

MORAY PLACE INVESTMENT COMPANY

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 30 September 2020

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ABOUT YOUR COMPANY

Moray Place Investment Company (MPIC) was formed on 2 May 2012 as an open-ended investment company and started trading on 15 May 2012. It is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority in the UK as a non-UCITS retail scheme.

The company is intended to be a long-term investment vehicle for like-minded individuals. It is low-cost, straightforward and free of the conflicts of interest that bedevil the money management industry.

MPIC's objective is to preserve and then grow the purchasing power of its investors' capital. The investment manager believes that it is most meaningful to assess MPIC's progress over a full economic cycle, which is typically five to ten years. Over this time frame useful comparators include UK consumer price inflation, the yield on long-dated gilts, and equity indices.

MPIC expects to achieve its objective primarily through owning shares in established companies listed on stock exchanges around the world. It will not borrow, use derivatives, short-sell securities, or invest in property directly.

The investment approach is uncomplicated, disciplined and patient. The investment manager also believes that it is conservative, if idiosyncratic. MPIC is not designed to appeal to a broad constituency. It is only suitable for investors who can evaluate the merits and risks of such an approach: if you cannot, or it makes you uncomfortable, or it simply does not suit your psychology, you should not invest.

Value of company at 30 September 2020	£93.0m
Authorised Corporate Director (ACD)	Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited
Investment manager	Hollis Capital Limited
Minimum investment	Initial: £200,000 Subsequent: £10,000
Dealing spread	1%
Ongoing charges	0.46%
Performance fee	Not applicable
Initial charges	Not applicable
Redemption charges	5% for sales within 2 years of purchase; 2% for sales between 2 and 5 years of purchase <i>Paid to MPIC, not to the ACD or investment manager</i>
Ex-dividend date	30 September
Dividend date	30 November

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	At and for the year ended				
	30 Sept 2020	30 Sept 2019	30 Sept 2018	30 Sept 2017	30 Sept 2016
Value of company	£93.0m	£92.2m	£81.0m	£68.7m	£51.4m
Shares outstanding					
Accumulation	31.9m	30.4m	28.5m	27.3m	22.2m
Income	9.2m	7.6m	7.6m	5.7m	5.6m
NAV per share (mid price)					
Accumulation	230.4p	246.5p	228.2p	210.4p	186.9p
Income	211.8p	228.4p	214.4p	200.4p	180.3p
Dividend per share					
Accumulation	1.82p	3.48p	3.09p	2.66p	2.28p
Income	1.69p	3.27p	2.95p	2.56p	2.22p
Effective liquidity	20%	19%	21%	22%	25%
Ongoing charges	0.46%	0.47%	0.49%	0.51%	0.58%
Portfolio turnover	6%	8%	7%	8%	9%
			Cumulative gain to 30 Sept 2020		
			5 years	Since inception	
NAV per accumulation share			63%	130%	
Comparators					
UK Consumer Price Index			9%		14%
Index of the annual yield on the longest dated gilt			8%		23%
FTSE All-Share Total Return Index			19%		57%

Notes

The company started trading on 15 May 2012 when shares were issued at 100p each.

Effective liquidity includes the investment in gold; all the current constituents are shown on page 9.

The ongoing charges ratio is based on the actual charges and the average NAV during the period.

LETTER TO SHAREHOLDERS

Dear fellow shareholders

Moray Place Investment Company exists to protect and then grow the purchasing power of its investors' capital. My first letter to shareholders in 2012 outlined the guiding principles by which I manage the company. Those principles are repeated in full on pages six and seven.

Progress so far

In my 2012 letter I stated that a single year is not a meaningful period over which to assess MPIC's progress. Instead, I would evaluate the company's results over a full economic cycle. As each cycle varies in length, and for simplicity, I committed to comment on periods of at least five years but no more than ten. In that letter I also undertook to gauge progress against three benchmarks, which are shown in the table at the bottom of page two.

Since inception in May 2012, MPIC's asset value per accumulation share has risen by 130%. This compares with an increase in the UK Consumer Price Index of 14% over the same period. The table on page 25 offers another perspective. Its final row shows that the increase in asset value per share is equivalent to an average annual gain in purchasing power of almost 9%. I expect the company to continue to grow its investors' purchasing power. However, as I have written before, I do not think it reasonable to expect future annual gains in purchasing power of more than 5% to be sustainable. And any advance is unlikely to be as regular as it has been so far.

Fundamental progress and the patience to wait

There appear to be two distinct breeds of stockmarket investor: those who love markets and those who love companies. The mentality of the market-lover is that of a hunter who seeks dramatic, quick killings from buying equities at low prices and selling at higher ones. For him, the stockmarket is the world's greatest game. Share price fluctuations are the opportunity. In contrast, the mentality of the company-lover is akin to that of a farmer. He needs the judgement to plant good seeds in fertile land, the equanimity to accept variations in the weather, and the patience to wait. He uses the stockmarket to own companies. Share price fluctuations are a distraction.

I manage MPIC with a farmer's mentality. I believe that the best way to protect and grow the purchasing power of MPIC's capital is through the undisturbed ownership of superior businesses – which happen to be quoted on stock exchanges. Thus, over time, I expect most of MPIC's progress to come from the growth in the underlying businesses of its equity investments. I do not seek to buy equities to sell for gains of 50% or even 100%. I aspire to own companies that might double their underlying business values not just once, but again and again. What is needed is the patience to wait – possibly for a couple of decades. Investing is not just about return but also duration. It is possible to achieve a good outcome not from seeking the highest immediate returns but from decent results sustained for a long time.

To help assess MPIC's progress since May 2012, I have used a framework outlined in previous letters. It distinguishes between the *fundamental* and *speculative* returns from equity investing. The fundamental return is that of the underlying business. The speculative return is the change in the stockmarket's valuation of that business. My approach is to buy superior businesses at a reasonable price, hold on, and earn the fundamental return over time. I do not invest for speculative gains. However, by paying a reasonable price, I do hope to avoid speculative losses.

