### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

The company's objective is to invest in a range of smaller companies in order to generate income and capital growth over the long-term. The company aims to maintain a diversified portfolio of qualifying investments, primarily those which are traded on AIM and have the potential for significant value appreciation.

## **INVESTMENT POLICY**

The company will focus on managing a diversified portfolio of AIM listed companies and also target non-qualifying investments on an opportunistic basis. Shareholders recently approved an extension to the policy allowing investment of a proportion (up to 75%) of new capital into the Marlborough Special Situations Fund. This change is designed to allow effective management of the proceeds of the offers and to maintain the company's exposure to small companies pending investment into qualifying companies.

The company's portfolio is managed in order to maintain its VCT status whereby 70% of the funds raised must be invested in qualifying investments within 3 years of the shares issuance date. Hargreave Hale will target a higher threshold of approximately 80% in order to provide some element of protection against an inadvertent breach of the VCT rules.

NB. Investors should note that investment in an AIM VCT carries a high level of risk. Please refer to the Risks section on page 2 of the factsheet for more information. Capital is at risk.

### **PERFORMANCE**

The table below illustrates how the VCT has performed year on year against the FTSE AIM All-Share Index. Please note that past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. The returns are inclusive of any dividends paid within the period, based on NAVs for the VCTs and the last price paid for the FTSE AIM All Share Total Return Index.

# **Discrete NAV Performance (%)**

Company	Feb 17 - Feb 18	Feb 16 - Feb 17	Feb 15 - Feb 16	Feb 14 - Feb 15	Feb 13 - Feb 14
Hargreave Hale AIM VCT 1 (Ordinary Shares)	9.65	14.39	-1.01	-7.03	40.32
FTSE AIM All Share Total Return	15.99	33.06	-1.75	-19.03	21.54

Source: Hargreave Hale<sup>1</sup>

## Rolling Returns to end February 2018 (%)

	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years
Hargreave Hale AIM VCT 1 (Ordinary Shares)	9.65	24.88	22.31	12.61	57.28

Source: Hargreave Hale<sup>1</sup>

# Total Return (Ordinary Shares)\*



<sup>\*</sup> Based on a starting NAV of 64.14p, February 2013. Source: Hargreave Hale

## **SUMMARY**

Ticker	HHV
Launch Date	September 2004
Year End	September
Share Price (05.03.1	<b>8)</b> 76.75p
NAV per Share	80.88p
Last Div. Paid (30.01	. <b>18)</b> 2.25p
Next Div.	N/A
Total Divs. Paid	48.25p
NAV Yield (30.09.17)	4.95%
Discount to NAV (05	<b>.03.18)</b> 5.11%
Number of Shares	80,303,179
Market Cap	£61.6m
Charges (AMC)	1.50%
Ongoing Expenses	1.90%
SEDOL Number	B02WHS0
ISIN Number	GB00B02WHS05

# ASSET ALLOCATION



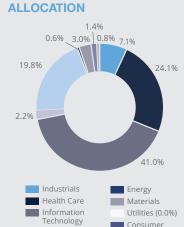
# QUALIFYING SECTOR

Cash

Financials

Consumer

Discretionary



Telecoms

Real Estate

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All data as at the end of February 2018 show returns based on performance of the NAV and dividends paid.

#### **INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO**

As at 28 February 2018, the unaudited NAV per Ordinary Share of Hargreave Hale AIM VCT 1 was 80.88p. Set out below are the top ten qualifying investments of Hargreave Hale AIM VCT 1 as at the date of this document (the values being at 28 February 2018 all of which information is unaudited). There has been no material change since 28 February 2018.

Top 10 Qualifying Holdings	Sector	Book Cost £'000s	(Unaudited) Valuation £'000	% of NAV
Learning Technologies Group	Information Technology	663	2,475	3.8%
Zoo Digital	Information Technology	304	2,394	3.7%
Abcam	Health Care	55	2,092	3.2%
Craneware	Health Care	125	1,764	2.7%
Cohort	Industrials	619	1,663	2.6%
Gousto	Consumer Discretionary	1,002	1,484	2.3%
Faron Pharma	Health Care	896	1,413	2.2%
Quixant	Consumer Discretionary	160	1,357	2.1%
Ideagen	Information Technology	410	1,315	2.0%
Animal Care	Health Care	220	1,120	1.7%
Other Qualifying Investments		22,898	23,653	36.4%
Non Qualifying Investments		9,348	12,285	18.9%
Fixed Income		-	-	0.0%
MFM Special Situations		4,049	5,059	7.8%
Cash		6,878	6,878	10.6%
Total		47,627	64,952	100.0%

## **RISKS**

**Risks Specific to the VCTs.** The VCTs will invest in small, high risk companies that place an investor's capital at risk. These qualifying companies may have volatile share prices and the investments may be difficult to realise. They may be overly reliant on a few large customers and have less financial resilience. They may also have weak or negative cash flow and less management resource.

**Legislative Risk.** Changes in legislation may adversely affect the company's status as a VCT and its ability to meet the investment objectives and/or reduce the level of achievable return.

**Risks to the Tax Reliefs.** There can be no guarantee that the VCT will meet its objectives or that suitable investment opportunities will be identified. A failure to maintain the qualifying status could result in the VCT losing the tax reliefs previously obtained, resulting in adverse tax consequences for investors. Investors who sell their VCT shares before the fifth anniversary of the share issue are likely to have to repay their income tax relief. Therefore, an investment in a VCT should be seen as a long term investment. The tax reliefs will depend on an investor's personal circumstances and may be subject to future changes.

**Risks that relate to VCT Shares.** VCT shares can be difficult to sell as there can be little demand for VCT shares in the secondary market, furthermore the share price is unlikely to reflect the net asset value per share. The value of shares and the income from them can fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the full amount invested. Both VCTs operate a credible share buyback policy but the Directors reserve the right to amend or suspend the application of the buyback policy. Dividend distributions are subject to performance and other factors and cannot be guaranteed. The past performance of the VCTs and their underlying investments is no indicator of future performance. Investors may not get back the amount they originally invested.

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### **DIVIDEND POLICY**

The VCT aims to pay a 5% dividend p.a. (based on year end NAV) through semi-annual distributions, although the ability to pay dividends will be subject to, inter alia, the performance of the investments, the available reserves and cash resources. In those years where performance is particularly strong, the Directors may consider a higher dividend payment. Conversely in poorer years, the Directors may opt to reduce or declare that no dividends will be paid at all.

## **LIQUIDITY**

To improve liquidity in the ordinary shares, the VCT will buy back shares at a 5% discount to the prevailing net asset per share. The 5% discount is non-binding and at the Directors' discretion. The Directors reserve the right to increase the discount to 10% or more or, in extremis, suspend share buy-backs if the policy places the company's cash and liquid resources under undue pressure or leads to instability in the shareholder base.

### **BACKGROUND**

Hargreave Hale AIM VCT 1 was originally launched in August 2004 as the Keydata AIM VCT. On 30 September 2009 the company was renamed Hargreave Hale AIM VCT 1 plc. The company initially raised £14.3 million through an ordinary share issue in 2004/5. A further £17.9 million was then raised in 2005/6 through a C share issue. The C shares were converted into ordinary shares on 8 October 2008 on a relative value basis. Between 2010 and 2017 a further £49.6 million was raised through subsequent offers. In 2012, £5.2 million was raised by way of an enhanced share buy back. Hargreave Hale has been the appointed Investment Manager and custodian of the company's assets since inception.

## **INVESTMENT TEAM**







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