## **FINSBURY GROWTH & INCOME TRUST PLC** Interim Management Statement – 3 months to 31 December 2010 (unaudited)

# Finsbury Growth & Income Trust PLC invests principally in the shares of UK listed companies with the objective of achieving capital and income growth and providing a total return in excess of that of the FTSE All-Share Index.

The 3 month period ended 31 December 2010 was a strong one for markets. The Company's net asset value total return was 7.5% and the share price total return was 6.6%. These results compare to the total return from our benchmark index, the FTSE All-Share Index, of 7.4% over the same period. Post the period end, to 26 January 2011, the Company's net asset value total return was 8.4% and the share price total return was 5.8%. The total return from the benchmark index was 8.6%.

The Company paid a second interim dividend of 4.4p per share (2009: 5.1p per share) on 1 November 2010 to shareholders on the register on 1 October, making 8.8p per share for the year (year ended 30 September 2009: 9.5p per share). In paying this total dividend of 8.8p per share the Company used £170,000 of brought forward revenue reserves. The principal reason behind the fall in the Company's income during the year was the significant reduction in the level of income from the Company's holding in Lloyds preference shares. The Board has confirmed that the lower level of dividend for the financial year ended 30 September 2010 does not alter its long term objective of a progressive dividend policy.

During the period and up to the date of this report the Company neither repurchased shares for nor issued shares from treasury and no new shares were issued. As at 31 January 2011 the Company had 52,947,423 shares in issue with no shares being held in treasury.

All of the resolutions proposed at the Company's Annual General Meeting, held on 27 January 2011, were passed. Details of the level of proxy votes received can be found on the Company's website at www.finsburygt.com.

#### **Trust Characteristics**

	31 December 2010	30 September 2010
Number of holdings	25	24
Net assets (£m)	169.0	157.2
Yield	2.8%	3.0%
Gearing (AIC basis)	107	107
Share price (p)	317.50	297.75
Net asset value per share (p) (ex income)	319.17	296.86
Net asset value per share (p) (inc income)	320.68	296.86
(Discount)/premium of share price to net		
asset value per share (ex income)	(0.5)%	0.3%
Source: Frostrow Capital LLP		

#### Sector Analysis

	% of portfolio	% of portfolio	
	at 31 December 2010	at 30 September 2010	
Financials	17.6	14.9	
Consumer Services	30.6	29.2	
Consumer Goods	38.8	41.3	
Technology	10.9	11.8	
Preference Shares	<u>2.1</u>	<u>2.8</u>	
Total	100.0	100.0	
Source: Frostrow Capital LLP			

#### **10 Largest Investments**

Name	% of portfolio at 31 December 2010	% of portfolio at 30 September 2010	
Diageo	10.5	10.4	
Unilever	9.7	9.6	
A.G. Barr	8.7	11.1	
Pearson	7.0	7.1	
Fidessa	5.7	6.1	
Schroders	5.6	4.7	
Rathbone Brothers	5.3	4.5	
Sage	5.2	5.7	
Reed Elsevier	4.4	4.7	
Kraft Foods	<u>4.0</u>	<u>4.2</u>	
Total	66.1	68.1	
Source: Frostrow Capital LLP			

### **Total Return Performance (to 31 December 2010)**

Share Price	1 Month +7.1%	1 Year +34.6%	3 Years +26.7%	5 Years +37.0%
Net asset value per share	+6.9%	+29.4%	+20.3%	+41.6%
Benchmark*	+7.1%	+14.5%	+4.4%	+28.4%

Source: Morningstar

\* Benchmark – FTSE All-Share Index measured on a total return basis.

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

This Interim Management Statement has been prepared solely to provide information to meet the requirements of the UK Listing Authority's Disclosure and Transparency Rules.

This Interim Management Statement is available on the Company's website www.finsburygt.com.

The Company's Net Asset Value per share is announced daily and is available, together with the share price, on the TrustNet website at <u>www.trustnet.com</u>

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