Since May 2012, the total return from MPIC's overall portfolio has been 130%. The total return from its equity investments has been 170%. To estimate MPIC's fundamental return from its equities since inception I reviewed its original 38 holdings. Of those original holdings, three quarters by value have been owned continuously. As a proxy for the progress in underlying business value, I used the growth in net asset values per share, adjusted for dividends. By this surrogate, I calculate that the original MPIC equity portfolio has grown its underlying business

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value by 125% over the period. This is the fundamental return – that which is derived from the underlying businesses. The total return achieved from MPIC's equities is greater than the fundamental return owing to a speculative return of 20%. This speculative boost is from the devaluation of sterling as well as a rise in the stockmarket's valuation of MPIC's equities. Measured by the ratio of share price to asset value, the rise in valuation has been minimal.

Since May 2012, MPIC's effective liquidity has comprised cash, inflation-linked government bonds and gold. The total return from effective liquidity has been 40%, largely owing to the gains in the gold price denominated in sterling. The fundamental and speculative returns from gold are not easily defined. I have assumed that gold's fundamental return is equivalent to the rise in consumer prices over the holding period. The rest of its return is thus speculative.

A summary of my analysis is shown in the table below.

MPIC	% MPIC at 30 Sept 20	From 15 May 2012 to 30 September 2020		
		Fundamental return (A)	Speculative return (B)	Total return (1+A)(1+B)-1
Equities	80%	125%	20%	170%
Effective liquidity	20%	10%	27%	40%
Overall portfolio	100%	90%	21%	130%

The table shows that the most important element in MPIC's progress has been the fundamental return from its equities. It is worth stressing that the 125% fundamental return has nothing to do with my proficiency in trading shares. It is the result of healthy businesses constantly reinvesting some of their profits. The reinvested profits add to the accumulated savings invested in the businesses by its owners. The continuous compounding of owners' savings, or capital, is manifested in the rise in asset value.

The 125% fundamental return from MPIC's equities is a good result compared to inflation as well as to most publicly quoted businesses. However, the excess over inflation has been flattered by favourable corporate trading conditions since inception. Over the period, unemployment has been low, interest rates have continued falling and asset prices have continued rising. Less favourable times lie ahead.

Markel, the US insurer, is a specific example. It has been MPIC's largest investment since inception. Markel makes money from underwriting commercial risks as well as from investing its policyholders' premiums and its owners' capital. It is a profitable and durable business. It pays no dividend, so reinvests all its profits to maximise the compounding of its owners' capital, or asset value. Year to year the progression in asset value is unpredictable owing to the vagaries of underwriting and investing. Yet, every five to seven years Markel's net asset value per share tends to double. It has risen by 125% in US dollars since MPIC's inception in May 2012. Notably, over this period, the ratio of Markel's share price to asset value has not changed. I think its business and, therefore, share price prospects remain compelling.

With my investing approach, MPIC's long-term prospects are likely to be dominated by the fundamental return from its equities. That is the growth in their underlying businesses, powered by the compounding effect of reinvesting profits. The speculative return fluctuates more year to year, but over time its impact diminishes. Thus, I spend my time trying to identify companies with enduring compounding characteristics. I do not worry about fluctuations in share prices. Mostly I need the farmer's patience – to wait.

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Paper money and durable wealth

Frederic Bastiat, the 19th century French economist, described the state as “the great fiction through which everyone endeavours to live at the expense of everyone else”. The COVID-19 crisis is proving to be a prime example. Governments around the world are trying to protect their electorates from risk and pain. Their intention is understandable. The protection is immediate, obvious and concentrated. Unfortunately, protection costs money. The costs are less immediate, less obvious and less concentrated. It is an appealing trade-off for political leaders. It may prove less appealing for investors.

One consequence of government and central bank action may be a more rapid devaluation of paper money – that is, rising inflation. The prevailing view seems unconcerned, reassured by two beliefs. The first is that inflation is not a risk while we face recession and high unemployment. The second is that central banks can control rising inflation.

The prevailing view was the same entering the 1970s. It was wrong then and it may be wrong now. Maynard Keynes provided the intellectual justification for short-sighted palliatives, encapsulated in his quip, “in the long run we are all dead”. However, President Nixon’s economic aide, Herbert Stein, noted the problem. Stein said, “We woke up to discover that we were living in the long run and were suffering for our failure to look after it.” Two generations later, we may suffer again for our failure to look after the long run.

Fortunately, human progress does not rely on political leadership. Instead, what matters is skilled, motivated and free people trying to make their lives better. Private businesses are communities of problem-solvers that make lives better. Profitable businesses that treat their customers well are an enduring way of creating and growing wealth. Such businesses are rare, so if I can identify them at reasonable prices, I expect MPIC to own them for many years.

Unfortunately, businesses will not be immune if the global experiment in extreme policies ends badly. MPIC owns gold as insurance against bad outcomes, as well as a form of liquidity. In contrast to paper money, gold is not someone else’s liability, its supply is limited, and it has been a store of purchasing power throughout recorded history. Gold is a durable store of wealth. However, it is not a productive asset and does not have the potential to grow like a good business. Over time, the purchasing power of gold does not tend to rise. Its price rises because the value of paper money falls.

Do as you would be done by

I created MPIC by following the golden rule: do as you would be done by. Thus, it is a low-cost, tax-efficient savings vehicle for like-minded individuals. Most of my own capital is, and will remain, invested in MPIC.

MPIC is a long-term endeavour. My aim is to grow its purchasing power with long-term co-investors. My wish is to partner with people I know and who understand what I am trying to achieve. My hope is for a reasonable outcome and to survive bad times without undue distress.

