companies (Guernsey) Law 2008 (as amended), to make market purchases of Ordinary shares of 1p each in the capital of the Company ("Shares"), at whatever discount the prevailing market price represents to the prevailing net asset value per share provided that:
(a) the maximum number of shares hereby authorised to be purchased shall be 32,811,846, representing 14.99% of the issued share capital as at 4 November 2013;
(b) the minimum price which may be paid for a share is 1p;
(c) the maximum price which may be paid for a share is an amount equal to the greater of (i) 105% of the average of the middle market quotations for a share of the class being purchased taken from the London Stock Exchange Daily Official List for the five business days immediately preceding the day on which that share is purchased and (ii) the higher of the price of the last independent trade in the shares of that class and the highest then current independent bid for the shares of that class on the London Stock Exchange;
(d) purchases may only be made pursuant to this authority if the shares are (at the date of the proposed purchase) trading on the London Stock Exchange at a discount to the net asset value;
(e) the authority hereby conferred shall expire at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company unless such authority is renewed or revoked prior to such time; and
(f) the Company may make a contract to purchase shares under the authority hereby conferred prior to the expiry of such authority which will or may be executed wholly or partly after the expiration of such authority and may make a purchase of shares pursuant to any such contract."
8. To consider and, if thought fit pass the following as a special resolution:
"Subject to the passing of Resolution 7, the Board be and hereby is authorised in accordance with Section 292 of the Companies (Guernsey) Law, 2008 (as amended) to allot Ordinary shares for cash and/or sell treasury shares up to 21,889,157 Ordinary shares of 1p each in aggregate representing 10% of the share capital in issue on 4 November 2013 for cash and the right of Shareholders to receive a pre-emptive offer in respect of such Ordinary shares shall be excluded pursuant to Article 3.24 of the Company's Articles of Incorporation, provided that this authority shall expire (unless previously renewed, varied or revoked by the Company in general meeting) from the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held in 2014 save that the Board may allot Ordinary shares for cash or sell Treasury shares after the expiry of this authority in pursuance of an offer or agreement made by the Company before such expiry that would or might require Ordinary shares to be allotted or Treasury shares to be sold after such expiry."

By Order of the Board
Schroder Investment Management Limited
Company Secretary
Registered Number: 43298
4 November 2013

Registered Office:
PO Box 255
Trafalgar Court
Les Banques
St Peter Port
Guernsey GY1 3QL

- 1 An Ordinary shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and (insofar as permitted by the Company's Articles of Incorporation) to vote instead of him.
A proxy need not be a member. A form of proxy is enclosed for Ordinary shareholders which should be completed and returned to the Company's registrar, Computershare Investor Services (Guernsey) Limited, 3rd Floor, Natwest House, Le Truchot, St Peter Port, Guernsey GY1 1WD, not later than 48 hours before the time fixed for the meeting. Completion of the proxy will not preclude an Ordinary shareholder from attending and voting in person.
- 2 The biographies of each of the Directors offering themselves for re-election are set out on the inside front cover of the Annual Report.
- 3 As at 4 November 2013, the Company had 218,891,574 Ordinary shares of 1p each in issue and an additional 18,050,000 shares held in Treasury. Accordingly, the total number of voting rights in the Company on 4 November 2013 is 218,891,574.

Company Summary and Shareholder Information

The Company

Schroder Oriental Income Fund Limited is an independent, Guernsey-resident company, whose shares are listed on the London Stock Exchange. As at 4 November 2013, the Company has 218,891,574 Ordinary shares of 1p each in issue with an additional 18,050,000 held in Treasury. The Company's assets are managed and it is administered by Schroders.

It is not intended for the Company to have a limited life and the Articles of Incorporation do not contain any provisions for review of the future of the Company at specified intervals.

Website and Price Information

The Company has a dedicated website, which may be found at www.schroderorientalincomefund.com. The website has been designed to be utilised as the Company's primary method of electronic communication with shareholders. It contains details of the Company's share price (subject to a delay of 15 minutes) and copies of Report and Accounts and other documents published by the Company as well as information on the Directors, Terms of Reference of Committees and other governance arrangements. In addition, the site contains links to announcements made by the Company to the market. There is also a section entitled "How to Invest" which provides details of the Schroder ISA.

The Company releases its net asset value on both a cum and ex income basis to the market on a daily basis.

Share price information may also be found in the Financial Times and on Schroders' website at www.schroders.co.uk/its.

Registrar Services

Communications with shareholders are mailed to the address held on the register. Any notifications and enquiries relating to shareholdings, including a change of address or other amendment should be directed to Computershare Investor Services (Guernsey) Limited, 3rd Floor, Natwest House, Le Truchot, St Peter Port, Guernsey GY1 1WD.

Dealing Codes

The dealing codes for the Ordinary shares in the Company are as follows:

ISIN: GB00B0CRWN59

SEDOL: BOCRWN5

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