

# The European Investment Trust plc

(formerly Foreign & Colonial Eurotrust PLC)

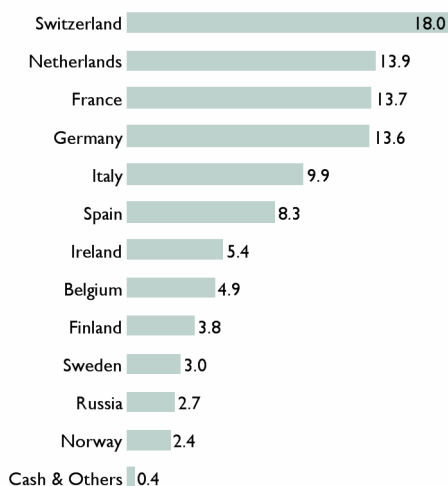
## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The objective of The European Investment Trust plc is to achieve long-term capital growth through a diversified portfolio of Continental European securities.

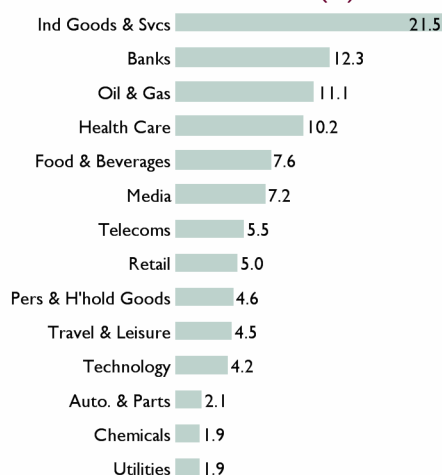
## PHILOSOPHY

Edinburgh Partners has a simple and clear investment philosophy. Through disciplined and intensive research we identify stocks which we consider are clearly undervalued. It is our belief that such undervaluation arises because the stock market's investment horizon is too short. We aim to provide our clients with an absolute return and stocks are therefore not included in our portfolio by reference to an index weighting. We believe that a stock price is driven by the company's future profits and so for every potential holding we forecast profits, cash flow and balance sheet over the next five years. We then apply our own valuation basis to these forecasts to produce an estimate of what the price should be. Only if this intrinsic price is well above the current share price would we consider buying the stock. As we are long-term investors we stress the need for patience in investing.

## GEOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS (%)



## INDUSTRIAL ANALYSIS (%)



## PERFORMANCE\* (%)

	1 Mth	3 Mths	12 Mths	2 Yrs**	3 Yrs**	5 Yrs**
Shares	-1.4	4.9	-11.0	-3.2	3.5	-5.7
Nav	-0.8	4.3	-11.0	-2.2	4.8	-4.3
Index	-1.9	3.3	-15.0	-4.8	3.3	-1.0

## TOP 10 HOLDINGS

Company	Sector	%
Sanofi	Health Care	3.3
Vivendi Universal	Media	3.2
Royal Dutch Shell A	Oil & Gas	3.0
Ahold Kon.	Retail	3.0
Swedbank A	Banks	3.0
Belgacom	Telecoms	2.9
Gea Group	Ind Goods & Svcs	2.8
Unilever Certs.	Food & Beverages	2.8
Ryanair	Travel & Leisure	2.8
ENI	Oil & Gas	2.8

## SHARE PRICE DISCRETE PERFORMANCE (%)

31/12/10-	31/12/09-	31/12/08-	31/12/07-	31/12/06-
31/12/11	31/12/10	31/12/09	31/12/08	31/12/07
-11.0	5.3	18.4	-40.4	12.9

## Past performance is no guide to future performance

\*From February 2010 NAV returns are sourced from Edinburgh Partners and include dividends reinvested and current period income in line with the AIC. Prior to February 2010, the investment manager was F&C Management Limited (F&C) and NAV returns were sourced from F&C. Share price & Index performance figures are calculated monthly using total return figures sourced from Thomson Reuters Datastream. Share price returns are calculated on a closing mid price basis. The index is FTSE All World Europe ex UK.

\*\*Returns shown in the table above for periods greater than 12 months are annualised.

## TRUST FEATURES

### MANAGER

Dale Robertson (from February 2010)

### INCEPTION DATE

28/06/1972

### YEAR END

30 September

### TOTAL ASSETS

£ 247.69 m

### NAV PER SHARE

584.17p

### SHARE PRICE\*

485.00p

### DISCOUNT TO NAV

17.0%

### GEARING (NET)\*\*

99.6%

### ANNUAL MANAGEMENT FEES

0.55% (based on market cap)

### DIVIDENDS

Annual: 2010 - 14.0p (including 3.0p special)

### SEDOL CODE

329501

### LISTING

London Stock Exchange

\*Quoted is the mid-market closing price on the London Stock Exchange on 30 December 2011

\*\* Total assets less cash and cash equivalents, divided by net assets, multiplied by 100

# The European Investment Trust plc

(formerly Foreign & Colonial Eurotrust PLC)

## RISK WARNINGS

The Trust is listed on the London Stock Exchange, as a result the value of the shares and any income derived from them, can fall as well as rise and investors may not get back the full value of their investment.

As the Trust invests in overseas securities fluctuations in exchange rates may also cause the value of the shares (and any income from them) to fall as well as rise.

The Trust can borrow money to make further investments. This is known as 'gearing'. The effect of gearing can enhance returns in a rising market, but if the value of the investments fall, any borrowings will increase the amount of the loss.

The Trust can buy back and cancel its own shares. The risks from borrowing referred to above, are increased when a Trust buys back and cancels its shares.

The Trust's portfolio is likely to be more concentrated than that of other similar trusts or funds and the share price and NAV are therefore likely to be more volatile than other more diversified portfolios.

The Trust charges the management fee to income. Where income is low, expenses may exceed the total income received and the Trust would not pay a dividend and the capital value would be reduced.

The Trust may use derivatives, principally to protect the value of the portfolio or reduce costs. Investment gains may be restricted in a rising market.

## OTHER INFORMATION

The Trust is not authorised or regulated by the Financial Services Authority.

This factsheet does not constitute an offer, invitation or solicitation to deal in securities. The factsheet contains information and opinions which may change without notice. Any information on investments does not constitute independent research and is therefore not subject to the protections afforded to independent research.

The Directors of the Trust and employees of the investment manager may have dealt or have positions in the securities mentioned.

Further details of the risks associated with investment in the Trust and information about how charges are applied can be obtained by contacting the number or email address above.

This factsheet has been issued and approved by the investment manager of the Trust, Edinburgh Partners Limited, 12 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, EH2 4DJ. Registered in Scotland number SC243661. Edinburgh Partners Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority, 25 The North Colonnade, Canary Wharf, London, E14 5HS.

## TRUST FEATURES

### INVESTMENT ENQUIRIES

Contact Robert Coulter

Telephone +44 (0)131 270 3800

Fax +44 (0)131 270 3801

Email [info@edpam.com](mailto:info@edpam.com)

Web [www.edinburghpartners.com](http://www.edinburghpartners.com)

12 Charlotte Square  
Edinburgh EH2 4DJ