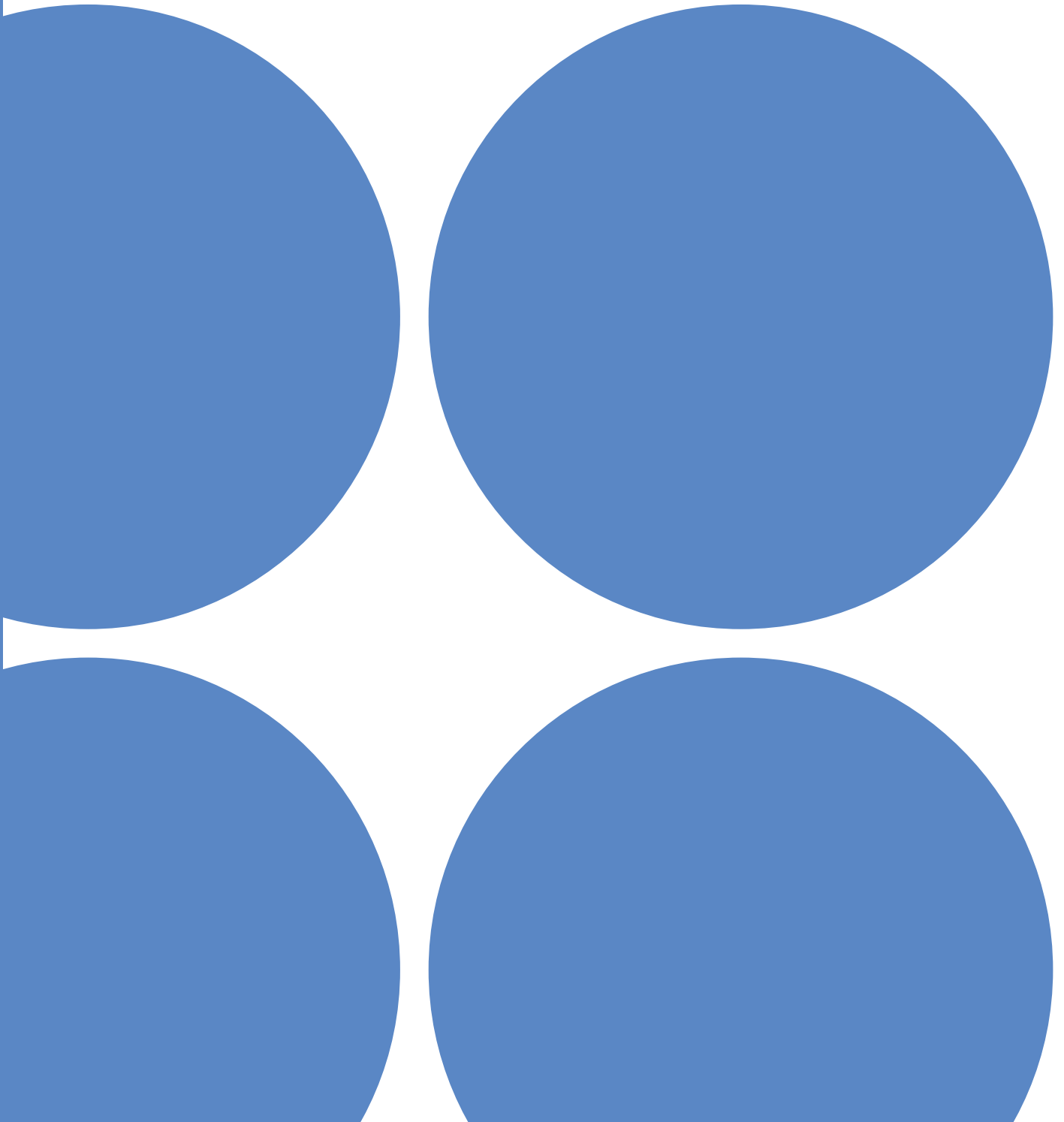


Premier Alliance Trust Investment Funds
Annual Report & Financial Statements (audited)
for the period from 1 October 2008 to 30 September 2009



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MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

The Authorised Corporate Director (“ACD”) and registered office of Premier Alliance Trust Investment Funds (“the Company”):

PREMIER PORTFOLIO MANAGERS LIMITED

Eastgate Court, High Street,
Guildford, Surrey, GU1 3DE

Premier Portfolio Managers Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority (“FSA”) and is a member of the Investment Management Association (“IMA”). Premier Portfolio Managers Limited and Premier Fund Managers Limited are both members of the Premier Asset Management Marketing Group.

DIRECTORS OF THE ACD: Mike O’Shea (Chairman)
Neil Macpherson (Finance Director)
Simon Weldon (Managing Director, Sales and Marketing)
Mark Friend (Managing Director, Operations)
Mike Hammond (IFA Sales Director)

INVESTMENT MANAGER: Alliance Trust Asset Management Limited is the Investment Manager to the Premier Alliance Trust Asia-Pacific Equity Fund and the Premier Alliance Trust Japan Equity Fund.

DEPOSITARY: The Royal Bank of Scotland plc
Trustee & Depositary Services
The Broadstone,
50 South Gyle Crescent,
Edinburgh, EH12 9UZ

AUDITOR: Grant Thornton UK LLP
30 Finsbury Square,
London, EC2P 2YU

ADMINISTRATOR & REGISTRAR: Northern Trust Global Fund Services Limited¹
PO Box 55736,
50 Bank Street,
Canary Wharf,
London, E14 1BT

¹ On 1st December 2008 Northern Trust International Fund Administration Services (UK) Limited transferred its business to Northern Trust Global Fund Services Limited.

COMPANY INFORMATION

Premier Alliance Trust Investment Funds is an Investment Company with Variable Capital under regulation 12 of the Open-Ended Investment company Regulations and incorporated in England and Wales under registered number IC000486 and authorised by the FSA with effect from 6th October 2006. Shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Company. At the year end the Company contained two sub-funds, the Premier Alliance Trust Asia-Pacific Equity Fund and the Premier Alliance Trust Japan Equity Fund.

The Company is a UCITS scheme which complies with the FSA’s Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook and is structured as an umbrella company so that different sub-funds may be established from time to time by the ACD with the approval of the FSA and the agreement of the Depositary.

STATEMENT OF ACD AND DEPOSITARY’S RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE ACCOUNTS OF THE SCHEME

The Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 and the FSA’s Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook (“the Regulations”) require the ACD to prepare accounts for each annual accounting period, which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the scheme as at the end of the year and of the net revenue and the net capital gains or losses on the property of the scheme for the year then ended. In preparing the accounts, the ACD is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- comply with the disclosure requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice ‘Financial Statements of Authorised Funds’, issued by the IMA in November 2008 and the Instrument of Incorporation.
- follow UK generally accepted accounting principles and applicable accounting standards.
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the scheme will continue in operation.
- keep proper accounting records which enable it to demonstrate that the accounts as prepared comply with the above requirements.

The ACD is responsible for the management of the Company in accordance with its Instrument of Incorporation, the Prospectus and the Regulations.

The Depositary is responsible for safeguarding the property of the scheme and must take reasonable care to ensure that the scheme is managed by the ACD in compliance with the Regulations and the provisions of the Instrument of Incorporation and Prospectus.

The ACD and Depositary are responsible for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

REPORT OF THE ACD TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY

The ACD, as sole director, presents its report and the audited financial statements of the Company for the year from 1st October 2008 to 30th September 2009.

The Company is a UCITS scheme which complies with the FSA's Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook. The shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Company.

