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SECOND AIM VCT PLC

Octopus Second AIM VCT plc is a venture capital trust which aims to provide shareholders with attractive tax-free dividends and long-term capital growth by investing in a diverse portfolio of predominately AIM-quoted companies. The Company is managed by Octopus Investments Limited.

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	As at 30 November 2012	As at 30 November 2011
Net assets (£'000s)	28,712	26,590
Profit/(Loss) on ordinary activities for the year after tax (£'000s)	2,862	(1,208)
Net asset value (NAV) per share	66.3p	62.4p
Dividends per share – paid in year	3.2p	3.25p
Final Dividend proposed	1.7p	1.6p

KEY DATES

Annual General Meeting	16 May 2013 (11.00 a.m. at 20 Old Bailey London EC4M 7AN)
2012 final dividend paid	24 May 2013
2012 final dividend record date	26 April 2013
Half yearly results to 31 May 2013 announced	July 2013

SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION AND CONTACT DETAILS

The Company was launched as Close IHT AIMVCT PLC in March 2006 and raised £25 million through an offer for subscription. On 12 August 2010 the Company acquired the assets and liabilities of Octopus Third AIMVCT plc (formerly Octopus Second AIMVCT plc) ("the merger") and changed its name from Octopus IHT AIMVCT plc to Octopus Second AIMVCT plc. Shareholders of Octopus Third AIMVCT plc received 0.48356191 Ordinary shares in the Company for each Ordinary share they had prior to the merger.

A Top-up offer launched on 6 February 2012 and which closed on 5 April 2012, raised £1.3 million for the Company. A Top-up offer launched on 25 April 2012 and which closed on 31 July 2012, raised a further £0.5m for the Company. As mentioned in the Chairman's statement the Board are currently seeking to raise up to £10.0 million by way of an issue of new shares in order to provide existing and new investors with the opportunity to invest into smaller companies in a tax efficient manner.

Venture Capital Trusts (VCTs)

VCTs were introduced in the Finance Act 1995 to provide a means for private individuals to invest in unlisted companies in the UK. Subsequent Finance Acts have introduced changes to VCT legislation. The tax benefits currently available to eligible new investors in VCTs include:

- upfront income tax relief of 30%;
- exemption from income tax on dividends paid; and
- exemption from capital gains tax on disposals of shares in VCTs.

The Company has been approved as a VCT by HMRC. In order to maintain its approval the Company must comply with certain requirements on a continuing basis, these include:

- at least 70% of the Company's investments must comprise 'qualifying holdings'* (as defined in the legislation);
- at least 70% of the qualifying holdings must be invested into Ordinary shares with no preferential rights (30% for funds invested before 6 April 2011);
- no single investment made can exceed 15% of the total company value; and
- a minimum of 10% of each qualifying investment must be in Ordinary shares with no preferential rights.

*A 'qualifying holding' consists of up to £5 million invested in any one year in new shares or securities in a company listed on AIM (or an unquoted UK company) which is carrying on a qualifying trade and whose gross assets do not exceed a prescribed limit at the time of investment. The definition of a 'qualifying trade' excludes certain activities such as property investment and development, financial services and asset leasing.

Dividends

Dividends will be paid by the Registrar on behalf of the Company. Shareholders who wish to have dividends paid directly into their bank account rather than by cheque sent to their registered address can complete a mandate form for this purpose. Queries relating to dividends, shareholdings and requests for mandate forms should be directed to the Company's Registrar, Capita Registrars, by calling 0871 664 0300 (calls cost 10p per minute plus network extras. Lines are open Monday–Friday 9.00am–5.30pm), or by writing to them at:

Capita Registrars Limited
The Registry
34 Beckenham Road
Beckenham
Kent
BR3 4TU

The table below shows the net asset value per share (NAV) and lists the dividends that have been paid since the launch of the Company. Following the merger of Octopus IHT AIMVCT and Octopus Third AIMVCT and various share re-organisations, there is now only one share class, Ordinary shares. For Octopus IHT AIMVCT Ordinary shares, together with Octopus Third AIMVCT Ordinary shares and 'C' & 'D' shares, the figures below represent the NAV, rebased to assume investment at 100p, and adjusted in accordance with the relevant conversion factors. Investment has been assumed at the first allotment of each tax year; hence the dividends shown below may not necessarily equate to the dividends actually received by shareholders.

Dividends paid during year ending	Octopus Second AIMVCT Ordinary shares 2010/11	Octopus (formerly IHT AIMVCT A&B shares) 2005/06	Octopus Third AIMVCT Ordinary shares 2000/01 (formerly Octopus Second AIMVCT plc)	Octopus Third AIMVCT C&D shares 2005/06 (formerly Octopus Second AIMVCT)
2003	—	—	1.60	—
2004	—	—	—	—
2005	—	—	—	—
2006	—	1.40	1.00	—
2007	—	2.00	7.00	0.75
2008	—	2.00	11.00	2.21
2009	—	2.00	2.00	2.00
2010	—	2.50	2.21	5.37
2011	4.67	3.25	1.57	3.82
2012	4.60	3.20	1.55	3.76
Total dividends paid (assumed investment at 100p)	9.27	16.35	27.93	17.91
Adjusted NAV (assumed investment at 100p)	95.35	66.30	77.95	32.06
NAV plus total dividends (assumes investment at 100p)	104.62	82.65	105.88	49.97

Notes

- Octopus Third AIMVCT 'D' shares converted into 'C' shares in May 2009, in accordance with a conversion factor of 1 'C' share for each 'D' share.
- Octopus Third AIMVCT 'C' shares converted into Octopus Third AIMVCT Ordinary shares in May 2009, in accordance with a conversion factor of 2.4313 Ordinary shares for each 'C' share.
- Octopus Second AIMVCT plc (previously Octopus IHT AIMVCT) 'B' shares converted into 'A' shares in May 2009, in accordance with a conversion factor of 1 'A' share for each 'B' share.
- Octopus Third AIM Ordinary shares converted into Octopus Second AIM (post August 2010) Ordinary shares in August 2010, in accordance with a conversion factor of 0.48356191 Octopus Second AIM Ordinary share (post August 2010), for each Octopus Third AIM Ordinary share.
- In August 2010, Octopus IHT AIMVCT was renamed Octopus Second AIMVCT.

The proposed final dividend of 1.7p will, if approved by shareholders, be paid on 24 May 2013 to shareholders on the register on 26 April 2013.

Share Price

The Company's share price can be found on various financial websites including www.londonstockexchange.com, with the following TIDM/EPIC code:

	Ordinary shares
TIDM/EPIC code	OSEC
Latest share price (21 March 2013)	68.4 pence per share

Buying and Selling Shares

The Company's Ordinary shares can be bought and sold in the same way as any other company quoted on the London Stock Exchange via a stockbroker. There may be tax implications in respect of selling all or part of your holdings, so shareholders should contact their independent financial adviser if they have any queries.

The Company operates a policy of buying its own shares for cancellation as they become available, and envisages that purchases will be made at a 5% discount to the prevailing NAV. The Company is, however, unable to buy-back shares directly from shareholders. If you are considering selling your shares or trading in the secondary market, please contact Panmure Gordon (UK) Limited.

SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION AND CONTACT DETAILS (continued)

Panmure Gordon (UK) Limited is able to provide details of close periods (when the Company is prohibited from buying in shares) and details of the price at which the Company has bought its shares. Panmure Gordon (UK) Limited can be contacted as follows:

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Notification of Change of Address

Communications with shareholders are mailed to the registered address held on the share register. In the event of a change of address or other amendment this should be notified to the Company's Registrar, Capita Registrars, under the signature of the registered holder. Their contact details are provided on page 55.

Other Information for Shareholders

Previously published Annual Reports and Half-yearly Reports are available for viewing on the Investment Manager's website at www.octopusinvestments.com. All other statutory information will also be found there.

Warning to Shareholders

The VCT is aware that some shareholders have received unsolicited phone calls or correspondence concerning investment matters. These are typically from overseas based "brokers" who target UK shareholders offering to sell them what often turn out to be worthless or high risk shares in US or UK investments. They can be very persistent and extremely persuasive. Shareholders are therefore advised to be very wary of any unsolicited advice, offer to buy shares at a discount or offer for free company reports.

