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Aberdeen New Thai Investment Trust PLC

Interim Report

Six months ended 31 August 2005



Chairman's Statement

Background

It has been a difficult six months for the Thai market, but I am happy to report that your Company's performance was relatively steady, with its net asset value ending 3.4% higher on a total return basis, against a 7.1% decline in the Stock Exchange of Thailand Index. The income generated by your Company's investments has been continuing to increase, but in keeping with our usual practice we will declare a dividend at the end of our financial year.

Economic Overview

After a weak start, Thailand's economy staged a recovery in the second quarter of 2005. GDP grew by an annualised rate of 4.4% in the June quarter, due to resilient private investment and higher inventories. Firmer consumption was fuelled by rising farm incomes and employment, as well as an increase in loan growth.

Against this, exports grew at an anaemic pace while imports surged due to high crude prices. Prime Minister Thaksin, newly re-elected by a landslide, has tried to revive sentiment by unveiling a series of stimulus measures. His centrepiece is a five-year infrastructure development programme worth THB1.7trn.

The unprecedented rise in energy prices is putting those public spending plans at risk. Thailand is particularly vulnerable as it imports almost all of its crude oil to refine locally. So far this year, the oil price rise is estimated to have subtracted around 1% from GDP growth. It has also caused the current account to swing into deficit for the first time since the Asian financial crisis.

The government's response has been to cut fuel subsidies, a move which has been broadly welcomed given the inefficiencies that arise from a lack of market pricing. However, the inevitable acceleration in inflation in turn has prompted the central bank to raise interest rates five times this year. Inflation is at a seven-year high.

For the stock market, this has been a difficult environment in which to progress. Despite nominal rises, real interest rates remain very accommodative. Compared to its regional peers, the market has been a laggard (others having attracted strong inflows). But companies continue to generate decent cashflow and dividends are among the highest in the region, which provides defensiveness. There have been several new issues -- with a couple of state enterprises due to list -- albeit quality has been indifferent, which has been a mild frustration for our Managers.

The Company's holdings generally delivered a healthy set of earnings results over the period under review. The main adjustments to the portfolio included a new position in Kasikorn Bank. Although we remain slightly cautious of the domestic banking environment, the bank has a strong management team and has recapitalised its balance sheet and restructured its operations.

Other changes were to take partial profits in selected stocks that had performed well. These included transhipment operator Regional Container Lines, and PTTEP, the oil and gas company, which has benefited from the rise in freight rates and the high oil price. Conversely, we topped up Siam Cement, among others, following weakness in the share price.

Outlook

After its recent sideways drift, it is to be hoped that a floor has been set for stocks. Much will depend on whether the economy stabilises at the current slightly reduced rate of growth. The sustained high oil price and the impact of rising interest rates on consumer demand, and of inflation on corporate profitability, are our main concerns. Separately, the insurgency in the south may also impede growth and consumer sentiment should it continue to escalate.

These risks aside, Thailand's fundamentals appear sound. The correction in share prices over the past year or so has rendered valuations more attractive, and your portfolio currently trades on a prospective market yield, before expenses, of 4.5% and a prospective price/earnings multiple of 13 times 2005 earnings, which is undemanding by historical standards (both figures based on your Managers' conservative estimates). Importantly, balance sheets are strong, with the debt/equity ratio for the portfolio (excluding financials) standing at 11%, and there is as a consequence plenty of scope for companies to increase dividends, a pattern which we have been experiencing so far this year.

In conclusion, I would once again like to draw your attention to the quality and value of the Thai companies in your portfolio. Our Managers' thorough research leads us to believe these companies are well placed to sustain earnings growth in the coming year.

9 November 2005

Keith Falconer
Chairman

Financial Calendar

9 November 2005	Announcement of unaudited interim results
November 2005	Interim Report posted to Shareholders
May 2006	Announcement of results for the year ending 28 February 2006
May 2006	Annual Report posted to Shareholders
June 2006	Annual General Meeting