The Investment Objectives and Policies of each sub-fund of the Company are covered in the section for each sub-fund. The sub-funds of an umbrella company should be invested as if they were a single company. The names and addresses of the ACD, the Depositary and the Auditor are detailed on page 2.

In the future there may be other sub-funds of the Company. As a sub-fund is not a legal entity, if the assets attributable to any sub-fund were insufficient to meet the liabilities attributable to it, the shortfall might have to be met out of the assets attributable to one or more other sub-funds of the Company.

DIRECTORS' STATEMENT

In accordance with the Regulations, we hereby certify the report on behalf of the directors of Premier Portfolio Managers Limited.



Neil Macpherson

Finance Director (of the ACD)
29th January 2010

Mark Friend

Managing Director, Operations (of the ACD)

REPORT OF THE DEPOSITARY TO THE SHAREHOLDERS FOR THE YEAR FROM 1ST OCTOBER 2008 TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2009 FOR THE PREMIER ALLIANCE TRUST ASIA-PACIFIC EQUITY FUND AND THE PREMIER ALLIANCE TRUST JAPAN EQUITY FUND AS SUB-FUNDS OF PREMIER ALLIANCE TRUST INVESTMENT FUNDS ('THE COMPANY')

The Depositary is responsible for the safekeeping of all the property of the Company (other than tangible moveable property) which is entrusted to it. It is the duty of the Depositary to take reasonable care to ensure that the Company is managed in accordance with the FSA's Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook, the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 and the Instrument of Incorporation in relation to the pricing of, and dealings in, shares in the Company, the application of the income of the Company, and the investment and borrowing powers and restrictions applicable to the Company.

Having carried out such procedures as we considered necessary to discharge our responsibilities as Depositary, it is our opinion that:

- the issue, sale, redemption and cancellation, and calculation of the price of the Company's shares and
- the application of the Company's income have, in all material respects, been carried out in accordance with the provisions of:
- the Regulations and
- the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 and
- the Instrument of Incorporation of the Company

and that, in all material respects, the investment and borrowing powers and restrictions applicable to the Company, in accordance with the provision of the Regulations and Instrument of Incorporation, have been observed.

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc
Trustee & Depositary Services
29th January 2010

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF PREMIER ALLIANCE TRUST INVESTMENT FUNDS

We have audited the financial statements of Premier Alliance Trust Investment Funds for the year ended 30 September 2009. These financial statements consist of the aggregated financial statements of the Company, which comprise the statement of total return, the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the balance sheet, and notes 1 to 10, and for each of the Company's sub-funds, the statement of total return, statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, balance sheet, distribution tables and related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the Company's shareholders, as a body, in accordance with regulation 67(2) of the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001, and with Rule 4.5.12 of the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook issued by the Financial Services Authority under section 247 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000. 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.

Respective responsibilities of the Authorised Corporate Director and the auditor

The Authorised Corporate Director's responsibilities for preparing the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Financial Statements of Authorised Funds' issued by the Investment Management Association, the Financial Services Authority's Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook, and the Instrument of Incorporation are set out in the Statement of ACD and Depositary's responsibilities in relation to the Accounts of the Scheme.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Financial Statements of Authorised Funds' issued by the Investment Management Association, the Financial Services Authority's Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook, and the Instrument of Incorporation. We also report to you whether in our opinion the information given in the Report of the ACD, which comprises the Management and Administration section on page 2, the Investment Review and Investment Objective and Policy of each sub-fund is consistent with the financial statements, and state whether we have been given all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief are necessary for the purposes of our audit.

In addition we report to you if, in our opinion, proper accounting records for the Company or a sub-fund have not been kept, or if the financial statements are not in agreement with those records.

We read other information contained in the Annual Report and consider whether it is consistent with the audited financial statements. The other information comprises the report of the ACD, comparative tables, total expense ratios, portfolio turnover rates, and the portfolios of investments. We consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Authorised Corporate Director in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the financial position of the Company and each of the sub-funds as at September 2009 and of the net revenue and net capital gains / losses on the scheme property of the Company and each of the sub-funds for the year then ended,
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Financial Statements of Authorised Funds' issued by the Investment Management Association in November 2008, the Financial Services Authority's Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook, and the Instrument of Incorporation, and
- the information given in the Report of the ACD is consistent with the financial statements.

We have been given all the information and explanations, which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purposes of our audit.

Grant Thornton UK LLP

Registered Auditor

Chartered Accountants

London, England

29th January 2010

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STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

For the year ended 30th September 2009

	Notes	30/09/09 £'000	30/09/08 ¹ £'000
Income			
Net capital gains/(losses)	2	9,045	(23,296)
Revenue	3	1,846	1,655
Expenses	4	(657)	(906)
Finance costs: Interest	6	-	(1)
Net revenue before taxation		1,189	748
Taxation	5	(234)	(136)
Net revenue after taxation		955	612
Total return before distributions		10,000	(22,684)
Finance costs: Distributions	6	(982)	(614)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		9,018	(23,298)

¹Restated (see note to the financial statements on page 6).

STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

For the year ended 30th September 2009

	Note	30/09/09 £'000	30/09/08 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		65,255	87,282
Amounts receivable on issue of shares		343	988
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares		(3,711)	(333)
		(3,368)	655
Dilution levy	7		-
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		9,018	(23,298)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	6	979	616
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		71,891	65,255

BALANCE SHEET

As at 30th September 2009

	30/09/09 £'000	30/09/08 £'000
ASSETS		
Investment assets	70,639	60,371
Debtors		
Accrued income	257	333
Amounts receivable for issue of shares	-	4
Prepaid expenses	1	-
Sales awaiting settlement	9,575	-
Cash and bank balances	1,679	4,864
Total other assets	11,512	5,201
Total assets	82,151	65,572
LIABILITIES		
Creditors		
Accrued expenses	(61)	(102)
Amounts payable for cancellation of shares	(1)	(4)
Corporation tax payable	(34)	(53)
Deferred tax	-	(14)
Purchases awaiting settlement	(9,834)	-
Bank overdrafts	(330)	(144)
Total liabilities	(10,260)	(317)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	71,891	65,255

The notes on pages 6 & 7 are an integral part of these financial statements.

On behalf of Premier Portfolio Managers Limited.



Neil Macpherson
Finance Director (of the ACD)

Mark Friend
Managing Director, Operations (of the ACD)

29th January 2010

PREMIER ALLIANCE TRUST INVESTMENT FUNDS AGGREGATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Financial Statements of Authorised Funds', issued by the IMA in November 2008, the FSA's Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook and the Instrument of Incorporation.

During the year, the Company has adopted the IMA SORP 2008. This has resulted in presentational changes to the Statement of Total Return whereby currency gains or losses and transaction charges are now classified in net capital gains/losses. The effect of this is to reduce 'Other gains' by £598,872 (2008: £465,428) and 'Expenses' by £6,814 (2008: £20,681), with a corresponding change in 'Net capital gains/losses'.

Revenue Recognition

Revenue from quoted equity and non-equity shares is recognised net of attributable tax credits when the security is quoted ex-dividend.

Overseas revenue received after the deduction of withholding tax is shown gross of taxation, with the taxation consequences shown within the taxation charge.

Bank interest, underwriting commission and other revenue are recognised on an accruals basis.

Stock Dividends

The ordinary element of stocks received in lieu of cash dividends is recognised as revenue of the sub-fund. Any enhancement above the cash dividend is treated as capital.

Special Dividends

Special dividends are recognised as either revenue or capital depending upon the nature and circumstances of the dividend.

