

THIRD QUARTER REPORT SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

### NOTICE OF NO AUDITOR REVIEW OF INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Section 4.3(3)(a) of National Instrument 51-102, *Continuous Disclosure Obligations*, provides that if an auditor has not performed a review of the interim financial statements, the interim financial statements must be accompanied by a notice indicating that the financial statements have not been reviewed by an auditor.

The Company's external auditors, Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP, have not performed a review of these interim financial statements of Economic Investment Trust Limited.

signed "Duncan N.R. Jackman"

Duncan N.R. Jackman Chairman and President

signed "Travis R. Epp"

Travis R. Epp Treasurer

November 3, 2004

## THE PERIOD AT A GLANCE (Unaudited)

	As at Sept. 30 2004 (1)	As at Dec. 31 2003 (1)
Net assets (Market value)	\$ 444,963	\$ 407,911
Net equity value per common share	\$ 78.97	\$ 72.37
Number of common shares outstanding at period end	5,615,535	5,615,535

#### Nine months ended September 30

	2004 (1)	20	003 (1)
Investment income	\$ 9,740	\$	6,291
Net investment income	\$ 6,620	\$	3,859
Net investment income per common share	\$ 1.17	\$	0.68
Regular dividends per common share	\$ 0.45	\$	0.45

<sup>(1)</sup> In thousands of dollars, except number of common shares outstanding and per share amounts.

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

#### **Operating Results**

Net investment income

The Company's net investment income in the third quarter of 2004 was \$980,000 compared to 2003 net investment income of \$947,000. On a year to date basis, the net investment income increased to \$6,620,000 in 2004 from \$3,859,000 in 2003. On a per common share basis, net investment income for the quarter was unchanged at \$0.17 in both 2004 and 2003, and on a year to date basis increased to \$1.17 in 2004 from \$0.68 in 2003.

Foreign dividend income in the third quarter increased to \$1,389,000 in 2004 from \$1,073,000 in 2003 and to \$5,788,000 in 2004 from \$4,702,000 in 2003 on a year to date basis. Canadian dividend income in the third quarter increased to \$445,000 in 2004 from \$416,000 in 2003 and to \$3,723,000 in 2004 from \$1,357,000 in 2003 on a year to date basis. The significant increase in Canadian dividend income earned in 2004 is due to a special dividend paid by E-L Financial Corporation Limited in the second quarter. Interest income in the third quarter amounted to \$46,000 in 2004, compared to \$90,000 in 2003 and decreased to \$229,000 in 2004 from \$232,000 in 2003 on a year to date basis.

Operating expenses in the quarter amounted to \$405,000 (2003 - \$332,000) and to \$1,293,000 (2003 - \$992,000) on a year to date basis. The rise in expenses from the prior periods is mainly due to an increase in management fees, administration fees and custody fees.

#### Net gain on investments

The Company's realized gain and change in unrealized appreciation of investments for the quarter ended September 30, 2004 was a net loss of \$2,475,000 compared with a net gain of \$23,271,000 in 2003. On a year to date basis, the Company earned a net gain of \$35,149,000 in 2004 compared to a net gain of \$44,824,000 in 2003. The performance of the investment portfolio has been led by the Canadian equities in both the third quarter and on a year to date basis. In particular, E-L Financial Corporation Limited has been a strong performer. Equities in the United States and Japan have posted negative returns in the third quarter offsetting gains from the first two quarters. Equities in Europe have posted positive returns in the third quarter and on a year to date basis.

During the third quarter of 2004, and on a year to date basis, the Canadian dollar appreciated relative to the US dollar, the British Pound, the Japanese Yen and the Euro, thereby reducing the value of the foreign equity investments. The loss from currency movements was somewhat mitigated by the use of forward currency contracts to minimize the exposure to the US dollar. The use of forward currency contracts resulted in a gain of approximately \$3,575,000 in the third quarter of 2004 and approximately \$2,692,000 on a year to date basis.

The investment portfolio of the Company is comprised of a mix of high and low yielding global investments. Net investment income, net realized gains (losses) on investments, net change in unrealized appreciation of investments and net asset value per share will vary significantly from period to period depending on the investment mix which moves with the constantly changing economic environment.

