

European Assets Trust PLC

Report and Accounts for the half-year
ended 30 June 2019

Formerly European Assets Trust NV

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Company Overview

On 16 March 2019 European Assets Trusts NV migrated its legal seat and structure from the Netherlands to the United Kingdom by means of a cross border merger. All assets and liabilities transferred to its subsidiary European Assets Trust PLC ("the Company"). Shareholders received one Ordinary Share in European Assets Trust PLC for each share held in European Assets Trust NV. European Assets Trust NV then effectively dissolved without liquidation.

Our objective is to secure long-term growth of capital through investment in quoted small and medium-sized companies in Europe, excluding the United Kingdom. A high distribution policy has been adopted and dividends will be paid out of current year net profits and the special reserve.

Through its commitment to pay shareholders a dividend of 6% based on the net asset value on 31 December each year the Company has offered an attractive level of yield – both in absolute terms and relative to other asset classes. Investors seeking long-term capital appreciation meanwhile can choose to reinvest dividends in order to enhance their growth potential.

The ordinary shares are quoted on the London Stock Exchange (www.londonstockexchange.com) and their price is published daily in The Financial Times and other newspapers. The share price is also available from the website noted below.

With an Ongoing Charges ratio of 1.1%[†] the Company compares favourably with open-ended investment companies and many other investment trusts. The cumulative benefits of low costs are very significant for long-term investors.

The Board seeks to manage liquidity in the Company's shares through its ability to issue or buyback shares dependant on the extent of any share premium or discount. This is designed to reduce the volatility of the Company's share price relative to its Net Asset Value.

The Company's shares are excluded from the UK Financial Conduct Authority's ('FCA's') restrictions which apply to non-mainstream pooled investments as the Company's portfolio is wholly made up of shares, which are not themselves issued by other investment funds. The Company conducts its affairs so that its shares can be recommended by financial advisers to ordinary retail investors in accordance with the FCA rules relating to non-mainstream investment products and intends to continue to do so.

[†] Year ended 31 December 2018 – calculated with reference to the basis recommended by the Association of Investment Companies.

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Potential investors are reminded that the value of investments and the income from them may go down as well as up and investors may not receive back the full amount invested. Tax benefits may vary as a result of statutory changes and their value will depend on individual circumstances.

Financial Highlights

Investing in European small and medium sized quality companies to deliver attractive returns



19.6%

NAV Performance

The Company recorded a Sterling NAV total return of 19.6%* for the six-month period in comparison to its benchmark which rose 16.0%. Further analysis of this performance is provided in the Chairman's Statement and Investment Manager's Review.



25.5%

Share Price Performance

With the discount reducing to 5.5% at 30 June 2019 in comparison to 9.5%* at 31 December 2018, the Sterling share price total return for the six-month period was 25.5%*.

*European Assets Trust NV prior to the migration effective 16 March 2019. Refer to note 1 on page 18.

Summary of Performance

Investing in European small and medium sized quality companies to deliver attractive returns

Total Return for the six months ended 30 June*				
	Euro		Sterling	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
Net asset value total return per share	19.9%	-0.4%	19.6%	-0.9%
Market price total return per share	25.9%	-4.2%	25.5%	-4.6%
EMIX Smaller European Companies (ex UK) Index	16.4%	1.0%	16.0%	0.7%

Capital*				
	Euro		Sterling	
	30 June 2019	31 December 2018	30 June 2018	31 December 2018
Total assets (less current liabilities) – millions	€479.7	€411.6	£429.2	£369.4
Net asset value per share	€1.33	€1.14	£1.19	£1.03
Market price per share [‡]	€1.26	€1.04	£1.13	£0.93
EMIX Smaller European Companies (ex UK) Index	642.24	563.82	574.68	506.06
Premium/(discount) (difference between share price and net asset value)			(5.5)%	(9.5)%

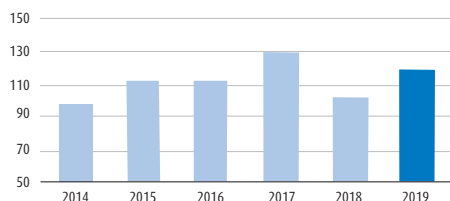
Distributions per share				
	Euro		Sterling	
	2019	2018	2018	2018
Dividends paid per share – as at 30 June [¶]	€0.034	€0.044	£0.030	£0.038
Dividends announced for the year [¶]	€0.068	€0.088		

[‡] London Stock Exchange prices converted into Euros at relevant exchange rate at period end.

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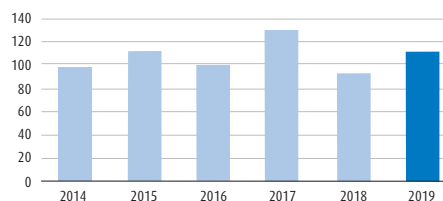
[¶] Net of Dutch withholding tax.

NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE AT 31 DECEMBER (2019: 30 JUNE) - PENCE^{‡†}



Source: BMO Investment Business Limited

MID-MARKET PRICE PER SHARE AT 31 DECEMBER (2019: 30 JUNE) - PENCE^{‡†}



Source: BMO Investment Business Limited

[‡] European Assets Trust NV prior to the migration effective 16 March 2019. Refer to note 1 on page 18.