Expenses

For accounting purposes, all expenses (other than SDRT and those relating to the purchase and sale of investments) are charged against revenue for the year on an accruals basis.

In addition to the annual management charge the investment manager is entitled to a performance related fee of 15% of outperformance of the relevant index by each share class of the sub-fund and is calculated to the end of September of each calendar year.

The relevant index for the Premier Alliance Trust Asia-Pacific Equity Fund is the FTSE All World Asia-Pacific (ex-Japan) Index.

The full amount of the performance fee is chargeable against revenue and is calculated on an accruals basis.

Further details of the calculation can be found in the sub-fund's Prospectus.

Distributions

Amounts distributable are calculated after excluding expenses born by capital as agreed by the ACD and Depositary.

The ACD and Depositary have agreed that 100% of the sub-fund's expenses are born by revenue.

Valuations

All investments are valued at their fair value at noon on 30th September 2009, being the last business day of the financial year. The fair value of equity and non-equity shares is bid price, excluding any accrued interest.

Foreign Currencies

Assets and liabilities in currencies other than sterling are translated into sterling at the exchange rates prevailing at noon on the last working day of the accounting period. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate prevailing at the transaction date. Where forward positions in currencies are held, these are translated at the appropriate forward rate. Any resulting exchange differences in these forward positions are disclosed in 'Net capital gains/(losses)' on investments in the Statement of Total Return.

Taxation

Corporation tax has been provided for at a rate of 20%. Deferred tax is provided in respect of timing differences that have originated but not been reversed at the balance sheet date. Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that they are more likely than not to be recoverable.

Withholding tax on overseas dividends is accounted for when the security is quoted ex dividend.

Dilution Levy

In certain circumstances the ACD may charge a dilution levy, in accordance with the FSA Regulations, on all subscriptions and redemptions of shares, which is paid into the sub-funds and included in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. The levy is intended to cover certain dealing charges not included in the mid market value of the sub-fund used in calculating the share price, which could have a diluting effect on the performance of the sub-fund.

Stamp Duty Reserve Tax (SDRT)

SDRT will be charged to the sub-fund. It is the ACD's view that this will not be material.

2. NET CAPITAL GAINS/(LOSSES)

	30/09/09 £'000	30/09/08 £'000
Non-derivative securities	8,453	(23,741)
Other currency gains	599	465
Transaction charges	(7)	(20)
Net capital gains/(losses)	9,045	(23,296)

3. REVENUE

	30/09/09 £'000	30/09/08 £'000
Bank interest	17	105
Overseas dividends	1,829	1,550
	1,846	1,655

4. EXPENSES

	30/09/09 £'000	30/09/08 £'000
Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD and agents of either of them:		
ACD's periodic charge	509	660
	509	660
Payable to the Depositary, associates of the Depositary and agents of either of them:		
Depositary's fees	38	48
Safe custody fees	18	32
	56	80

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Other expenses:

Auditor's remuneration	18	16
Administration fees	54	100
Registration fees	18	30
FSA and other regulatory fees	-	12
Printing fees	(4)	2
Price publication fees	6	6
	92	166
Total expenses	657	906

Irrecoverable VAT is included in the above expenses where relevant.

5. TAXATION

(a) The tax charge comprises:

	30/09/09 £'000	30/09/08 £'000
Current tax:		
Corporation tax	161	109
Double taxation relief	(128)	(56)
Overseas withholding tax	214	82
Total current tax (note 5 (b))	247	135
Deferred tax (note 5 (c))	(13)	1
Total taxation	234	136

(b) Factors affecting the tax charge for the year:

The tax charge for the year is lower than the special 20% rate of corporation tax applicable to open-ended investment companies (OEICs). The differences are explained below:

	30/09/09 £'000	30/09/08 £'000
Net revenue before taxation	1,189	748
	1,189	748

Return on ordinary activities multiplied by the special rate of corporation tax of 20% (2008: 20%)

	238	150
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Effects of:

Double taxation relief	(128)	(56)
Expenses not deducted for tax purposes	(7)	3
Prior period expenses utilised	-	(21)
Overseas withholding tax	214	82
Overseas dividends not received during the year	-	(19)
Non taxable overseas dividends	(89)	-
Tax payable in different periods	19	(4)
Current tax charge (note 5 (a))	247	135

(c) Deferred tax

Provision at the start of the year	13	12
Deferred tax (credit)/charge in the year	(13)	1
Provision at the end of the year	-	13

Authorised OEICs are exempt from tax on capital gains made within the sub-funds.

6. FINANCE COSTS

The distributions take into account revenue received on the issue of shares and revenue deducted on the cancellation of shares, and comprise:

	30/09/09 £'000	30/09/08 £'000
Interim accumulation	748	212
Final accumulation	231	404
	979	616
Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares	4	1
Deduct: Revenue received on issue of shares	(1)	(3)
Net distributions for the year	982	614
Interest	-	1
Total finance costs	982	615
The difference between the net revenue after taxation and the amounts distributed comprises		
Net revenue after taxation	955	612
Deficit transferred to capital	27	2
Finance costs: Distributions	982	614

7. RELATED PARTIES

The required disclosures are set out in the notes to the financial statements of each of the sub-funds.

8. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND COMMITMENTS

There were no contingent liabilities or outstanding commitments at the balance sheet date (2008: £nil).

9. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The required disclosures are set out in the notes to the financial statements of each of the sub-funds.

10. PORTFOLIO TRANSACTION COSTS

Analysis of total purchase costs:

	30/09/09 £'000	30/09/08 £'000
Purchases in year before transaction costs	49,312	83,253
Commissions	114	239
Taxes	8	33
Total purchase costs	122	272
Gross purchases total	49,434	83,525

Analysis of total sale costs:

	30/09/09 £'000	30/09/08 £'000
Gross sales before transaction costs	47,738	82,648
Commissions	(105)	(231)
Taxes	(13)	(81)
Total sale costs	(118)	(312)
Total sales net of transaction costs	47,620	82,336

PREMIER ALLIANCE TRUST ASIA-PACIFIC EQUITY FUND

COMPARATIVE TABLES

Performance Record

Calendar Year	High (p)	Low (p)
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Accumulation Shares A

2006 ¹	106.87	99.16
2007	137.77	103.13
2008	128.50	62.23
2009 ²	110.66	71.06

Accumulation Shares I

2006 ¹	106.72	99.16
2007	138.42	103.20
2008	129.22	63.25
2009 ²	113.03	72.38

Income Record

Calendar Year	Net Income per Share (p)
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Accumulation Shares A

2007	0.9067
2008	0.1383
2009 ²	1.3979

Accumulation Shares I

2007	1.2991
2008	1.1029
2009 ²	1.8613

Net Asset Value (NAV)

As at	Shares in Issue	NAV per Share (p)
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Accumulation Shares A

30/09/2007	4,864,581	128.50
30/09/2008	4,865,868	81.83
30/09/2009	4,918,149	109.97

Accumulation Shares I

30/09/2007	32,468,206	129.05
30/09/2008	32,781,289	83.16
30/09/2009	32,828,719	112.33

Total NAV

	NAV of Sub-Fund (£)
30/09/2007	48,151,720
30/09/2008	31,242,628
30/09/2009	42,284,256

¹ From 13th November 2006 to 31st December 2006.

² To 30th September 2009.

TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO (TER)

	30/09/09	30/09/08
Class A	1.48%	1.61%
Class I	0.99%	1.10%

The TER shows the annual operating expenses of the sub-fund including the annual management charge and other expenses. It does not include transaction charges. Funds highlight the TER to help you compare the annual operating expenses of different schemes.

