

WITAN PACIFIC INVESTMENT TRUST PLC

Interim Report 2007



Witan pacific investment trust

*“The secret to winning
is constant, consistent
management”*

Tom Landry

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Investment Objective

To provide shareholders with a balanced portfolio of investments in the Asia Pacific region designed to outperform the MSCI Index[†].

[†] MSCI AC Asia Pacific Free Index (£)

Strategies

- Use an active multi-manager approach to add value and diversify risk.
- Manage the fund for growth predominantly through capital return.
- Employ share buy-backs when the Company's shares are standing at a substantial discount to their net asset value.
- Deploy tactical gearing giving discretion to the Investment Managers to hold up to 10% of the portfolio in cash or borrow up to 10%.
- Distribute as much income as may be prudent on an annual basis to shareholders.
- Control costs and expenses to maintain a total expense ratio of less than 1%.

Highlights

Summary of Unaudited Results attributable to equity shareholders

	31 July 2007	31 January 2007	% change
Net asset value per share	195.33p	181.85p	7.4
Share price	173.00p	161.50p	7.1
Discount	-11.4%	-11.2%	
MSCI AC Asia Pacific Free Index (£) – capital only [†]	76.75	71.86	6.8

Cumulative Performance (Total Returns) to 31 July 2007

	6 months %	1 year %	3 years %	5 years %
Share price*	8.1	15.8	69.9	105.0
Net asset value per share*	9.0	18.3	70.9	87.5
MSCI AC Asia Pacific Free Index (£) [†]	8.0	15.6	69.5	90.8

* Source: AIC MIS Services Ltd

[†] Source: Datastream

Chairman's Statement



Gillian Nott

In my first annual report earlier this year I noted that for the first time in a number of years the Company's net asset value ("NAV") had outperformed its benchmark. I am very pleased to report that this outperformance has continued in the first six months to 31 July 2007, with an NAV total return of 9.0% (source: AIC MIS Services Ltd) for the period. However when this figure is adjusted for the impact of the payment of last year's dividend, the underlying total return for the period was 8.3% versus a total return of 8.0% for the MSCI AC Asia Pacific Free Index in sterling terms. Over the six months the Aberdeen portfolio returned 7.1% whilst the Nomura portfolio returned 10.2%.

Although these numbers suggest a healthy return from markets in the region over the six months, they mask periods of significant volatility, primarily in February when, on average, Asia Pacific markets fell by around 5%. In addition, there was a very diverse spread of market returns with China, Korea and Thailand all rising by more than 30% in sterling terms over the six months whilst the largest market in the area, Japan, fell by nearly 2%, again, in sterling terms.

Aberdeen's underperformance over the period was due to poor stock selection, primarily in Japan and South Korea. This was partially offset by being very underweight in the poorly performing Japanese market. Nomura also benefited from being underweight in Japan, and, in their

case, Taiwan and from being overweight in China. Stock selection outside Japan was also strong. Since these managers were appointed Aberdeen have outperformed the benchmark by 0.9% and Nomura by 2.6%.

During the six months the Company bought back 2,243,472 shares representing 3.1% of the share capital which enhanced the NAV by 0.3%. This represents a slower underlying rate of buy-backs than in the previous year.

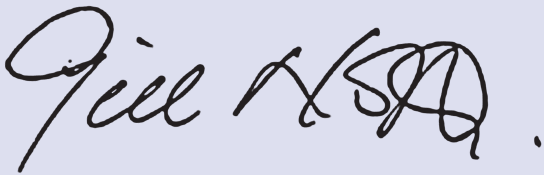
I am delighted to welcome Alan Barber to the Board and as Chairman of the Audit Committee. As a former partner of the international accounting firm KPMG, he brings a considerable breadth of experience to the Board and the Audit Committee, as well as experience of the Japanese market.

To mark your Company's 100th anniversary in January this year, we commissioned John Newlands to write a history of the Company and this is enclosed with your half year report. This is a fascinating read and, given the many financial storms in the past which your Company has weathered, it also helps to put into context the current market perturbation. For example, a past chairman noted that an investment of £1,000 in 1951 would have been worth almost five times that amount a decade later, that is despite the turbulence caused by the Suez crisis in the middle of that period.