[†] Prior year comparatives adjusted for the ten for one stock split effective 3 May 2018.

Chairman's Statement

Fellow shareholders,

European Assets Trust PLC ('the Company') recorded a Sterling net asset value ('NAV') total return for the six-month period ended 30 June 2019 of 19.6%*. This compares to the total return of its benchmark the EMIX Smaller European Companies (ex UK) Index which rose 16.0% during the same period. With the share price discount reducing to 5.5% at the period end in comparison to 9.5%* as at 31 December 2018, the Sterling share price return for the period was an impressive 25.5%*.

The six-month period ended 30 June 2019 has been positive for both European Smaller Companies and our own NAV and share price performance. When we last reported, equities had been volatile as global trade tensions heightened at the same time as expectations of a tightening interest rate cycle in the US were increasing. While trade tensions have not dissipated, interest rate expectations have changed entirely with central banks, in the face of disappointing economic data, adopting an increasingly accommodative stance. Markets have responded well to this and so has the portfolio.

We are of course pleased to report good results, but what is particularly satisfying is that this performance has come from good stock selection with our holdings reporting strong operational progress in aggregate. The Investment Manager's Review, which follows, discusses the Company's performance in more detail.

Migration

On 16 March 2019, the Company migrated its legal seat and structure from the Netherlands to the United Kingdom by means of a cross border merger (the "migration"). The migration resulted in the entire portfolio of investments of its predecessor, European Assets Trust NV ("EAT NV"), transferring to the Company, with shareholders entitled to receive one ordinary share in the Company in exchange for each share held in EAT NV. EAT NV then effectively dissolved without liquidation.

The Board believes that the benefits associated with the migration include:

- a simplified corporate structure. The Company is now a United Kingdom resident investment trust. An investment vehicle that is widely accepted and understood in the UK intermediated and retail marketplace;
- a single jurisdiction for current and future regulation – the United Kingdom;
- a reduction in the ongoing charges rate; and
- a premium listing on the London Stock Exchange and with effect from 24 June 2019 inclusion in the FTSE UK All Share and Small Cap indices.

EAT NV was a Dutch company. The migration to the United Kingdom has resulted in an English registered, London Market premium listed, UK investment trust, which the Board believes provides a long-term stable structure for the Company.

Financial reporting

As disclosed within the prospectus of the Company issued on 27 November 2018, the Company has accounted for the migration as if it had occurred on 1 January 2019 notwithstanding the effective date of 16 March 2019. This treatment is consistent with the Board's goal, throughout the merger process, of minimising the impact of the migration on the day to day operations and reporting to shareholders of the Company.

Brexit

I wrote in my Chairman's statement in the 2018 Annual Report that the Board has continued to monitor the potential impact of Brexit on the Company. This remains the case and following the migration of the Company from the Netherlands to the United Kingdom, the Company has ensured that it will have continuity of investment

management services, governance and regulatory oversight. The Board continues to believe that while the impact of Brexit on financial and currency markets both in the United Kingdom and the European Union cannot be assessed, any volatility would be managed as part of our normal investment processes.

Directorate Change

As part of an orderly succession process, a search company was commissioned to find a new director for the Company. Following a rigorous selection process Stuart Paterson has been appointed to the Board with effect from 22 July 2019. The first director to retire under the succession plan will be Professor Robert van der Meer, Deputy Chair and Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee. It is anticipated that Robert will retire at the conclusion of the Company's Annual General Meeting in May 2020 and that Stuart will assume the role of Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee at that time. Stuart's appointment therefore provides for a period of valuable overlap regarding this role.

Stuart is a co-founder and partner of Scottish Equity Partners, one of Europe's leading technology growth equity investors. He is an experienced technology investor with over 20 years of equity investing in European private companies. The Board looks forward to working with Stuart and to the fresh perspectives that he will bring to its deliberations.

Outlook

This market cycle, which is now more than a decade old, has been characterised as much by the prevailing interest rate and liquidity environment, as economic growth. The current stance of the most important central banks suggest that monetary conditions will remain accommodative. We cannot however take this for granted, nor make any definitive predictions on economic progress or political outcomes. While cognisant of these macroeconomic uncertainties, we prefer to focus on companies, and invest

in businesses, where the long-term prospects of cash flow growth are good. We want these companies to be managed by competent and well incentivised people. Our portfolio characteristics represent this strategy and we believe is the best way to look after our shareholders' capital over the long term.