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATE (PTR)

	30/09/09	30/09/08
	119.0%	346.0%

The PTR is a ratio that reflects the volume of trading within the sub-fund over the course of a 12 month period. The PTR is calculated by taking the sum of all transactions in securities less the sum of all transactions in the sub-fund's shares and is expressed as a percentage of the sub-fund's average net asset value.

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

The Premier Alliance Trust Asia-Pacific Equity Fund aims to achieve long term capital growth. The sub-fund will achieve this by investing primarily in a broad range of Asia-Pacific (excluding Japan) securities, including securities of Asia-Pacific companies which may be listed on exchanges outside of Asia. In addition to securities, the sub-fund may invest in any asset class permitted generally for investment by UCITS schemes including units in collective investment schemes, transferable securities, money market instruments, warrants, deposits, government and public securities, cash and near cash and deposits. The sub-fund may invest in derivatives and forward transactions for hedging purposes only.

INVESTMENT REVIEW

PERFORMANCE

The prices of the I Class and A Class shares of the Premier Alliance Trust Asia-Pacific Equity Fund at the end of September 2009 were 112.52 pence and 110.16 pence respectively. In total return terms, the shares rose 35.09% and 34.10% respectively for the 12 month reporting period. The benchmark FTSE All World Asia-Pacific ex-Japan Index rose by 37.81%.

MARKET REVIEW

Asia-Pacific markets experienced significant falls at the beginning of the reporting period. The global credit crunch caused either dramatic slowdowns in Asian economies or outright recessions. In response, central banks worldwide, including Asia, cut interest rates aggressively and passed significant fiscal stimulus packages to stem the decline in global economic activity. Asia-Pacific markets had a strong rebound over the second half of the period. Many companies have been stating that they believe the "worst is over" and Asian stock markets have made significant recoveries from their lows.

PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

The large Asian economies of China and India have slowed but their demand for energy and basic materials continues to increase. We invested in Dongfang Electric, a Chinese power equipment maker with a strong ability to make wind and nuclear power equipment. We also invested in MacArthur Coal, an Australian producer of coking coal for export to steel manufacturers across Asia. The past twelve months witnessed a dramatic fall in global trade. However, there are signs that the fall in exports has troughed. We invested in logistics companies, Asciano and Brambles, as they are in a position to benefit from increasing intra-Asian and global trade. We are seeing a significant increase in competition and potentially harmful regulation in the Telecoms sector. As a result, we have sold our holdings in SingTel and Telstra and have reduced our exposure to China Mobile and Bharti Airtel.

PREMIER ALLIANCE TRUST ASIA-PACIFIC EQUITY FUND

The top ten purchases and sales during the period were as follows:

Purchases	Costs	Sales	Proceeds
	£'000		£'000
CNOOC	1,570	Wesfarmers	1,582
Brambles	1,179	Petrochina	1,556
POSCO	1,160	Rio Tinto	1,326
Asciano	1,147	Taiwan Fertilizer	1,281
Bharat Forge	839	Singapore Telecom	1,065
Hero Honda Motors	779	CLP	913
Newcrest Mining	777	KT&G	870
Stockland Trust	770	Worleyparsons	798
CSL	758	Telstra	789
Hutchison Whampoa	703	CNOOC	642
Total purchases during the period were	£21,004	Total sales during the period were	£18,209

OUTLOOK

The magnitude of the downturn in the global economy in the accounting period was dramatic and the effects may linger. Many companies are now, however, reporting an improving outlook. Indeed China, India and Indonesia continue to grow their economies. Countries like South Korea, Taiwan and Singapore which fell into recession are likely to return to growth this upcoming year. Meanwhile interest rates and inflation are low. These factors are likely to be supportive to Asia-Pacific markets.

Source: Alliance Trust Asset Management Limited, November 2009. Performance data taken from Financial Express Analytics, quoted on a total return, bid to bid, UK sterling basis. Past performance is not a guide to future returns.

PREMIER ALLIANCE TRUST ASIA-PACIFIC EQUITY FUND

PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

As at 30th September 2009

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Total Value of Sub-Fund %	Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Total Value of Sub-Fund %
	CYCLICAL SERVICES 3.98% (15.29%)				INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY 8.21% (4.32%)		
	General Industrials 2.46% (3.14%)				Information Technology & Hardware 8.21% (4.32%)		
180,000	Keppel Corporation	641	1.52	509,400	Hon Hai Precision Industry	1,263	2.99
256,500	Ports Design	396	0.94	38,000	Infosys Technologies	1,129	2.67
		1,037	2.46	11,800	NHN	1,079	2.55
						3,471	8.21
	Textile Products 1.52% (1.06%)				NON CYCLICAL SERVICES 10.19% (19.27%)		
881,218	Far East Textile	641	1.52		Agriculture Chemicals 0.00% (2.80%)		
		641	1.52		Telecommunication Services 4.11% (12.57%)		
	General Retailers 0.00% (2.70%)			122,800	Bharti Airtel	662	1.57
	Real Estates 0.00% (7.23%)			86,000	China Mobile	520	1.23
	Transportation 0.00% (1.16%)			498,665	Chunghwa Telecom	556	1.31
						1,738	4.11
	FINANCIALS 37.88% (20.00%)				Tobacco 2.00% (3.90%)		
	Banks 16.15% (9.96%)			283,000	ITC	847	2.00
1,560,000	Bank Rakyat Indonesia	756	1.79			847	2.00
49,600	Hang Seng Bank	441	1.04		Healthcare 2.17% (0.00%)		
90,000	ICICI	1,051	2.49	50,000	CSL	916	2.17
2,858,000	Industrial and Commercial Bank of China	1,336	3.16			916	2.17
9,560	Public Bank Berhad	17	0.04		Media 1.91% (0.00%)		
334,600	Public Bank Foreign	611	1.44	34,000	SINA	807	1.91
38,000	Shinhan Financial	940	2.22			807	1.91
117,000	Westpac Banking	1,679	3.97		RESOURCES 11.87% (11.86%)		
		6,831	16.15		Mining 8.19% (6.53%)		
	Speciality & Other Finance 21.73% (10.04%)			96,500	BHP Billiton	1,994	4.72
1,280,000	Asciano	1,150	2.72	106,500	MacArthur Coal	551	1.30
269,500	Brambles	1,191	2.82	52,440	Newcrest Mining	916	2.17
676,800	Cathay Financial	698	1.65			3,461	8.19
80,000	Cheung Kong	625	1.48		Oil & Gas 3.68% (5.33%)		
504,000	China Life Insurance	1,362	3.22	1,860,400	CNOOC	1,555	3.68
276,880	China Overseas Land & Development	371	0.88			1,555	3.68
120,000	DBS Group	701	1.66		UTILITIES 4.05% (5.06%)		
174,000	Hutchison Whampoa	774	1.83		Energy & Utilities 4.05% (5.06%)		
86,800	QBE Insurance	1,142	2.70	371,000	China Shenhua Energy	1,004	2.37
128,000	Sun Hung Kai Properties	1,170	2.77	228,000	Dongfang Electric	712	1.68
		9,184	21.73			1,716	4.05
	GENERAL INDUSTRIES 22.54% (15.38%)				Total Value of Investments	41,735	98.72
	Construction & Building Materials 3.03% (5.66%)				Net Other Assets	549	1.28
5,000	POSCO	1,282	3.03		Total Net Assets	42,284	100.00
		1,282	3.03				
	Engineering Machinery 0.00% (1.45%)						
	Electronic & Electrical Equipment 8.22% (4.64%)						
4,410	Samsung Electronics	1,891	4.47				
1,274,146	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	1,586	3.75				
		3,477	8.22				
	Diversified Manufacturing 0.00% (1.82%)						
	Heavy Industry 11.29% (1.81%)						
240,000	Bharat Forge	857	2.03				
30,000	Bharat Heavy Electricals	897	2.12				
678,000	China Merchants	1,395	3.30				
38,141	Hero Honda Motors	823	1.95				
13,682	Hyundai Motor	800	1.89				
		4,772	11.29				

Figures in brackets represent sector distribution at 30th September 2008.

