

TR Property Investment Trust Sigma Shares

TR Property Investment Trust plc ■ Closed-ended investment trust - long only pan-European small cap property equities

Manager commentary

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August was a torrid month for equities globally and Pan European real estate shares were no exception with the Fund's benchmark falling -7.2% (total return, GBP), amid fears about banks liquidity, the release of soft patch economic data and the political vacuum in response to the Euro sovereign debt crisis. The brutal 18% correction in the first week of the month was indiscriminate with strong correlation across asset classes and, similarly to July, an under-performance of small caps due to lower liquidity and inferior access to debt and equity sources.

The European real estate EPRA stock index posted intra-day movements greater than 1.5% in 22 out of 23 trading sessions.

This heightened volatility led to pricing anomalies appearing and disappearing very rapidly which, in turn, translated into an above-average turnover of 7.7% for the Fund. The gearing was kept broadly unchanged at 5.6%.

Against this background we did not attempt to make directional calls but focused our trading activity on pair trades within the office and retail segments (e.g. switching out of Eurocommercial Properties into Vastned Retail based on relative valuation).

We also decreased the level of risk in the the portfolio by adding to our holdings in German residential companies as well as reducing our exposure to highly leveraged companies (DIC Asset, Citycon and Klovern).

The relative underperformance in the month was a result of our bottom up fundamental approach which highlighted the relative overvaluation of both Swiss and Belgian property companies. In the former, we were well aware of the 'safe haven' credentials of Swiss

companies but earnings yields of sub 5% and vacancy rate of 8% in the Zurich office market were unattractive relative to the wider sector. It is worth noting that the Fund does not take currency risk (versus the benchmark) and whilst we held underweight positions in the stocks we held benchmark equivalent currency exposure (in cash or forwards). The Swiss companies, which make up 6.4% of Sigma small cap benchmark, fell just 0.2% in CHF in the month and now stand on a 17% premium to their last stated net asset value versus a sector average discount of -15%). We expect the fundamentals to reassert themselves over the coming months.

Of note we made our first purchase through a Contract for Difference (CFD) for the Fund. Investment trusts tax status makes it less beneficial to use CFDs for high-dividend paying stocks. The decision to invest in Capital & Counties through CFD rather than ordinary shares was motivated by the non-REIT status of the company, its ultra low dividend yield (0.9%) and the cheaper funding of CFDs in comparison to bank debt.

Fund performance to 31.08.2011 (%)

	Current month	YTD	1 year	3 year	5 year	Since launch		
NAV (capital only)	-9.15	-5.31	+14.57	+10.27	-	-18.46	NAV per share (capital only)	98.55p
FTSE EPRA/NAREIT European Property Small Cap Index (capital only, GBP)	-7.42	-5.85	+12.72	-4.52	-	-25.86	Share price	78.00p
Share price	-11.86	0	+17.74	+14.71	-	-26.59	Discount	20.85%
							Yield	2.56%

Small Cap benchmark adopted on 1 April 09 prior to 01.04.09 benchmark was EPRA European Property Index. Price is month-end mid price. Source: BNP Paribas, Bloomberg. Refer to the back of the monthly newsletter for monthly/annual return history and dividends.

Geographic allocation (%)

Austria	2.60
Belgium	1.70
Central Europe	5.60
Finland	5.10
France	12.60
Germany	18.80
Italy	8.10
Netherlands	3.90
Norway	2.50
Other	0.30
Russia	0.30
Spain	0.90
Sweden	13.40
Switzerland	0.40
UK	23.80
Total	100.00

Fund performance 25.07.2007 to 31.08.2011



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Key facts

Fund objective: The investment objective of the Sigma shares is to maximise total returns by investing in small cap Pan European equities, focusing on long term capital and income growth.
Net Assets (Mn): £122.9mn
Net gearing: 5.59%
Launch date: 25.07.2007
NAV frequency: Daily
Dealing: Daily (stockmarket)
Legal status: UK Investment Trust
Listing: London Stock Exchange
Dividends: January, July
Initial charge: Nil
Management fee: £0.65mn per annum plus 0.30% of net assets p.a.
Performance fee: 15% of outperformance of benchmark plus 2% hurdle
Investment manager: Thames River Capital LLP
Stockbroker: Cenkos Securities plc
Administrator: BNP Paribas
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Registrar: Computershare Investor Services plc

Sector allocation (%)

	Fund
Industrial	11.40
Offices	38.21
Other	6.39
Residential	13.70
Retail	30.30
Total	100.00

figures above shown on a look-through basis.

Top 10 holdings (%)

Great Portland	5.3
Deutsche Euroshop	5.2
Shaffesbury	4.9
Eurocommercial	4.5
Fabege	4.1
GSW Immobilien	4.1
Vastned Retail	3.9
CA Immobilien	3.5
Kungsleden	3.3
Sponda	3.1

Asset allocation (%)

Continental Shares	67.68
UK Shares	32.32
Total	100.00

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