Jack Perry CBE

Chairman

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Investment Portfolio

Company	Nature of Business	Valuation €000	% of Total Assets	Country of Incorporation
IMCD	Speciality Chemical Distributer	21,529	4%	Netherlands
Forbo	Flooring, Adhesives and Conveyor Belts	19,217	4%	Switzerland
Gerresheimer	Glass and Plastic Containers	18,296	4%	Germany
CTS Eventim	Concerts and Ticketing	18,014	4%	Germany
Diasorin	Reagents for in Vitro Diagnostics	17,650	4%	Italy
Tecan	Automated Laboratory Instruments and Solutions	17,622	4%	Switzerland
Coor	Provider of Integrated Facilities Management and Consulting Services	17,491	4%	Sweden
Vidrala	Manufacturer and Supplier of Glass Containers	17,472	4%	Spain
Ringkjøbing Landbobank	Regional Banking	16,737	3%	Denmark
Wizz Air	Budget Airline	16,412	3%	Switzerland
Ten largest investments		180,440	38%	
SpareBank	Banking	15,727	3%	Norway
Cerved Information Solutions	Credit Information Provider	15,700	3%	Italy
Sligro Food Group	Food and Beverage Provider	14,925	3%	Netherlands
Storebrand	Long-term Savings and Insurance	14,021	3%	Norway
Lenzing	Manufacturer of Textile Fibres and Pulp Raw Materials	13,446	3%	Austria
Takeaway.com	Online Food Delivery Marketplace	11,875	2%	Netherlands
Viscofan	Artificial Casings for Meat Products	11,536	2%	Spain
Lectra	Provider to the Fashion, Automotive and Furniture Industries	11,143	2%	France
TGS Nopec Geophysical	Geophysical Consulting and Contracting Services	11,024	2%	Norway
Rocket Internet	Invests in Internet and Technology Companies Globally	10,995	2%	Germany
Twenty largest investments		310,832	63%	
Indutrade	Niche Industrial Conglomerate	10,489	2%	Sweden
Symrise	Speciality Chemicals	10,032	2%	Germany
Fluidra	Swimming Pool Equipment and Maintenance	10,029	2%	Spain
Irish Continental	Shipping	9,881	2%	Ireland
ASM International	Semi-conductor Equipment	9,623	2%	Netherlands
Marr	Food Service Provider	9,561	2%	Italy
Origin Enterprises	Agricultural Nutrition	9,465	2%	Ireland
Cairn Homes	House Builder	9,076	2%	Ireland
Inwido	Supplier of Windows and Doors	9,035	2%	Sweden
Rational	Specialist in Hot Food Preparation for Professionals	8,547	2%	Germany
Thirty largest investments		406,570	83%	
Aareal Bank	Property Financing	8,497	2%	Germany
Tomra Systems	Recycling Equipment	8,419	2%	Norway
Norma	Plastic and Metal Based Components	8,367	2%	Germany
Dometic	Supplier to the Recreational Vehicle Market	7,860	2%	Sweden
Azimut	Asset Management	7,835	2%	Italy
Alimak	Solutions for Industry and Construction Markets	7,274	2%	Sweden
Takkt	Office Equipment	6,437	2%	Germany
Komax	Wire Processor	6,418	1%	Switzerland
Metall Zug	Appliances and Wire Processing Equipment	5,863	1%	Switzerland
Marel	Solutions for Poultry, Fish and Meat Processing Industries	4,904	1%	Iceland
Total investments		478,444	100%	
Net current assets		1,212	0%	
Total equity/total assets less current liabilities		479,656	100.0%	

Investment Manager's Review

Market Review

European smaller companies have had a strong half, recovering the losses they endured in 2018. That weakness was driven by concerns, particularly in the final quarter, of the effects on global liquidity of a tightening cycle by the US Federal Reserve at the same time as the US trade dispute with China was dragging back global growth. These liquidity concerns have not only abated but completely reversed with expectations of further monetary support from central banks globally. The US Federal reserve is now expected to reduce rates, while the current president of the European Central Bank, Mario Draghi, has indicated further monetary stimulus if growth or inflation fall short of the Bank's expectations. While the trade tensions have not yet been resolved, a further dose of liquidity has been enough to fuel this recovery, extending this market cycle which has been characterised as much by the exceptionally low rate environment as economic growth.

Portfolio Review

Our portfolio has had a good first half with our total NAV return comfortably ahead of our index and our share price outperforming this due to a small narrowing of our discount.

It is pleasing that this performance has not come as a result of leverage or a portfolio highly geared to a rising market, but from the operational performance of our holdings which in aggregate has been very encouraging. The pattern of our performance illustrates this with our relative returns being strongest during the months when the companies released their results, and in May when the markets fell significantly.

It is perhaps no surprise that our best performance came from our stocks in the Consumer Discretionary and Industrial Sectors, both sectors that tend to do better during rising markets. Of note is our strongest performer in Consumer Discretionary, Dometic, the Swedish listed supplier of products mainly for the Recreational Vehicle market, which rose +65.5%. Having performed poorly during the last quarter of 2018 the share's recovery this year was supported

by good results and an encouraging presentation by the new CEO at their capital markets day. We have however used this strength to take some profits.

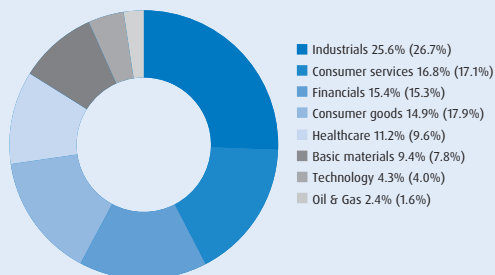
One of our relatively recent consumer related holdings also performed well. Takeaway.com, the Dutch listed online food ordering platform, rose +40.9%. The shares performed well following the completion of the acquisition of the German assets of Delivery Hero giving them an exceptionally strong position in that large market. They also announced strong order growth.

Within Industrials our strongest performers were Tomra, which rose +48.7%, and IMCD, which rose +44.4%. Tomra is the market leader in the production of reverse vending machines, which help in the recycling of plastic bottles. While the company delivered strong results, the sentiment around their end markets continued to improve with well-publicised governmental attempts to reduce plastic waste. IMCD, one of our largest positions, and a leading specialist chemical distributor, was rewarded for continued good delivery of profit growth.