Thank you for your continued trust and patient support.

Peter Hollis

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

All enduring human endeavours and relationships appear to have a commitment to common goals and shared values. To help potential co-investors assess whether they share my goals and values, in my first letter to shareholders in 2012 I outlined the objectives and guiding principles by which I manage MPIC. They are restated below, as they have been in every annual report. They are principles, so are unlikely to change significantly. However, they may evolve as I continue to learn from new insights as well as from my mistakes.

Investment objective and appropriate gauges of progress

One key to attracting and keeping like-minded co-investors is that we gauge progress by the same yardstick. Moreover, that yardstick needs to be stated at the start of the relationship.

The essence of investment is to defer consumption today so that one may consume more in future. Hence, MPIC's objective is to preserve and then grow the purchasing power of its investors' capital. In deferring consumption today one might wish, for instance, to buy more groceries, property or education in future. All would represent valid standards by which to assess progress. However, for ease, I will compare MPIC's results against three benchmarks.

1. *The UK Consumer Price Index*

Spending power is most commonly evaluated with respect to consumer goods. One basic hurdle for MPIC is thus to grow faster than UK consumer goods inflation.

2. *The yield on UK long-dated gilts*

Consumer goods are only a part of personal expenditure. Perhaps the most comprehensive gauge of the expected erosion of purchasing power is the yield on UK long-dated gilts. This yield can be interpreted as the market's best guess of the nominal return required at least to sustain the purchasing power of pound sterling in the future.

3. *The UK FTSE All-Share Index*

MPIC is not an equity fund, but it does expect primarily to use quoted equities as the means of achieving its objective. An equity index is thus an informative comparator, as well as a test of whether MPIC is preserving its investors' purchasing power in one specific form of assets: publicly quoted companies.

Note, first, that the comparators are UK-oriented. This seems appropriate as most of MPIC's owners are British with predominantly pound sterling commitments and liabilities. Second, I do not believe that a single year is an informative time frame over which to assess progress. I believe that the most appropriate period is an economic cycle, not the time it takes the earth to orbit the sun. Thus, I will compare MPIC's returns against its three comparators over a full economic cycle. The economic cycle varies in length, but for simplicity I will define it as a minimum of five years and maximum of ten, and comment on both periods.

My guiding principles

Another way of assessing whether there is a community of interest with my investment values is to compare your investing beliefs, or principles, with mine. These are mine:

- *I will treat your investment in MPIC as I would treat my own*
I have, and will maintain, most of my personal capital in MPIC.
- *Costs matter*
While the investment results of MPIC will be volatile and inherently uncertain, I am certain of one thing: costs erode long-term returns. Therefore, MPIC aspires to be one of the lowest cost investment companies available to individual investors.

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- *Purposeful inactivity*
I will invest so to be untroubled were financial markets to close for five years. Expect turnover of investments within MPIC to average less than 10% each year.
- *Independent thinking*
My investment philosophy is to be conservative, but not conventional. I will shun excessively popular, fashionable investments. I believe that an important paradox in investment is that the more popular an idea becomes, the less profitable it is likely to be.
- *Long-term optimism about man's instincts to trade, barter and exchange goods and ideas*
I believe that this is the true source of durable prosperity and wealth. Rising living standards are largely derived from accumulated knowledge and new ideas, which is only constrained by human ingenuity and imagination.
- *Long-term pessimism on the value of government promises*
Politicians promise too much. In exchange for obvious short-term benefits they willingly incur less obvious long-term costs. This undermines the value of government-backed promises, such as paper money and sovereign bonds. One consequence is inflation, which I believe to be at source a political phenomenon. It has been one of the tragedies of modern financial academic work to label government bonds "risk-free".
- *The role of quoted equity investments*
I believe that the long-term ownership of superior businesses run by honest people is the best means of allowing the investor to participate in the general tendency for global living standards to rise, while simultaneously protecting his capital from inflation. Quoted equity securities allow the investor to part-own a variety of such businesses around the world, at remarkably low cost. Consequently, it is likely that investments in quoted equities will dominate the portfolio.
- *Risk and uncertainty cannot be avoided*
Business and investing are complex, unpredictable and fraught with uncertainty. I do not believe that government bonds are risk-free. I do not believe that investment risk can be quantified. And I do not believe in smooth progress. MPIC is designed to cope with investment risk and uncertainty, not to eliminate it.
- *Progress will be lumpy*
Quoted equities represent claims on corporate cash flows, yet their market prices have proved far more volatile than their underlying business values. Historically, publicly listed businesses have suffered widespread, general falls in market prices in approximately one calendar year in three. Indeed, dramatic declines of over 30% have occurred at some point in most decades. I do not believe that MPIC can avoid such characteristic downturns in business and stockmarket cycles, but it will seek to survive them without undue distress.
- *I will discourage investors who cannot commit funds for at least five years*
MPIC is an open-ended investment company. If funds flow in *and out*, the company's returns may be compromised, to the detriment of the remaining shareholders. Thus, there is an exit charge for all redemptions within five years, which is paid into MPIC to compensate the remaining shareholders. (The charge is not paid to the ACD or the investment manager.)