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STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

For the year ended 30th September 2009

	Notes	30/09/09 £'000	30/09/08 ¹ £'000
Income			
Net capital gains/(losses)	2	10,279	(17,655)
Revenue	3	1,215	955
Expenses	4	(343)	(496)
Finance costs: Interest	6	-	(1)
Net revenue before taxation		872	458
Taxation	5	(192)	(92)
Net revenue after taxation		680	366
Total return before distributions		10,959	(17,289)
Finance costs: Distributions	6	(680)	(366)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		10,279	(17,655)

¹Restated (see note to the financial statements on page 12).

STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

For the year ended 30th September 2009

	Note	30/09/09 £'000	30/09/08 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		31,243	48,152
Amounts receivable on issue of shares		218	636
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares		(136)	(258)
		82	378
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		10,279	(17,655)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	6	680	368
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		42,284	31,243

BALANCE SHEET

As at 30th September 2009

	30/09/09 £'000	30/09/08 £'000
ASSETS		
Investment assets	41,735	28,488
Debtors		
Accrued income	98	84
Amounts receivable for issue of shares	-	4
Prepaid expenses	1	-
Sales awaiting settlement	8,160	-
Cash and bank balances	8,259	88
	700	2,793
Total other assets	8,959	2,881
Total assets	50,694	31,369
LIABILITIES		
Creditors		
Accrued expenses	(32)	(55)
Amounts payable for cancellation of shares	(1)	(4)
Corporation tax payable	(34)	(53)
Deferred tax	-	(14)
Purchases awaiting settlement	(8,170)	-
Bank overdrafts	(8,237)	(126)
	(173)	-
Total liabilities	(8,410)	(126)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	42,284	31,243

On behalf of Premier Portfolio Managers Limited.



Neil Macpherson
Finance Director (of the ACD)

Mark Friend
Managing Director, Operations (of the ACD)

29th January 2010

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies are set out in the aggregated notes to the financial statements on pages 6 to 7.

During the year, the sub-fund has adopted the IMA SORP 2008. This has resulted in presentational changes to the Statement of Total Return whereby currency gains or losses and transaction charges are now classified as net capital gains/losses. The effect of this is to reduce 'Other gains/(losses)' by £-169,989 (2008: £-107,595) and 'Expenses' by £2,630 (2008: £19,391), with a corresponding change in 'Net capital gains/losses'.

2. NET CAPITAL GAINS/(LOSSES)

	30/09/09 £'000	30/09/08 £'000
Non-derivative securities	10,452	(17,528)
Currency losses	(170)	(108)
Transaction charges	(3)	(19)
Net capital gains/(losses)	10,279	(17,655)

3. REVENUE

	30/09/09 £'000	30/09/08 £'000
Bank interest	16	89
Overseas dividends	1,199	866
	1,215	955

4. EXPENSES

	30/09/09 £'000	30/09/08 £'000
Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD and agents of either of them:		
ACD's periodic charge	263	356
	263	356
Payable to the Depositary, associates of the Depositary and agents of either of them:		
Depositary's fees	19	26
Safe custody fees	15	26
	34	52
Other expenses:		
Auditor's remuneration	9	8
Administration fees	26	52
Registration fees	10	18
FSA and other regulatory fees	-	6
Printing fees	(2)	1
Price publication fees	3	3
	46	88
Total expenses	343	496

Irrecoverable VAT is included in the above expenses where relevant.

5. TAXATION

(a) The tax charge comprises:

	30/09/09 £'000	30/09/08 £'000
Current tax:		
Corporation tax	84	88
Double taxation relief	(51)	(35)
Overseas withholding tax	172	38
Total current tax (note 5 (b))	205	91
Deferred tax (note 5 (c))	(13)	1
Total taxation	192	92

(b) Factors affecting the tax charge for the year:

The tax charged for the year is higher than the special 20% rate of corporation tax applicable to open-ended investment companies (OEICs). The differences are explained below:

	30/09/09 £'000	30/09/08 £'000
Net revenue before taxation	872	458
	872	458

Return on ordinary activities multiplied by the special rate of corporation tax of 20% (2008: 20%)

	174	92
Effects of:		
Double taxation relief	(51)	(35)
Overseas withholding tax	172	38
Expenses not deducted for tax purposes	(7)	3
Overseas dividends not received in the year	-	(3)
Tax effect on overseas dividends non taxable	(83)	-
Tax payable in different periods	-	(4)
Current tax charge (note 5 (a))	205	91

(c) Deferred tax

Provision at the start of the year	13	12
Deferred tax (credit)/charge in the year	(13)	1
Provision at the end of the year	-	13

Authorised OEICs are exempt from tax on capital gains made within the sub-funds.

Factors that may affect the future tax charge:

The sub-fund has no unutilised management expenses.

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6. FINANCE COSTS

The distributions take into account revenue received on the issue of shares and revenue deducted on the cancellation of shares, and comprise:

	30/09/09 £'000	30/09/08 £'000
Interim accumulation	231	29
Final accumulation	449	339
	<u>680</u>	<u>368</u>
Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares	1	1
Deduct: Revenue received on issue of shares	(1)	(3)
Net distributions for the year	680	366
Interest	-	1
Total finance costs	680	367

7. RELATED PARTIES

Authorised Corporate Director ("ACD")

The ACD of the sub-fund is Premier Portfolio Managers Limited. Amounts paid to Premier Portfolio Managers Limited in respect of the ACD's periodic charge are disclosed in note 4. Amounts due at the year end are included within accrued expenses on the balance sheet where applicable.

The investment manager is entitled to a performance related fee of 15% outperformance of the FTSE All World Asia Pacific (ex Japan) Index by each share class of the sub-fund, and is calculated to the end of September of each calendar year. The full amount of the performance fee is chargeable against income and is calculated on an accruals basis. Amounts due at the year end are disclosed in the balance sheet where applicable. There were no performance fees due this year end.

8. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND COMMITMENTS

There were no contingent liabilities or outstanding commitments at the balance sheet date (2008: £nil).

9. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

In pursuing the sub-fund's investment objective, the main risks arising from the sub-fund's financial instruments are market price, currency, interest rate, liquidity and counterparty risk.

Market Price Risk

Market price risk arises mainly from uncertainty about future prices of financial instruments held. It represents the potential loss the sub-fund might suffer through holding market positions in the face of price movements. The investment manager considers the asset allocation of the portfolio in order to minimise the risk associated with particular countries or industry sectors whilst continuing to follow the sub-fund's investment objective.