Our holdings in financials also performed well. This is noteworthy given that the prevailing rate environment is not necessarily supportive for the sector. While our two regional bank holdings Ringkjøbing Landbobank and Sparebank performed robustly, much of the performance was driven by our best performer over the half, Azimut, which rose +93.1%. While this leading Italian asset manager benefitted from rising equity markets, the strong performance was because they announced a change to their fee structure, reducing their reliance on performance fees.

If we look at what cost us over the period, our holdings in the Consumer Staples sector was most detrimental. We suffered as we are both overweight a sector that, not surprisingly, lagged the rising market, but our holdings also underperformed. None of our stocks, however, performed too badly, with our worst performer being Origin Enterprises, the Irish listed agronomist, falling

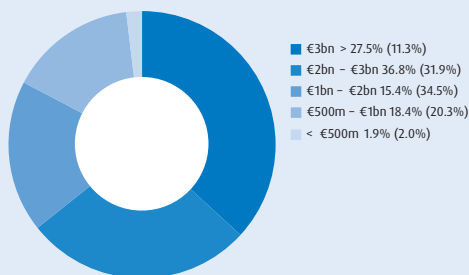
Portfolio Split by Sector as at 30 June 2019



Comparatives in brackets as at 31 December 2018.

Source: BMO Investment Business Limited

Portfolio Split by Market Capitalisation as at 30 June 2019



Source: BMO Investment Business Limited

-11.9%. With exposure to farmers in the UK the stock suffered as a definitive decision on 'Brexit' was delayed further.

Our worst performer was the German industrial, Norma Group, which fell by -13.6%. As alluded to earlier, most industrials have enjoyed a good year so far, with the exception of those exposed to the automotive sector which has felt the full force of the supply side disruption caused by the international trade conflict between the US and China. Norma is one such business and has similarly suffered. Both sales and margins have been weaker than expected. Currently we view this as a temporary issue that at some point will reverse, but it is fair to say that this temporary period has so far lasted longer than expected.

Other poor performers of note are Metall Zug, the Swiss industrial conglomerate, which fell -8.7% following a warning on higher costs than expected from the implementation of a new enterprise wide software system, and the construction of a new manufacturing facility. Aareal Bank, the pan European property lender, also fared poorly as a change in business mix impacted margins.

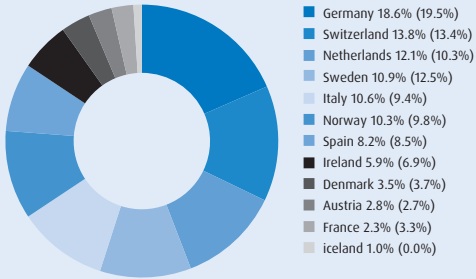
Portfolio Activity

When we wrote our last interim statement after the first half of 2018, we reported on trading activity at a higher level than usual. The changes made at that time reinforced the quality of the portfolio and laid the foundations for the good performance thus far this year. In this statement we report a much lower level of activity, more in line with what we would expect with our philosophy of long-term investing.

In terms of outright sales, we only sold one holding, our position in the French automotive supplier Plastic Omnium. The shares have performed well for us since we bought the stock in 2013. We decided to sell the position following a strong recovery in the share price at the start of the year. Ultimately the investment case had changed, with the company needing to invest a substantial amount of capital to reposition the business in the light of the changes in the automotive industry.

We also only added one new position in the half, Marel, the market leader in meat processing machinery. The shares have been listed on the Icelandic stock exchange, but we initiated a position when the company issued new shares on the Amsterdam exchange at a discount. The company should benefit from increasing automation in the meat processing industry, whilst we also expect them to utilise their strong balance sheet to consolidate the market and improve their competitive position.

Portfolio Split by Country as at 30 June 2019



Source: BMO Investment Business Limited

Outlook

The monetary stimulus that has led to low interest rates has been the defining factor of the market cycle since the financial crisis, and the first half of the year continued this trend with central banks looking to support their economies further. This led to a welcome recovery in assets thus far this year. We cannot however make predictions on the decisions of central banks nor the outcome of political events such as trade disputes and Brexit, or the direction of economic output, for that matter. We can however select stocks with characteristics that give us the best opportunity to deliver good returns for our shareholders through the market cycle. We want to hold good companies, run by good managers, and we do not want to pay too much for these businesses. Our portfolio in aggregate reflects these characteristics and should, therefore, in our opinion deliver good returns for our shareholders.

Sam Cosh

Lead Investment Manager
BMO Investment Business Limited

Condensed Statement of Comprehensive Income

Notes	Half-year ended 30 June 2019 (Unaudited)*		
	Revenue €'000s	Capital €'000s	Total €'000s
Gains/(losses) on investments held a fair value	-	75,402	75,402
Investment income	10,231	-	10,231
Management fee	(359)	(1,435)	(1,794)
Other expenses	(616)	(108)	(724)
Net return before finance costs and taxation	9,256	73,859	83,115
Finance costs	(22)	(87)	(109)
Net return on ordinary activities before taxation	9,234	73,772	83,006
Taxation	(1,547)	-	(1,547)
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period	7,687	73,772	81,459
3 Earnings per share	€0.021	€0.205	€0.226

The total column of this statement represents the Company's Income Statement and Statement of Comprehensive Income, prepared in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the European Union. The supplementary revenue returns, and capital return columns are both prepared under guidance published by the Association of Investment Companies.