Peter Hollis

PORTFOLIO AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

Security	Country	Holding	Value (£)	%	30 Sept 2019
Markel	US	10,600	7,921,919	8.5%	
Next	UK	60,000	3,585,600	3.8%	
Progressive Corp	US	48,000	3,494,578	3.8%	
Moody's	US	15,000	3,385,227	3.6%	
Svenska Handelsbanken A	Sweden	500,000	3,244,515	3.5%	
Jardine Strategic	Singapore	210,000	3,226,683	3.5%	
Ackermans & van Haaren	Belgium	32,000	3,225,829	3.5%	
Exor	Italy	75,000	3,167,933	3.4%	
Franco-Nevada	Canada	28,000	3,053,861	3.3%	
Fairfax Financial	Canada	13,000	2,965,132	3.2%	
GBL	Belgium	41,850	2,932,242	3.1%	
Admiral Group	UK	110,000	2,864,950	3.1%	
JD Wetherspoon	UK	340,000	2,847,500	3.1%	
VP	UK	421,141	2,695,302	2.9%	
AMERCO	US	8,500	2,364,446	2.5%	
Investor B	Sweden	40,000	2,027,984	2.2%	
Bunzl	UK	70,000	1,765,400	1.9%	
Philip Morris International	US	30,000	1,734,759	1.9%	
Hansa Investment Company A	UK	825,000	1,410,750		
Hansa Investment Company Ord	UK	125,000	205,000	1.7%	
Ryanair	Ireland	140,000	1,459,297	1.6%	
Lloyds Banking Group	UK	5,000,000	1,316,500	1.4%	
Nestle	Switzerland	14,000	1,290,925	1.4%	
Heineken Holding	Netherlands	20,000	1,213,773	1.3%	
Rights & Issues Investment Trust	UK	66,000	1,191,300	1.3%	
Ringkjoebing Landbobank	Denmark	20,000	1,175,670	1.3%	
RLI Corp	US	18,000	1,168,595	1.3%	
Atlas Copco B	Sweden	30,000	973,614	1.0%	
Jet2	UK	140,000	935,550	1.0%	
US Bancorp	US	30,000	830,020	0.9%	
Alleghany Corp	US	1,800	728,188	0.8%	
Wm Morrison Supermarkets	UK	400,000	685,000	0.7%	
CF-Alba	Spain	20,000	647,527	0.7%	
Sofina	Belgium	3,000	636,175	0.7%	
Strategic Education	US	7,000	508,787	0.5%	
Itausa	Brazil	400,000	487,997	0.5%	
Motor Oil (Hellas)	Greece	43,071	394,093	0.4%	
Greggs	UK	30,000	351,750	0.4%	
Remgro	South Africa	75,000	327,151	0.4%	
Ocean Wilsons Holdings	UK	30,000	186,000	0.2%	
Total equities			74,627,522	80.3%	81.3%

PORTFOLIO AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

Security	Country	Holding	Value (£)	%	30 Sept 2019
US 0.625% Inflation-protected Treasury 2021	US	750,000	676,565	0.7%	
Royal Canadian Mint Gold ETR	Canada	375,000	6,475,295	6.9%	
Sprott Physical Gold Trust	US	340,000	3,985,505	4.3%	
Perth Mint Gold ETP	Australia	248,208	3,656,910	3.9%	
Sprott Physical Gold & Silver Trust	Canada	200,000	2,895,128	3.1%	
Cash and equivalents	Various		856,772	1.0%	
Total effective liquidity			18,546,175	19.9%	18.9%
<i>Adjustment to revalue assets from mid to bid</i>			-217,351	-0.2%	
Total portfolio			92,956,346	100%	

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Statement of total return

For the year ended 30 September		2020		2019	
		£	£	£	£
	Notes				
Income					
Net capital gains (losses)	2	(7,181,634)		5,570,410	
Revenue	3	1,262,951		1,806,872	
Expenses	4	(429,571)		(407,063)	
Finance costs: interest	5	<u>(3,104)</u>		<u>(4,563)</u>	
Net revenues before taxation		830,276		1,395,246	
Taxation	6	<u>(97,632)</u>		<u>(102,191)</u>	
Net revenues after taxation		<u>732,644</u>		<u>1,293,055</u>	
Total return before dividend		(6,448,990)		6,863,465	
Finance costs: dividend	5	<u>(737,454)</u>		<u>(1,309,784)</u>	
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		<u>(7,186,444)</u>		<u>5,553,681</u>	

Statement of changes in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the year ended 30 September		2020		2019	
		£		£	
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		92,225,527		81,033,711	
Amounts receivable on creation of shares		7,523,518		4,742,386	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares		(187,913)		(164,882)	
Dividend accumulated		581,658		1,060,631	
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		<u>(7,186,444)</u>		<u>5,553,681</u>	
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		<u>92,956,346</u>		<u>92,225,527</u>	

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Balance sheet

At 30 September		2020		2019	
		£	£	£	£
	Notes				
Assets					
Investment assets		92,099,574		90,764,586	
Debtors	7	263,841		259,548	
Cash and bank balances	8	<u>900,411</u>		<u>1,559,651</u>	
Total other assets		<u>1,164,252</u>		<u>1,819,199</u>	
Total assets		93,263,826		92,583,785	
Liabilities					
Creditors	9	(151,684)		(109,105)	
Dividend payable		<u>(155,796)</u>		<u>(249,153)</u>	
Total liabilities		<u>(307,480)</u>		<u>(358,258)</u>	
Net assets attributable to shareholders					
		<u>92,956,346</u>		<u>92,225,527</u>	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 30 September 2020

1 Accounting policies

- (a) The financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102 and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds (SORP) issued by the Investment Association (IA) in May 2014. The functional currency of the Company is sterling.
- (b) Dividends on equities are recognised gross of withholding tax and are credited to revenue when the security is quoted ex-dividend. Bond interest is accrued daily into the Company. An adjustment is made to the amount of income recognised in bonds using the effective interest yield basis. Interest on deposits is accounted for on an accruals basis. Other revenue is accounted for on a receipts basis.

Equalisation received by the way of distributions from OEICs or unit trust investments is not included in revenue but is reflected as a reduction in the book cost of that investment.