Chairman's Statement

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The recent market falls were triggered by problems in the US sub-prime lending market. This has caused investors across the world to re-price risk, even when markets concerned, as in the case of Asia Pacific, are not directly affected by the US sub-prime lending problems. As a result, the market momentum caused by some investors chasing returns without due regard for risk has started to dissipate. Whilst this turbulence may continue for a while, we still believe that over the longer term equities will continue to outperform other asset classes, and that the Pacific region in particular has potential for real growth.

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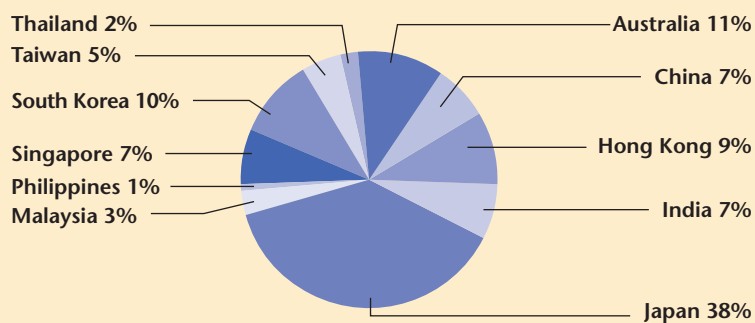
Gillian Nott

Chairman

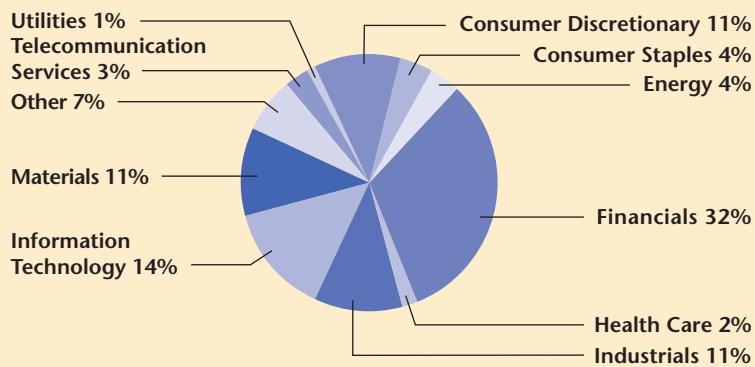
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Portfolio Summary