Please note that it is very unlikely that either the Company or Octopus Investments Limited would make unsolicited telephone calls to shareholders and that any such calls would relate only to official documentation already circulated to shareholders and would never be in respect of investment advice.

If you are in any doubt about the authenticity of an unsolicited phone call, please call Octopus Investments Limited at the number provided on page 55 of this report.

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

At the outset I would like to welcome all new shareholders and I hope that you are able to join your directors and managers at the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") on Thursday, 16 May 2013.

The year under review was positive for small company investors, despite them having to endure some periods of volatility caused by continuing economic and political uncertainty. It started with a period of some buoyancy at the turn of 2012, as an appetite for risk began to return. However, as I noted in the half-yearly report, with the fundamental problems of the Euro and other major economic concerns, this early optimism soon dissipated. Despite this, many portfolio companies have continued to trade well, to grow their profits and to pay dividends. Increasingly commentators are remarking on the existence of a two speed economy and it is certainly our manager's view that we are invested in growing companies – those in the fast lane rather than the slow lane. It is encouraging that investor sentiment improved again towards the end of the year and, at the time of writing this, the trend seems to be enduring, giving the prospect that better news from companies can be increasingly reflected in rising share prices in the year ahead.

Performance

At the end of the last financial year the Net Asset Value ("NAV") stood at 62.4p. A final dividend of 1.6p per share was paid on 8 June 2012, and an interim dividend of 1.6p was paid on 30 August 2012. The NAV at 30 November 2012 stood at 66.3p. That represents a rise, including the dividends added back, of 11.4%, a pleasing performance reflecting improved trading from many of our portfolio companies. By comparison, over the same period, the FTSE AIM All-Share Index has fallen by 0.5% and the FTSE Small cap Index (excluding Investment Trusts) has risen by 24.8%. As has often been remarked there is no perfect index match for comparing your Company's performance. However, it has been calculated that AIM (excluding its large resource sector – about 30% of the total) rose by 14% in the calendar year 2012. While I comment briefly on

the outlook below, the manager's review describes current prospects more fully. It is encouraging to note that the NAV has continued to rise in the months since November and stood at 72.0p unaudited, as at 18 March 2013.

Dividend and Share Buy-backs

Since the merger in 2010 your Board has set a dividend policy of a 5% yield on the share price. That has been achieved consistently to date. In addition your Board recently, after a great deal of discussion, decided to reduce the discount at which your Company buys back shares in the market from 10% to 5%. That had the effect of raising the share price, so your Board has pleasure in proposing a dividend of 1.7p, representing a continuation of the 5% yield policy on the higher share price, which of course has also risen as the NAV has increased.

Your Company has continued to buy-back shares. In the year to 30 November 2012, 1,835,870 shares were bought back at a total cost of £1,074,000. These were all bought back at around a 10% discount since the new policy of a 5% discount has only recently been implemented. It would be logical to expect the majority of shares to be bought back in the current financial year at a 5% discount as your Company provides liquidity for shareholders who want to sell.

Enhanced Buy-back

Shareholders will be aware that this VCT launched an Enhanced Buy-back in November 2012 to provide an opportunity for selling shares and reinvesting the proceeds. The Buy-back was limited to 50% of the shares in issue, being approximately 21.9 million shares. The Enhanced Buy-back completed post year end on 20 February 2013. In total 10,470,985 shares were sold back to the Company and 9,974,094 shares were reissued. Under present regulations these shares need to be held for five years in order to retain the initial income tax relief.

New Capital

Your Company raised new capital in the year to 30 November 2012 amounting to £1,837,000 through

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT (continued)

a top-up. In addition, your Company has recently launched a new fundraising exercise, with a full prospectus to raise up to £10 million. This Offer will close on 30 April 2013, unless extended by the Board or fully subscribed by an earlier date.

Retail Distribution Review

As many shareholders will be aware, the prospectus mentioned above allows investors to pay an ongoing charge to their adviser, if they have one, following the FSA's Retail Distribution Review ("RDR").

On new capital raised following the implementation of RDR, your Company will now pay any ongoing charges directly to relevant advisors. So as not to add to your Company's costs, your Board has negotiated that the Investment Manager's fee will reduce by the amount paid annually, on this capital, to advisers. The effect is to leave your Company bearing the same total cost as previously. This has had no impact in the year to 30 November 2012.

VCT Status

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP provides your Board and Investment Manager with advice concerning continuing compliance with HMRC regulations for VCTs. Your Board has been advised that Octopus Second AIMVCT is in compliance with the conditions laid down by HMRC for maintaining approval as a VCT.

A key requirement is to maintain at least a 70% qualifying investment level. As at 30 November 2012, some 92% of the portfolio, as measured by HMRC rules, was invested in qualifying investments.

Risks and Uncertainties

In accordance with the Listing Rules under which your Company operates, your Board has to comment on the potential risks and uncertainties which could have a material impact on the Company's performance. A risk arises from the requirement to maintain compliance with HMRC regulations requiring 70% of your Company's assets to be invested in qualifying holdings. Other risks include the current challenging

economic conditions which impact particularly on smaller companies in which your Company invests and this could have an adverse impact on share prices.

Annual General Meeting

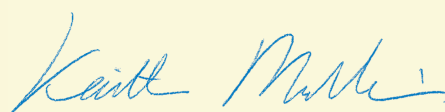
The Annual General Meeting will be held at 20 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7AN on Thursday, 16 May 2013 at 11.00 a.m. My colleagues and I very much hope to see many shareholders at the meeting. After the formal business our Investment Managers will make a presentation.

At the Annual General Meeting a resolution will be proposed to extend the life of the Company until 2019 in order to preserve the ability of the Company to conduct Top Up offers in the future.

Outlook

Although there remain substantial serious international economic and political problems, which the world's politicians have to work through, it is equally true that many small companies have prospered in the last year. There appears no logical reason why they and others should not do so again in the year ahead. Such a trend should be reinforced by the anticipated steady, if unspectacular, improvement in the outlook for the UK economy. As that continues the prospects for shareholders become very encouraging.

The portfolio remains a valuable mixture of longer term investments and newer holdings. Both sets of companies have strong growth characteristics and as the wider investment community comes to appreciate their attractions, I would expect to see the NAV of your company rise. I look forward to discussing these and others issues with you at the AGM.



Keith Richard Mullins

Chairman

22 March 2013

INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REVIEW

Introduction

After a very dull year in 2011 when the Net Asset Value failed to make any progress, despite better news from the underlying investments, the year to November 2012 was much more encouraging. We are pleased to report that the value of your investments did rise despite the ever present economic and political uncertainties, which made it a volatile journey.

We have been encouraged by the good newsflow from many of the investee companies, which has resulted in some significant share price movements, particularly in the larger holdings in the portfolio, which have enabled us to take some profits where prices have risen. Despite improving investor sentiment which has endured past the year end and into 2013 there are still share prices in the portfolio which have yet to catch up with events and we are hopeful that the positive result for the year to November 2012 can be built on in the current year.

