

## The Merchants Trust PLC

### Interim Management Statement

#### For the quarter ended 30 April 2014

This interim management statement relates to the quarter from 1 February 2014 to 30 April 2014 and contains information for that period unless otherwise stated. This statement is produced to provide information in accordance with the UK Listing Authority's Disclosure and Transparency Rules.

#### Investment objective

The objective of The Merchants Trust is to provide an above average level of income and income growth together with long term growth of capital through a policy of investing mainly in higher yielding UK FTSE 100 companies.

#### Portfolio

Top ten holdings at 30 April 2014

	£	%
ROYAL DUTCH SHELL 'B'	62,566,743	9.31
GLAXOSMITHKLINE	50,723,335	7.55
BP	42,668,955	6.35
HSBC	41,572,144	6.18
BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO	29,011,746	4.32
BAE SYSTEMS	24,387,552	3.63
BHP BILLITON	22,484,597	3.34
SSE	21,488,400	3.20
UBM	20,551,431	3.06
INMARSAT	19,673,368	2.93

Total Gross Assets **672,190,459**

#### Material events and transactions

The following events have occurred since 1 February 2014.

##### Dividends

The third quarterly dividend for the year ended 31 January 2014 of 5.9p per Ordinary Share, was paid on 26 February 2014 to shareholders on the register on 31 January 2014.

##### Share Capital

The number of ordinary shares in issue at the beginning of the period was 103,663,464. The Company's share capital increased through nine separate share issues totalling 1,200,000 shares. The number of ordinary shares in issue at the end of the period was 104,863,464.

Since 30 April 2014 the following events have occurred:

##### Dividends

The final dividend for the year ended 31 January 2014 of 5.9p per Ordinary Share will be paid on 23 May 2014 to shareholders on the register on 25 April 2014.

## Financial Performance to 30 April 2014

			% change			
	3mths	6mths	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	10yrs
Share price*	4.6	1.8	20.0	42.0	143.3	160.3
Net Asset Value*	4.6	2.0	12.5	40.3	136.5	139.5
Benchmark# *	5.4	2.5	9.3	25.0	91.4	116.8

\* Total return with net dividends reinvested and net of fees.

# FTSE 100 Total Return

Source: Datastream

## Financial position at 30 April 2014 and 19 May 2014

	30 April	19 May
Total assets <sup>1</sup>	£664,418,096	£665,992,113
Net assets	£550,136,325	£553,653,105
Share price	508.00p	502.00p
NAV (debt at par value) <sup>2</sup>	524.62p	527.98p
Discount <sup>3</sup>	3.2%	4.9%
Net gearing <sup>4</sup>	19.0%	18.8%
Yield	4.6%	4.7%
NAV (debt at market value) <sup>5</sup>	500.40p	501.90p
Premium <sup>6</sup>	1.5%	0.0%

<sup>1</sup>Total assets are stated net of current liabilities and cum-income.

<sup>2</sup>The cum-income NAV. Capital and income net asset values are calculated and announced daily.

<sup>3</sup>The discount/premium is the difference between the share price and the NAV (with debt at par value) per share expressed as a percentage of the NAV per share.

<sup>4</sup>Net gearing is borrowings net of cash and current assets.

<sup>5</sup>The cum-income NAV.

<sup>6</sup>The discount/premium is the difference between the share price and the NAV (with debt at market value) per share expressed as a percentage of the NAV per share.

## Company Information

Launch date	1889
EPIC	MRCH
Year end	31 January
Report and Accounts	Final posted April, Half-yearly posted September
AGM	May
Dividends paid	February, May, August and November
Price Information	Financial Times, The Daily Telegraph, <a href="http://www.merchantstrust.co.uk">www.merchantstrust.co.uk</a>

## Investor information

Further up to date information, including Net Asset Values and share prices, and the latest available fact sheets and portfolio information, is provided on the Manager's website, which can be accessed via [www.merchantstrust.co.uk](http://www.merchantstrust.co.uk) or [www.allianzgi.co.uk/invtrusts](http://www.allianzgi.co.uk/invtrusts). Information can also be obtained from the Investor Services' helpline on 0800 389 4696.

21 May 2014