Equity Portfolio by Geographical Classification as at 31 July 2007



Sector Breakdown of the Equity Portfolio as at 31 July 2007

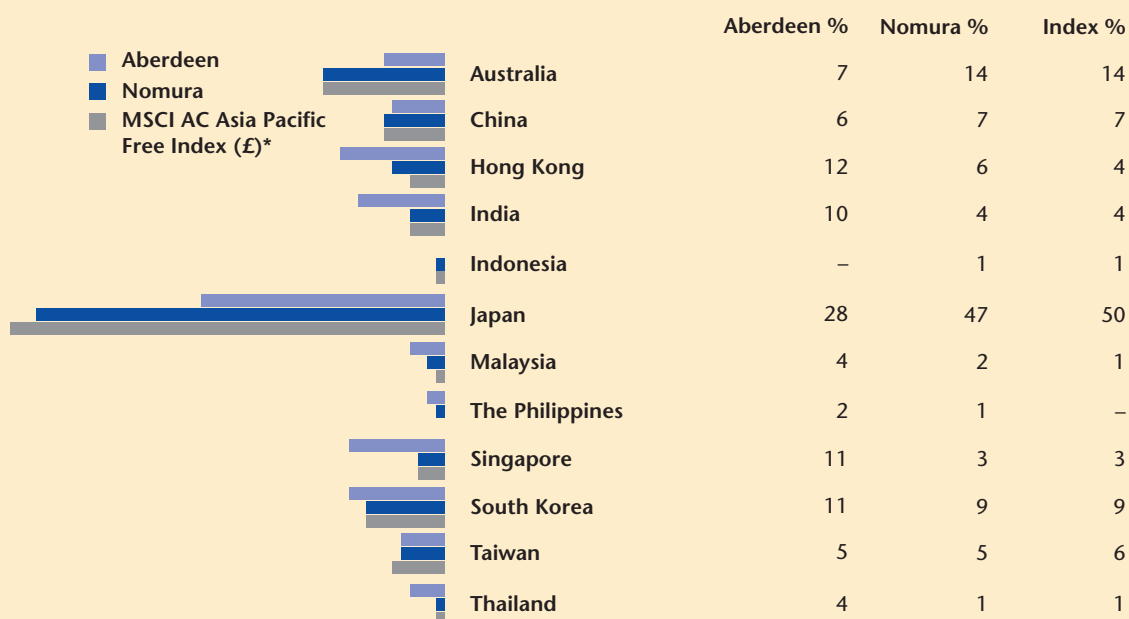


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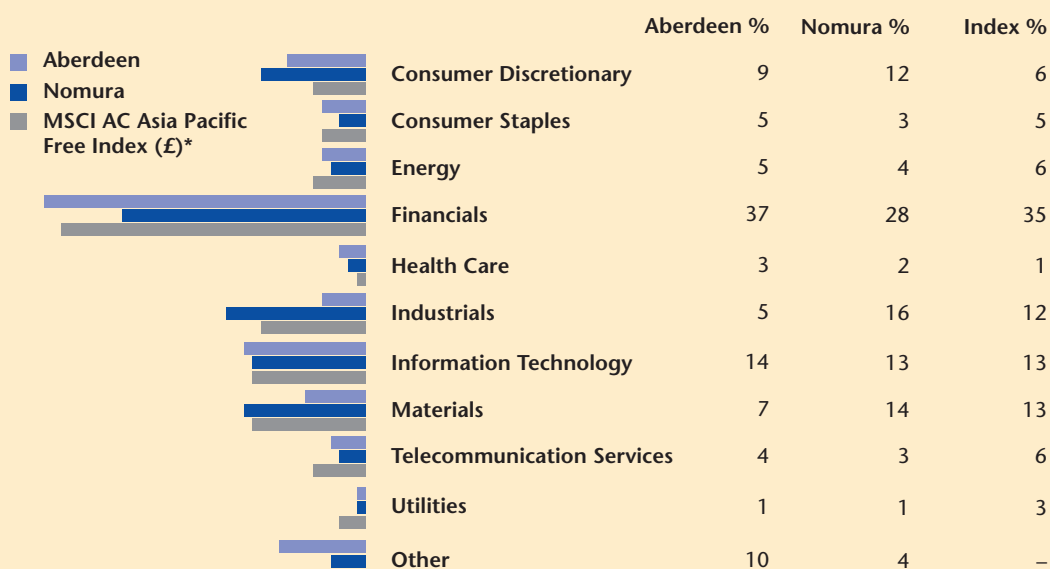
Geographical Analysis

as at 31 July 2007



Sector Analysis

as at 31 July 2007



* Source: Datastream

Portfolio Information

at 31 July 2007

Twenty Largest Equity Investments

This period	Last period*	Company	Country	% of total investments	Value £'000
1	(1)	Aberdeen Global India Opportunities Fund	India	4.7	6,501
2	(2)	Samsung Electronics	South Korea	2.8	3,857
3	(8)	Rio Tinto	Australia	2.1	2,955
4	(6)	China Mobile	China	2.1	2,855
5	(3)	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group	Japan	1.9	2,583
6	(10)	Nomura India Equity Fund	India	1.9	2,581
7	(4)	Honda Motor	Japan	1.7	2,370
8	(13)	Petrochina	China	1.7	2,350
9	(18)	Bank of Kyoto	Japan	1.7	2,294
10	(-)	Toyota Motor Corporation	Japan	1.6	2,158
11	(9)	Canon	Japan	1.6	2,139
12	(11)	Swire Pacific	Hong Kong	1.5	2,126
13	(12)	United Overseas Bank	Singapore	1.5	2,094
14	(5)	Rohm Company	Japan	1.4	1,970
15	(14)	Takeda Pharmaceutical	Japan	1.4	1,924
16	(-)	Shin-etsu Chemical	Japan	1.4	1,859
17	(15)	OCBC	Singapore	1.3	1,830
18	(-)	BHP Billiton	Australia	1.3	1,776
19	(16)	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	Taiwan	1.3	1,771
20	(7)	Yamaha Motor Company	Japan	1.2	1,666

* The figures in brackets denote their position at the previous year end. The country shown is the country of incorporation.

The value of the twenty largest holdings represents 36.1% (31 January 2007: 37.1%) of the Company's total investments.