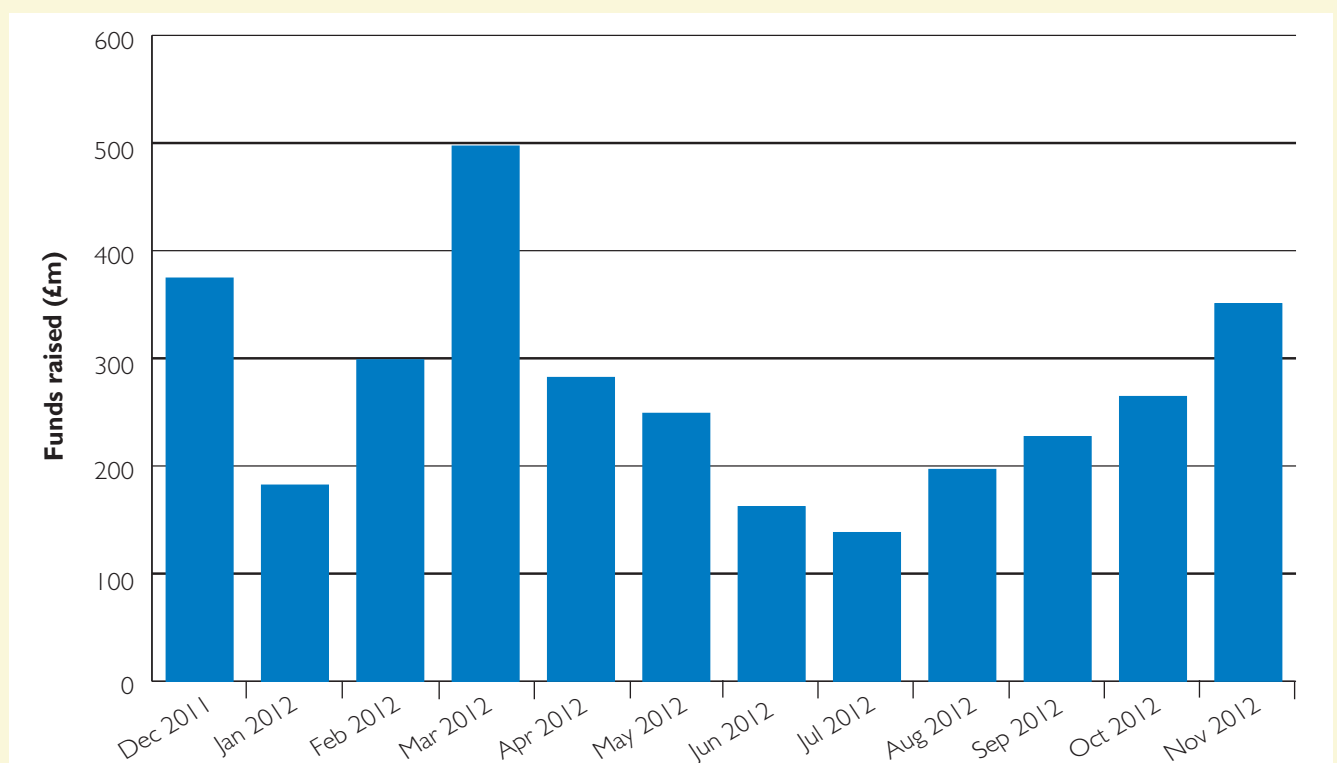
The Alternative Investment Market ("AIM")

AIM once again came in for criticism for 2012 because the index failed to rise in a year that the smaller companies index performed better than it had for many years. There were a number of factors at play here, one of the most significant ones was the performance of resource stocks that, as the Chairman has noted in his statement, held the index back.

Of more interest is that AIM remains the market of choice for small and growing companies to float and seek further capital to grow. You can see from the graph below that it remained open for business throughout the year under review and successfully funded a number of new companies in a year when the main UK market was all but closed for new issues.

The sum raised is shown by month in the graph and the fact that it was lower than the previous year is a reflection of the nervousness of markets in general. We would hope that the number and size of fundraisings will increase now that sentiment has started to improve.

Funds raised on AIM: December 2011 – November 2012 (source: London Stock Exchange)



INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REVIEW (continued)

Performance

The year under review was a much better one for smaller company shares as equity markets became more comfortable with some of the negative economic and political newsflow and investors at last started to focus on the value available from growing companies. The FTSE Small cap Index (excluding Investment Trusts) finished the period particularly strongly and was up by 24.8% over the year, helped by gathering momentum from some of its larger constituents. By contrast, the AIM All-Share Index posted a small negative return in the period, held back by a combination of its exposure to resource stocks and its larger exposure to very small companies whose share prices are always the last to react in any stockmarket rally. Against this background the NAV rose by 11.4% if the two 1.6p dividends paid out in the period are added back.

The most encouraging aspect of the rise in the NAV was the extent to which it was the result of positive news from portfolio companies, many of which have been increasing their growth momentum. The best performing sector was software, where further good progress by IDOX, Brady and Advanced Computer Software were rewarded with significant share price rises enabling us to take some profits. Among the newer investments in the sector, Escher's share price reacted well to news of a large contract win in America and WANDisco, a software company with a technology enabling simultaneous access, use and editing of the same computer code, caught investor's imagination and its share price more than doubled in the period. Less encouragingly Corero and Active Risk Group both issued profit warnings as a result of slower than expected sales and Craneware failed to recover its rating and market confidence after it disappointed on growth in the early part of the year. Elsewhere in the portfolio Breedon, EKF, Brooks Macdonald and Vertu Motors all saw their share prices contribute positively to NAV performance as their businesses progressed ahead of expectations, in the case of the first three, assisted by successful fundraisings and acquisitions. Animalcare suffered from an interruption in the supply

chain of Buprecare, one of its well established and profitable drugs. A new source has now been established and we expect profits growth to resume in the current year, which should lead to a recovery in the share price.

Portfolio Activity

A fall in stock market confidence in the late spring had a dampening effect on new issues, although existing companies have still been looking to investors rather than banks as a source of new capital, which has presented us with plenty of VCT qualifying opportunities to consider. As the fund remains well above its 70% HMRC investment limit in qualifying holdings, we continue to be patient when making new investments, looking for attractive opportunities at realistic prices.

The interim report referred to the new investments in Corero, Judges Scientific and WANDisco, all of which were made in the first half of the year under review. In the second half your Company made three further qualifying investments in Futura Medical, Tangent Communications and DP Poland. The latter are all follow on investments in existing AIM companies although they are new to the portfolio. Futura Medical has been an AIM company for many years and has regularly raised capital to continue the development of its consumer sexual health products, which have taken longer than originally anticipated to get to market. Having walked away from one licensing agreement which wasn't working, the company has now raised itself enough capital to tie up an alternative commercial deal. Though still loss making, we believe the company is at a turning point, with considerable future returns to be made from commercialising its portfolio of products. DP Poland is also an early stage company. It has the franchise for Domino's Pizza in Poland and has spent the time since it originally floated on AIM in establishing a number of outlets in Warsaw. It now has the involvement of individuals, who were behind the establishment of Domino's Pizza UK, and we believe that we have invested at a price where the potential returns from expanding the number of outlets it

operates, justify the higher risk inherent in an earlier stage business. In contrast, Tangent Communications is already a profitable and dividend paying company engaged in printing and digital communications. The money we have invested was part of a funding to make an acquisition of an on-line digital printing business to expand its operation in that area. In total, for the year under review as a whole, £2.0 million was invested into new qualifying investments.

In addition we added to our non-qualifying holding in Gooch and Housego and made a new non-qualifying investment in Augean, replacing the holding in Hamworthy, which had been taken over in the first half of the year and maintaining the non-qualifying portion of the portfolio at around 8% of the whole.

Since the year end we have made one further qualifying investment in Fusionex, a profitable enterprise software solutions provider based in Malaysia, which floated on AIM in December.

The year under review also included a number of complete disposals, which are listed in the table below.

Apart from Atlantic Global, Hamworthy and Zetar, which were all subject to takeover bids in the year, and Optare and Colliers, which we sold when they ceased to qualify as VCT investments, the remainder of the sales in IDOX, Advanced Computer Software, Brady, Chime Communications and Omega Diagnostics have been part disposals of holdings, which have performed well and where we have taken profits in order to manage the size of the holding.

Since the year end we have taken some further profits in IDOX and Advanced Computer Software as well as reducing the holdings in Omega Diagnostics and Mears. We have sold the non-qualifying holding in Hargreaves, since the year end, after the company revealed that it had been the victim of fraud in Belgium. Hargreaves is also having to deal with the complications of closing its deep coal mining operation at Maltby, and we took the decision that it was going to take some time to restore investor confidence in the business.

