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HENDERSON OPPORTUNITIES TRUST PLC

**Report for the half-year ended
30 April 2018**
(unaudited)

HENDERSON OPPORTUNITIES TRUST PLC
Unaudited Results for the half year ended 30 April 2018

Investment Objective

The Company aims to achieve capital growth in excess of the FTSE All-Share Index from a portfolio of UK investments.

Performance Highlights

	(Unaudited) 30 April 2018	(Unaudited) 30 April 2017	(Audited) 31 October 2017
Net Asset Value (NAV) per ordinary share	1,246.7p	1,131.9p	1,269.9p
Ordinary share price	1,032.5p	962.5p	1,066.0p
Discount	17.2%	15.0%	16.1%
Total return per ordinary share	(9.1p)	148.2p	292.2p
Revenue return per ordinary share - basic and diluted	10.0p	10.1p	21.8p
Dividends per ordinary share	6.5p	6.0p	20.0p
Net Gearing ¹	13.4%	15.9%	13.3%

¹ The net gearing percentage reflects the amount of borrowings (bank loans or overdrafts) the Company has used to invest in the market less cash and investment cash funds, divided by net assets multiplied by 100.

Total Return Performance to 30 April 2018

(including dividends reinvested and excluding transaction costs)

	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
	%	%	%	%
NAV per ordinary share ¹	-0.7	12.0	25.0	84.2
Benchmark ²	2.1	8.2	22.6	45.6
Share price ³	-1.9	9.4	18.9	93.9
Sector average NAV ⁴	1.9	4.1	24.0	58.3

Sources: Morningstar Direct, Datastream and Janus Henderson

1. Net Asset Value (NAV) total return per ordinary share with income reinvested

2. FTSE All-Share Index total return

3. Share price total return using mid-market closing price

4. Average NAV of the AIC UK All Companies Sector with income reinvested

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INTERIM MANAGEMENT REPORT

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

Performance

Following a year of outperformance in 2017, the Company's net asset value (NAV) fell 0.7% in the six months to 30 April 2018, whereas the FTSE All-Share Index (the Company's benchmark) rose by 2.1%, both on a total return basis. This underperformance in the first half of the current financial year was largely attributable to the write off of our holding in Conviviality, valued at £2,714,000 at the year end but at £601,000 on 14 March 2018 immediately before its shares were suspended and subsequently written down to zero at 30 April 2018. The company has since entered into administration and it is unlikely that shareholders will receive any return on their investment.

Over the longer term the Company has a record of strong outperformance against our benchmark, as the following table illustrates:

	1 year %	3 years %	5 years %	10 years %
NAV (total return)	12.0	25.0	84.2	154.0
FTSE All-Share (total return)	8.2	22.6	45.6	90.9
Outperformance (+)/ Underperformance (-)	+3.8	+2.4	+38.6	+63.1

Notwithstanding this consistent track record, the Company's shares continue to trade at a substantial discount to NAV. In the first half year there was a slight widening in our discount to NAV, from 16.1% at 31 October 2017 to 17.2% at 30 April 2018.

Gearing

During the period, gearing averaged 14.6%, trending up from 13.3% at the year end to 13.4% at 30 April 2018. In periods of robust market growth, gearing has been significantly beneficial to the Company's performance and the Board's current policy is to allow the Fund Managers to gear up to 25% of net assets at the time of drawdown. However, a more cautious approach is preferred during periods of market uncertainty and volatility, and the current level of gearing reflects the market risk that is likely to persist until Brexit negotiations are finalised. Our current borrowing facility allows for up to £20 million of debt, so that we have capacity to respond to any market opportunities that might arise, and we do not anticipate any requirement to adjust this limit in the near term.

Earnings and Dividend

The revenue return in the period was £797,000, compared with £810,000 in the first half of last year. An interim dividend of 6.5 pence per ordinary share (2017: 6.0 pence) has been declared payable on 21 September 2018 to shareholders on the register of the Company on 17 August 2018.

Share Capital

As at 30 April 2018 there were 8,000,858 shares in issue, there having been no change in share capital in the period under review. Notwithstanding the discount to NAV we have not engaged in any share buy-backs as we believe this would reduce demand over the long term.