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (continued)

The following table summarizes various financial results on a quarterly basis for the current and prior year:

	Sept. 30 2004	June 30 2004	March 31 2004	Dec. 31 2003	Sept. 30 2003	June 30 2003	March 31 2003	Dec. 31 2002
Investment income S	\$ 1,880	\$ 5,517	\$ 2,343	\$ 1,446	\$ 1,579	\$ 3,121	\$ 1,591	\$ 1,473
Net investment income S	t \$ 980	\$ 4,251	\$ 1,389	\$ 872	\$ 947	\$ 1,944	\$ 968	\$ 731
Net income per share	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.10

#### **Dividends**

Regular quarterly dividends were paid on our preferred shares. The year to date dividends paid out of net investment income on the common shares outstanding totalled \$0.45 per share in both 2003 and 2004.

#### **Assets**

In the third quarter of 2004, total assets increased to \$489,569,000 at September 30, 2004 from \$487,467,000 at June 30, 2004, an increase of 0.4%. The cost of investments in foreign equities at September 30, 2004 was \$247,026,000 compared to \$245,717,000 at June 30, 2004. The market value of foreign equities decreased to \$259,255,000 at September 30, 2004 from \$265,048,000 at June 30, 2004. The cost of Canadian equities at September 30, 2004 was \$23,324,000 compared to \$23,034,000 at June 30, 2004. The market value of the Canadian equities increased to \$216,273,000 at September 30, 2004 from \$213,877,000 at June 30, 2004.

On a year to date basis, total assets increased to \$489,569,000 at September 30, 2004 from \$442,550,000 at December 31, 2003, an increase of 10.6%. The cost of investments in foreign equities at September 30, 2004 was \$247,026,000, an increase from \$229,368,000 at December 31, 2003. The market value of foreign equities at September 30, 2004 was \$259,255,000 compared to \$239,280,000 at December 31, 2003. The cost of investments in Canadian equities decreased in the first three quarters of 2004 to \$23,324,000 from \$30,090,000 at December 31, 2003. The market value of Canadian equities at September 30, 2004 was \$216,273,000 compared to \$190,839,000 at December 31, 2003.

#### **Performance**

The net asset value return of the Company is determined by calculating the performance of the investment portfolio and then netting against it both future income taxes and expenses of the Company. For the quarter ended September 30, 2004, the Company's net asset value per share decreased to \$78.97 from \$79.36 at June 30, 2004, a decrease of 0.3% (based on the reinvestment of distributions at month-end net asset values). For the comparable period, the S&P/TSX Composite Index increased 1.9%, the MSCI World Index (C\$) decreased 6.7% and the S&P 500 Index (C\$) decreased 7.5%.

On a year to date basis, the net asset value per share of the Company increased to \$78.97 at September 30, 2004 from \$72.37 at December 31, 2003, an increase of 9.7% (based on the reinvestment of distributions at month-end net asset values). For the first nine months of 2004 the S&P/TSX Composite Index increased 6.8%, the MSCI World Index (C\$) increased 0.2% and the S&P 500 Index (C\$) decreased 0.7%.

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (continued)

#### **Risks**

The Company faces a broad range of risks and uncertainties in managing a global equity portfolio. The market risk refers to the risk of loss from the investment and trading activities of the Company due to changes in equity prices, foreign currency rates, interest rates and market volatility.

The majority of the investment portfolio is managed by Sanford C. Bernstein & Co. Inc., LLC ("Bernstein"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Alliance Capital Management L.P. Bernstein is a global investment manager that commenced operations in 1967. Excluding The Emerging Markets Investor Fund, Bernstein manages all of the Company's foreign equity investments and is allowed to hedge the foreign currency exposure of any non-Canadian investment.

The Company also manages a portion of the Canadian investments in the portfolio. The performance of this portfolio is primarily derived from investments in E-L Financial Corporation Limited, The Bank of Nova Scotia and Algoma Central Corporation.

#### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Liquidity refers to the Company's ability to maintain a cash flow adequate to fund operations and capital investments on a timely and cost efficient basis. It is the objective of the Company to provide its shareholders an above average total rate of return through long-term capital appreciation and dividend income from the Company's portfolio of equity investments. From time to time, however, assets of the Company may be invested in interest bearing short-term securities pending the selection of suitable equity investments. The Company's income from operations after payment of taxable dividends is used to fund operating costs as well as provide resources for additional investments.

Economic Investment Trust Limited has always been a vehicle for long term growth through investment in common equities. Management believes that over long periods of time, common equities as an asset class will outperform fixed income instruments or balanced funds.

As the fund's investment philosophy is of a long-term nature, short-term volatility is expected and tolerated. We remain confident that our investment strategy will reward our shareholders over the long term.

November 3, 2004

Duncan N.R. Jackman Chairman of the Board

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (Unaudited)

Assets	September 30  2004 (thousan	December 31 2003 ds of dollars)
Investments, at indicated market value   (cost - \$270,350; December 31, 2003 - \$259,458)  Cash  Short-term investments  Receivable in respect of investments sold  Accrued income on investments  Income taxes receivable  Other assets	\$ 477,025 11,442 — 453 474 — 175 489,569	\$ 431,736 6,361 503 2,327 395 1,044 184 442,550
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	334 5,354 2,811 36,107 44,606 \$ 444,963	167 3,970 — 30,502 34,639 \$ 407,911
Shareholders' Equity		
Capital stock	\$ 206,142 1,493 170,568 66,760 \$ 444,963	\$ 206,147 1,493 141,393 58,878 \$ 407,911

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited)

	Three months	s ended Sept. 30	Nine months ended Sept. 30			
	2004	2003	2004	2003		
		(thousands	of dollars)			
INVESTMENTINCOME						
Dividends:						
Foreign	\$ 1,389	\$ 1,073	\$ 5,788	\$ 4,702		
Canadian	445	416	3,723	1,357		
	1,834	1,489	9,511	6,059		
Interest	46	90	229	232		
	1,880	1,579	9,740	6,291		
Expenses:	•		•			
Operating	405	332	1,293	992		
Income taxes	495	300	1,827	1,440		
	900	632	3,120	2,432		
NETINVESTMENTINCOME	980	947	6,620	3,859		
REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS						
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	806	(1,123)	5,974	4,770		
Net change in unrealized appreciation of investments	(3,281)	24,394	29,175	40,054		
NET GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS	(2,475)	23,271	35,149	44,824		
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS	\$ (1,495)	\$ 24,218	\$ 41,769	\$ 48,683		

## ${\color{blue} \textbf{CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF REALIZED GAIN (LOSS)}} \\ {\color{blue} \textbf{(Unaudited)}}$

		ended Sept. 30	Nine months e	nded Sept. 30
	2004	2003	2004	2003
		(thousands	of dollars)	
Proceeds on sales of investments	\$ 34,150	\$ 20,071	\$ 93,884	\$ 79,481
Cost of investments, beginning of period	268,751	259,752	259,458	251,791
Cost of investments purchased during the period	34,765	22,024	97,485	82,181
	303,516	281,776	356,943	333,972
Cost of investments, end of period	270,350	260,330	270,350	260,330
Cost of investments sold during the period	33,166	21,446	86,593	73,642
Realized gain (loss) on investments sold before taxes	984	(1,375)	7,291	5,839
Provision for (recovery of) taxes on realized net taxable capital gains				
(losses)	178	(252)	1,317	1,069
Net realized gain (loss) on				
investments	<b>\$ 806</b>	<u>(1,123)</u>	\$ 5,974	\$ 4,770

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS (Unaudited)

