## THE INDEPENDENT INVESTMENT TRUST PLC

# **Interim Management Statement - 3 months to 28 February 2014**

The Company's objective is to provide good absolute returns over long periods by investing the great majority of its assets in UK and international quoted securities. Full details of the Company's investment policy are set out in the Company's Annual Report, which is available on the Company's website or can be requested from the Company (see contact details below).

#### Review of the Period

- Over the period, the Company's net asset value and share price total returns were 5.8% and 2.6% respectively. The FTSE All-Share Index total return was 3.9%.
- Changes to the Top Ten Equity Holdings were as a result of market movements. Transactions during the period included new investments in HSBC, the Bluefield Solar Income Fund and complete sales of Astrazeneca and Games Workshop.
- The Company bought back 158,000 of its own shares for cancellation during the quarter, at a cost of £424,000.
- Net cash fell from £16.8 million to £8.9 million, representing 5.1% of shareholders' funds at the end of February 2014.
- The final dividend of 3.00p per share and special dividend of 1.00p per share, if approved by shareholders at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 27 March 2014, will be paid on 8 April 2014 to shareholders on the register at the close of business on 28 February 2014.

Sector Analysis			<b>Top Ten Equity Holdings</b>		
Sector	% of shareholders' funds at 28/02/14	% of shareholders' funds at 30/11/13	Name	% of shareholders' funds at 28/02/14	% of shareholders' funds at 30/11/13
Housing	6.6	5.7	Herald Investment Trust	8.6	8.3
Industrials	9.7	8.9	Dunelm Group	5.7	5.4
Retailing	5.7	7.1	Ashtead Group	5.0	4.2
Recruitment	3.6	2.9	John Laing Infrastructure	4.8	4.8
Technology and Telecommunications	11.5	11.3	Amlin	4.7	4.9
Mining	2.2	2.1	Schlumberger	4.1	4.2
Oil and Gas Producers	1.5	1.2	Halliburton	3.9	3.9
Offshore Drillers	2.1	2.8	SThree	3.6	2.9
Oilfield Services	11.8	11.8	Persimmon	3.3	2.8
Food Producers	0.3	0.4	Baidu	2.9	3.0
Tobacco	6.6	6.1			
Pharmaceuticals	1.9	4.0			
Leisure	1.9	2.0			
Property	1.2	1.1			
Utilities	5.1	4.9			
Banks	2.9	-			
Non Life Insurance	11.0	9.8			
Life Assurance	1.5	1.5			
Miscellaneous Financials	1.5	1.4			
Infrastructure Funds	7.2	4.8			
Net Liquid Assets	4.2	10.2			
Total	100.0	100.0	Total	46.6	44.4

#### **Total Return Performance**

	%			
	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
Share Price	2.6	20.2	29.5	173.6
NAV	5.8	16.4	25.9	140.4
FTSE All-Share	3.9	13.3	31.2	126.2
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Source: Morningstar

### Past performance is not a guide to future performance

#### **General Information**

	28/02/14	30/11/13
Total assets (before deduction of borrowings)*	£173.8m	£166.9m
Share price	271.5p	268.5p
Net asset value per share *	299.9p	287.2p
Discount	9.5%	6.5%
Total borrowings	-	-
Net cash **	£8.9m	£16.8m
Net cash as a % of shareholders' funds*	5.1%	10.0%

<sup>\*</sup>These figures have been calculated using the AIC cum income basis (includes current financial year retained income).

The Company's Net Asset Value is calculated daily and can be viewed on the London Stock Exchange website at <a href="https://www.londonstockexchange.com">www.londonstockexchange.com</a>

The Share Price is published daily in the Financial Times.

The interim management statement, together with the Company's Annual and Half-Yearly reports, is available on the Company's website at <a href="https://www.independentinvestmenttrust.co.uk">www.independentinvestmenttrust.co.uk</a> †

†Neither the contents of the Company's website nor the contents of any website accessible from hyperlinks on the Company's website (or any other website) is incorporated into, or forms part of, this announcement.

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<sup>\*\*</sup>Cash stated inclusive of amounts receivable/net of amounts payable in respect of unsettled transactions.

# List of Investments as at 28 February 2014

Sector	Name	Value (£'000)	%
Housing	Berkeley Group	2,741	1.6
	Persimmon	5,780	3.3
	Rightmove	2,755	1.7
		11,276	6.6
Industrials	Aggreko	3,118	1.8
	Ashtead Group	8,760	5.0
	Croda International	5,082	2.9
		16,960	9.7
Retailing	Dunelm Group	9,930	5.7
Recruitment	SThree	6,225	3.6
Technology and			
Telecommunications	Baidu – China	5,092	2.9
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Mining	DUD Dillia	1.446	0.0
Mining	BHP Billiton	1,446	0.8
	BlackRock World Mining Trust	2,512 3,958	1.4 2.2
Oil and Gas Producers	Bankers Petroleum – Canada	1,052	0.6
	Ultra Petroleum – USA	1,501	0.9
		2,553	1.5
Offshore Drillers	Noble Corporation – USA	3,703	2.1
Oilfield Services	Baker Hughes – USA	3,776	2.2
	C&J Energy Services – USA	2,774	1.6
	Halliburton – USA	6,802	3.9
	Schlumberger – USA	7,211	4.1
		20,563	11.8
Food Producers	Asian Citrus Holdings – China	435	0.3
Tobacco	British American Tobacco	3,250	1.9
1004000	Imperial Tobacco	4,872	2.8
	Philip Morris – USA	3,380	1.9
	Timp Monis Cort	11,502	6.6
Pharmaceuticals	GlaxoSmithKline	3,343	1.9
Leisure	Domino's Pizza	3,354	1.9
Utilities	National Grid	4,170	2.4
	SSE	2,804	1.6
	Telecom Plus	1,846	1.1
		8,820	5.1
Banks	HSBC	5,038	2.9

Amlin	8,098	4.7
Beazley	3,950	2.3
Catlin Group	4,244	2.4
Polar Capital Insurance Fund - Ireland	2,696	1.6
<u> </u>	18,988	11.0
British Land	2,090	1.2
Bluefield Solar Income Fund John Laing Infrastructure Fund – Channel	4,241	2.4
Islands	8,330	4.8
	12,571	7.2
Partnership Assurance Group	2,568	1.5
IG Group Holdings	2,528	1.5
<u> </u>	166,397	95.8
	7,369	4.2
Shareholders' Funds All holdings are in equities domiciled in the UK unless otherwise stated.		100.0
	Beazley Catlin Group Polar Capital Insurance Fund - Ireland  British Land  Bluefield Solar Income Fund John Laing Infrastructure Fund - Channel Islands  Partnership Assurance Group  IG Group Holdings	Beazley       3,950         Catlin Group       4,244         Polar Capital Insurance Fund - Ireland       2,696         18,988         British Land       2,090         Bluefield Solar Income Fund John Laing Infrastructure Fund - Channel Islands       4,241         Partnership Assurance Group       2,568         IG Group Holdings       2,528         166,397       7,369         173,766