Currency Risk

The currency profile of the sub-fund's financial instruments at the balance sheet date (including short term debtors and creditors) was:

Currency exposure as at 30th September 2009

Currency	Portfolio of Investments £'000	Net other Assets/ (Liabilities) £'000	Total £'000
Australian dollar	9,539	(1,284)	8,255
Hong Kong dollar	11,662	378	12,040
Indian rupee	6,266	138	6,404
Indonesian rupiah	756	-	756
Japanese yen	-	615	615
Korean won	5,991	-	5,991
Malaysian ringgit	628	-	628
Singapore dollar	1,342	-	1,342
Taiwan dollar	4,745	11	4,756
US dollar	806	-	806
	<u>41,735</u>	<u>(142)</u>	<u>41,593</u>
Sterling	-	691	691
Total	41,735	549	42,284

Currency exposure as at 30th September 2008

Currency	Portfolio of Investments £'000	Net other Assets/ (Liabilities) £'000	Total £'000
Australian dollar	6,428	58	6,486
Hong Kong dollar	8,564	24	8,588
Indian rupee	2,424	3	2,427
Korean won	4,586	-	4,586
Singapore dollar	1,896	-	1,896
Malaysian ringgit	538	-	538
Taiwan dollar	3,474	566	4,040
Thai baht	578	-	578
	<u>28,488</u>	<u>651</u>	<u>29,139</u>
Sterling	-	2,104	2,104
Total	28,488	2,755	31,243

Interest Rate Risk

The majority of the sub-fund's assets comprise equity shares which do not pay interest (2008: nil).

The only interest-bearing financial assets of the sub-fund are bank balances, on which interest is calculated at a variable rate by reference to sterling bank deposit rates or the international equivalent.

Liquidity Risk

The sub-fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities, which can be readily sold. The main liability of the sub-fund is the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell. All the financial liabilities of the sub-fund fall due within one year.

Counterparty Risk

The sub-fund will be exposed to counterparty risk on parties with whom it trades and will bear the risk of settlement default. The sub-fund minimises concentrations of credit risk by undertaking transactions with a large number of counterparties on recognised and reputable exchanges. The sub-fund only buys and sells investments through brokers which have been approved by the investment adviser as an acceptable counterparty and from recognised product providers.

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Fair Value of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

There is no material difference between the carrying values and the fair values of the financial assets and liabilities of the sub-fund disclosed in the balance sheet where applicable.

Derivatives and forward transactions

The sub-fund does not hold any derivatives or forward transactions.

The investment manager does not use derivative instruments to hedge the investment portfolio against risk.

10. PORTFOLIO TRANSACTION COSTS

Analysis of total purchase costs:

	30/09/09 £'000	30/09/08 £'000
Purchases in year before transaction costs	20,941	73,861
Commissions	55	220
Taxes	8	33
Total purchase costs	63	253

Gross purchases total

21,004 74,114

Analysis of total sale costs:

Gross sales before transaction costs	18,268	74,213
Commissions	(46)	(214)
Taxes	(13)	(91)
Total sale costs	(59)	(305)

Total sales net of transaction costs

18,209 73,908

DISTRIBUTION TABLES

For the period from 1st October 2008 to 31st March 2009

Interim dividend distribution in pence per share

Accumulation Shares A

	Net Income	Equalisation	Amount Accumulated	
			31/05/09	31/05/08
Group 1	0.4324	-	0.4324	-
Group 2	0.2960	0.1364	0.4324	-

Accumulation Shares I

	Net Income	Equalisation	Amount Accumulated	
			31/05/09	31/05/08
Group 1	0.6384	-	0.6384	0.0892
Group 2	0.3626	0.2758	0.6384	0.0892

For the period from 1st April 2009 to 30th September 2009

Final dividend distribution in pence per share

Accumulation Shares A

	Net Income	Equalisation	Amount Accumulated	
			31/01/10	31/01/09
Group 1	0.9655	-	0.9655	0.1383
Group 2	0.7872	0.1783	0.9655	0.1383

Accumulation Shares I

	Net Income	Equalisation	Amount Accumulated	
			31/01/10	31/01/09
Group 1	1.2229	-	1.2229	1.0137
Group 2	0.7496	0.4733	1.2229	1.0137

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COMPARATIVE TABLES

Performance Record

Calendar Year	High (p)	Low (p)
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Accumulation Shares A

2006 ¹	102.73	97.46
2007	105.61	88.58
2008	98.21	72.29
2009 ²	89.34	67.92

Accumulation Shares I

2006 ¹	102.72	97.46
2007	105.72	88.95
2008	98.91	72.94
2009 ²	90.25	68.67

Income Record

Calendar Year	Net Income per Share (p)
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Accumulation Shares A

2007	0.0860
2008	0.2397
2009 ²	0.6444

Accumulation Shares I

2007	0.1666
2008	0.6503
2009 ²	0.8490

Net Asset Value (NAV)

As at	Shares in Issue	NAV per Share (p)
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Accumulation Shares A

30/09/2007	4,903,499	94.92
30/09/2008	4,902,546	81.52
30/09/2009	4,907,720	80.45

Accumulation Shares I

30/09/2007	36,189,830	95.26
30/09/2008	36,500,347	82.23
30/09/2009	31,462,162	81.56

Total NAV

	NAV of Sub-Fund (£)
30/09/2007	39,130,443
30/09/2008	34,012,285
30/09/2009	29,607,319

¹ From 13th November 2006 to 31st December 2006.

² To 30th September 2009.

TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO (TER)

	30/09/09	30/09/08
Class A	1.49%	1.55%
Class I	0.99%	1.05%

The TER shows the annual operating expenses of the sub-fund including the annual management charge and other expenses. It does not include transaction charges. Funds highlight the TER to help you compare the annual operating expenses of different schemes.

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATE (PTR)

	30/09/09	30/09/08
	180.9%	47.0%

The PTR is a ratio that reflects the volume of trading within the sub-fund over the course of a 12 month period. The PTR is calculated by taking the sum of all transactions in securities less the sum of all transactions in the sub-fund's shares and is expressed as a percentage of the sub-fund's average net asset value.

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

The Premier Alliance Trust Japan Equity Fund aims to achieve long term capital growth. The sub-fund will achieve this by investing primarily in a broad range of Japanese securities, including securities of Japanese companies which may be listed on exchanges outside of Asia. In addition to securities, the sub-fund may invest in any asset class permitted generally for investment by UCITS schemes including units in collective investment schemes, transferable securities, money market instruments, warrants, deposits, government and public securities, cash and near cash and deposits. The sub-fund may invest in derivatives and forward transactions for hedging purposes only.

INVESTMENT REVIEW

PERFORMANCE

The prices of the I Class and A Class shares of the Premier Alliance Trust Japan Equity Fund at 30 September 2009 were 81.82 pence and 80.71 pence respectively. In total return terms, the shares fell 0.64% and 1.25% respectively for the 12 month reporting period. The benchmark FTSE All World Japan Index rose by 7.97%.

MARKET REVIEW

The reporting period was marked by two distinct phases, each of approximately six months. The rapid deterioration of the global economy in the wake of the Lehman shock led to a collapse in stock markets around the world, including Japan. Leading the decline were deep cyclical stocks and financials, while more defensive areas such as pharmaceuticals, utilities and telecommunications outperformed on a relative basis. The fall in share prices came to a halt in March as governments in the major economies implemented co-ordinated measures to attempt to stimulate growth and to support the financial sector.

Within Japan, the rally was characterised by two distinct and different phases. Initially, financial and deep cyclical shares experienced sharp rises, while the defensive sectors, which had shown strong relative performance over the previous 12 months, underperformed. The focus of the market rally then changed with the announcement of the 2nd quarter's earnings, when it became clear that, despite the stimulus measures, domestic demand remained weak and the only area of growth was the external sector and exports. This second phase was characterised by a shift in market leadership to manufacturers, in particular technology hardware and industrials.