	Three month	s ended Sept. 30	Nine months ended Sept. 30			
	2004	2003	2004	2003		
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM		(thousands	of dollars)			
OPERATIONS	<b>\$</b> (1,495)	\$ 24,218	\$ 41,769	\$ 48,683		
DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS	;					
Common shareholders  Preferred shareholders	(842)	(842)	(2,527)	(2,527)		
Preferred shareholders	<u>(19)</u> (861)	<u>(19)</u> (861)	<u>(55)</u> (2,582)	(55)		
CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS	(001)		(2,362)	(2,582)		
Purchase of preferred shares for cancellation			(5)	(10)		
TAXATION CHANGES						
Net (increase) decrease in refundable dividend tax on hand	147	14	(2,130)	301		
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	(2,209)	23,371	37,052	46,392		
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	447,172	367,762	407,911	344,741		
NET ASSETS, END OF PERIOD	\$ 444,963	\$ 391,133	<u>\$ 444,963</u>	\$ 391,133		
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF RETAIN (Unaudited)	EDEARNINGS	;				
			Nine months en	ided Sept. 30		
			2004	2003		
			(thousands of	dollars)		
RETAINED EARNINGS, BEGINNING OF FAdd:	PERIOD		\$ 58,878	\$ 52,066		
Net investment income			6,620	3,859		
Net realized gain on investments Refundable taxes recovered			5,974 860	4,770 752		
TOTALIDADIO LANCO TECOVETEU			72,332	61,447		
Deduct:				,		
Dividends from net investment income Provision for refundable taxes			2,582 2,990	2,582 451		
			5,572	3,033		
RETAINED EARNINGS, END OF PERIOD	)		\$ 66,760	\$ 58,414		

### $\begin{cal} \textbf{CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2004} \\ \textbf{(Unaudited)} \end{cal}$

Number of of shares			Cost		Market value	% of Market
		(thousands of dollars)				
	North America					
	Canada					
50,200	Alcan Inc.	\$	2,767	9	,	
212,638	Algoma Central Corporation		2,973		15,523	
111,242	Bank of Nova Scotia		1,442		4,110	
341,806	E-L Financial Corporation Limited		6,790		122,708	
31,776	Ecando Investments Limited		4.400		00 000	
170 111	Classes A, B and common		4,139		29,899	
176,414	The Fulcrum Investment Company		464		9.055	
25,444	Limited Magna Int'l Inc. Class A		2,314		8,055 2,384	
214,251	NVG Holdings Limited *		2,314		2,304	
217,201	Classes B, C, D, E and common		2,115		23,923	
4,765	TGV Holdings Limited Cl. B *		320		6,634	
1,1 00			23,324	_	216,273	45.4
			20,024		210,273	40.4
	United States					
83,600	United States Altria Group, Inc		6,961		4,977	
103,200	Bank of America Corporation		5,050		5,659	
58,100	Chubb Corporation		5,531		5,168	
104,600	Citigroup Inc.		6,530		5,840	
121,400	Comcast Corp. Special Class A		4,989		4,290	
87,400	ConocoPhillips		6,706		9,164	
30,200	Fannie Mae		2,726		2,423	
36,300	Freddie Mac		2,712		2,997	
129,500	General Electric Company		5,456		5,503	
45,000	Hartford Financial Services Group		3,669		3,527	
341,700	Hewlett-Packard Company		9,118		8,108	
97,700	JPMorgan Chase & Co		5,032		4,912	
183,000	Kroger Co		4,337		3,594	
28,000	Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc		2,583		2,825	
45,000	Metlife, Inc.		1,672		2,201	
78,400	Microsoft Corporation		2,754		2,743	
83,700	Norfolk Southern Corp		2,286		3,150	
144,900	Pfizer Inc.		8,132		5,611	
16,800	Occidental Petroleum Corporation		1,108		1,189	
101,900	Safeway Inc.		3,044		2,490	
44,300 49,408	Smurfit-Stone Container CorpSt. Paul Travelers Companies Inc		1,051 2,488		1,086 2,067	
19,000	Textron Inc.		1,434		1,545	
30,400	Whirlpool Corporation		3,501		2,312	
20,000	XL Capital Ltd. Class A		2,448		1,875	
,		1	01,318	_	95,256	20.0
	Total North America		24,642	-	311,529	65.4
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<sup>\*</sup> The net assets of NVG Holdings Limited and TGV Holdings Limited are invested primarily in the shares of The Bank of Nova Scotia.

