A fantastic figure of over 270 joined the Association in February. Tracey Maddison, BIGGA's Membership Services Officer, would like to welcome them on behalf of the Association and highlights how YOU could be a winner!

Help Membership break the 7,000 barrier, and win a 'break' of your own!

Help your Association grow by introducing at least two new members and you could find yourself winning a weekend break away, for two, to the historic city of York.

You would be in the first class company of the Monkbar Hotel, which holds an unrivalled position in this historic city, close by the city walls, which date back to Roman times, and by Monkgate Bar, one of the entrances to the city. The Minster is only 300 metres away - all the many attractions are only a few minutes walk and the bustling market with many stalls is a timely reminder of York's role as a shopping centre.

You will stay in one of ninety nine rooms - all with en-suite facilities, colour TV, hairdryer, trouser press, welcome beverage tray and direct dial telephones.

REMEMBER - What do you have to do to win this fantastic weekend break? Just introduce at least two new members to the Association, make sure your name goes on their application form as the person who referred them and leave the rest to us!

If you would like to contact the Monkbar Hotel for details of their facilities, please contact them at St. Maurice's Road, York YO3 4JA or Tel: (01904) 638086
Fax: (01904) 291955
Email: colin-gardner@monkbar-York.freeserve.co.uk

The weekend break is subject to availability and excludes Bank Holidays.

Good Luck!

Trevor Downing of J Rothschild Assurance examines progressive unit trusts

Launched ten years ago, the St James's Place UK & General Progressive Unit Trust has provided investors with consistent, above-average long-term performance and is ranked first out of 151 period, outperforming the relevant sector average by more than double, but it is also ranked in the top quartile of all similar funds over the one, three and five year periods to 1 October 1999.

The fund aims to maximise returns, comprising of both income and capital appreciation by investing principally, but not exclusively in the United Kingdom. The manager of the fund, Taube Hodgson Stonehouse Partners Ltd (THS) operate a thematic approach to investment. Put simply, this means that within the UK, sectors in individual countries are often efficiently priced, significant valuation anomalies continue to exist between comparable companies quoted on different stock markets. With ever cheaper and better communications, these anomalies will increasingly come into focus.

Cable & Wireless is a stock which fits in with the manager's telecommunications theme which they are keen on a global basis. Cable & Wireless is the biggest cable company in the UK and the second biggest telephone company (incorporating Mercury). With the onset of digital television and a variety of options available through fibre optic cables, the market is strong for cable and relevant stocks, such as Cable & Wireless, have done well and are expected to do better still.

Another current theme is media stocks, with companies in the portfolio including Hit Entertainment, which produces children's TV programmes such as 'Bob The Builder' television merchandise, BskyB which is at the forefront of digital technology and Eidos which is responsible for the highly successful 'Tomb Raider' computer games featuring 'Lara Croft'. The managers feel that entertainment, and particularly the Internet, is one of the few areas worldwide where consumers are spending more of their disposable income.

The UK & General Progressive Unit Trust is also available within the St James's Place Individual Savings Account and to those investors wishing to receive personal holdings to the St James's Place Unit Trust.

If you would like more information or advice relating to this or any other investment matter, please contact Trevor Downing on 01995 500427.

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UK & General Progressive Unit Trust

- Based on an initial investment of £10,000

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