Fund Manager

Colin Hughes will retire from Janus Henderson Investors on 30 June 2018. He has been involved in the management of the Company's portfolio since 2002 and has been at Janus Henderson Investors or the companies that are in the group for 46 years. We thank him for his contribution to your Company and wish him a happy retirement. James Henderson continues as the lead Fund Manager for the Company assisted by Laura Foll and Charlotte Greville. Laura Foll will become joint Fund Manager when she returns from maternity leave in September.

Outlook

Since the period end to the close of business on 13 June 2018, the Company has again performed strongly, with the NAV increasing by 6.5%, compared with a 3.5% rise in our benchmark, both on a total return basis. Although growth in the UK economy appears sluggish, the companies in our portfolio are generally international in their outlook and offer excellence in their products and services. The Board shares the Fund Manager's view that a blend of such exciting young enterprises with large growing companies will continue to deliver strong investment returns.

Peter Jones
Chairman
19 June 2018

FUND MANAGERS' REPORT

Review

The NAV total return is virtually unchanged over the six months, whilst the FTSE All-Share was up 2.1% on a total return basis. Performance in the previous six months had been strong with the NAV rising 12.7%, whilst the FTSE All-Share was up 5.9%. Some of the shares that had been strong in the early period gave up some of their advance this year.

The UK economy has had a period of subdued activity with growth in the first quarter of this calendar year slower than expected. Some of this was weather related but consumer spending was also constrained by a lack of growth in real wages. In this environment, corporate performance has been very mixed; some of the online retailers have shown very strong advances while the traditional High Street operators have experienced severe declines.

Portfolio Attribution Analysis

The largest single stock detractor for the Company has been **Conviviality**, the holding in which has been written off costing 2.3% of net asset value. We had taken some profits earlier in the year but we still had a sizeable holding when it went into administration. It was the largest drink distribution company in the country and also owned the Bargain Booze chain. The lack of proper internal financial controls led to its downfall rather than the business environment. We had to relearn the lesson that rapid expansion in a low margin industry is a risky strategy unless the financial controls are rigorous. Even then the quality of the earnings must be regarded as low quality.

Positive contributors came from a wide variety of companies. This diversity of the activities in the underlying companies brings some consistency to the long term capital growth; for instance the oil exploration companies such as **Serica Energy** and **Faroe Petroleum** had been out of favour but, as the oil price recovered and operational progress was made, the share prices have responded positively.

Data illustrating the Faroe Petroleum Share Price is set out below:

	22 May 2015	April 2016	April 2017	April 2018
Share Price	81.7p	79.0p	94.3p	132.8p

Source: Datastream

AIM

The Company's holdings in AIM companies now accounts for approximately 55% of the portfolio. This is an increase of around 20% over the last five years. The reason is that the AIM market has grown and the number of strong companies has increased. The main stock contributors to the Company's outperformance of recent years are AIM quoted companies. Smaller companies with good prospects have gravitated towards AIM and away from the main market because of the greater access to capital and lighter regulation. The AIM weighting is mixed with mature fully listed companies to give the portfolio both balance and exciting prospects.

Portfolio Activity

We have taken some profit in the larger, successful investments in the portfolio so as to restore balance. Examples of this would be the reduction of **Blue Prism** and the sale of **Senior**. One of the most successful investments in the portfolio over the years has been **Fidessa** which has been in the portfolio since it came to the market in 1997. The position had been reduced with profits being taken. It recently received a full cash offer and as a result we sold our remaining holding.

Data illustrating the Fidessa Share Price is set out below:

	6 Jun 1997	April 2000	April 2003	April 2006	April 2009	April 2012
Share Price	170.0p	1,345.0p	342.5p	901.0p	1,099.0p	1,550.0p

	April 2015	April 2018
Share Price	2,234.0p	3,930.0p

Source: Datastream

The portfolio has been refreshed with new purchases. These include companies such as **Learning Technologies** (an e-learning services company), **Morses Club** (an unsecured lender) and **Mirriad Advertising** (an in video advertising company).

