

FINSBURY GROWTH & INCOME TRUST PLC

Interim Management Statement – 3 months to 31 December 2008 (unaudited)

Finsbury Growth & Income Trust PLC invests in the shares of UK listed companies with the objective of achieving capital and income growth and providing a total return in excess of that of the FTSE All-Share Index.

The 3 month period ended 31 December 2008 was again a volatile one for markets. The Company's diluted net asset value per share fell by 4.3% and the share price by 3.1%, both measured on a total return basis. The discount of share price to diluted net asset value per share was 2.9% at the period end. The Company's benchmark, the FTSE All-Share Index, measured on a total return basis, fell by 10.2% over the same period. Post the period end, to 28 January 2009, the Company's diluted net asset value per share fell by 7.5% and the share price by 7.1%. The Company's benchmark, the FTSE All-Share Index, measured on a total return basis, fell by 12.5%.

Gilt yields fell during December, as investors recognised the likely severity of the coming recession and short term interest rates were cut aggressively by monetary authorities around the world. In the UK, the Bank of England cut the base rate again in January to 1.5%, the lowest level in its 315-year history. The Company's portfolio manager believes that the consumer staple companies held in the portfolio, such as Barr, Cadbury, Diageo and Unilever, are all capable of steady growth in all but the most extreme economic conditions and he expects these characteristics to be increasingly prized by investors.

During the period and up to the date of this report the Company issued a total of 50,000 new shares raising £87,000 and repurchased a total of 207,000 shares, currently held in treasury, at a cost of £391,800 (including expenses) at an average discount of 5.9%.

All of the resolutions proposed at the Company's Annual General Meeting, held on 23 January 2009, were passed. Details of the level of proxy votes received can be found on the Company's website.

Trust Characteristics

	31 December 2008	30 September 2008
Number of holdings	27	28
Net assets (£m)	100.0	106.9
Net yield	5.0%	4.6%
Gearing (AIC basis)	113	112
Share price (p)	191.00	202.00
NAV (p) (undiluted for treasury shares)	196.94	209.75
NAV (p) (diluted for treasury shares)	196.72	209.48
Discount of share price to NAV (undiluted for treasury shares)	3.02%	3.69%
Discount of share price to NAV (diluted for treasury shares)	2.91%	3.57%

Source: Frostrow Capital LLP

Sector Analysis

	% of investment portfolio at 31 December 2008	% of investment portfolio at 30 September 2008
Financials	14.4	17.9
Consumer Services	25.1	24.4
Consumer Goods	44.7	38.7
Technology	7.5	8.8
Oil & Gas	1.9	2.9
Industrials	0.0	0.7
Preference Shares	6.4	6.6
Total	100.0	100.0

Source: Frostrow Capital LLP

10 Largest Investments

Name	% of investment portfolio at 31 December 2008	% of investment portfolio at 30 September 2008
Diageo	12.3	11.3
Unilever	10.8	9.7
Barr (AG)	10.2	7.5
Cadbury	7.8	6.9
Pearson	6.6	5.7
HBOS	6.2	5.7
Reed Elsevier	4.9	5.1
Rathbone Brothers	4.6	4.9
Sage	4.6	4.9
Marston's	4.1	4.0
Total	72.1	65.7

Source: Frostrow Capital LLP

Total Return Performance

	1 Month	Year to date	1 Year	3 Years
Share Price	8.5%	-29.6%	-29.6%	-23.9%
NAV per share (diluted for treasury shares)	4.0%	-31.3%	-31.3%	-19.1%
Benchmark*	3.7%	-29.9%	-29.9%	-13.8%

Source: Fundamental data

* Benchmark – FTSE All-Share Index measured on a total return basis.

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

This interim management statement is available on the Company's website www.finsburygt.com.

The Company's Net Asset Value per share is announced daily and is available, together with the share price, on the TrustNet website at www.trustnet.com

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