The table below shows the investee companies that were disposed of in total during the year:

Realisation	First investment date	Cost of investment (£'000)	Proceeds of investment (£'000)	Total gain/(loss) (£'000)
Colliers	October 2009	153	11	(142)
Optare	June 2008	656	15	(641)
Hamworthy	June 2011	326	460	134
Atlantic Global	May 2001	119	163	44
Zetar	March 2005	68	96	28

INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REVIEW (continued)

Investment Portfolio

Fixed asset investments	Sector	Book cost as at 30 November 2012 (£'000)	Cumulative change in fair value (£'000)	Fair value at 30 November 2012 (£'000)	Movement in year to 30 November 2012 (£'000)	% equity held by Second AIMVCT plc	% equity held by all funds managed by Octopus
Advanced Computer Software plc	Software & Computer Services	809	993	1,802	463	0.7%	3.0%
Idox plc	Software & Computer Services	358	1,363	1,721	734	1.1%	3.4%
EKF Diagnostics plc	Healthcare Equipment	870	381	1,251	179	1.7%	6.0%
Animalcare Group plc	Pharmaceuticals & Biotech	870	328	1,198	(355)	4.6%	8.1%
Breedon Aggregates Limited	Construction & Materials	602	438	1,040	188	0.8%	1.9%
Brooks MacDonald Group plc	General Financial	609	328	937	191	0.6%	2.3%
Sinclair IS Pharma plc	Pharmaceuticals & Biotech	920	(2)	918	169	0.8%	1.2%
Escher Group Holdings plc	Software & Computer Services	753	109	862	176	2.4%	6.9%
Netcall plc	Software & Computer Services	421	308	729	294	2.1%	5.1%
Craneware plc	Software & Computer Services	479	232	711	(203)	0.6%	1.2%
Vianet Group plc	Support Services	867	(156)	711	151	2.6%	4.6%
MyCelx Technologies plc	Oil Equipment	600	86	686	29	2.2%	7.6%
Vertu Motors plc	General Retailers	777	(93)	684	197	0.9%	7.8%
Brady plc	Software & Computer Services	394	274	668	153	0.8%	2.0%
Enteq Upstream plc	Oil Equipment	687	(27)	660	(165)	1.2%	3.8%
TLA Worldwide plc	Media	538	81	619	81	3.1%	11.4%
Tasty plc	Travel & Leisure	335	245	580	56	2.3%	4.9%
WANdisco plc	Software & Computer Services	228	340	568	340	0.6%	3.2%
Chime Communications plc	Media	541	24	565	96	0.3%	0.5%
GB Group plc	Software & Computer Services	220	304	524	285	0.5%	1.9%
Matchtech Group plc	Support Services	442	76	518	41	1.0%	10.9%
Plastics Capital plc	Chemicals	485	21	506	29	2.6%	17.6%
Omega Diagnostics Group plc	Healthcare Equipment	484	17	501	59	4.4%	9.6%
RWS Holdings plc	Support Services	249	249	498	137	0.2%	4.4%
DP Poland plc	Travel & Leisure	364	97	461	97	2.5%	6.4%
Futura Medical plc	Pharmaceuticals & Biotech	407	(14)	393	(14)	0.9%	4.4%
Gooch & Housego plc	Electronic & Electrical	326	32	358	41	0.4%	3.2%
Hargreaves Services plc	Support Services	314	18	332	(170)	0.2%	3.6%
Access Intelligence plc	Software & Computer Services	544	(218)	326	82	4.7%	10.0%
Lombard Medical Technologies plc	Healthcare Equipment	589	(268)	321	104	1.0%	1.0%
Staffline Recruitment Group plc	Support Services	225	91	316	59	0.5%	13.9%
Judges Scientific plc	Electronic & Electrical	200	109	309	109	0.6%	1.6%
Tangent Communications plc	Support Services	385	(86)	299	(87)	1.4%	6.0%
Augean plc	Support Services	291	—	291	—	1.0%	5.8%
Corero Network Security plc	Software & Computer Services	360	(92)	268	(92)	1.4%	4.7%
Hasgrove plc	Media	436	(175)	261	92	2.1%	13.3%
SQS Software plc	Software & Computer Services	207	8	215	68	0.3%	9.7%
Active Risk Group plc	Software & Computer Services	535	(323)	212	(134)	3.3%	9.8%
Bond International Software plc	Software & Computer Services	303	(97)	206	41	1.1%	3.4%
Corac plc	Industrial Engineering	252	(59)	193	(25)	0.5%	1.8%
Adept Telecom plc	Telecommunications	501	(315)	186	61	1.7%	4.1%
Goals Soccer Centres plc	Travel & Leisure	148	26	174	41	0.3%	2.4%
Marwyn Management plc	Investment Companies	670	(497)	173	(193)	1.2%	1.9%
In-Deed Online plc	General Retailers	199	(38)	161	(37)	2.3%	5.8%
Immunodiagnostic Systems plc	Healthcare Equipment	454	(298)	156	(92)	0.2%	2.9%
Mears Group plc	Support Services	93	25	118	40	0.0%	0.3%
Mattioli Woods plc	General Financial	96	(7)	89	(5)	0.3%	3.6%
Woodspen plc	Support Services	250	(167)	83	(194)	3.9%	11.4%
Jelf Group plc	General Financial	122	(46)	76	(1)	0.1%	0.8%
Cello Group plc	Media	54	3	57	9	0.2%	7.1%
Altitude Group plc	Support Services	24	22	46	(25)	0.6%	4.5%
Work Group plc	Support Services	473	(432)	41	(35)	2.1%	6.3%
Snacktime plc	Food & Drug Retailers	367	(337)	30	(147)	1.5%	8.7%
Datong plc	Electronic & Electrical	29	(6)	23	5	0.6%	3.4%
Daisy Group plc	Telecommunications	20	1	21	(3)	0.0%	0.1%
		22,776	2,876	25,652	2,920		
Fully realised investments still held			573	(573)	—		
Total investments		23,349	2,303	25,652			
Money market funds		2,850	—	2,850			
Total fixed asset investments and money market funds				28,502			
Cash at bank				135			
Debtors less creditors				75			
Total net assets				28,712			

INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REVIEW (continued)

Top 10 Holdings

Listed below are the ten largest investments by value as at 30 November 2012:

Advanced Computer Software plc

Advanced Computer Software plc provides software to the Healthcare Sector and other commercial markets.

Initial investment date:	July 2008
Cost:	£809,000
Valuation:	£1,802,000
Equity held:	0.7%
Last audited accounts:	February 2012
Revenue:	£101.8 million
Profit before tax:	£6.9 million
Net assets:	£98.2 million



Further information can be found at
www.advcomputersoftware.co.uk

Idox plc

Idox plc is a leading software and information management solutions provider, predominately to the public and engineering sectors.

Initial investment date:	August 2008
Cost:	£358,000
Valuation:	£1,721,000
Equity held:	1.1%
Last audited accounts:	October 2012
Revenue:	£57.9 million
Profit before tax:	£6.9 million
Net assets:	£38.9 million



Further information can be found at
www.idoxgroup.com

EKF Diagnostics plc

EKF designs, develops, manufactures and distributes diagnostic instruments and reagents focussed on the diabetes, anaemia and chronic kidney disease markets. It has operations in Germany, Poland and Russia.

Initial investment date:	July 2010
Cost:	£870,000
Valuation:	£1,251,000
Equity held:	1.7%
Last audited accounts:	December 2011
Revenue:	£21.7 million
Loss before tax:	£2.4 million
Net assets:	£37.4 million



Further information can be found at
www.ekf-diagnostic.com

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Animalcare Group plc

Animalcare Group plc manufactures and distributes veterinary medicines for pets and livestock.

Initial investment date:	December 2007
Cost:	£870,000
Valuation:	£1,198,000
Equity held:	4.6%
Last audited accounts:	June 2012
Revenue:	£10.9 million
Profit before tax:	£2.1 million
Net assets:	£16.8 million

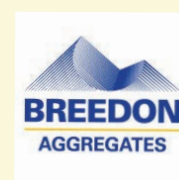


Further information can be found at
www.animalcaregroup.co.uk

Breedon Aggregates Limited

Breedon Aggregates supplies a diverse range of products to the construction and building sectors from a number of quarries and other sites in the Midlands and Scotland.

Initial investment date:	August 2010
Cost:	£602,000
Valuation:	£1,040,000
Equity held:	0.8%
Last audited accounts:	December 2011
Revenue:	£168.9 million
Profit before tax:	£1.4 million
Net assets:	£59.0 million



Further information can be found at
www.breedonaggregates.com

Brooks MacDonald Group plc

Brooks Macdonald Group plc is a wealth management group.