Reconciliation of Movements in Shareholders' Funds

for the six months to 31 July 2007

	Called up share capital £'000	Share premium account £'000	Capital redemption reserve £'000	Capital reserves £'000	Revenue reserve £'000	Total £'000
Six months to 31 July 2007 (Unaudited)						
At 31 January 2007	18,223	5	39,348	66,387	8,586	132,549
Net return from ordinary activities after taxation	–	–	–	9,605	691	10,296
Dividend paid in respect of year ended 31 January 2007	–	–	–	–	(1,077)	(1,077)
Repurchase of 2,243,472 ordinary shares for cancellation	(561)	–	561	(3,773)	–	(3,773)
At 31 July 2007	<u>17,662</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>39,909</u>	<u>72,219</u>	<u>8,200</u>	<u>137,995</u>
Six months to 31 July 2006 (Unaudited)						
At 31 January 2006	21,701	5	35,870	89,691	8,286	155,553
Net (loss)/return from ordinary activities after taxation	–	–	–	(10,794)	888	(9,906)
Dividend paid in respect of year ended 31 January 2006	–	–	–	–	(1,130)	(1,130)
Repurchase of 2,453,119 ordinary shares for cancellation	(613)	–	613	(4,023)	–	(4,023)
At 31 July 2006	<u>21,088</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>36,483</u>	<u>74,874</u>	<u>8,044</u>	<u>140,494</u>
Year to 31 January 2007 (Audited)						
At 31 January 2006	21,701	5	35,870	89,691	8,286	155,553
Net (loss)/return from ordinary activities after taxation	–	–	–	(1,244)	1,430	186
Dividend paid in respect of year ended 31 January 2006	–	–	–	–	(1,130)	(1,130)
Repurchase of 13,914,940 ordinary shares for cancellation	(3,478)	–	3,478	(22,060)	–	(22,060)
At 31 January 2007	<u>18,223</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>39,348</u>	<u>66,387</u>	<u>8,586</u>	<u>132,549</u>

Purchase transaction costs for the six months to 31 July 2007 were £30,000 (six months to 31 July 2006: £25,000; year to 31 January 2007: £55,000). Sale transaction costs for the six months to 31 July 2007 were £39,000 (six months to 31 July 2006: £39,000; year to 31 January 2007: £98,000).

Unaudited Balance Sheet

at 31 July 2007

Note	(Unaudited) 31 July 2007 £'000	(Unaudited) 31 July 2006 £'000	(Audited) 31 January 2007 £'000
Fixed assets			
Investments held at fair value through profit or loss	<u>137,561</u>	<u>139,859</u>	<u>133,353</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	574	1,204	673
Cash at bank and short term deposits	<u>4,074</u>	<u>4,434</u>	<u>2,903</u>
	<u>4,648</u>	<u>5,638</u>	<u>3,576</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Loans	(3,000)	(3,000)	(3,000)
Other	<u>(1,174)</u>	<u>(1,944)</u>	<u>(1,334)</u>
	<u>(4,174)</u>	<u>(4,944)</u>	<u>(4,334)</u>
Net current assets/(liabilities)	<u>474</u>	<u>694</u>	<u>(758)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>138,035</u>	<u>140,553</u>	<u>132,595</u>
Provision for liabilities	<u>(40)</u>	<u>(59)</u>	<u>(46)</u>
Net assets	<u>137,995</u>	<u>140,494</u>	<u>132,549</u>
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	17,662	21,088	18,223
Share premium account	5	5	5
Capital redemption reserve	39,909	36,483	39,348
Capital reserves	72,219	74,874	66,387
Revenue reserve	<u>8,200</u>	<u>8,044</u>	<u>8,586</u>
Equity shareholders' funds	<u>137,995</u>	<u>140,494</u>	<u>132,549</u>
6 Net asset value per ordinary share – pence	<u>195.33</u>	<u>166.56</u>	<u>181.85</u>

Unaudited Cash Flow Statement

for the six months to 31 July 2007

Note	(Unaudited) Six months to 31 July 2007 £'000	(Unaudited) Six months to 31 July 2006 £'000	(Audited) Year to 31 January 2007 £'000
7			
Net cash inflow from operating activities	851	1,069	2,109
Interest paid	–	(2)	(162)
Net tax paid	(329)	(376)	(696)
Net cash inflow from financial investment	5,612	3,752	19,748
Equity dividends paid	(1,077)	(1,130)	(1,130)
Net cash inflow before financing	5,057	3,313	19,869
Net cash outflow from financing	(3,778)	(4,023)	(22,055)
Increase/(decrease) in cash during the period	1,279	(710)	(2,186)
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds			
Increase/(decrease) in cash	1,279	(710)	(2,186)
Foreign exchange movements	(108)	(89)	(144)
Movement in net funds/(debt)	1,171	(799)	(2,330)
Net (debt)/funds at the beginning of the period	(97)	2,233	2,233
Net funds/(debt) at the end of the period	1,074	1,434	(97)
Represented by			
Cash at bank	4,074	4,434	2,903
Loans – short term	(3,000)	(3,000)	(3,000)
Net funds/(debt) at the end of the period	1,074	1,434	(97)