Outlook

The next generation of successful UK companies will continue to emerge from AIM. The AIM holdings in aggregate have outperformed our holdings on the main market over the last five years. We will continue to look across the spectrum of quoted UK companies for opportunities to make worthwhile investments and value is emerging, especially in those that have taken actions to improve their businesses. The AIM holdings in the portfolio are dynamic companies whose growth can be substantial in the coming periods.

James Henderson and Colin Hughes
Fund Managers
19 June 2018

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The principal risks and uncertainties associated with the Company's business can be divided into the following main areas:

- Investment activity and strategy;
- Financial instruments and the management of risk;
- Operational;
- Accounting, legal and regulatory;
- Liquidity;
- Net gearing; and
- Failure of Janus Henderson.

Detailed information on these risks is given in the Strategic Report and in the Notes to the Financial Statements in the Company's latest Annual Report for the year to 31 October 2017.

In the view of the Board these principal risks and uncertainties were unchanged over the last six months and are as applicable to the remaining six months of the financial year as they were to the six months under review.

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

The Directors confirm that, to the best of their knowledge:

- (a) the condensed financial statements for the half year ended 30 April 2018 have been prepared in accordance with "FRS 104 Interim Financial Reporting";
- (b) this report includes a fair review of the information required by Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rule 4.2.7R (indication of important events during the first six months and description of principal risks and uncertainties for the remaining six months of the year); and
- (c) this report and the condensed financial statements include a fair review of the information required by the Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rule 4.2.8R (disclosure of related party transactions and changes therein).

For and on behalf of the Board

Peter Jones

Chairman

19 June 2018

INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO at 30 April 2018

Company	Valuation £'000	Portfolio %	Company	Valuation £'000	Portfolio %
Keyword Studios ¹	4,999	4.4	NAHL ¹	889	0.8
Blue Prism ¹	4,774	4.2	Countryside Properties	853	0.8
RWS ¹	3,761	3.3	Integrafin	837	0.7
Serica Energy ¹	3,465	3.1	IG Group	830	0.7
Loopup ¹	3,165	2.8	Van Elle ¹	810	0.7
HSBC	2,942	2.6	Morses Club ¹	802	0.7
Tracsis ¹	2,744	2.4	Sigmaroc ¹	799	0.7
Ricardo	2,666	2.4	Ebiquity ¹	799	0.7
XP Power	2,625	2.3	IQE ¹	789	0.7
Learning Technologies ¹	2,584	2.3	Atlantis ¹	788	0.7
10 Largest	33,725	29.8	60 Largest	96,616	85.3
Clinigen ¹	2,398	2.1	Eurocell	779	0.7
Faroe Petroleum ¹	2,354	2.1	Mirriad Advertising ¹	760	0.7
Assura	2,080	1.8	Footasylum ¹	742	0.7
Rio Tinto	1,973	1.7	Xafinity	732	0.7
Vertu Motors ¹	1,878	1.7	Be Heard ¹	720	0.6
Royal Dutch Shell 'B' shares	1,821	1.6	Alfa Financial Software	696	0.6
Johnson Matthey	1,812	1.6	Alpha FX ¹	696	0.6
Redde ¹	1,730	1.5	Alpha Financial ¹	687	0.6
Workspace	1,663	1.5	Dairy Crest	678	0.6
Tarsus	1,596	1.4	Revolution Bars	673	0.6
20 Largest	53,030	46.8	70 Largest	103,779	91.7
Standard Chartered	1,534	1.4	Remaining	9,423	8.3
ITV	1,516	1.4	Total	113,202	100.0
The Gym Group	1,463	1.3			
Eland Oil & Gas ¹	1,448	1.3			
Aveva	1,400	1.2			
Burberry	1,368	1.2			
Tribal ¹	1,360	1.2			
Gateley ¹	1,326	1.2			
Ubisense ¹	1,272	1.1			
Vodafone	1,270	1.1			
30 Largest	66,987	59.2			
Rolls Royce	1,260	1.1			
Cohort ¹	1,251	1.1			
GRC International ¹	1,202	1.1			
Flowtech ¹	1,185	1.0			
Oxford Instruments	1,183	1.0			
Character ¹	1,151	1.0			
Joules ¹	1,134	1.0			
IDOX ¹	1,122	1.0			
SDL	1,119	1.0			
IP Group	1,113	1.0			
40 Largest	78,707	69.5			
4D Pharma ¹	1,063	0.9			
Keystone Law ¹	1,058	0.9			
GB Group ¹	990	0.9			
Oxford Biodynamics ¹	962	0.9			
CML Microsystems	952	0.9			
Miton ¹	950	0.9			
Victoria ¹	949	0.8			
Redcentric ¹	940	0.8			
Prudential	937	0.8			
Hollywood Bowl	912	0.8			
50 Largest	88,420	78.1			

