F&C Private Equity Trust plc

'Ordinary' Shares (as at 30 September 2009)

F&C Investments

November 2009

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Fund Manager

Trust aims

The continuation (Ordinary) shares' investment policy permits reinvestment of the proceeds of the realisation of assets, enabling shareholders to continue exposure to private equity investments.

Trust highlights

- Anticipated superior returns relative to the quoted markets.
- Access to a well diversified portfolio.
- Manager's understanding and access to 'up and coming' funds.

Average annual return

Compound average annual return figure over 5 years	7.08%

Standardised performance

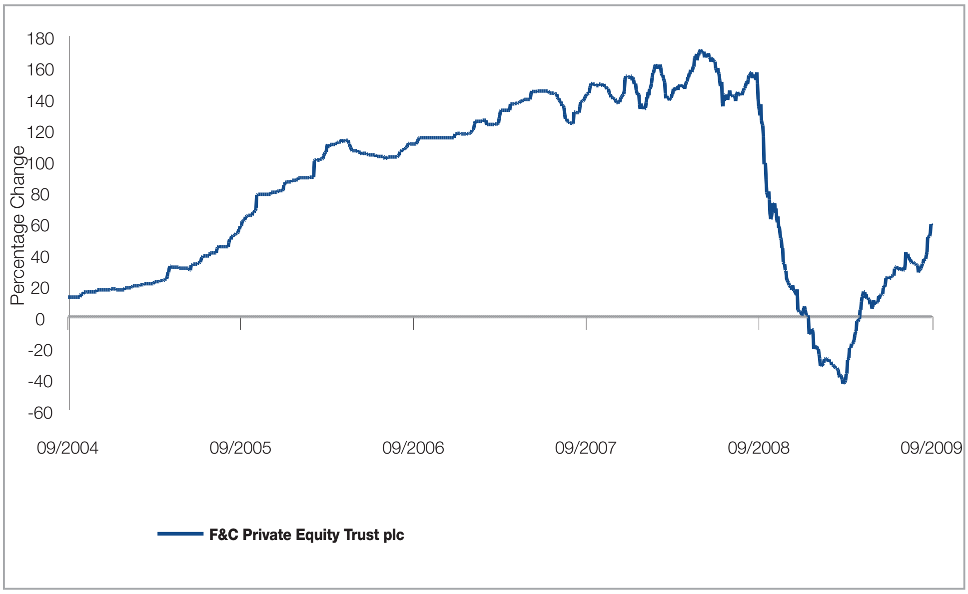
	2008/2009	2007/2008	2006/2007	2005/2006	2004/2005
Fund	-32.6%	-2.6%	14.4%	33.3%	40.5%

Cumulative performance

	1 Month	Year to date	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
Fund	19.0%	53.7%	-32.6%	-24.8%	40.8%

Source: Datastream. Basis: share price, percentage growth, mid to mid, net income reinvested. Basis in accordance to the regulations of the FSA.
Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The standardised performance table refers to 12 month periods ending 30 September. The cumulative performance table refers to cumulative periods ending 30.09.2009.

Fund performance



Key details (30 September 2009)

Fund Type	Investment Trust
Launch Date †	2001
Total assets	£180.5 million
Share price (30 September 2009)	116.00p
NAV (diluted)	199.86p
Discount/Premium(-/+)	-42.0%
Dividend Payment Dates	Jan, Oct
Net dividend yield (30 September 2009)	0.4%
Current gearing*	123.8%
Management fee rate**	0.9%
Total expenses(2008)	1.3%
Year End	31 Dec
Sector	Private Equity
Currency	Sterling
Website	www.fandcprivateequitytrust.com

Top ten holdings

Holdings	%
August Equity Partners I	3.5%
Mezzanine Management Fund IV A	3.4%
Warburg Pincus IX	3.3%
Argan Capital LP	3.2%
Hutton Collins Capital Partners II	2.9%
Penta F&C Co-Investment Fund L.P.	2.9%
Accession Mezzanine II	2.8%
August Equity Partners II	2.6%
Candover 2005	2.5%
ICS Co-Investment	2.4%
TOTAL	**29.6%**

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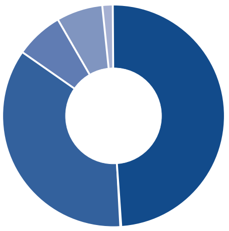
Trust geographical breakdown (30 September 2009)



Manager's commentary (30 September 2009)

The valuation of the ordinary share pool of the Company at 30 September 2009 was £145.8m, giving a fully diluted NAV per share of 199.86p, an increase over the quarter of 2.4%.