Notes to the Accounts

at 31 July 2007

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of investments and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards, pronouncements on interim reporting issued by the Accounting Standards Board and with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Financial Statements of Investment Trust Companies' ("SORP") revised December 2005. All of the Company's operations are of a continuing nature.

The same accounting policies used for the year to 31 January 2007 have been applied.

2 Income

	(Unaudited) Six months to 31 July 2007 £'000	(Unaudited) Six months to 31 July 2006 £'000	(Audited) Year to 31 January 2007 £'000
Overseas dividends	1,534	1,896	3,204
UK dividends	18	–	27
Overseas scrip dividends	7	13	81
Interest on cash and deposits	51	61	155
Stock lending fees	16	9	24
	<u>1,626</u>	<u>1,979</u>	<u>3,491</u>

3 Management fee and performance-related management fee

On 27 May 2005, your Board appointed Witan as Executive Manager and Aberdeen and Nomura as the new Investment Managers. Each of the Investment Managers is entitled to a base management fee, calculated according to the value of the assets under their management, and a performance fee. The performance fee is calculated according to investment performance over a three year rolling period and is subject to a cap. Each Management Agreement can be terminated at one month's notice. The base management fees range from 0.2% to 0.25% per annum and the performance fees range from 10% to 15% per annum of the relevant outperformance.

The provisions included in the Income Statement at 31 July 2007, are calculated based on the performance of each Investment Manager relative to the benchmark index. Each provision assumes that both the benchmark and each Investment Manager's assets under management remain unchanged to 31 May 2008, being the date the third performance period ends.

4 Dividends per ordinary share

No interim dividend payment will be made (six months to 31 July 2006: nil; year to 31 January 2007: final of 1.50p per share).

5 Return per ordinary share

The return per ordinary share is based on the net return attributable to the ordinary shares of £10,296,000 (six months to 31 July 2006: loss £9,906,000; year to 31 January 2007: return £186,000) and on 71,755,548 ordinary shares (six months to 31 July 2006: 85,284,030; year to 31 January 2007: 81,701,101) being the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period.

	(Unaudited) Six months to 31 July 2007	(Unaudited) Six months to 31 July 2006	(Audited) Year to 31 January 2007
Net revenue return (£'000)	691	888	1,430
Net capital return (£'000)	9,605	(10,794)	(1,244)
Net total return (£'000)	<u>10,296</u>	<u>(9,906)</u>	<u>186</u>
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period	71,755,548	85,284,030	81,701,101
Revenue return per ordinary share – pence	0.96	1.04	1.75
Capital return per ordinary share – pence	<u>13.39</u>	<u>(12.66)</u>	<u>(1.52)</u>
Total return per ordinary share – pence	<u>14.35</u>	<u>(11.62)</u>	<u>0.23</u>

Notes to the Accounts

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6 Net asset value per ordinary share

Net asset value per ordinary share is based on 70,646,851 ordinary shares of 25p each in issue at 31 July 2007 (31 July 2006: 84,352,144 and 31 January 2007: 72,890,323).

7 Reconciliation of revenue return before finance costs and taxation to net cash inflow from operating activities

	(Unaudited) Six months to 31 July 2007 £'000	(Unaudited) Six months to 31 July 2006 £'000	(Audited) Year to 31 January 2007 £'000
Total return/(loss) before finance charges and taxation	10,712	(9,399)	1,058
Less capital return before finance charges and taxation	(9,594)	10,813	1,284
Revenue return before finance costs and taxation	1,118	1,414	2,342
Decrease/(increase) in accrued income	58	(54)	(38)
Increase in debtors of a revenue nature	(4)	(23)	(21)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors of a revenue nature	(260)	(193)	24
Management fee rebate	(54)	(62)	(117)
Scrip dividends	(7)	(13)	(81)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	851	1,069	2,109

8 Results

The results for the six months to 31 July 2007 and 31 July 2006, which are unaudited, constitute non-statutory accounts within the meaning of Section 240 of the Companies Act 1985. The latest published accounts which have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies are for the year to 31 January 2007, the report of the auditors thereon was unqualified and did not contain a statement under Section 237 of the Companies Act 1985. The comparative figures for the year to 31 January 2007 have been extracted from those accounts.