## ${\bf CONSOLIDATED\,STATEMENT\,OF\,INVESTMENTS\,AS\,AT\,SEPTEMBER\,30,2004\,(Continued)} \ (Unaudited)$

Number of of shares		Cost	Market value	% of Market
		(thousands	of dollars)	
110 100	Latin America	2.524	4 044	
119,100	Petroleo Brasileiro SA ADR Votorantim Celulose ADR	3,534	4,811	
44,200	Votorantim Celulose ADR	1,911	1,933	
		5,445	6,744	1.4
272 200	Europe, excluding United Kingdom	E 42E	6.260	
272,280 70,000	Arcelor Assurance Generale de France	5,435 5,240	6,368 5,551	
88,900	Continental AG	5,249 3,776	5,551 6,106	
117,600	Credit Suisse Group	5,587	4,750	
19,200	Delhaize Group	1,217	1,544	
16,685	DSM NV	1,040	1,101	
181,400	ENI S.P.A.	3,978	5,146	
47,312	HeidelbergCement AG	2,476	2,789	
45,000	Man AG	2,094	1,943	
74,700	MOL Magyar Olaj - Es Gazipari Rt	3,107	4,618	
50,600	Renault ŠA	5,493	5,237	
200,700	Repsol YPR, S.A	5,512	5,577	
22,825	Sanofi-Aventis	1,366	2,095	
120,800	Svenska Cellulosa AB	6,236	5,943	
		52,566	58,768	12.3
	United Kingdom			
265,000	Aviva PLC	2,581	3,323	
453,700	BP PLC	5,386	5,481	
104,300	Glaxosmithkline PLC.	2,837	2,845	
372,881	Intercontinental Hotels Group PLC	3,156	5,367	
117,600	RMC Group PLC	1,793	2,288	
1,592,000	Vodafone Group PLC	4,005	4,822	
120,400	Whitbread PLC	1,619	2,274	
160,000	Xstrata PLC	2,809	3,327	
		24,186	29,727	6.2
	Asia			
90,000	Canon Inc	5,007	5,353	
5,576,000	China Petroleum & Chemical			
	Corporation (Sinopec)	2,028	2,873	
744,683	Compal Electronics Reg	5,343	4,712	
31,463	Emerging Markets Investor Fund	1,078	1,116	
132,000	Flextronics International Ltd	2,489	2,213	
88,000	Honda Motor Company Limited	5,696	5,396	
42,900	Hyundai Motor Co. Limited	2,379	2,504	
78,200	JFE Holdings Inc.	2,683	2,820	
51,200	Kookmin Bank	2,077	2,051	
383,100	Nissan Motor Co.	4,172	5,279	
34,200	Promine Co. Ltd.	4,408	6,446	
32,300	Promise Co., Ltd	1,457	2,674	

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2004 (Continued) (Unaudited)

Number of of shares		Cost	Market value	% of Market
		(thousand	s of dollars)	
186,000 1,755,930	Asia (continued) Shinhan Financial Group Co., Ltd Singapore Telecommunications Ltd,	2,376 3,093	4,068 3,089	
925	Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group Inc	6,918	6,692	
232,052 830	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Ltd. ADR UFJ Holdings Inc	4,601 5,181	3,931 4,603	
		60,986	65,820	13.8
	Israel			
840,000	Bank Hapoalim Ltd	2,525	2,940	0.6
	Total equities	270,350	475,528	99.7
	Forward Currency Contracts, net -			
	Schedule 1		1,497	0.3
	Total investments	\$ 270,350	\$ 477,025	100.0

#### Schedule 1 - Forward Currency Contracts, net

#### Forward contracts to sell foreign currencies for Canadian dollars:

Par value (in millions)	Currency	Number of Contracts	Contract Rates	Settlement Date	Unrealized gain
61.4	USD	1	1.2914	Dec. 15, 2004	\$ 1,497

All counterparties have an approved credit rating equivalent to A-1+.

# NOTE TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

#### Summary of significant accounting policies

Basis of presentation

The accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") and follow the same accounting policies and methods as the most recent annual financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the notes to the Company's audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2003.

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#### **NET ASSET VALUE**

The Company's Net Asset Value per share is published every Saturday in the Mutual fund section of the Globe and Mail (under "Fund Asset Values") and in the National Post (under "Closed End Funds").