All income is attributable to the equity holders of European Assets Trust PLC.

* European Assets Trust NV prior to the migration effective 16 March 2019. Refer to notes 1 and 2 on pages 18 and 19.

Half-year ended 30 June 2018 (Unaudited)*

Year ended 31 December 2018 (Audited)*

Revenue €'000s	Capital €'000s	Total €'000s	Revenue €'000s	Capital €'000s	Total €'000s
-	(10,916)	(10,916)	-	(88,792)	(88,792)
11,216	-	11,216	14,933	-	14,933
(404)	(1,616)	(2,020)	(808)	(3,234)	(4,042)
(734)	-	(734)	(1,403)	(1,700)	(3,103)
10,078	(12,532)	(2,454)	12,722	(93,726)	(81,004)
(8)	(34)	(42)	(31)	(123)	(154)
10,070	(12,566)	(2,496)	12,691	(93,849)	(81,158)
-	-	-	-	-	-
10,070	(12,566)	(2,496)	12,691	(93,849)	(81,158)
€0.0283	€(0.0353)	€(0.007)	€0.035	€(0.262)	€(0.227)

Condensed Statement of Changes in Equity

Notes	Share capital €'000s
Half-year ended 30 June 2019 (Unaudited)*	
Balance at 31 December 2018	35,976
Total comprehensive income for the period	-
Interim dividends distributed	7
1 Cancelled on merger	(35,983)
1 Issued on merger	42,178
Cancelled by court process	-
Arising from cancellation of share premium	-
Balance at 30 June 2019	42,178
<p>The net asset value of European Assets Trust NV on 15 March 2019 was €460.4 million. This was composed of share capital of €36.0 million, share premium of €271.3 million and other reserves of €153.1 million. Upon migration the opening net asset value of European Assets Trust PLC was composed of share capital of €42.2 million and share premium of €418.2 million.</p>	
Half-year ended 30 June 2018 (Unaudited)*	
Balance at 31 December 2017	15,982
Movements during the half-year ended 30 June 2018:	
Total comprehensive loss for the period	-
Interim dividends distributed	5
Issue of shares	627
Redenomination of share capital	19,346
Balance at 30 June 2018	35,960
Year ended 31 December 2018 (Audited)*	
Balance at 31 December 2017	15,982
Movements during the year ended 31 December 2018:	
Total comprehensive loss for the year	-
Interim dividends distributed	20
Issue of shares	628
Redenomination of shares	19,346
Balance at 31 December 2018	35,976

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Share premium account (Note 5) €'000s	Other reserves €'000s	Special reserve (Note 5) €'000s	Total shareholders' funds €'000s
271,344	104,274	-	411,594
-	81,459	-	81,459
(7)	(13,397)	-	(13,397)
(271,337)	(153,083)	-	(460,403)
418,225	-	-	460,403
(418,225)	-	-	(418,225)
-	-	418,225	418,225
-	19,253	418,225	479,656

273,936	218,233	-	508,151
-	(2,496)	-	(2,496)
(5)	(16,035)	-	(16,035)
16,799	-	-	17,426
(19,346)	-	-	-
271,384	199,702	-	507,046

273,936	218,233	-	508,151
-	(81,158)	-	(81,158)
(20)	(32,801)	-	(32,801)
16,774	-	-	17,402
(19,346)	-	-	-
271,344	104,274	-	411,594

Condensed Statement of Financial of Position

NOTES	30 June 2019 (Unaudited)* €'000s	30 June 2018 (Unaudited)* €'000s	31 December 2018 (Audited)* €'000s
Fixed assets			
Investments at fair value through profit or loss	478,444	495,173	414,714
Current assets			
Other receivables and prepayments	3,193	4,566	1,111
Investments in subsidiary	-	-	57
Cash and cash equivalents	21,078	8,314	-
Total current assets	24,271	12,880	1,168
Current liabilities			
4 Borrowings	(22,880)	-	(3,647)
Other payables	(179)	(1,007)	(641)
Total current liabilities	(23,059)	(1,007)	(4,288)
Net current assets/(liabilities)	1,212	11,873	(3,120)
Total assets less current liabilities	479,656	507,046	411,594
Equity			
Share capital	42,178	35,960	35,976
5 Share premium account	-	271,384	271,344
5 Special reserve	418,225	-	-
Other reserves	19,253	199,702	104,274
Total equity	479,656	507,046	411,594
6 Net Asset Value per ordinary share	€1.33	€1.41	€1.14

* European Assets Trust NV prior to the migration effective 16 March 2019. Refer to notes 1 and 2 on pages 18 and 19.