Executive Manager



Witan Investment Services Limited ("Witan") is the Executive Manager of Witan Pacific Investment Trust plc. Witan's role is to implement the Board's strategy and include the following:

- Advising on, monitoring and liaising with the Company's Investment Managers;
- Advising on, monitoring and liaising with the Company's service providers (custodian, fund accountant, company secretary etc); and
- Providing public and investor relations for the Company.

www.witan.com

Investment Managers

Aberdeen and Nomura each manage approximately 50% of the Company's assets. The Board believes that this investment strategy uses the expertise of Investment Managers with specialist market knowledge and successful track records in order to seek improved returns to shareholders. The blend of differing investment styles is intended to result in outperformance over market cycles.



Aberdeen Asset Managers Limited was established in Asia in 1992 and now manages some £15bn funds invested in the region. They possess a team of some 37 fund managers who follow a fundamental investment style emphasising the identification of good quality companies on low valuations relative to growth potential. These companies are likely to deliver above average growth in earnings and dividends over the long term. The investment team is directed by Hugh Young. Peter Hames (Investment Director) and Pascal Masse (Head of Japanese Equities) are involved with the day to day investment of the Company's portfolio.

www.aberdeenasset.com.sg

NOMURA

Nomura Asset Management U.K. Limited has been managing Pacific Basin assets since 1981 and has some £20bn invested in the region. They believe that markets are not fully efficient and that active management based on fundamental research can add value.

Nomura has considerable resource in the area with 44 analysts making some 6,500 company visits during 2006. Their process is research driven with an emphasis on stock selection whilst applying rigid risk controls. The nominated portfolio managers of the Company are Yosake Uchida (Senior Portfolio Manager – Tokyo) and Graham Muirhead (Senior Portfolio Manager – Singapore).

www.nomura.com/nam-europe/

There are a variety of ways to invest in the Company. The Trust is available for investment through the Witan Wealthbuilder savings platform managed by Witan Investment Services Limited. Witan Wealthbuilder offers a variety of different savings wrappers:

- The Share Plan is a straightforward savings scheme with minimum lump sum investments from £500 and/or regular savings from £50 per month or quarter.
- The ISA enables investors to save tax efficiently up to a limit of £7,000 per annum. Minimum lump sum investment is £2,000 with regular savings from £50 per month.
- The Transfer PEP allows investors to transfer all or any number of their existing PEP holdings to Witan Wealthbuilder. The investments retain their tax free status during and after transfer.

Further information is available by calling 0800 082 8180 or can be found online via www.witanpacific.com. If you would prefer to write to request further information the address is:

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Investors are reminded that the value of investments and the income from them may go down as well as up and investors may not get back the amount originally invested. Tax benefits may change if the law changes and their value will depend upon individual circumstances.

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Directors and Advisers

Directors

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An investment company as defined under Section 266 of the Companies Act 1985.

Registered Number: 91798

Information for Shareholders

Share Capital

Ordinary 25p shares

Share Prices and Net Asset Value Information

The Company's ordinary 25p shares are traded on the London Stock Exchange.

SEDOL number: 0365602
ISIN number: GB0003656021
EPIC code: WPC

The Company's share price is listed in the *Financial Times*, *Daily Telegraph* and *The Times* under the 'Investment Companies' sector.

The Company releases its net asset value per share to the London Stock Exchange on a daily basis.

Financial calendar

Year end 31 January

Results announced:

Annual	April
Interim	September

Annual General Meeting June

Annual and interim reports

Copies of the annual and interim reports can be obtained from the Company Secretary.

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Company registration

Company registration number: 91798

AIC

The Company is a member of the Association of Investment Companies.

Website

www.witanpacific.com

Note to those who access this document by electronic means

The interim report for the six months to 31 July 2007 has been approved by the Board of Witan Pacific Investment Trust plc and circulated to the Company's shareholders in hard copy format. It is also made available in electronic format for the convenience of readers. However, the Board cannot accept responsibility for guaranteeing the integrity of the document in electronic format. Printed copies are available from the Company's Registered Office in London.

Readers should note that legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements differs from legislation in other jurisdictions.