- (c) The ordinary element of scrip dividends is recognised as revenue of the Company, and where applicable is included in the distribution. In the case of an enhanced scrip dividend the value of the enhancement is treated as capital.
- (d) Special dividends are treated as repayments of capital or revenue depending on the facts of each particular case.
- (e) All expenses are accounted for on an accruals basis and, other than those relating to the buying and selling of investments, all expenses are charged to the revenue of the Company.
- (f) Where the revenue from investments exceeds the expenses of the Company, annual dividends accrue to all shareholders. Holders of income shares receive their dividends as a cash payment. In all cases, tax vouchers will be issued to shareholders.
- (g) The Company is not more than 60% invested in qualifying investments (as defined by S468L ICTA 1988) and where applicable will pay a dividend distribution.
- (h) The listed investments of the Company have been valued at bid market prices at 4.30pm UK time on 30 September 2020. Suspended securities are valued initially at the suspended price but are subject to constant review.
- (i) All transactions in foreign currencies are converted into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the date of such transactions. Foreign currency assets and liabilities at the end of the accounting period are translated at the exchange rates at the closing valuation point and any gains or losses taken to capital.
- (j) Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the ACD considers that it is more likely than not there will be taxable profits from which underlying timing differences can be deducted.

- (k) In certain circumstances the ACD may charge a dilution levy on the sale or repurchase of shares. The levy, which is paid into the Company, is intended to cover market impact costs not included in the bid market value of the Company, used in calculating the share price. These costs could dilute the interests of the remaining shareholders.

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2	Net capital gains (losses)	2020	2019
		£	£
	The net capital gains (losses) comprise:		
	Currency gains	13,616	27,489
	Non-derivative securities gains (losses) – unrealised	(8,886,410)	2,027,895
	– realised	1,691,910	3,515,578
	Custodial transaction charges	(750)	(552)
	Total net capital gains (losses)	<u>(7,181,634)</u>	<u>5,570,410</u>
3	Revenue	2020	2019
		£	£
	UK dividends	344,664	647,944
	Overseas dividends	889,292	1,104,258
	Bond income	26,722	44,910
	Bank interest	2,273	9,760
	Total revenue	<u>1,262,951</u>	<u>1,806,872</u>
4	Expenses	2020	2019
		£	£
	Payable to the ACD, its associates, and agents of either:		
	ACD fee	<u>372,591</u>	<u>356,748</u>
	Payable to the depositary, its associates, and agents of either:		
	Depositary fee	41,321	37,784
	Safe custody fees and cash transactions	<u>9,895</u>	<u>6,758</u>
		51,216	44,542
	Other expenses:		
	Audit fee	5,700	5,700
	FCA fee	<u>64</u>	<u>73</u>
		5,764	5,773
	Total expenses	<u>429,571</u>	<u>407,063</u>
5	Finance costs	2020	2019
		£	£
	Negative interest on deposits	<u>3,104</u>	<u>4,563</u>
	Dividend for the year	<u>737,454</u>	<u>1,309,784</u>
	Reconciliation of dividend:		
	Net revenue after taxation	732,644	1,293,055
	Equalisation on subscriptions	<u>4,810</u>	<u>16,729</u>
	Dividend for the year	<u>737,454</u>	<u>1,309,784</u>

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6	Taxation	2020	2019
		£	£
(a)	Analysis of charge in the year		
	Irrecoverable overseas tax	97,632	102,191
	Total current tax charge for the year (note 6b)	97,632	102,191
(b)	Factors affecting current tax charge for the year		
	The tax assessed for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an open-ended investment company of 20.0% (2019 20.0%). The differences are shown below.		
	Net revenues before taxation	830,276	1,395,246
	OEIC corporation tax at 20.0% (2019: 20.0%)	166,055	279,049
	Effects of:		
	Revenue not subject to UK corporation tax	(246,791)	(350,440)
	Current year expenses not utilised	80,736	71,391
	Overseas tax expenses	97,632	102,191
	Current tax charge for year (note 6a)	97,632	102,191
(c)	Provision for deferred taxation		
	At 30 September 2020 there is a potential deferred tax asset of £414,872 (2019 £334,136) in relation to surplus management expenses. It is unlikely the Company will generate sufficient taxable profits in the future to utilise this amount and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised.		
7	Debtors	2020	2019
		£	£
	Accrued revenue	159,453	156,219
	Tax reclaimable	104,388	103,329
	Total debtors	263,841	259,548
8	Cash and bank balances	2020	2019
		£	£
	Cash and bank balances	900,411	1,559,651
9	Creditors	2020	2019
		£	£
	Accrued expenses	104,714	109,105
	Unsettled trades	46,970	-
	Total creditors	151,684	109,105

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10 Share movement	Income shares	Acc. shares
Shares outstanding at 1 October 2019	7,609,474	30,443,725
Shares issued during the period	1,681,154	1,530,494
Shares cancelled during the period	(55,900)	(27,694)
Shares converted during the period	-	-
Shares outstanding at 30 September 2020	9,234,728	31,946,525

11 Related party transactions	2020 £	2019 £
Authorised Corporate Director's fees and Investment Manager's fees were payable to the following related parties during the period:		
Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited	21,595	21,333
Hollis Capital Limited	350,996	335,415

The balances due to these related parties at 30 September 2020 were as follows:

Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited	-	-
Hollis Capital Limited	88,753	88,414

12 Financial instruments

In pursuing its investment objective as stated on page 1, the Company holds a number of financial instruments. The Company's financial instruments comprise securities and other investments, cash balances, debtors and creditors that arise directly from its operations, for example, in respect of sales and purchases awaiting settlement, amounts receivable for issues and payable for redemptions and debtors for accrued revenue.

Below is a summary of the main risks arising from the Company's financial instruments, its underlying holdings and the ACD's policies for managing them. These policies have been applied throughout the year.

Market price risk

Market price risk is the risk that the value of the Company's investment holdings will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices caused by factors other than interest rate or foreign currency movement. Market price risk arises mainly from uncertainty about future prices of financial instruments the Company holds. It represents the potential loss the Company might suffer through holding market positions in the face of price movements.