¹ Quoted on the Alternative Investment Market ('AIM')

Attribution Analysis to 30 April 2018

The table below sets out the top five contributors and bottom five detractors to NAV.

Top Five Contributors	Share Price Return %	Contribution to NAV %
Serica Energy	+223.9	+2.1
Loopup	+47.4	+0.9
GRC	+175.1	+0.8
Learning Technologies	+61.4	+0.7
Keyword Studios	+13.8	+0.6

Bottom Five Detractors	Share Price Return %	Contribution to NAV %
Conviviality Retail	-100.0	-2.3
4D Pharma	-64.4	-1.7
Micro Focus	-49.7	-0.7
Clinigen	-25.1	-0.7
Safestyle	-73.0	-0.7

Source: Janus Henderson

Portfolio by Index at 30 April 2018

As a percentage of the investment portfolio excluding cash

Index	FTSE All-Share Index %	Portfolio %
FTSE 100	80.1	15.0
FTSE 250	16.2	8.8
FTSE SMALLCAP	3.7	12.5
FTSE FLEDGLING	-	0.7
FTSE AIM	-	59.0
OTHER	-	4.0
Total	100.0	100.0

Source: Factset

Portfolio by Market Capitalisation at 30 April 2018

As a percentage of the investment portfolio excluding cash

Index	FTSE All-Share Index %	Portfolio %
Greater than £2bn	89.2	15.7
£1bn - £2bn	5.5	14.0
£500m - £1bn	3.0	20.7
£200m - £500m	2.0	13.5
£100m - £200m	0.3	21.9
£50m - £100m	-	7.8
Less than £50m	-	5.3
Other	-	1.1
Total	100.0	100.0

Source: Factset

CONDENSED INCOME STATEMENT

	(Unaudited) Half Year ended 30 April 2018			(Unaudited) Half Year ended 30 April 2017			(Audited) Year ended 31 October 2017		
	Revenue return £'000	Capital return £'000	Total £'000	Revenue return £'000	Capital return £'000	Total £'000	Revenue return £'000	Capital return £'000	Total £'000
(Losses)/gains from investments held at fair value through profit or loss	-	(1,256)	(1,256)	-	11,283	11,283	-	23,029	23,029
Investment income held at fair value through profit or loss	1,058	-	1,058	1,053	-	1,053	2,246	-	2,246
Interest receivable and other income	9	-	9	12	-	12	14	-	14
Gross revenue and capital (losses)/gains	1,067	(1,256)	(189)	1,065	11,283	12,348	2,260	23,029	25,289
Management fee (note 2)	(80)	(185)	(265)	(71)	(166)	(237)	(148)	(344)	(492)
Performance fee (note 2)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(913)	(913)
Administrative expenses	(153)	-	(153)	(153)	-	(153)	(302)	-	(302)
Net return/(loss) before finance costs and taxation	834	(1,441)	(607)	841	11,117	11,958	1,810	21,772	23,582
Finance costs	(36)	(85)	(121)	(29)	(67)	(96)	(60)	(140)	(200)
Net return/(loss) before taxation	798	(1,526)	(728)	812	11,050	11,862	1,750	21,632	23,382
Taxation on net return	(1)	-	(1)	(2)	-	(2)	(5)	-	(5)
Net return/(loss) after taxation	797	(1,526)	(729)	810	11,050	11,860	1,745	21,632	23,377
Return/(loss) per ordinary share – basic and diluted (note 4)	9.96p	(19.07p)	(9.11p)	10.12p	138.11p	148.23p	21.81p	270.37p	292.18p

The total columns of this statement represent the Income Statement of the Company, prepared in accordance with FRS 104.