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PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

The main thrusts of the moves in the portfolio over the period were to reduce the defensive and domestic demand-based elements and to increase the economically sensitive weighting, with an emphasis on manufacturing and quality. The holdings in Telecommunications (NTT and NTT Docomo) were sold, as were those in Tobacco (Japan Tobacco), Foods (Asahi Beer), Retail (Lawson), and Financials (MUFG, Sumitomo Trust & Banking and Mizuho Financial Group) as the Fund moved to overweight positions in Technology and Industrials. New positions added to the portfolio included Tokyo Electron, SUMCO and Rohm (all technology companies), as well as SMC, Keyence, THK, JTEKT and Makita (Industrials).

The top ten purchases and sales during the period were as follows:

Purchases	Costs	Sales	Proceeds
	£'000		£'000
Sumitomo Mitsui	1,528	East Japan Railway	1,951
NTT Docomo	1,479	Sumitomo Mitsui	1,871
Mitsui & Co	1,212	Nippon Telegraph	
Honda Motor	1,171	& Telephone	1,591
Mitsubishi	1,162	Takeda Chemical	1,493
Lawson	1,153	Seven Eleven	1,254
Keyence	1,088	NTT Docomo	1,197
Japan Tobacco	1,073	Nintendo	1,181
ROHM	1,028	Lawson	981
Inpex	1,027	Japan Tobacco	945
		Mitsubishi UFJ Financial	932
Total purchases during the period were	£28,430	Total sales during the period were	£29,411

OUTLOOK

The market over the near to medium term is expected to be influenced by a number of conflicting factors. The various stimulus measures appear unlikely to halt the decline in domestic demand and deflation appears to have returned. Hence, domestic economic activity will at best remain weak. Exports, however, are on a recovery track and manufacturing profits are set for a strong rebound, which should support share prices. Profits, ex-financials, should recover strongly both this year and next. This in turn should push the market higher, but in a two tier manner with domestic related names lagging those of the exporting sector. The currency, however, is a concern and could impinge upon investor sentiment if the yen was to strengthen rapidly from its current level, although a stable rate around Y90/\$ should not be detrimental.

Source: Alliance Trust Asset Management Limited, November 2009. Performance data taken from Financial Express Analytics, quoted on a total return, bid to bid, UK sterling basis. Past performance is not a guide to future returns.

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PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

As at 30th September 2009

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Total Value of Sub-Fund %
	CYCLICAL SERVICES 2.05% (13.18%)		
	Real Estate 0.00% (6.91%)		
	Transportation 2.05% (6.27%)		
165,000	Mitsui OSK Lines	607	2.05
		607	2.05
	FINANCIALS 6.12% (14.78%)		
	Banks 0.00% (11.50%)		
	Insurance 6.12% (3.28%)		
48,000	T & D Holdings	802	2.71
56,500	Tokio Marine Holdings	1,011	3.41
		1,813	6.12
	GENERAL INDUSTRIES 67.72% (40.53%)		
	Alcoholic Beverages 0.00% (2.60%)		
	Automobiles & Parts 12.19% (6.59%)		
64,000	Honda Motor	1,218	4.11
97,200	Toyota Motor	2,393	8.08
		3,611	12.19
	Diversified Industries 4.24% (3.60%)		
100,000	Mitsubishi	1,255	4.24
		1,255	4.24
	Electronic & Electrical Equipment 29.69% (16.63%)		
55,000	Canon	1,373	4.64
315,000	Dainippon Screen Manufacturing	736	2.49
17,000	Fanuc	943	3.19
8,780	Keyence	1,163	3.93
28,000	Nidec	1,411	4.77
24,000	ROHM	1,038	3.51
25,000	TDK	895	3.02
31,000	Tokyo Electron	1,225	4.14
		8,784	29.69
	Engineering & Machinery 14.67% (9.34%)		
115,000	JTEKT	829	2.80
94,000	Komatsu	1,094	3.69
42,600	Makita	835	2.82
10,500	SMC	799	2.70
65,000	THK	787	2.66
		4,344	14.67
	Metals 3.90% (1.77%)		
82,000	Sumco	1,154	3.90
		1,154	3.90
	Mining 3.03% (0.00%)		
170	Inpex	897	3.03
		897	3.03

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Total Value of Sub-Fund %
	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY 0.00% (2.89%)		
	Software & Computer Services 0.00% (2.89%)		
	NON CYCLICAL CONSUMER GOODS 14.04% (8.19%)		
	Pharmaceutical & Biotechnology 8.17% (4.47%)		
53,900	Daiichi Sankyo	689	2.33
80,000	Keihin	823	2.78
62,000	Shionogi & Co	907	3.06
		2,419	8.17
	Speciality Chemicals 5.87% (3.72%)		
77,000	JSR	977	3.30
20,000	Shin-Etsu Chemical	761	2.57
		1,738	5.87
	NON CYCLICAL SERVICES 7.70% (14.17%)		
	General Retailers 5.06% (10.85%)		
185,000	Mitsui	1,500	5.06
		1,500	5.06
	Telecommunications 2.64% (3.32%)		
1,315	Jupiter Telecommunications	782	2.64
		782	2.64
	Total Value of Investments	28,904	97.63
	Net Other Assets	703	2.37
	Total Net Assets	29,607	100.00

Figures in brackets represent sector distribution at 30th September 2008.

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STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

For the year ended 30th September 2009

	Notes	30/09/09		30/09/08 ¹	
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income					
Net capital losses	2		(1,234)		(5,641)
Revenue	3	631		700	
Expenses	4	(314)		(410)	
Finance costs: Interest	6	-		-	
Net revenue before taxation		317		290	
Taxation	5	(42)		(44)	
Net revenue after taxation			275		246
Total return before distributions			(959)		(5,395)
Finance costs: Distributions	6		(302)		(248)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities			(1,261)		(5,643)

¹Restated (see note to the financial statements on page 19).

STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

For the year ended 30th September 2009

	Note	30/09/09		30/09/08	
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders			34,012		39,130
Amounts receivable on issue of shares		125		352	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares		(3,575)		(75)	
			(3,450)		277
Dilution Levy			7		-
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities			(1,261)		(5,643)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	6		299		248
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders			29,607		34,012

BALANCE SHEET

As at 30th September 2009

	30/09/09		30/09/08	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
ASSETS				
Investment assets		28,904		31,883
Debtors				
Accrued income		159		249
Sales awaiting settlement		1,415		-
Cash and bank balances		1,574		249
		979		2,071
Total other assets		2,553		2,320
Total assets		31,457		34,203
LIABILITIES				
Creditors				
Accrued expenses		(29)		(47)
Purchases awaiting settlement		(1,664)		-
		(1,693)		(47)
Bank overdrafts		(157)		(144)
Total liabilities		(1,850)		(191)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		29,607		34,012

On behalf of Premier Portfolio Managers Limited.



Neil Macpherson
Finance Director (of the ACD)
29th January 2010

Mark Friend
Managing Director, Operations (of the ACD)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies are set out in the aggregated notes to the financial statements on pages 6 to 7.

During the year, the sub-fund has adopted the IMA SORP 2008. This has resulted in presentational changes to the Statement of Total Return whereby currency gains or losses and transaction charges are now classified as net capital gains/losses. The effect of this is to reduce 'Other gains/(losses)' by £768,861 (2008: £573,023) and 'Expenses' by £4,184 (2008: £1,290), with a corresponding change in 'Net capital losses'.