Investment Portfolio

As at 31 August 2005

Company	Sector	Valuation £'000	Total assets %*
PTT Exploration & Production	Energy	2,150	8.7
Siam Cement	Building & Furnishing Materials	1,987	8.0
Siam Makro	Commerce	1,666	6.7
Hana Microelectronics	Electronic Components	1,486	6.0
Thai Reinsurance	Insurance	1,370	5.5
Goodyear Thailand	Vehicles & Parts	1,238	5.0
Central Pattana	Property Development	1,207	4.9
Kasikornbank	Banks	1,174	4.7
Eastern Water	Water	1,148	4.6
Amarin Printing & Publishing	Printing & Publishing	1,128	4.5
Top ten investments		14,554	58.6
Regional Container Line	Transportation	1,099	4.4
Tisco Finance	Banks	981	4.0
MFC Asset Management	Finance & Securities	923	3.7
Bangkok Insurance	Insurance	913	3.7
Big C Supercenter	Commerce	803	3.2
Advanced Information Services	Electronic Components	673	2.7
Aeon Thana Sinsap	Finance & Securities	638	2.6
Thai Stanley Electric	Vehicles & Parts	617	2.5
Sammakorn	Property Development	555	2.2
Ratchaburi Electricity Generating	Energy	525	2.1
Top twenty investments		22,281	89.7
Siam City Cement	Building & Furnishing Materials	468	1.9
Electricity Generating	Energy	466	1.9
Prakit FCB	Professional Services	454	1.8
Phatra Insurance	Insurance	453	1.8
Alucon	Packaging	384	1.6
Haad Thip	Foods & Beverages	217	0.9
Serm Suk Public	Foods & Beverages	157	0.6
True Corp (Rights)	Communication	0	0.0
Total fixed asset investments		24,880	100.2
Net current liabilities		(38)	(0.2)
Total assets*		24,842	100.0

* Excluding bank loans of £1,324,000.

Statement of Total Return (unaudited)

	Notes	Six months ended 31 August 2005 (unaudited)			Six months ended 31 August 2004 (unaudited) (restated)		
		Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000
Gains/(losses) on held-at-fair-value investments		-	250	250	-	(2,612)	(2,612)
Income from investments		1,012	-	1,012	780	-	780
Interest receivable		5	-	5	1	-	1
Investment management fee		(113)	-	(113)	(104)	-	(104)
Administration expenses		(108)	-	(108)	(106)	-	(106)
Exchange losses		(5)	(30)	(35)	-	(13)	(13)
Net return before finance costs and taxation		791	220	1,011	571	(2,625)	(2,054)
Interest payable and similar charges		(41)	-	(41)	(22)	-	(22)
Net return on ordinary activities before taxation		750	220	970	549	(2,625)	(2,076)
Taxation on ordinary activities		(211)	-	(211)	(157)	-	(157)
Return on ordinary activities after taxation		539	220	759	392	(2,625)	(2,233)
Return per Ordinary share (pence):	4			4.19			(12.34)

The total column of this statement represents the profit and loss account of the Company.

All revenue and capital items are derived from continuing operations.

Balance Sheet

	Notes	As at 31 August 2005 (unaudited) £'000	As at 31 August 2004 (unaudited) (restated) £'000	As at 28 February 2005 (audited) (restated) £'000
Fixed assets				
Investments designated as held-at-fair-value		24,880	20,609	23,723
Current assets				
Debtors		422	109	268
Cash at bank		213	46	489
		635	155	757
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year				
Bank loans		(1,324)	(924)	(1,296)
Other creditors		(673)	(178)	(172)
		(1,997)	(1,102)	(1,468)
Net current liabilities		(1,362)	(947)	(711)
Total assets less current liabilities		23,518	19,662	23,012
Provisions for liabilities and charges		-	(19)	-
Net assets		23,518	19,643	23,012
Capital and reserves				
Called-up share capital		4,524	4,524	4,524
Share premium account		13,058	13,058	13,058
Capital redemption reserve		106	106	106
Capital reserve - realised		(952)	(2,316)	(1,615)
Capital reserve - unrealised		5,425	3,154	5,868
Revenue reserve		1,357	1,117	1,071
Equity Shareholders' funds		23,518	19,643	23,012
Net asset value per Ordinary share (pence):	5	129.96	108.55	127.17

Statement of Changes in Equity (unaudited)

Six months ended 31 August 2005	Share capital £'000	Share premium account £'000	Capital redemption reserve £'000	Capital reserve - realised £'000	Capital reserve - unrealised £'000	Revenue reserve £'000	Total £'000
Balance at 28 February 2005 (restated)	4,524	13,058	106	(1,615)	5,868	1,071	23,012
Net profit/(loss) on ordinary activities after taxation	-	-	-	663	(443)	539	759
Dividend paid (Final 2005 - 1.40p)	-	-	-	-	-	(253)	(253)
Balance at 31 August 2005	4,524	13,058	106	(952)	5,425	1,357	23,518

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Balance at 28 February 2004 (restated)	4,524	13,058	106	(2,782)	6,245	978	22,129
Net profit/(loss) on ordinary activities after taxation	-	-	-	466	(3,091)	392	(2,233)
Dividend paid (Final 2004 - 1.40p)	-	-	-	-	-	(253)	(253)
Balance at 31 August 2004	4,524	13,058	106	(2,316)	3,154	1,117	19,643