All revenue and capital items in the above statement derive from continuing operations. The revenue and capital return columns are supplementary to this and are prepared under guidance published by the Association of Investment Companies. The Company had no recognised gains or losses other than those disclosed in the Income Statement and Statement of Changes in Equity. The accompanying notes are an integral part of the condensed financial statements.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

(Unaudited)
Half Year ended 30 April 2018

	Called up share capital £'000	Share premium account £'000	Capital redemption reserve £'000	Other capital reserves £'000	Revenue reserve £'000	Total shareholders' funds £'000
At 1 November 2017	2,000	14,838	2,431	79,549	2,781	101,599
Dividends paid on the ordinary shares	-	-	-	-	(1,120)	(1,120)
Net return after taxation	-	-	-	(1,526)	797	(729)
At 30 April 2018	2,000	14,838	2,431	78,023	2,458	99,750

(Unaudited)
Half Year ended 30 April 2017

	Called up share capital £'000	Share premium account £'000	Capital redemption reserve £'000	Other capital reserves £'000	Revenue reserve £'000	Total shareholders' funds £'000
At 1 November 2016	2,000	14,838	2,431	57,917	2,596	79,782
Dividends paid on the ordinary shares	-	-	-	-	(1,080)	(1,080)
Net return after taxation	-	-	-	11,050	810	11,860
At 30 April 2017	2,000	14,838	2,431	68,967	2,326	90,562

(Audited)
Year ended 31 October 2017

	Called up share capital £'000	Share premium account £'000	Capital redemption reserve £'000	Other capital reserves £'000	Revenue reserve £'000	Total shareholders' funds £'000
At 1 November 2016	2,000	14,838	2,431	57,917	2,596	79,782
Dividends paid on the ordinary shares	-	-	-	-	(1,560)	(1,560)
Net return after taxation	-	-	-	21,632	1,745	23,377
At 31 October 2017	2,000	14,838	2,431	79,549	2,781	101,599

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed financial statements.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	(Unaudited) 30 April 2018 £'000	(Unaudited) 30 April 2017 £'000	(Audited) 31 October 2017 £'000
Investments held at fair value through profit or loss			
Listed at market value	44,665	50,984	54,693
Quoted on AIM at market value	68,137	53,588	61,119
Unlisted at market value	400	333	400
	113,202	104,905	116,212
Current assets			
Investments held at fair value through profit or loss	2	2	2
Debtors	254	311	1,089
Cash at bank and in hand	212	482	1,123
	468	795	2,214
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Bank loans	(13,540)	(14,873)	(14,625)
Other creditors	(380)	(265)	(2,202)
	(13,452)	(14,343)	(14,613)
Net current liabilities			
	(13,452)	(14,343)	(14,613)
Net assets	99,750	90,562	101,599
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital (note 6)	2,000	2,000	2,000
Share premium account	14,838	14,838	14,838
Capital redemption reserve	2,431	2,431	2,431
Other capital reserves	78,023	68,967	79,549
Revenue reserves	2,458	2,326	2,781
	99,750	90,562	101,599
Total shareholders' funds	99,750	90,562	101,599
Net asset value per ordinary share – basic and diluted (note 7)	1,246.7p	1,131.9p	1,269.9p

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed financial statements.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	(Unaudited) Half Year ended 30 April 2018 £'000	(Unaudited) Half Year ended 30 April 2017 £'000	(Audited) Year ended 31 October 2017 £'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net return before taxation	(728)	11,862	23,382
Add back: finance costs	121	96	200
Add/(less) (gains)/losses on investments held at fair value through profit or loss	1,256	(11,283)	(23,029)
Withholding tax on dividends deducted at source	(2)	-	(11)
Increase in debtors	(43)	(120)	(14)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(918)	(36)	885
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities	(314)	519	1,413
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of investments	(13,304)	(9,533)	(15,650)
Sale of investments	15,021	6,994	13,702
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities	1,717	(2,539)	(1,948)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Equity dividends paid (net of refund of unclaimed distributions and reclaimed distributions)	(1,120)	(1,080)	(1,560)
Net loans (repaid)/drawn down	(1,085)	3,062	2,814
Interest paid	(109)	(85)	(201)
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from financing activities	(2,314)	1,897	1,053
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(911)	(123)	518
Cash and cash equivalents at start of year	1,123	605	605
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	212	482	1,123
Comprising:			
Cash at Bank	212	482	1,123

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed financial statements.