Initial investment date:	August 2008
Cost:	£609,000
Valuation:	£937,000
Equity held:	0.6%
Last audited accounts:	June 2012
Revenue:	£53.3 million
Profit before tax:	£8.5 million
Net assets:	£23.7 million



Further information can be found at
www.brooksmacdonald.com

Sinclair IS Pharma plc

Sinclair IS Pharma plc is an international pharmaceutical company involved in the development and commercialisation of niche healthcare products.

Initial investment date:	March 2008
Cost:	£920,000
Valuation:	£918,000
Equity held:	0.8%
Last audited accounts:	June 2012
Revenue:	£51.4 million
Loss before tax:	£9.8 million
Net assets:	£114.3 million



Further information can be found at
www.sinclairispharma.com

INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REVIEW (continued)

Escher Group Holdings plc

Escher Group Holdings plc provides software, particularly for over the counter and financial services, to national Post Office organisations worldwide.

Initial investment date:	August 2011
Cost:	£753,000
Valuation:	£862,000
Equity held:	2.4%
Last audited accounts:	December 2011
Revenue:	\$13.9 million
Profit before tax:	\$2.0 million
Net assets:	\$25.7 million



Further information can be found at
www.eschergroup.com

Netcall plc

Netcall is a provider of software and telephony services particularly to call centres enabling efficient customer interaction and process management and improving customer satisfaction.

Initial investment date:	July 2010
Cost:	£421,000
Valuation:	£729,000
Equity held:	2.1%
Last audited accounts:	June 2012
Revenue:	£14.6 million
Profit before tax:	£2.1 million
Net assets:	£15.5 million



Further information can be found at
www.netcall.com

Craneware plc

Craneware is a leading provider of software solutions that improve the financial performance of US hospital and healthcare organisations.

Initial investment date:	September 2007
Cost:	£479,000
Valuation:	£711,000
Equity held:	0.6%
Last audited accounts:	June 2012
Revenue:	\$41.1 million
Profit before tax:	\$11.2 million
Net assets:	\$37.4 million

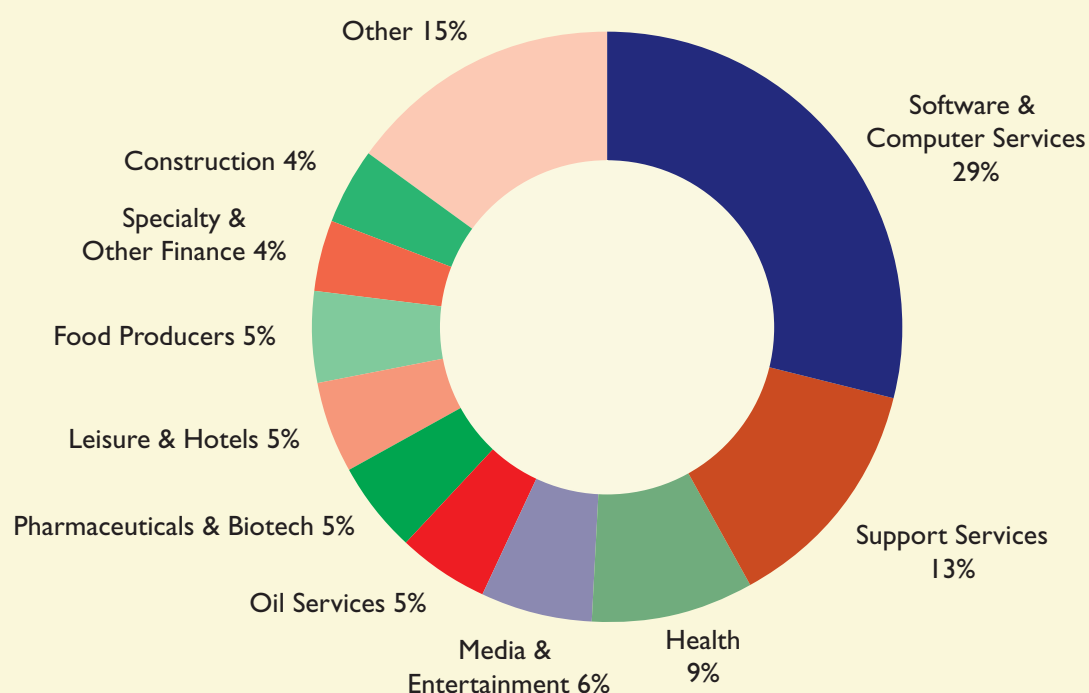


Further information can be found at
www.craneware.com

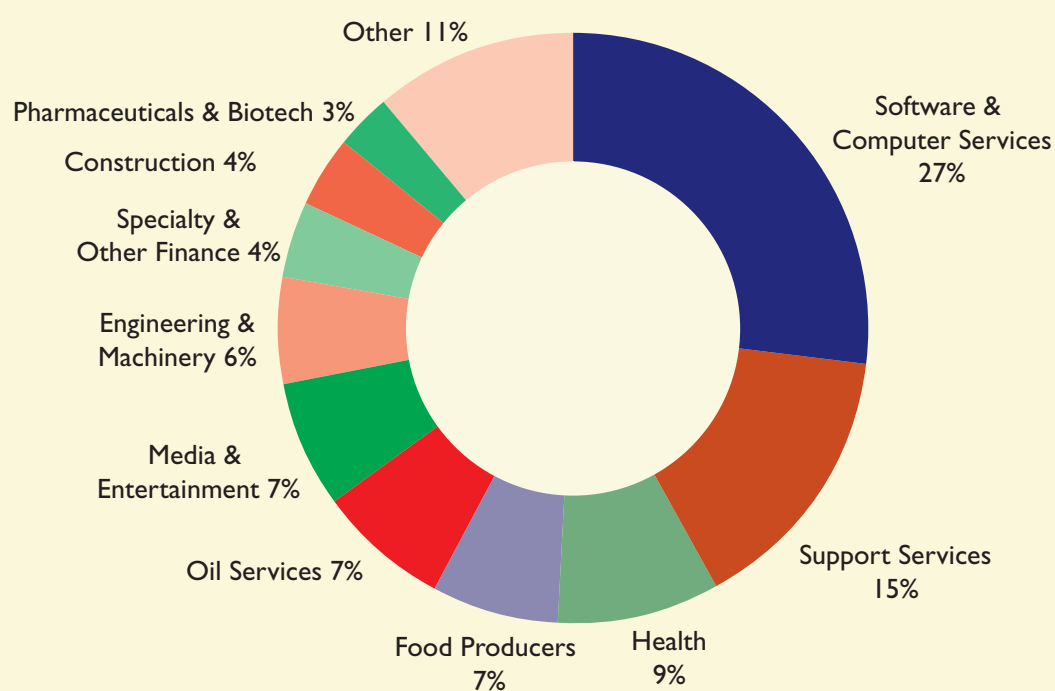
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Sector Analysis

The chart below shows the sectors the Fund is invested in by value as at 30 November 2012:



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INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REVIEW (continued)

Outlook

Despite economic commentators remaining determinedly downbeat, the news from smaller companies both in this portfolio and elsewhere has been surprisingly positive and encouragingly we have begun to see share prices react to good news. This would seem to indicate that appetite for risk is returning, particularly where there is a promise of good growth and where valuations remain low by historic standards. More recently there has been talk of the economy growing without a triple-dip and we believe that steady, albeit low growth is a good background against which to invest in smaller companies.

An analysis of the investments in the portfolio shows how far many of the holdings have progressed, with over 80% of the equity portfolio by value invested in

companies forecast by analysts to be reporting a profit this year and more than 60% of it invested in companies forecast to pay a dividend. Although some share prices have performed well, many of the smaller companies in the portfolio are still trading on modest ratings, and with profits growth of 25% targeted by analysts for the fund's top twenty holdings which are profitable we see scope for further appreciation in the NAV in the current year.

The AIM team

Octopus Investments Limited
22 March 2013

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Personal Service

At Octopus Investments Limited, we have a dual focus on managing your investments and keeping you informed throughout the investment process. We are committed to providing our investors with regular and open communication. Our updates are designed to keep you involved about the progress of your investment.