No new fund or direct investments were made during the quarter. Our investment partners called £5.9m for new investment in a fairly wide range of companies for several different funds. The UK accounted for the largest proportion of this with drawdowns of £2.7m, whilst our funds focusing on continental Europe drew £2.6m and the US component £0.6m.

Realisations over the quarter totalled £16.3m. The majority of this was from Inflexion managed investments with the sale of Viking Moorings in July yielding £11.8m on its own. This co-investment achieved an exceptional investment multiple of 11X and an IRR of 106% proving that even in difficult conditions it is possible for strong appropriately led deals to make excellent returns. Inflexion led holding nursing agency ICS has been trading strongly with healthy cashflows. This has allowed repayment of loan stock resulting in an inflow of £1m. F&CPET also received £0.5m from the sale of Dmatek and £0.2m from the sale of the remainder of HKI both of which were held in Inflexion funds. Candover achieved a strong exit from Wood Mackenzie resulting in an inflow of £0.4m. French mid market fund Ciclad 4 achieved a number of partial exits yielding proceeds of £0.6m and German fund DBAG IV sold Lewa yielding proceeds of £0.2m.

In October we were informed that DBAG V has sold its holding in industrial services company MCE which we anticipate will result in proceeds of €3.3m in the fourth quarter with a further potential €0.7m to come from escrow in due course. In response to an approach from another private equity investor we were able to achieve a quick sale of our holding in Geronimo Inns at cost which resulted in a useful inflow of £0.7m.

The largest individual change in valuation during the quarter was a £1.1m uplift in the value of our ICS co-investment which reflects strong trading performance since acquisition. DBAG V increased by £0.7m reflecting the expected sales proceeds of MCE. We have agreed to sell our non core holdings in Warburg Pincus X and Montagu III and have reduced these holdings by £0.9m and £0.5m respectively to reflect agreed sales proceeds. We have also written down 3si by £0.7m reflecting lower margins (as the company invests for growth) and lower comparable company multiples.

The strong cash inflows in the third quarter have helped reduce the level of net borrowings to £22.3m as at 30 September 2009. The outstanding commitments of the Company were £142m at 30 September 2009, slightly higher than at 30 June 2009 due to the strength of the Euro. The sales of Warburg Pincus X and Montagu III referred to above have reduced our outstanding commitments by over £7m. We also expect that current fund reorganisations and expiry of commitments will shortly reduce our undrawn commitments to £125m.

For some time the company has been considering different means of raising finance with which to come through the recession whilst maintaining and enhancing shareholders' returns. On 19th October we announced our intention to do this through the issue of up to £30m of zero dividend preference shares. This is aimed at reinforcing the company's ability to meet its undrawn commitments and in due course providing a source of capital for making new investments. In the meantime our investment partners are simultaneously protecting and creating equity value in the existing portfolio and prospecting for new investments across the breadth of the European mid market.

The diversified nature of the Company's portfolio means that the companies within the underlying portfolio are involved in many sectors and depend on various and disparate economic and business trends. We believe that these companies are owned by highly motivated investors who have engaged well-incentivised managers with the skills and experience to create equity value over the medium term. Collectively, the business skills deployed in the Company's portfolio are extensive. We believe that these factors, coupled with its mid-market positioning, almost no exposure to very large over-leveraged private equity-backed companies and conservative valuations, leave the Company well placed to benefit from economic recovery.

Trust codes

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All data as at 30.09.09. unless otherwise stated.