2. NET CAPITAL LOSSES

	30/09/09 £'000	30/09/08 £'000
Non-derivative securities	(1,999)	(6,213)
Currency gains	769	573
Transaction charges	(4)	(1)
Net capital losses	(1,234)	(5,641)

3. REVENUE

	30/09/09 £'000	30/09/08 £'000
Bank interest	1	16
Overseas dividends	630	684
	631	700

4. EXPENSES

	30/09/09 £'000	30/09/08 £'000
Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD and agents of either of them:		
ACD's periodic charge	246	304
	246	304
Payable to the Depositary, associates of the Depositary and agents of either of them:		
Depositary's fees	19	22
Safe custody fees	3	6
	22	28
Other expenses:		
Auditor's remuneration	9	8
Administration fees	28	48
Registration fees	8	12
FSA and other regulatory fees	-	6
Printing fees	(2)	1
Price publication fees	3	3
	46	78
Total expenses	314	410

Irrecoverable VAT is included in the above expenses where relevant.

5. TAXATION

(a) The tax charge comprises:

	30/09/09 £'000	30/09/08 £'000
Current tax:		
Corporation tax	77	21
Double taxation relief	(77)	(21)
Overseas withholding tax	42	44
Total current tax (note 5 (b))	42	44
Deferred tax (note 5 (c))	-	-
Total taxation	42	44

(b) Factors affecting the tax charge for the year:

The tax charged for the year is lower than the special 20% rate of corporation tax applicable to open-ended investment companies (OEICs). The differences are explained below:

	30/09/09 £'000	30/09/08 £'000
Net revenue before taxation	317	290
	317	290

Return on ordinary activities multiplied by the special rate of corporation tax of 20% (2008: 20%)

	64	58
Effects of:		
Double taxation relief	(77)	(21)
Overseas withholding tax	42	44
Prior period expenses utilised	-	(21)
Overseas dividends not received in the year	-	(16)
Tax effect on overseas dividends non taxable	(6)	-
Taxation payable in different periods	19	-
Current tax charge (note 5 (a))	42	44

Authorised OEICs are exempt from tax on capital gains made within the sub-funds.

Factors that may affect the future tax charge:

The sub-fund has eligible unrelieved foreign tax (EUFT) of £2,332 (2008: £32,647). These are not expected to be utilised in the foreseeable future unless the nature of the sub-fund's income or capital gains changes.

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6. FINANCE COSTS

The distributions take into account revenue received on the issue of shares and revenue deducted on the cancellation of shares, and comprise:

	30/09/09 £'000	30/09/08 £'000
Interim accumulation	299	183
Final accumulation	-	65
	<u>299</u>	<u>248</u>
Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares	3	-
Deduct: Revenue received on issue of shares	-	-
Net distributions for the year	302	248
Interest	-	-
Total finance costs	302	248
The difference between the net revenue after taxation and the amounts distributed comprises		
Net revenue after taxation	275	246
Deficit transferred to Capital	27	3
Finance costs: Distributions	302	249

7. RELATED PARTIES

Authorised Corporate Director ("ACD")

The ACD of the sub-fund is Premier Portfolio Managers Limited. Amounts paid to Premier Portfolio Managers Limited in respect of the ACD's periodic charge are disclosed in note 4. Amounts due at the year end are included within accrued expenses on the balance sheet where applicable.

The investment manager is entitled to a performance related fee of 15% outperformance of the FTSE All World Japan Index by each share class of the sub-fund, and is calculated to the end of September of each calendar year. The full amount of the performance fee is chargeable against income and is calculated on an accruals basis. Amounts due at the year end are disclosed in the balance sheet where applicable. There were no performance fees due this year end.

8. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND COMMITMENTS

There were no contingent liabilities or outstanding commitments at the balance sheet date (2008: £nil).

9. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

In pursuing the sub-fund's investment objective, the main risks arising from the sub-fund's financial instruments are market price, currency, interest rate, liquidity and counterparty risk.

Market Price Risk

Market price risk arises mainly from uncertainty about future prices of financial instruments held. It represents the potential loss the sub-fund might suffer through holding market positions in the face of price movements. The investment manager considers the asset allocation of the portfolio in order to minimise the risk associated with particular countries or industry sectors whilst continuing to follow the sub-fund's investment objective.

Currency Risk

The currency profile of the sub-fund's financial instruments at the balance sheet date (including short term debtors and creditors) was:

Currency exposure as at 30th September 2009

Currency	Portfolio of Investments £'000	Net other Assets/ (Liabilities) £'000	Total £'000
Japanese yen	28,904	646	29,550
	<u>28,904</u>	<u>646</u>	<u>29,550</u>
Sterling	-	57	57
Total	28,904	703	29,607

Currency exposure as at 30th September 2008

Currency	Portfolio of Investments £'000	Net other Assets/ (Liabilities) £'000	Total £'000
Japanese yen	31,883	2,048	33,931
	<u>31,883</u>	<u>2,048</u>	<u>33,931</u>
Sterling	-	81	81
Total	31,883	2,129	34,012

Interest Rate Risk

The majority of the sub-fund's assets comprise equity shares which do not pay interest (2008: nil).

The only interest-bearing financial assets of the sub-fund are bank balances, on which interest is calculated at a variable rate by reference to sterling bank deposit rates or the international equivalent.

Liquidity Risk

The sub-fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities, which can be readily sold. The main liability of the sub-fund is the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell. All the financial liabilities of the sub-fund fall due within one year.

Counterparty Risk

The sub-fund will be exposed to counterparty risk on parties with whom it trades and will bear the risk of settlement default. The sub-fund minimises concentrations of credit risk by undertaking transactions with a large number of counterparties on recognised and reputable exchanges. The sub-fund only buys and sells investments through brokers which have been approved by the investment adviser as an acceptable counterparty and from recognised product providers.

Fair Value of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

There is no material difference between the carrying values and the fair values of the financial assets and liabilities of the sub-fund disclosed in the balance sheet where applicable.

Derivatives and forward transactions

The sub-fund does not hold any derivatives or forward transactions that could materially impact the value of the sub-fund. The investment manager does not use derivative instruments to hedge the investment portfolio against risk.

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10. PORTFOLIO TRANSACTION COSTS

Analysis of total purchase costs:

	30/09/09 £'000	30/09/08 £'000
Purchases in year before transaction costs	28,371	9,383
Commissions	59	19
Total purchase costs	59	19
Gross purchases total	28,430	9,402

Analysis of total sale costs:

Gross sales before transaction costs	29,470	8,442
Commissions	(59)	(17)
Total sale costs	(59)	(17)
Total sales net of transaction costs	29,411	8,425

DISTRIBUTION TABLES

For the period from 1st October 2008 to 31st March 2009

Interim dividend distribution in pence per share

A Class Shares

	Net Income	Equalisation	Amount Accumulated	
			31/05/09	31/05/08
Group 1	0.6444	-	0.6444	0.2397
Group 2	0.6364	0.0080	0.6444	0.2397

I Class Shares

	Net Income	Equalisation	Amount Accumulated	
			31/05/09	31/05/08
Group 1	0.8490	-	0.8490	0.4710
Group 2	0.7952	0.0538	0.8490	0.4710

For the period from 1st April 2009 to 30th September 2009

Final dividend distribution in pence per share

A Class Shares

Expenses exceeded income during the period, as a result no distributions were paid.

I Class Shares

	Net Income	Equalisation	Amount Accumulated	
			31/01/10	31/01/09
Group 1	-	-	-	0.1793
Group 2	-	-	-	0.1793

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