We are working hard to manage your money in the current climate. We share your goal to make money from your investment, as our money is invested alongside yours. If you have any questions about this report, or if it would help to speak to one of the fund managers, please do not hesitate to contact us on 0800 316 2347.

Octopus Investments Limited was established in 2000 and has a strong commitment to both smaller companies and to VCTs. Octopus Investments Limited also acts as Investment Manager of 12 other listed investment companies and has a total of approximately £2.9 billion of funds under management.

The AIM investment team of Octopus Investments Limited comprises:

Andrew Buchanan

Andrew originally joined Barclays Bank in 1973 to manage investment portfolios. After gaining an MBA from London Business School, he spent time with Mercury Asset Management and Hoare Govett, before joining Rutherford Asset Management in 1993. He established Beacon Investment Trust in 1994, the first fund to specialise in investment in AIM. He joined Close Brothers when it purchased Rutherford and left to join Octopus Investments Limited in 2008. He has been involved in the management of this Company's investments since its launch in 2006 as well as other AIMVCT portfolios.

Kate Tidbury

Kate has had an extensive career which has included periods as an investment analyst with Sheppards and Chase and Panmure Gordon and then as an Investment Manager specialising in ethical and smaller companies with the Co-operative Bank and Colonial First State Investments. She joined the AIM team at Close Brothers in 2000 where she was involved in the management of this Company's investments since its launch in 2006 as well as other AIMVCTs and IHT portfolios. She joined Octopus Investments Limited in 2008.

Richard Power

Richard started his career at Duncan Lawrie, where he managed a successful small companies fund. He subsequently joined Close Brothers to manage a smaller companies investment trust before moving to Octopus Investments Limited to head up the AIM team in 2004. He is involved in the management of AIM portfolios, AIMVCTs and the CFIC Octopus UK Micro Cap Growth Fund.

Edward Griffiths

Edward is a portfolio manager at Octopus Investments Limited involved particularly in the management of AIM portfolios for private individuals. He joined Octopus Investments Limited in 2004 having previously worked at Schroder's and State Street.

Paul Stevens

Paul joined Octopus Investments Limited in 2005 as a member of the AIM investment team and has been involved in the management of AIM portfolios since then.

Stephen Henderson

Stephen joined Octopus Investments Limited in 2008 as a member of the operations team. Having helped in the Multi Manager team, he joined the AIM investment team in 2011.

DETAILS OF DIRECTORS

The Board comprises four Directors all of whom are independent of the Investment Manager. The Directors operate in a non-executive capacity and are responsible for overseeing the investment strategy of the Company. The Board has wide experience of investment in both smaller growing companies and larger quoted companies.

Keith Richard Mullins (Chairman)

Keith Mullins joined SG Warburg's investment management division in 1978. The division later developed into Mercury Asset Management and subsequently became Merrill Lynch Investment Managers upon its acquisition by Merrill Lynch in 1998. He therefore has many years experience as a specialist UK equity fund manager. During this time he was responsible for establishing and managing the team specialising in small and medium sized pension fund portfolios, and from 2000 he was head of pension fund asset allocation. He left as a managing director of Merrill Lynch Investment Managers in 2001. Keith became a Director of the Company on 14 September 2005.

Andrew Paul Raynor FCA

Andy Raynor joined RSM Tenon Group PLC ("RSM Tenon") in 2001 after its acquisition of the independent partnership formerly known as BDO Stoy Hayward – East Midlands. Following the acquisition of this business by RSM Tenon, he became finance director and, in a subsequent board reorganisation, chief executive in 2003, leading the company to win National Firm of the Year 2011 in the British Accountancy Awards. Andy resigned in January 2012. Prior to joining RSM Tenon, he spent almost 20 years with BDO Stoy Hayward – East Midlands, where he established the corporate finance department and held overall responsibility for business development, before becoming managing partner. Andy became a Director of the Company on 14 September 2005.

Elizabeth Anita Kennedy LLB (Hons) FCIS FCSI

Elizabeth Kennedy, a qualified solicitor, has worked for 30 years in corporate finance, principally in IPO, secondary issue, takeover code, UKLA sponsor and AIM nominated adviser work. She has been a member of the London Stock Exchange's AIM Advisory Group since 1995 and was its chairman between 1999 and 2002. Elizabeth was a divisional director in the corporate department of Brewin Dolphin Limited and from February until September 2012 was Head of Compliance at Nplus1 Brewin. She is currently a partner of Kergan Stewart, Solicitors and is a non executive director of F&C Private Equity Trust plc and F&C Private Equity Zeros plc. Elizabeth became a director of Octopus Second Aim VCT plc in February 2001 which became Octopus Third AIMVCT plc on the merger and was subsequently dissolved in October 2011. She became a Director of the Company on 12 August 2010.

Alastair James Ritchie BA (Econ)

Alastair Ritchie is chairman of John Swan & Sons plc, which is quoted on AIM, and a non executive director of John Swan Trustee Limited. He has considerable experience in small companies, both private and public, and has served as chairman of several companies. Alastair became a director of Octopus Second Aim VCT plc in February 2001, which became Octopus Third AIMVCT plc on the merger, and was subsequently dissolved in October 2011. He became a Director of the Company on 12 August 2010.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 November 2012.

Principal Activity and Status

The Company is a VCT and its principal activity is to invest in a diversified portfolio of AIM-listed companies in order to generate capital growth over the long-term as well as an attractive tax-free dividend stream. The Company has been granted full approval as a VCT by HMRC.

The Directors have managed the affairs of the Company with the intention of maintaining its status as a Venture Capital Trust.

In order to gain approved status, the Company must comply on a continuing basis with the provisions of Chapter 3 of the Income Tax Act 2007; in particular s280A, the Company is required to hold at least 70% of its investments (as defined in the legislation) in VCT 'qualifying holdings', of which at least 70% must comprise eligible ordinary shares by the end of the third accounting period.

To allow the Company to distribute realised capital gains and purchase its own shares, following the creation of the Special distributable reserve on cancellation of the Company's share premium account, Investment company status was revoked on 16 July 2008.

Review of Business Activities

The Directors are required by section 417 of the Companies Act 2006, to include a business review in their report to shareholders. The business review is set out in the Chairman's Statement on pages 5 and 6, and the Investment Manager's Review on pages 7 to 15 and is included in this Directors' Report by reference.

The purpose of the review is to provide shareholders with a snapshot summary setting out the business objectives of the Company, the Board's strategy to achieve those objectives, the risks faced, the regulatory environment and the key performance indicators used to measure performance.

Performance and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

As a VCT, the Company's objective is to provide shareholders with an attractive income and capital return by investing its funds in a broad spread of quoted UK companies which meet the relevant criteria for VCTs.

The Board has a number of performance measures to assess the Company's success in meeting its objectives. Performance, measured by the change in NAV per share and total return per share, is also measured against the FTSE Small-Cap Index and the FTSE All-Share Index. This is shown in the graphs on page 31 of the Directors' Remuneration Report. These indices have been adopted as an informal benchmark. Investment performance, cash returned to shareholders and share price are also measured against the Company's peer group of the other AIM VCTs. The Chairman's Statement, on pages 5 to 6 includes a review of the Company's activities and future prospects; further details are also provided within the Investment Manager's Review on pages 7 to 15. Further details of the Company's risk management policies are provided in note 16 to the financial statements. The ongoing charges of the Company for the year to 30 November 2012 were 2.6 per cent of average net assets during the year (2011: 2.9%). Total running costs are capped at 3.5% of net assets.

Results and Dividend

	Year ended 30 November 2012	Year ended 30 November 2011
	£'000	£'000
Net profit/(loss) attributable to shareholders	2,862	(1,208)
Appropriations:		
Final dividend proposed 1.7p per Ordinary share (2011 – 1.6p per Ordinary share)	719	673

The proposed final dividend will, if approved by shareholders, be paid on 24 May 2013 to shareholders on the register on 26 April 2013.

Objective and Investment Policy

The objective of the Company is to invest in a broad range of AIM or ISDX Growth Market traded companies in order to generate income and long-term capital growth. Investments are made selectively across a range of sectors in companies that have the potential to grow and enhance their value. Start-up companies will usually be avoided.