Condensed Statement of Cash Flows

Notes	Half-year ended 30 June 2019 (Unaudited)* €'000s	Half-year ended 30 June 2018 (Unaudited)* €'000s	Year ended 31 December 2018 (Audited)* €'000s	
11	Proceeds from sale of financial assets	31,531	120,089	159,027
	Purchase of financial assets and settlement of financial liabilities	(19,799)	(118,146)	(152,655)
	Investment in subsidiary	57	-	(57)
	Dividends received	6,866	9,903	15,073
	Investment management fee paid	(1,794)	(2,020)	(4,042)
	Other expenses paid	(1,496)	(697)	(2,705)
	Interest expenses paid	(123)	(29)	(75)
	Cash flows from operating activities	15,242	9,100	14,566
	Financing activities			
	Dividends paid	(13,397)	(15,400)	(32,801)
	Proceeds from shares issued and sold	-	17,362	17,336
4	Net proceeds from/(redemption of) banking facility	19,233	(2,748)	899
	Cash flows from financing activities	5,836	(786)	(14,566)
	Net movement in cash and cash equivalents	21,078	8,314	-
	Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	-	-	-
	Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	21,078	8,314	-

* European Assets Trust NV prior to the migration effective 16 March 2019. Refer to notes 1 and 2 on pages 18 and 19.

Notes to the Condensed Accounts

1. The migration

During the reporting period from 1 January 2019 to 30 June 2019 European Assets Trust PLC (“the Company”) migrated its investment enterprise from the Netherlands to the United Kingdom. This migration was achieved by the absorption of the assets and liabilities of European Assets Trust NV by the Company, which was, at that time, a wholly owned subsidiary of European Assets Trust NV.

The migration was effective on 16 March 2019 by means of a cross-border merger under the European Cross-Border Merger Regulations of the Company with European Assets Trust NV. Following the merger, the Company continued the investment activities of European Assets Trust NV and European Assets Trust NV was dissolved and ceased to exist without going into liquidation. Upon merger, shareholders received one share in the Company for each share held in European Assets Trust NV.

The merger was approved by the shareholders of European Assets Trust NV during an extraordinary shareholders’ general meeting held on 9 January 2019. On 12 February 2019, the Dutch notary issued the merger compliance certificate confirming compliance with the Dutch Cross-Border Merger Regulations and, at a hearing held on 20 February 2019, the UK High Court approved the completion of the migration.

European Assets Trust NV shares delisted from Euronext Amsterdam on 14 March 2019. The Board of European Assets Trust NV applied to the Financial Conduct Authority for the cancellation of the standard listing of European Assets Trust NV on the Official List, and to the London Stock Exchange to cancel the admission to trading of its shares on the Main Market, effective on 18 March 2019. Application was made for the Company’s shares to be admitted to the premium segment of the Official List and trading on the premium segment of the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange, began at 8.00 a.m. on 18 March 2019.

Following the merger, the Company became a publicly traded investment trust with a premium listing on the London Stock Exchange.

2. Basis of preparation

These condensed financial statements of the Company, which are unaudited, have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union (IFRS) and the Statement of Recommended Practice for the Financial Statements of Investment Trust Companies and Venture Capital Trusts (SoRP), issued by the Association of Investment Companies in November 2014 and updated in February 2018.

As disclosed within the prospectus of the Company issued on 27 November 2018, pursuant to the Cross-Border Merger Regulations, the reporting period commenced on 1 January 2019. The Company has therefore accounted for the migration as if it had occurred on 1 January 2019, notwithstanding the effective date.

Comparative reporting has been extracted from the financial reports of the Company’s predecessor, European Assets Trust NV:

- for the six-month period ended 30 June 2018, as restated to IFRS, within the prospectus of the Company issued on 27 November 2018; and
- for the year ended 31 December 2018 from the audited 2018 Report and Accounts of European Assets Trust NV, also restated to IFRS.

The notes and financial statements are presented in Euros (functional and reporting currency) and are rounded to the nearest thousand except where otherwise indicated.

Upon migration the equity of European Assets Trust NV was accounted as share capital and share premium of European Assets Trust PLC. The balance of the share premium account was subsequently cancelled by court process to create the special reserve (Note 5).

The accounting policies applied in the condensed set of financial statements are set out in the annual report of European Assest Trust NV for the year ended 31 December 2018.

3. Earnings per share

Earnings per ordinary share attributable to Shareholders reflects the overall performance of the Company in the period. Net revenue recognised in the first six months is not necessarily indicative of the total likely to be received in the full accounting year.

	Half-year ended 30 June 2019	Half-year ended 30 June 2018	Year ended 31 December 2018
	€'000s	€'000s	€'000s
Revenue return	7,687	10,070	12,691
Capital return	73,772	(12,566)	(93,849)
Total return	81,459	(2,496)	(81,158)
	Number	Number	Number
Weighted average ordinary shares in issue	359,808,132	332,050,577	357,988,309
Earnings per share	€0.226	€(0.007)	€(0.227)

There have been no diluting factors to earnings per share during these reporting periods.

4. Loans

In March 2019 the Company entered in to a €45 million multi-currency revolving loan facility with Royal Bank of Scotland International expiring March 2020 and subject to compliance with the loan covenants. These covenants have all been met during the period. The interest rate on the amount drawn down and commitment fees payable on undrawn amounts are based on the commercial terms agreed with Royal Bank of Scotland International.

At the period end the amount of the loan drawn down was €22.9 million.

5. Special reserve and share premium account

Special reserve

On 7 May 2019 by an Order of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, the cancellation of the Company's share premium account by special resolution was confirmed. The special reserve was created by this cancellation of the share premium account. This reserve is available as distributable profits to be used for the payment of dividends.