Cash Flow Statement (unaudited)

	Six months ended 31 August 2005 (unaudited) £'000	Six months ended 31 August 2004 (unaudited) £'000
Net cash inflow from operating activities	600	380
Net cash outflow from servicing of finance	(43)	(21)
Net cash outflow from financial investment	(573)	(622)
Equity dividend paid	(253)	(253)
Net cash outflow before financing	(269)	(516)
Financing		
Drawdown of loans	-	-
Decrease in cash	(269)	(516)
Reconciliation of operating revenue to net cash inflow from operating activities		
Net revenue before finance costs and taxation	791	571
Increase in accrued income	(93)	(92)
Increase in other debtors	(4)	-
Decrease in other creditors	(11)	(34)
Overseas withholding tax suffered	(83)	(65)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	600	380
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movements in net debt		
Decrease in cash as above	(269)	(516)
Cash inflow from drawdown of loans	-	-
Change in net debt resulting from cash flows	(269)	(516)
Exchange movements	(35)	(13)
Movement in net debt in the period	(304)	(529)
Opening net debt at 1 March	(807)	(349)
Closing net debt at 31 August	(1,111)	(878)
Represented by:		
Cash at bank	213	46
Debt falling due within one year	(1,324)	(924)
	(1,111)	(878)

Notes to the Accounts

1. Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified to include the revaluation of investments and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and with the Statement of Recommended Practice for "Financial Statements of Investment Trust Companies". They have also been prepared on the assumption that the approval as an investment trust will continue to be granted.

For the accounting period beginning on 1 March 2005 the Company had the option to prepare its financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), as adopted by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"). The Board has elected to continue to adopt UK Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("UK GAAP") and therefore with the new Financial Reporting Standards issued as part of the programme to converge UK GAAP with IFRS. Figures for the six months ended 31 August 2004 and the year ended 28 February 2005 have been restated accordingly.

The same accounting policies used for the year ended 28 February 2005 have been applied with the following exceptions:

- (a) Investments are measured initially at cost and are recognised at trade date. Subsequent to initial recognition investments are valued at fair value. For listed investments this is deemed to be bid market prices. Movements in fair value are recognised in the statement of total return.
- (b) Interim and final dividends are recognised in the period in which they are paid.

The impact of these changes are shown below.

	As at 28 February 2005 (audited) £'000	As at 31 August 2004 (unaudited) £'000	As at 28 February 2004 (audited) £'000
2. Reconciliation of Balance Sheets			
Net assets as previously reported	22,903	19,827	21,971
Restatement of investments at bid value	(144)	(184)	(95)
Reversal of provision for final dividend	253	-	253
Restated net assets	<u>23,012</u>	<u>19,643</u>	<u>22,129</u>

	Six months ended 31 August 2004 (unaudited) £'000
3. Reconciliation of the Statement of Total Return	
Total transfer to reserves per original reported Statement of Total Return	(2,144)
Change from mid to bid basis at 28 February 2004	95
Change from mid to bid basis at 31 August 2004	(184)
	<u>(2,233)</u>

Notes to the Accounts– continued

Ordinary dividends on equity shares deducted from reserves are analysed below:

	Six months ended 31 August 2005 (unaudited) £'000	Six months ended 31 August 2004 (unaudited) £'000
2004 final dividend - 1.40p	-	253
2005 final dividend - 1.40p	253	-
	253	253

	Six months ended 31 August 2005	Six months ended 31 August 2004 (restated)
	p	p
4. Return per share		
Revenue return	2.98	2.17
Capital return	1.21	(14.51)
	4.19	(12.34)

The figures above are based on the following attributable assets:

	Six months ended 31 August 2005 £'000	Six months ended 31 August 2004 (restated) £'000
Revenue return	539	392
Capital return	220	(2,625)
	759	(2,233)
Weighted average number of Ordinary shares in issue	18,095,420	18,095,420

	As at 31 August 2005	As at 31 August 2004 (restated)	As at 28 February 2005 (restated)
5. Net asset value per share			
Attributable net assets (£'000)	23,518	19,643	23,012
Number of Ordinary shares in issue	18,095,420	18,095,420	18,095,420
Ordinary share (p)	129.96	108.55	127.17

	Six months ended 31 August 2005 £'000	Six months ended 31 August 2004 £'000
6. Transaction costs		
Incurred during the period were transaction costs of:		
Purchases	5	8
Sales	2	5
	7	13

7. In accordance with stated policy no interim dividend has been declared for the period (2004 - nil).

8. The financial information for the year ended 28 February 2005 has been extracted from the unrevised Annual Report and Accounts of the Company which have been filed with the Registrar of Companies and restated where required as a result of the implementation of the new Financial Reporting Standards. The auditors' report on those accounts was unqualified.