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 Accounting policies – basis of preparation

The condensed set of financial statements has been prepared in accordance with FRS 104, Interim Financial Reporting, FRS 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Statement of Recommended Practice for “Financial Statements of Investment Trust Companies and Venture Capital Trusts”, which was updated by the Association of Investment Companies in November 2014 and in February 2018 with consequential amendments.

For the period under review the Company’s accounting policies have not varied from those described in the annual report for the year ended 31 October 2017. These financial statements have been neither audited nor reviewed by the Company’s auditors.

2 Expenses: management fees and performance fees

Henderson Investment Funds Limited (“HIFL”) is appointed to act as the Company’s Alternative Investment Fund Manager. HIFL delegates investment management services to Henderson Global Investors Limited. References to the Manager within these results refer to the services provided by both entities. The management fee is calculated, quarterly in arrears, as 0.55% per annum on the net assets. Arrangements are in place for the Manager to earn a performance fee. The cap on total fees that can be earned in a financial year is 1.5% of the average net assets over the year. There is no performance fee accrual for the current period (30 April 2017: £nil; 31 October 2017: £913,000). Since 1 November 2013, the Company has allocated 70% of its management fees and finance costs to the capital return of the Income Statement with the remaining 30% being allocated to the revenue return. Performance fees payable are allocated 100% to the capital return.

3 Dividends

The Board has declared an interim dividend of 6.5p per ordinary share (2017: 6.0p), to be paid on 21 September 2018 to shareholders on the Register at the close of business on 17 August 2018. The ex-dividend date will be 16 August 2018. Based on the number of ordinary shares in issue on 19 June 2018 of 8,000,858, the cost of this dividend will be £520,000.

No provision has been made for the interim dividend in these condensed financial statements. The final dividend of 14.0p per ordinary share, paid on 23 March 2018 in respect of the year ended 31 October 2017, has been recognised as a distribution in this period.

4 Return per ordinary share – basic and diluted

	(Unaudited) Half Year ended 30 April 2018 £’000	(Unaudited) Half Year ended 30 April 2017 £’000	(Audited) Year ended 31 October 2017 £’000
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The return per ordinary share is based on the following figures:

Revenue return	797	810	1,745
Capital return	(1,526)	11,050	21,632
Total return	<u>(729)</u>	<u>11,860</u>	<u>23,377</u>

Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue for the period

	8,000,858	8,000,858	8,000,858
Revenue return per ordinary share	9.96p	10.12p	21.81p
Capital return per ordinary share	(19.07p)	138.11p	270.37p
Total return per ordinary share	<u>(9.11p)</u>	<u>148.23p</u>	<u>292.18p</u>

5 Investments held at fair value through profit or loss

The table below analyses fair value measurements for investments held at fair value through profit or loss. These fair value measurements are categorised into different levels in the fair value hierarchy based on the valuation techniques used and are defined as follows under FRS 102:

Level 1: valued using quoted prices in active markets for identical assets

Level 2: valued by reference to valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1

Level 3: valued by reference to valuation techniques using inputs that are not based on observable market data

Investments held at fair value through profit or loss at 30 April 2018 (unaudited)	Level 1 £'000	Level 2 £'000	Level 3 £'000	Total £'000
Investments	112,802	-	400	113,202
Current asset investments	2	-	-	2
Total	112,804	-	400	113,204

Investments held at fair value through profit or loss at 30 April 2017 (unaudited)	Level 1 £'000	Level 2 £'000	Level 3 £'000	Total £'000
Investments	104,572	-	333	104,905
Current asset investments	2	-	-	2
Total	104,574	-	333	104,907

Investments held at fair value through profit or loss at 31 October 2017 (audited)	Level 1 £'000	Level 2 £'000	Level 3 £'000	Total £'000
Investments	115,812	-	400	116,212
Current asset investments	2	-	-	2
Total	115,814	-	400	116,214

A reconciliation of movements within Level 3 is set out below:

	2018 £'000
Opening balance	400
Transfers in	601
Total loss included in the Income Statement	
- on investments written off	(601)
Closing balance	400

The transfer in relates to the Company's holding in Conviviality which has subsequently been written down to zero.