The Company's investment policy has been designed to enable it to comply with the VCT qualifying conditions. The Board intends that the long-term disposition of the Company's assets will be not less than 80 per cent in a portfolio of qualifying AIM, ISDX Growth Market traded, or unquoted companies where the management view an initial public offering (IPO) on AIM or ISDX Growth Market traded companies is a short to medium term objective. Now the qualifying target has been achieved, the Board intends that approximately 20% of its funds will be invested in non-qualifying investments generally comprising gilts, floating rate securities and short term money market deposits with a minimum Moody's long term debt rating of 'A'. Moody's is an independent rating agency, and is not registered in the EU. A proportion of the 20% could be invested in an unauthorised UK smaller company fund managed by Octopus Investments Limited or other direct equity investments and bonds. This 20% could provide a reserve of liquidity which should maximise the Company's flexibility as to the timing of investment acquisitions and disposals, dividend payments and share buybacks.

Risk is spread by investing in a number of different businesses across a range of industry sectors. In order to qualify as an investment in a qualifying VCT holding, at no time must the Company's holdings in any one company (other than another VCT) exceed 15% by value of its investments. The value of an individual investment is expected to increase over time as a

result of trading progress and a continuous assessment is made of its suitability for sale. However, shareholders should be aware that the Company's qualifying investments are held with a view to long-term capital growth as well as income and will often have limited marketability; as a result it is possible that individual holdings may grow in value to the point where they represent a significantly higher proportion of total assets prior to a realisation opportunity being available. Investments will normally be made using the Company's equity shareholders' funds and it is not intended that the Company will take on any long-term borrowings.

The Company's Articles permit borrowings of amounts up to 10% of the sum equal to the aggregate of the amount paid up on the allotted or issued share capital of the Company and the amount standing to the credit of the capital and revenue reserves of the Company (whether or not distributable) after adding thereto or deducting there from any balance to the credit or debit of the profit and loss account.

No material changes may be made to the Company's investment policy described above without the prior approval of shareholders by the passing of an Ordinary Resolution. The Directors will continually monitor the investment process and ensure compliance with the investment policy.

VCT Regulation

Compliance with required rules and regulations is considered when all investment decisions are made. The Company is further monitored on a continual basis to ensure compliance. The main criteria to which the Company must adhere include:

- at least 70% of the Company's investments must comprise 'qualifying holdings'* (as defined in the legislation);
- at least 70% of the qualifying holdings must be invested into Ordinary shares with no preferential rights (30% for funds invested before 6 April 2011);

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- no single investment made can exceed 15% of the total company value; and
- a minimum of 10% of each qualifying investment must be in Ordinary shares with no preferential rights.

*A 'qualifying holding' consists of up to £5 million invested in any one year in new shares or securities in an unquoted UK company (or company listed on AIM) which is carrying on a qualifying trade and whose gross assets do not exceed a prescribed limit at the time of investment. The definition of a 'qualifying trade' excludes certain activities such as property investment and development, financial services and asset leasing.

Principal Risks, Risk Management and Regulatory Environment

The Board carries out a regular review of the risk environment in which the Company operates. The main areas of risk identified by the Board are as follows:

VCT qualifying status risk: the Company is required at all times to observe the conditions laid down in the Income Tax Act 2007 for the maintenance of approved VCT status. The loss of such approval could lead to the Company losing its exemption from corporation tax on capital gains, to investors being liable to pay income tax on dividends received from the Company and, in certain circumstances, to investors being required to repay the initial income tax relief on their investment.

The Investment Manager keeps the Company's VCT qualifying status under continual review and reports to the Board regularly throughout the year. The Board has also retained PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP to undertake an independent VCT status monitoring role.

Investment risk: the majority of the Company's investments are in AIM or ISDX Growth Market traded companies which are VCT qualifying holdings, which by their nature entail a higher level of risk and lower liquidity than investments in large quoted

companies. The Directors and the Investment Manager aim to limit the risk attached to the portfolio as a whole by careful selection and timely realisation of investments, by carrying out rigorous due diligence procedures and by maintaining a wide spread of holdings in terms of financing stage, industry sector and geographical location. The Board reviews the investment portfolio with the Investment Manager on a regular basis.

Financial risk: as a VCT, the Company is exposed to market price risk, credit risk, liquidity risk, fair value and cash flow interest rate risks. The majority of the Company's income and expenditure is denominated in sterling and hence the Company has limited foreign currency risk. The Company is financed through equity and does not have any borrowings. The Company does not use derivative financial instruments.

Credit risk: Credit risk is the risk that the counterparty to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation or commitment that it has entered into with the Company. The Investment Manager and the Board carry out a regular review of counterparty risk.

The Company has cash deposits which are held on the balance sheet of HSBC Bank plc and The Co-operative Bank plc, and also in cash funds managed by BlackRock. The risk of loss to this cash is deemed to be low due to the historical credit ratings and a current Standard & Poor's rating of AA for HSBC and AAA for BlackRock. Inadequate controls might lead to misappropriation of assets. Inappropriate accounting policies might lead to mis-posting or breaches of regulations.

Regulatory risk: the Company is required to comply with the Companies Act, the rules of the UK Listing Authority and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. Breach of any of these might lead to suspension of the Company's Stock Exchange listing, financial penalties or a qualified audit report.

Reputational risk: inadequate or failed controls might result in breaches of regulation or loss of shareholder trust.

Internal control risk: the Board reviews annually the system of internal controls, both financial and non-financial, operated by the Company and the Investment Manager. These include controls designed to ensure that the Company's assets are safeguarded and that proper accounting records are maintained.

Competitive Risk: retention of key personnel is vital to the success of the Company. Incentives to the Investment Manager's key staff are continuously monitored by the Investment Manager.

Price risk: the risk that the value of a security or portfolio of securities will decline in the future is mitigated by holding a diversified portfolio, across a broad range of sectors.

Cash flow risk: the risk that the Company's available cash will not be sufficient to meet its financial obligations is managed by frequent budgeting and close monitoring of available cash resources.

Due to the nature of the Company, social and employee issues do not apply and therefore no disclosures in respect of these have been included in the Directors' Report.

The Board seeks to mitigate the internal risks by setting policy, regularly reviewing performance, enforcing contractual obligations and monitoring progress and compliance. In the mitigation and management of these risks, the Board applies rigorously the principles detailed in the 'Turnbull' guidance. Details of the Company's internal controls are contained in the Corporate Governance section on pages 25 to 29.

Further details of the Company's risk management policies are provided in note 16 to the financial statements.

Directors

The Directors of the Company during the year and their interests (in respect of which transactions are notifiable under Disclosure and Transparency Rule 3.1.2R) in the issued Ordinary shares of 0.01p are shown in the table below:

	Ordinary shares of 0.01p each 30 November 2012	Ordinary shares of 0.01p each 30 November 2011
Keith Richard Mullins	135,448	104,548
Andrew Paul Raynor	20,700	20,700
Alastair James Ritchie	31,809	31,809
Elizabeth Anita Kennedy	37,380	37,380

All of the Directors' shares were held beneficially. Mr Mullins's wife holds shares through a nominee company. There have been no changes in the Directors' share interests between 30 November 2012 and the date of this report.

In addition to the shares held in the VCT, Keith Mullins also holds shares in Vertu Motors plc, an investee Company of the VCT.

Keith Mullins retires in accordance with the Articles of Association, and being eligible, offers himself for re-election. The Board has considered provision B.7.2 of The UK Corporate Governance Code and following a formal performance evaluation, believes that Keith continues to be effective and demonstrates commitment to his role, the Board and the Company. The Board, therefore, recommend his re-election at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Brief biographical notes on the Directors are given on page 17.

Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance

The Company has, as permitted by s236 of the Companies Act 2006, maintained insurance cover on behalf of the Directors and Secretary indemnifying them against certain liabilities which may be incurred by them in relation to the Company.

Whistleblowing

The Board has considered the arrangements implemented by the Investment Manager in accordance with The UK Corporate Governance

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Code's recommendations, to encourage staff of the Investment Manager or Company Secretary of the Company to raise concerns, in confidence, within their organisation about possible improprieties in matters of financial reporting or other matters. It is satisfied that adequate arrangements are in place to allow an independent investigation, and follow on action where necessary, to take place within the organisation.