Share premium account

The surplus of net proceeds received from the issuance of new shares or value of shares arising from conversion over their par value is credited to this account and the related issue costs are deducted from this account. The reserve is non-distributable. As noted above, the balance of this account which arose as a result of the shares issued at merger was subsequently cancelled by court process to create the special reserve.

6. Net Asset Value per ordinary share

	30 June 2019	30 June 2018	31 December 2018
Net Asset Value per share	€1.33	€1.41	€1.14
Net assets attributable at the period end – (€'000s)	479,656	507,046	411,594
Number of ordinary shares in issue at the period end	359,828,307	359,610,590	359,755,323

7. Going concern

The Company's investment objective, strategy and policy are subject to a process of regular Board monitoring and are designed to ensure that the Company is invested in listed securities and that the level of borrowings is restricted. The Company retains title to all assets held by the custodian and an agreement covers its borrowing facility. Cash is held with banks approved and regularly reviewed by the manager.

The Directors believe that: the Company's objective and policy continue to be relevant to investors; the Company operates within a robust regulatory environment; and the Company has sufficient resources and arrangements to continue operating within its stated policy for the twelve-month period commencing from the date of this report. Accordingly, the financial statements have been drawn up on the basis that the Company is a going concern.

8. Related party transactions

During the six-month period ended 30 June 2019, no transactions with related parties have taken place which have materially affected the financial position or performance of the Company.

9. Results

The financial information contained in this half year financial report does not constitute statutory accounts as defined in section 434 of the Companies Act 2006. The financial information for the half year ended 30 June 2019 and 30 June 2018 has neither been audited nor reviewed by the auditors.

By order of the Board
 BMO Investment Business Limited, Secretary
 Exchange House
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 London EC2A 2NY
 22 July 2019

Dividend Information

2019

Two dividends, net of Dutch withholding tax, totalling €0.0342 per share have been paid in January and March 2019 by European Assets Trust NV.

Two further dividends of €0.0171 per share will be paid on 31 July 2019 and 31 October 2019 respectively by European Assets Trust PLC.

Following the migration, effective 16 March 2019 dividends will be paid by European Assets Trust PLC and will no longer be subject to Dutch withholding tax.

Shareholders may elect to receive dividends by way of further shares in the Company rather than cash; the shares will be issued at the net asset value of the Company. The shares may trade in the market at a discount or premium to net asset value. Elections for scrip dividends can be made by shareholders using the form available from the Registrar on request.

Directors' Statement of Principal Risks and Uncertainties

Most of the Company's principal risks and uncertainties are market related and no different from those of other investment trusts investing in listed equities. They are described in more detail under the heading "Principal risks and Changes in the Year" within the strategic report in European Assets Trust NV's annual report for the year ended 31 December 2018. They have not changed materially since the

date of that report and are not expected to change materially for the remainder of the Company's financial year.

The risks include Share Price Discount/Premium, Tax Exempt Status, Investment Policy, Key People, Reputation and Currency Risk.

Directors' Statement of Responsibilities in Respect of the Half-Yearly Financial Report

In accordance with Chapter 4 of the Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules, the Directors confirm that to the best of their knowledge:

- the condensed set of financial statements has been prepared in accordance with applicable International Financial Reporting Standards on a going concern basis, and gives a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and net return of the Company;
- the half-yearly report includes a fair review of the development and performance of the Company and important events that have occurred during the first six months of the financial year and their impact on the financial statements;

- the Directors' Statement of Principal Risks and Uncertainties shown above is a fair review of the principal risks and uncertainties for the remainder of the financial year; and
- the half-yearly report includes a fair review of the related party transactions that have taken place in the first six months of the financial year.

On behalf of the Board
Jack Perry CBE
Chairman
22 July 2019

How to Invest

One of the most convenient ways to invest in European Assets Trust PLC is through one of the savings plans run by BMO Investments.

BMO Investment Trust ISA

You can use your ISA allowance to make an annual tax-efficient investment of up to £20,000 for the 2019/20 tax year with a lump sum from £500 or regular savings from £50 a month per Trust. You can also transfer any existing ISAs to you whilst maintaining the tax benefits.

BMO Junior ISA (JISA)*

You can invest up to £4,368 for the tax year 2019/20 from £500 lump sum or £30 a month per Trust, or a combination of both. Please note, if your child already has a Child Trust Fund (CTF), then you cannot open a separate JISA, however you can transfer the existing CTF (held either with BMO or another provider) to a BMO JISA.

BMO Child Trust Fund (CTF)*

If your child has a CTF you can invest up to £4,368 for the 2019/20 tax year, from £100 lump sum or £25 a month per Trust, or a combination of both. You can also transfer a CTF from another provider to a BMO CTF. Please note, the CTF has been replaced by the JISA and is only available to investors who already hold a CTF.

BMO General Investment Account (GIA)

This is a flexible way to invest in our range of Investment Trusts. There are no maximum contributions, and investments can be made from £500 lump sum or £50 a month per Trust. You can also make additional lump sum top-ups at any time from £250 per Trust.

BMO Junior Investment Account (JIA)

This is a flexible way to save for a child in our range of Investment Trusts. There are no maximum contributions, and the plan can easily be set up under bare trust (where the child is noted as the beneficial owner) or kept in your name if you wish to retain control over the investment. Investments can be made from a £250 lump sum or £25 a month per Trust. You can also make additional lump sum top-ups at any time from £100 per Trust.