The valuation techniques used by the Company are explained in the accounting policies note in the Company's Annual Report for the year ended 31 October 2017.

6 Called up share capital

There were 8,000,858 ordinary shares of 25p each in issue at 30 April 2018 (30 April 2017 and 31 October 2017: 8,000,858). No shares were bought back or issued during the period.

7 Net asset value per ordinary share – basic and diluted

The net asset value per ordinary share is based on the net assets attributable to the ordinary shares of £99,750,000 (30 April 2017: £90,562,000; 31 October 2017: £101,599,000) and on the 8,000,858 ordinary shares of 25p each in issue at 30 April 2018 (30 April 2017: 8,000,858 and 31 October 2017: 8,000,858).

8 Transaction costs

Purchase transaction costs for the half-year ended 30 April 2018 were £11,000 (30 April 2017: £16,000; 31 October 2017: £21,000); these comprise mainly stamp duty and commissions. Sale transaction costs for the half-year ended 30 April 2018 were £6,000 (30 April 2017: £4,000; 31 October 2017: £90,000); these comprise mainly commissions.

9 Related party transactions

The Company's transactions with related parties for the period were with the Directors, and the Manager. There have been no material transactions between the Company and its Directors during the half year and the only amounts paid to them were in respect of expenses and remuneration for which there are no outstanding amounts payable at the half year period end. In relation to the provision of services by the Manager, other than fees payable by the Company in the ordinary course of business and the provision of sales and marketing services there have been no material transactions with the Manager affecting the financial position of the Company during the half year period.

10 Going concern

The Company's Articles of Association require that at the Annual General Meeting of the Company held in 2008, and every third year thereafter, an ordinary resolution be put to approve the continuation of the Company. The resolutions put to the Annual General Meetings in 2011, 2014 and in 2017 were duly passed. The next triennial continuation resolution will be put to the Annual General Meeting in 2020. The assets of the Company consist almost entirely of securities that are listed (or quoted on AIM) and are readily realisable. Accordingly, the Directors believe that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for at least twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements. Having assessed these factors and the principal risks, the Directors considered it appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

11 General information

Company Status:

Henderson Opportunities Trust plc is registered in England and Wales No. 01940906, has its registered office at 201 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3AE and is listed on the London Stock Exchange.

SEDOL/ISIN: 0853657

London Stock Exchange (TIDM) Code: HOT

Global Intermediary Identification Number (GIIN): LVAHJH.99999.SL.826

Legal Entity Identifier (LEI): 2138005D884NPGHFQS77

Directors and Corporate Secretary:

The Directors of the Company are Peter Jones (Chairman), Frances Daley (Audit Committee Chairman), Chris Hills and Malcolm King. The Corporate Secretary is Henderson Secretarial Services Limited, represented by Melanie Stoner, FCIS.

Website:

Details of the Company's share price and net asset value, together with general information about the Company, monthly factsheets and data, copies of announcements, reports and details of general meetings can be found at www.hendersonopportunitiestrust.com.

12 Comparative information

The financial information contained in the half-year report does not constitute statutory accounts as defined in section 434 of the Companies Act 2006. The financial information for the half years ended 30 April 2018 and 30 April 2017 has not been audited or reviewed by the Company's auditors. The figures and financial information for the year ended 31 October 2017 are an extract based on the latest published accounts and do not constitute statutory accounts for that year. Those accounts have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies and included the report of the auditors which was unqualified and did not contain a statement under either section 498(2) or 498(3) of the Companies Act 2006.

13 Half Year Report

The Half Year Report will be available in typed format on the Company's website, www.hendersonopportunitiestrust.com or from the Company's registered office, 201 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3AE. An abbreviated version, the 'Update', will be circulated to shareholders in June.

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