

## Interim Management Statement for the 3 months ended 30 September 2009 (Unaudited)

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Gartmore Fledgling Trust plc is an investment trust company that seeks to provide shareholders with long-term growth in capital and dividends from investment predominantly in the constituents of the FTSE Fledgling (ex. Investment Companies) Index (the "Fledgling Index"). The Company is managed using a hybrid investment style. At least 65% of the portfolio passively replicates the Fledgling Index. An active overlay is then applied to up to 35% (normally likely to be 30% or less) of the Company's portfolio value, of which no more than 20% (normally likely to be 15% or less) may be invested in AIM-traded companies which were formerly admitted to trading on the Official List and which meet the Fledgling Index market capitalisation criteria. The active overlay takes the form of higher weightings in those Fledgling and AIM companies that are strongly favoured by Gartmore's investment process, and/or where directors have recently purchased their own shares. Conversely, constituents of the Fledgling Index which are considered unlikely to remain solvent on a one-year view are excluded from the portfolio.

The UK equity market continued to advance during the three-month period, buoyed by a stream of economic recovery news, particularly from the United States. Although recent domestic economic data has been more subdued, a key characteristic of the past few months has been the positive response by fund managers to corporate newsflow. Weaker-than-expected economic data has failed to dampen enthusiasm, reflecting investors' increasing urgency to reposition their portfolios for recovery. Towards the end of the period, signs emerged of investors' appetite for risk returning to more normal levels together with greater confidence in the outlook for corporate earnings. This trend was buoyed by the decision of the Bank of England to extend its quantitative easing program coupled with growing evidence that the monetary and fiscal medicine is beginning to drive investment flows into equity markets.

Over the three months to 30 September 2009, the Net Asset Value per Ordinary share rose by 16.9% to 440.5p on a bid-to-bid basis cum income. This compares with a rise of 15.1% in the benchmark Fledgling Index. The Company's outperformance of the benchmark index over the period is largely attributable to active positions in the portfolio which added sufficient value to outweigh the impact of dealing costs. The Company's Net Asset Value performance was ranked first of fourteen in the Association of Investment Companies UK Smaller Companies universe over the ten-year period to 30 September 2009.

Despite the Company's strong performance in recent months, the market valuations of many of the companies in the portfolio have yet to reflect their growth potential. Also, capital remains a scarce resource in our area of specialism and competence which provides us with some attractive investment opportunities. We continue to look for further opportunities to add value through the active management of the portfolio.

We expect to hold a higher level of cash than usual in order to take advantage of opportunities as they arise, for example where companies in our universe issue equity.

### Performance:

	At 30 September 2009	3 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
Net Asset Value per Ordinary share *	440.5p	16.9%	47.0%	-1.3%	28.8%	194.3%
Benchmark **	4759.8	15.1%	46.0%	-2.9%	27.1%	198.2%
Mid-market Price per Ordinary share	390.0p	23.4%	49.7%	-2.1%	27.0%	234.8%
Discount	11%					

Source for all data: Gartmore as at 30 September 2009, capital performance only in Sterling terms. From 31 December 2005 (inclusive), Net Asset Value reflects the portfolio stated at bid prices. Performance has been calculated using unadjusted historical published Net Asset Values which were based on mid valuations prior to 31 December 2005. Share price quoted at middle-market price.

\*Inclusive of current year revenue. Please note that comparative Net Asset Values older than one year exclude undistributed revenue.

\*\* FTSE Fledgling (excluding Investment Companies) Index. Source: Thomson Datastream.

## Gartmore Fledgling Trust plc *continued*

Ten Principal Investments at 30 September 2009:	Market Value £'000	% of Total Assets	Major Sector Weightings at 30 September 2009:	% of Investment Portfolio
Microgen	2,471	3.0	Industrials	35.0%
Xaar	2,402	2.9	Technology	14.5%
Vernalis	2,281	2.8	Health Care	11.2%
Manganese Bronze	2,254	2.7	Consumer Services	10.8%
XP Power	2,247	2.7	Financials	9.2%
Morse	2,236	2.7	Consumer Goods	8.6%
Volex Group	2,149	2.6	Basic Materials	8.1%
Carclo	2,147	2.6	Utilities	2.6%
AEA Technology	2,127	2.6		
Clinton Cards	2,124	2.6		

At 30 September 2009, the Company's portfolio comprised 111 investments.

Financial Position:	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	At 30 September 2009 £'000	At 30 June 2009 £'000
Investments	78,890	69,158
Net current assets	4,032	2,106
Net Assets attributable to Ordinary shares	82,922	71,264
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### Material Events and Transactions:

At the Company's Annual General Meeting on 30 September 2009, all resolutions were passed on a show of hands, including a vote for continuation of the Company. A final dividend of 4.0p per Ordinary share and a special dividend of 2.6p per Ordinary share were paid on 7 October 2009.

Over the three-months to 30 September 2009, the Company repurchased 90,000 Ordinary shares for cancellation. This represented 0.5% of the issued share capital at the beginning of the period and reduced the number of Ordinary shares in issue to 18,826,080. The aggregate consideration was £312,000.

### Price and Performance Information:

The Company's Ordinary shares are listed on the London Stock Exchange and the closing mid-market price of these shares is published in the Financial Times under 'Investment Companies'. Real-time share price information is available on 09058 171 690. Calls are charged at 75p per minute from a BT landline. The cost of calls from other telephone networks may be higher and from mobiles will be considerably more. The Company's Net Asset Value is calculated daily and can be viewed on the London Stock Exchange website at [www.londonstockexchange.com](http://www.londonstockexchange.com) and via a link from the Gartmore web site at [www.gartmore.co.uk](http://www.gartmore.co.uk).

Further information can be obtained from Gartmore as follows:

Investor helpline: 0800-289 336 (Calls are free from a BT landline)

Internet address: [www.gartmore.co.uk](http://www.gartmore.co.uk)

E-mail address: [helpline@gartmore.com](mailto:helpline@gartmore.com)

Telephone calls may be recorded for monitoring and training purposes.

The Directors are not aware of any significant events or transactions which have occurred between 30 September 2009 and the date of publication of this statement, which have had a material impact on the financial position of the Company. For latest performance information, please refer to the Gartmore website, [www.gartmore.co.uk](http://www.gartmore.co.uk). The Company's discrete area on the site can be accessed via the "Fund range" menu or directly using [www.gartmorefledglingtrust.co.uk](http://www.gartmorefledglingtrust.co.uk) or [www.gartmorefledglingtrust.com](http://www.gartmorefledglingtrust.com).