The Company's investment portfolio is exposed to market price fluctuations, which are monitored by the ACD in pursuance of the investment objective and policy as set out in the Prospectus.

Adherence to investment guidelines and to investment and borrowing powers set out in the Instrument of Incorporation, the Prospectus and in the rules of the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook mitigates the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer.

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Foreign currency risk

The Company can invest in overseas securities and hold cash in foreign currencies.

Foreign currency risk may cause the Company's investments to fluctuate as a result of changes in foreign currency exchange rates. Revenue received in other currencies is converted to sterling on or near the date of receipt.

The currency exposure at 30 September consists of:

	Effective liquidity		Total equities		Total portfolio	
	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Sterling	530,782	1,406,061	20,040,602	21,854,740	20,571,384	23,260,801
Australian Dollar	3,656,910	3,017,333	-	-	3,656,910	3,017,333
Brazilian Real	4,409	106,857	487,997	1,035,842	492,406	1,142,699
Canadian Dollar	9,393,926	6,839,827	6,018,993	6,709,703	15,412,919	13,549,530
Danish Krone	-	-	1,175,671	-	1,175,671	-
Euro	39,858	59,632	13,676,868	8,480,183	13,716,726	8,539,815
S.African Rand	142,965	70	327,151	657,116	470,116	657,186
Swedish Krona	-	37,513	6,246,113	6,079,481	6,246,113	6,116,994
Swiss Franc	65,511	131,913	1,290,925	4,045,815	1,356,436	4,177,728
US Dollar	4,711,814	5,872,248	25,363,202	26,078,796	30,075,016	31,951,044
	<u>18,546,175</u>	<u>17,471,454</u>	<u>74,627,522</u>	<u>74,941,676</u>	<u>93,173,697</u>	<u>92,413,130</u>
Mid to bid adjt.	<u>(25,671)</u>	<u>(26,608)</u>	<u>(191,680)</u>	<u>(160,995)</u>	<u>(217,351)</u>	<u>(187,603)</u>
Total	<u>18,520,504</u>	<u>17,444,846</u>	<u>74,435,842</u>	<u>74,780,681</u>	<u>92,956,346</u>	<u>92,225,527</u>

If foreign exchange rates at the balance sheet date had been 10% higher or lower, while all other variables remained the same, the return attributable to shareholders for the year ended 30 September 2020 would have increased or decreased by £7,252,089 (2019 £6,904,920).

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the capital value or income of the Company's investments will fluctuate as a result of changes in interest rates.

The Company currently does not invest in floating rate securities. The Company does hold cash balances which are subject to variable interest rates.

At the period end date 1.7% of the Company's assets by value were interest bearing.

Maturity of financial liabilities

The financial liabilities of the Company at 30 September 2020 are payable either within one year or on demand.

Liquidity risk

The Company's assets comprise mainly of readily realisable securities. The main liability of the Company is the redemption of any shares that its investors wish to sell. Assets of the Company may need to be sold if insufficient cash is available to finance such redemptions.

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Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty may be unable or unwilling to make a payment or fulfil contractual obligations.

Certain transactions in securities that the Company enters into expose it to the risk that the counterparty will not deliver the investment for a purchase, or cash for a sale after the Company has fulfilled its responsibilities. The Company only buys and sells investments through brokers which are authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and have been approved by the ACD as acceptable counterparties. In addition, limits are set to the exposure to any individual broker.

The Company is also exposed to credit risk through its investments in debt securities. To limit credit risk during the period, all bonds held by the Company were backed by either the UK or US government. Finally, there is credit risk when cash balances are held by banking institutions. The ACD and the investment manager review the banking partners and deposit levels on an ongoing basis.

Fair value disclosure

All investments are valued using prices for identical instruments in active markets.

13 Contingent assets and liabilities

At 30 September 2020 the Company had no contingent liabilities or commitments.

14 Portfolio transaction costs	2020 £	% of purchases	2019 £	% of purchases
Analysis of total purchase costs:				
Purchases before transaction costs	14,064,554		16,174,427	
Commissions	7,558	0.05	5,243	0.03
Taxes	16,688	0.12	16,161	0.10
Total transaction costs	24,246	0.17	21,404	0.13
Total purchases plus transaction costs	<u>14,088,800</u>		<u>16,195,831</u>	
	£	% of sales	£	% of sales
Analysis of total sale costs:				
Sales before transaction costs	5,582,060		7,010,290	
Commissions	1,544	0.03	1,846	0.03
Taxes	-	0.00	-	0.00
Total transaction costs	1,544	0.03	1,846	0.03
Total sales less transaction costs	<u>5,580,516</u>		<u>7,008,444</u>	
	£	% of average net assets	£	% of average net assets
Analysis of total transaction costs:				
Commissions	9,102	0.01	7,089	0.01
Taxes	16,688	0.02	16,161	0.02
	<u>25,790</u>	<u>0.03</u>	<u>23,250</u>	<u>0.03</u>

COMPARATIVE TABLES

For the year ended 30 September	Income shares		
	2020	2019	2018
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	228.4p	214.4p	200.4p
Return before operating charges [†]	(13.9p)	18.3p	18.0p
Operating charges	(1.0p)	(1.0p)	(1.0p)
Return after operating charges	(14.9p)	17.3p	17.0p
Dividend on income shares	(1.7p)	(3.3p)	(3.0p)
Closing net asset value per share	211.8p	228.4p	214.4p
[†] after direct transaction costs of	0.07p	0.07p	0.04p
Returns			
Total return after charges	(6.5%)	8.0%	8.5%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	£19.6m	£17.4m	£16.3m
Closing number of shares	9.2m	7.6m	7.6m
Operating charges	0.46%	0.47%	0.49%
Direct transaction costs	0.03%	0.03%	0.02%
Share prices			
Highest offer price	243.3p	234.4p	219.9p
Lowest bid price	186.5p	203.6p	193.5p