*The CTF and JISA accounts are opened in the child's name and they have access to the money at age 18. **Calls may be recorded or monitored for training and quality purposes.

Charges

Annual management charges and other charges apply according to the type of plan.

Annual account charge

ISA: £60+VAT

GIA: £40+VAT

JISA/JIA/CTF: £25+VAT

You can pay the annual charge from your account, or by direct debit (in addition to any annual subscription limits).

Dealing charges

ISA: 0.2%

GIA/JIA/JISA: postal instructions £12, online instructions £8 per Trust.

Dealing charges apply when shares are bought or sold but not on the reinvestment of dividends or the investment of monthly direct debits for the GIA, JIA and JISA.

There are no dealing charges on a CTF but a switching charge of £25 applies if more than 2 switches are carried out in one year.

Government stamp duty of 0.5% also applies on the purchase of shares (where applicable).

There may be additional charges made if you transfer a plan to another provider or transfer the shares from your plan.

The value of investments can go down as well as up and you may not get back your original investment. Tax benefits depend on your individual circumstances and tax allowances and rules may change. Please ensure you have read the full Terms and Conditions, Privacy Policy and relevant Key Features documents before investing. For regulatory purposes, please ensure you have read the Pre-sales cost disclosures related to the product you are applying for, and the relevant Key Information Documents (KIDs) for the investment trusts you are wanting to invest into.

How to Invest

To open a new BMO plan, apply online at [bmogam.com/apply](https://www.bmogam.com/apply)

Note, this is not available if you are transferring an existing plan with another provider to BMO, or if you are applying for a new plan in more than one name.

New Customers

Call: **0800 136 420**** (8.30am – 5.30pm, weekdays)

Email: info@bmogam.com

Existing Plan Holders

Call: **0345 600 3030**** (9.00am – 5.00pm, weekdays)

Email: investor.enquiries@bmogam.com

By post:
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You can also invest in the trust through online dealing platforms for private investors that offer share dealing and ISAs. Companies include: Alliance Trust Savings, Barclays Stockbrokers, Halifax, Hargreaves Lansdown, HSBC, Interactive Investor, Lloyds Bank, Selftrade, The Share Centre



BMO Asset Management Limited

0345 600 3030, 9.00am - 5.00pm, weekdays, calls may be recorded or monitored for training and quality purposes.

BMO Asset Management Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and is a member of BMO Global Asset Management EMEA of which the ultimate parent company is the Bank of Montreal. L56_04/19_CMT1982

Information for Shareholders

Net asset value and share price

The Company's Net Asset Value per share is released daily, on the working day following the calculation date, to the London Stock Exchange. The current share price of European Assets Trust PLC is shown in the investment trust section of the stock market page in most leading newspapers, and from the website www.europeanassets.co.uk

Performance information

Information on the Company's performance is provided in the half-yearly and final reports which are sent to Shareholders in August and March respectively. More up-to-date performance information is available on the Internet at www.europeanassets.co.uk. This website also provides a monthly update on the Company's geographic spread and largest holdings, along with comments from the Fund Manager.

AIC

European Assets Trust PLC is a member of the AIC, which publishes a monthly statistical information service in respect of member companies. The publication also has details of ISA and other investment plans available. For further details, please contact the AIC on 020 7282 5555, or visit the website: theaic.co.uk

Common reporting standards

Tax legislation requires investment fund companies to provide information annually to the local tax authority on the tax residencies of a number of non-UK based certificated Shareholders and corporate entities who have purchased shares in investment trusts. All new Shareholders, excluding those whose shares are held in CREST, who are entered onto the share register are sent a certification form for the purpose of collecting this information.

For further information, please see HMRC's Quick Guide: Automatic Exchange of Information – information for account holders gov.uk/government/publications/exchange-of-information-account-holders.

Availability of report and accounts

The Company's report and accounts are available on the Internet at www.europeanassets.co.uk
 Printed copies may be obtained from the Company's registered office,
 Exchange House, Primrose Street, London EC2A 2NY

If you have trouble reading small print, please let us know. We can provide literature in alternative formats, for example large print or on audiotape. Please call 0345 600 3030^{**}.

Warning to Shareholders – Beware of Share Fraud.

Fraudsters use persuasive and high-pressure tactics to lure investors into scams. They may offer to sell shares that turn out to be worthless or non-existent, or to buy shares at an inflated price in return for an upfront payment.

If you receive unsolicited investment advice or requests:

- Check the Financial Services Register from fca.org.uk to see if the person or firm contacting you is authorised by the FCA
- Call the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA") on **0800 111 6768** if the firm does not have contact details on the Register or you are told they are out of date
- Search the list of unauthorised firms to avoid at fca.org.uk/scams
- Consider that if you buy or sell shares from an unauthorised firm you will not have access to the Financial Ombudsman Service or Financial Services Compensation Scheme
- Think about getting independent financial and professional advice

If you are approached by fraudsters please tell the FCA by using the share fraud reporting form at fca.org.uk/scams where you can find out more about investment scams. You can also call the FCA Consumer Helpline on **0800 111 6768**. If you have already paid money to share fraudsters you should contact Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040**.





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