The statement of total return and balance sheet do not represent full accounts in accordance with Section 240 of the Companies Act 1985.

Independent Review Report to Aberdeen New Thai Investment Trust PLC

Introduction

We have been engaged by the Company to review the financial information set out on pages 4 to 10 and we have read the other information contained in the Interim Report and considered whether it contains any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial information.

This report is made solely to the Company in accordance with the terms of our engagement to assist the Company in meeting the requirements of the Listing Rules of the Financial Services Authority. Our review has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company those matters we are required to state to it in this 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 for our review work, for this report, or for the conclusions we have reached.

Directors' Responsibilities

The Interim Report, including the financial information contained therein, is the responsibility of, and has been approved by, the Directors. The Directors are responsible for preparing the Interim Report in accordance with the Listing Rules which require that the accounting policies and presentation applied to the interim figures should be consistent with those applied in preparing the preceding annual accounts except where they are to be changed in the next annual accounts, in which case, any changes and the reason for them, are to be disclosed.

Review Work Performed

We conducted our review in accordance with guidance contained in Bulletin 1999/4: 'Review of Interim Financial Information' issued by the Auditing Practices Board for use in the United Kingdom. A review consists principally of making enquiries of management and applying analytical procedures to the financial information and underlying financial data and, based thereon, assessing whether the accounting policies and presentation have been consistently applied unless otherwise disclosed. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit performed in accordance with Auditing Standards and therefore provides a lower level of assurance than an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on the financial information.

Review Conclusion

On the basis of our review we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial information as presented for the six months ended 31 August 2005.

9 November 2005

KPMG Audit Plc
Chartered Accountants
Edinburgh

Information about the Manager

Aberdeen Investment Trust Share Plan

Aberdeen Asset Managers Limited ("AAM") runs a Share Plan (the "Plan") which covers a number of investment companies under its management including Aberdeen New Thai Investment Trust PLC. All investments are free of dealing charges on the initial purchase of shares, although investors will suffer the bid-offer spread, which can, on some occasions, be a significant amount. Lump sum investments start at £250 per trust, while regular savers may invest from just £100 per month. Investors simply pay Government Stamp Duty (currently 0.5%) on entry. Selling costs are £10 + VAT. There is no restriction on how long an investor need invest in a Plan, and regular savers can stop or suspend participation by instructing AAM in writing at any time. In common with other schemes of this type, all investments are held in nominee accounts. Investors have full voting and other rights of share ownership.

Aberdeen Investment Trust Individual Savings Account

The Aberdeen Investment Trust ISA (the "ISA") has been available from 6 April 1999. It aims to generate income and/or capital growth within a tax efficient environment. Investors can hold up to three components within an ISA: stocks and shares (including Investment Trusts), cash and life insurance. AAM offers both a Mini and Maxi stocks and shares ISA, but does not offer the cash or life insurance components.

Maxi ISA

The Maxi ISA offers a wide range of AAM managed or advised Investment Companies including emerging markets and specialist trusts. The Maxi ISA does not have a cash or life insurance component. An investment of up to £7,000 can be made in the tax year 2005/2006.

Mini ISA

AAM offers a Mini ISA which will enable investors to invest up to £4,000 in the Aberdeen Investment Trusts in the tax year 2005/2006.

There are no brokerage or initial charges for the Aberdeen Investment Trust ISA, although investors will suffer the bid-offer spread, which can be a significant amount. Investors only pay Government Stamp Duty (currently 0.5%) on purchases. Selling costs are £15 + VAT. The annual ISA management charge is £24 + VAT, calculated monthly and deducted from income half yearly. Under current legislation, trusts can grow free of income or capital gains tax. In the case of dividends from equity assets held within an ISA or a PEP, a 10% tax credit was reclaimed until 5 April 2004, when the tax credit was abolished.

PEP Transfer

PEPs are an easy way to make medium and long term tax efficient investments in stock markets. All income and capital gains are free of tax. Since 5 April 1999 no further subscriptions can be made into a PEP. You can however transfer existing PEPs to AAM. The minimum lump sum for a PEP transfer is £1,000 and is subject to a minimum per trust of £250.

Trust Information

If investors would like details of any trust managed by AAM, or information on the Share Plan or ISA please telephone 0500 00 00 40 or write to Aberdeen Asset Managers Limited, 10 Queen's Terrace, Aberdeen AB10 1YG or e-mail inv.trusts@aberdeen-asset.com. Details are also available by accessing the AAM website: <http://www.aberdeen-asset.com>

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