For the year ended 30 September	Accumulation shares		
	2020	2019	2018
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	246.5p	228.2p	210.4p
Return before operating charges [†]	(15.0p)	19.4p	18.9p
Operating charges	(1.1p)	(1.1p)	(1.1p)
Return after operating charges	(16.1p)	18.3p	17.8p
Dividend on accumulation shares	(1.8p)	(3.5p)	(3.1p)
Reinvested dividend on accumulation shares	1.8p	3.5p	3.1p
Closing net asset value per share	230.4p	246.5p	228.2p
[†] after direct transaction costs of	0.07p	0.07p	0.04p
Returns			
Total return after charges	(6.5%)	8.0%	8.5%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	£73.6m	£75.0m	£64.9m
Closing number of shares	31.9m	30.4m	28.5m
Operating charges	0.46%	0.47%	0.49%
Direct transaction costs	0.03%	0.03%	0.02%
Share prices			
Highest offer price	262.6p	249.4p	230.8p
Lowest bid price	201.3p	216.6p	205.2p

AUTHORISED CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The rules of the Financial Conduct Authority's (FCA) Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook require the Authorised Corporate Director to prepare financial statements for each accounting period which give a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the Company and of its revenue for the period. In preparing these financial statements the Authorised Corporate Director is required to:

- comply with the Prospectus and applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures which are required to be disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in operation for the foreseeable future

The Authorised Corporate Director is required to keep proper accounting records and to manage the Company in accordance with the FCA's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook and Investment Funds Sourcebook, the Instrument of Incorporation, and the Prospectus. The Authorised Corporate Director is responsible for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Authorised Corporate Director's statement

In accordance with the requirements of the FCA's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook and Investment Funds Sourcebook, we hereby certify the annual report.

Anne A. Laing CA

David Fraser FCCA

Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited
Authorised Corporate Director

DEPOSITARY'S REPORT

The Depositary must ensure that the Company is managed in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook, the Investment Funds Sourcebook, the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 (SI 2001/1228) (the OEIC Regulations), as amended, the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended, (together "the Regulations"), the Company's Instrument of Incorporation and Prospectus (together "the Scheme documents") as detailed below.

The Depositary must in the context of its role act honestly, fairly, professionally, independently and in the interests of the Company and its investors.

The Depositary is responsible for the safekeeping of all custodial assets and maintaining a record of all other assets of the Company in accordance with the Regulations.

The Depositary must ensure that:

- the Company's cash flows are properly monitored and that cash of the Company is booked into the cash accounts in accordance with the Regulations;
- the sale, issue, redemption and cancellation of shares are carried out in accordance with the Regulations;
- the value of shares in the Company is calculated in accordance with the Regulations;
- any consideration relating to transactions in the Company's assets is remitted to the Company within the usual time limits;
- the Company's income is applied in accordance with the Regulations; and
- the instructions of the Alternative Investment Fund Manager ("the AIFM") are carried out (unless they conflict with the Regulations).

The Depositary also has the duty to take reasonable care to ensure that the Company is managed in accordance with the Regulations and the Scheme documents in relation to the investment and borrowing powers applicable to the Company.

Having carried out such procedures as we consider necessary to discharge our responsibilities as Depositary of the Company, it is our opinion, based on the information available to us and the explanations provided, that in all material respects the Company, acting through the AIFM:

- (i) has carried out the issue, sale, redemption and cancellation, and calculation of the price of the Company's shares and the application of the Company's income in accordance with the Regulations and the Scheme documents of the Company, and
- (ii) has observed the investment and borrowing powers and restrictions applicable to the Company.

NatWest Trustee and Depositary Services Limited
1 October 2020

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Moray Place Investment Company ("the Company") for the year ended 30 September 2020 which comprise the Statement of Total Return, Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders, Balance Sheet, the related Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the dividends per share on page 2. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company at 30 September 2020 and of the net revenue and the net capital losses on the scheme property of the Company for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the IA Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds, the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook (COLL) of the Financial Conduct Authority and the Instrument of Incorporation.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are described further in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the ACD's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the ACD has not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the Company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The ACD is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the COLL regulations

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- proper accounting records for the Company have been kept and the accounts agree with those records;
- we have received all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purposes of our audit; and
- the information given in the report of the ACD and in the report of the authorised fund manager for the year is consistent with the financial statements.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Responsibilities of the Authorised Corporate Director

As explained more fully in the Authorised Corporate Director's Responsibilities Report set out on page 19, the ACD is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view and for such internal controls as the ACD determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the ACD is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the ACD either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the ACD.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the ACD's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Company's shareholders, as a body, in accordance with Rule 4.5.12 of the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook ("the COLL Rules") issued by the Financial Conduct Authority under the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's shareholders 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 shareholders as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Johnston Carmichael LLP, Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor, Elgin

INFORMATION FOR INVESTORS

Authorised Corporate Director's charges

The current annual ACD charges are £21,595, indexed each year on 1 October to the Consumer Price Index, plus the investment management fee. The annual investment management fee is equal to:

1. 0.50% of the net asset value of the Company on the first £20 million; and
2. 0.35% of the net asset value of the Company thereafter.

Dividend

All the net revenue of the Company will be paid as a dividend to shareholders on or before 30 November each year.

Issue and redemption of shares

Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited is the Registrar. Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited will receive requests for the purchase or sale of shares at any time during normal business hours. Instructions may be given by telephone (01343 880344) and by sending an application form. Application forms are available from the Registrar.

Dealing is possible on the 1st and 15th (or the next business day) of each month. The price of shares will be determined by a valuation of the Company's net assets at 4.30pm on the dealing day.

The ACD has the right to reject, on reasonable grounds relating to the circumstances of the applicant, any application for shares in whole or part. In this event the ACD will return any money sent, or the balance of such monies, at the risk of the applicant.

Any subscription monies remaining after a whole number of shares has been issued will not be returned to the applicant. Instead, smaller denomination shares will be issued.

A contract note giving details of the shares traded and the price used will be issued by the Registrar by the end of the third business day following the valuation point.

Ownership of shares will be recorded by an entry on the Company's Register of Shareholders. Certificates will not be issued. Annual statements will show the number of shares held by the recipient on which the dividend is paid. Individual statements of a shareholder's (or, when shares are jointly held, the first named holder's) shares will also be issued at any time on request by the registered holder.

Where shares are redeemed, payment will be made not later than the close of business on the fourth business day following the trade date. The minimum value of shares that a shareholder may hold is £200,000 at cost. The ACD may at its discretion accept subscriptions lower than the minimum amount.

A redemption charge is payable on any shares redeemed within five years of purchase. The redemption charge is paid to the Company to compensate continuing shareholders; it is not paid to the ACD or the investment manager.

The most recent issue and redemption prices are available from the ACD.

Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive

Under the EU's Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive (AIFMD) 2013, the Company has been designated an Alternative Investment Fund. The ACD, Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited, has been appointed as the Alternative Investment Fund Manager (AIFM).

To comply with the AIFMD, information about the AIFM's remuneration policies and disclosures is available from Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited on its website. The Company does not employ any staff directly from the AIFM, so there are no quantitative disclosures in this report.

INFORMATION FOR INVESTORS

Value assessment

The ACD has conducted an assessment of value for the Company. The assessment of value report is available on the ACD's website and will be updated annually.

Taxation

The Company will pay no corporation tax for the year ended 30 September 2020 and capital gains within the Company will not be taxed.

The information below on taxation is a general summary. Shareholders should consult their tax advisers about their own circumstances. Shareholders should also note that the position as outlined may change to reflect future changes in tax legislation.

Individual shareholders

Tax on dividends

Individual shareholders resident in the UK for tax purposes may be liable to income tax on their dividend income. Presently there is a tax-free annual dividend income allowance for individuals. Dividend income in excess of that amount is charged at the rate of tax applicable to the individual taxpayer.

Capital gains tax

Individual shareholders resident in the UK for tax purposes may be liable to capital gains tax on realisation of their shares as with other chargeable assets. Presently each year there is a tax-free allowance for individuals. Gains in excess of that amount are charged at the rate of tax applicable to the individual taxpayer.

ISAs

Individuals resident in the UK for tax purposes may invest each year in Individual Savings Accounts (ISAs), free of income and capital gains tax. The ISA allowance for the 2020/21 tax year is £20,000. The ACD offers a simple, zero-charge ISA which is invested solely in MPIC accumulation shares. For each investor the overall minimum initial and subsequent investment in MPIC still applies. Further details may be obtained from the ACD.

Corporate shareholders

Companies resident in the UK for tax purposes which hold shares should note that OEIC dividends are streamed into both franked and unfranked income. The unfranked income element will be treated as an annual payment which is subject to tax. On realisation of their shares, UK resident companies may be liable to pay corporation tax on any capital gains.

Advantages of investing through an open-ended investment company

Moray Place Investment Company is an open-ended investment company (OEIC). Investing through an OEIC offers considerable advantages for individual investors compared to managing their own portfolio directly or through a financial adviser. These advantages include:

- The full-time attention of an experienced professional investor
- Participation in a diversified portfolio of assets
- The OEIC does not incur capital gains tax on transactions within its portfolio. Investors thus defer any capital gains tax liability until they sell their shares in the OEIC
- The OEIC is able to offset management and administration costs against taxable income. It is not possible to do this with the costs of directly managed portfolios or financial adviser fees
- Less paperwork and record-keeping

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

	Value of company	NAV per acc. share (1)	Dividend per inc. share	Consumer Price Index (2)	Real NAV per acc. share (1)/(2)*100
At and for the period ended					
15 May 2012		100.0p		100	100
30 Sept 2012	£15.6m	104.1p	nil	101	103
30 Sept 2013	£22.8m	121.9p	1.04p	103	118
30 Sept 2014	£28.3m	128.4p	1.45p	105	123
30 Sept 2015	£34.2m	141.0p	1.80p	104	135
30 Sept 2016	£51.4m	186.9p	2.22p	105	177
30 Sept 2017	£68.7m	210.4p	2.56p	109	194
30 Sept 2018	£81.0m	228.2p	2.95p	111	205
30 Sept 2019	£92.2m	246.5p	3.27p	113	218
30 Sept 2020	£93.0m	230.4p	1.69p	114	202
Gain since inception					
Cumulative		130%		14%	102%
Annualised		10.5%		1.5%	8.8%

Notes

The company started trading on 15 May 2012 when shares were issued at 100p each. The UK CPI in May 2012 was 95.9. It has been rebased to 100 to aid comparability. Real NAV is the net asset value per accumulation share deflated by the UK CPI.

CORPORATE DIRECTORY

ACD, AIFM and Registrar	<p>Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited Orton Moray IV32 7QE</p> <p>Telephone: 01343 880344 Fax: 01343 880267 E-mail: mpic@valu-trac.com</p> <p>Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority Registered in England No. 2428648</p>
Director	<p>Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited as ACD</p>
Investment Manager	<p>Hollis Capital Limited 43 Melville Street Edinburgh EH3 7JF</p> <p>Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority</p>
Depository	<p>NatWest Trustee and Depositary Services Limited House F, Floor 2 175 Glasgow Road Gogarburn Edinburgh EH12 1HQ</p> <p>Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority</p>
Auditor	<p>Johnston Carmichael LLP Chartered Accountants Commerce House South Street Elgin IV30 1JE</p>