Bribery Act

Octopus Investments Limited has an Anti Bribery Policy which introduced robust procedures to ensure full compliance with the Bribery Act 2010 and to ensure that the highest standards of professional ethical conduct are maintained. All employees and those working for, or on behalf of, the firm are aware of their legal obligations when conducting company business.

Management

Octopus Investments Limited ('the Investment Manager') acts as Investment Manager to the Company. The principal terms of the Company's management agreement with the Investment Manager are set out in note 3 to the financial statements. The Investment Manager also provides secretarial, administrative and custodian services to the Company. The Investment Manager is not entitled to any performance fee.

The Company has in place an agreement with Octopus Investments Limited to act as Investment Manager which is central to the ability of the Company to continue in business. There are no other contracts which are deemed to be essential to the business of the Company.

As required by the Listing Rules, the Directors confirm that, in their opinion, the continuing appointment of Octopus Investments Limited as Investment Manager is in the best interest of the shareholders as a whole. In reaching this conclusion the Directors have taken into account the performance of the investment portfolio and the ability of the Investment Manager to produce satisfactory investment performance in the

future. No Director has an interest in any contract to which the Company is a party.

It should be noted that there is no formal Management Engagement Committee as matters of this nature are dealt with by the independent Non-Executive Directors.

The Board has delegated the routine management decisions such as the payment of standard running costs to the Investment Manager. However, investment decisions are discussed and agreed with the Board.

Share Capital

The Company's ordinary share capital as at 30 November 2012 comprised 43,331,328 Ordinary shares of 0.01p each.

The voting rights of the Ordinary shares on a show of hands is one vote for each member present or represented, the voting rights on a poll are one vote for each share held. There are no restrictions on the transfer of the Ordinary shares and there are no shares that carry special rights with regards to the control of the Company.

Share Issues and Open Offers

During the year 2,580,909 (2011: 8,535,804) Ordinary shares were issued through Top-up offers launched on 6 February 2012 and 25 April 2012 respectively which closed on 5 April 2012 and 31 July 2012 respectively and raised £1,837,000. In October 2012 the Board also provided, for the first time, an Enhanced Buy-back Facility (EBB) to enable shareholders to sell existing shares in the Company and reinvest the proceeds in new shares on which upfront tax relief of up to 30% was available. The EBB deadline was extended by one month to 31 January 2013 and resulted in 10,470,985 shares being sold back to the Company and 9,974,094 shares being reissued. The Board has decided to offer a further offer for subscription to raise up to £10 million for the 2012/13 and 2013/14 tax years and you will have received these details with an application form already.

Share Buybacks and Redemptions

During the year, the Company purchased shares for cancellation 1,835,870 shares at a weighted average price of 58.5p per share (2011: 2,193,803 shares at a weighted average price of 62p per share) for a total consideration of £1,074,000 (2011: £1,362,000). These were repurchased in accordance with the Company's share buyback facility in an attempt to assist the marketability of the shares and prevent the shares trading at a wide discount to the NAV.

Rights Attaching to the Shares and Restrictions on Voting and Transfer

Subject to any suspension or abrogation of rights pursuant to relevant law or the Company's Articles of Association, the Ordinary shares confer on their holders (other than the Company in respect of any Treasury shares) the following principal rights:

- (a) the right to receive profits available for distribution, such dividends as may be agreed to be paid (in the case of a final dividend in an amount not exceeding the amount recommended by the Board as approved by shareholders in a general meeting or in the case of an interim dividend in an amount determined by the Board). All dividends unclaimed for a period of 12 years after having become due for payment are forfeited automatically and cease to remain owing by the Company;
- (b) the right, on a return of assets on a liquidation, reduction of capital or otherwise, to share in the surplus assets of the Company remaining after payment of its liabilities *pari passu* with the other holders of Ordinary shares; and
- (c) The right to receive notice of and to attend and speak and vote in person or by proxy at any general meeting of the Company. On a show of hands, every member present or represented and voting has one vote, and on a poll, every member present or represented and voting has one vote for every share of which that member is the holder. The appointment of a proxy must

be received not less than 48 hours before the time of the holding of the relevant meeting or adjourned meeting or, in the case of a poll taken otherwise than at or on the same day as the relevant meeting or adjourned meeting, be received after the poll has been demanded and not less than 24 hours before the time appointed for the taking of the poll.

These rights can be suspended. If a member, or any other person appearing to be interested in shares held by that member, has failed to comply within the time limits specified in the Company's Articles of Association with a notice pursuant to s793 of the Companies Act 2006 (notice by the Company requiring information about interests in its shares), the Company can, until the default ceases, suspend the right to attend and speak and vote at a general meeting. If the shares represent at least 0.25% of their class the Company can also withhold any dividend or other money payable in respect of the shares (without any obligation to pay interest) and refuse to accept certain transfers of the relevant shares. Shareholders, either alone or with other shareholders, have other rights as set out in the Company's Articles of Association and in company law (principally the Companies Act 2006).

A member may choose whether his shares are evidenced by share certificates (certificated shares) or held in electronic (uncertificated) form in CREST (the UK electronic settlement system). Any member may transfer all or any of his shares, subject in the case of certificated shares to the rules set out in the Company's Articles of Association or in the case of uncertificated shares to the regulations governing the operation of CREST (which allow the Directors to refuse to register a transfer as therein set out); the transferor remains the holder of the shares until the name of the transferee is entered in the Register of Members. The Directors may refuse to register a transfer of certificated shares in favour of more than four persons jointly or where there is no adequate evidence of ownership or the transfer is not duly

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stamped (if so required). The Directors may also refuse to register an Ordinary share transfer if it is in respect of a certificated share which is not fully paid up or on which the Company has a lien provided that, where the share transfer is in respect of any share admitted to the Official List maintained by the UK Listing Authority, any such discretion may not be exercised so as to prevent dealings taking place on an open and proper basis, or if, in the opinion of the Directors (and with the concurrence of the UK Listing Authority), exceptional circumstances so warrant, provided that the exercise of such power will not disturb the market in those shares. Whilst there are no squeeze-out and sell-out rules relating to the shares in the Company's Articles of Association, shareholders are subject to the compulsory acquisition provisions in s974 to s991 of the Companies Act 2006.

Directors' Authority to Allot Shares, to Disapply Pre-emption Rights

The authority proposed under Resolution 6 is required so that the Directors may issue shares in connection with the current offer or other offers if the Directors believe this to be in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. Any issue proceeds will be available for investment in line with the Company's investment policy and may be used, in whole or part, to purchase Ordinary shares in the market. Resolution 6 renews the Directors' authority to allot up to 8,530,099 Ordinary shares (representing approximately 20% of the Company's issued share capital at 6 March 2013 – the latest practicable date before publication of this document). The authority conferred by this resolution will expire on the earlier of the next Annual General Meeting and the date falling 15 months after the date of the passing of the resolution.

Resolution 7 renews and extends the Directors' authority to allot equity securities for cash without pre-emption rights applying for the allotment of shares authorised pursuant to Resolution 6 and for the same

reasons. The authority conferred by this resolution will expire on the earlier of the next Annual General Meeting and the date falling 15 months after the date of the passing of the resolution.

Directors' Authority to Make Market Purchase of its Own Shares

The authority proposed under Resolution 8 is required so that the Directors may make purchases of up to approximately 10% of the Company's issued share capital and Resolution 8 seeks renewal of such authority until the next Annual General Meeting (or the expiry of 15 months, if earlier). The price paid for shares will not be less than the nominal value nor more than the maximum amount permitted to be paid in accordance with the rules of the UK Listing Authority in force as at the date of purchase. This power will be exercised only if, in the opinion of the Directors, a repurchase would be in the best interests of shareholders as a whole. Any shares repurchased under this authority will either be cancelled or held in Treasury for future re-sale in appropriate market conditions.

To continue as a VCT

The Board propose to put a resolution to Shareholders annually to continue as a VCT for the following six-year period. This period is designed to accommodate Shareholders who invest in new shares for whom income tax relief requires a five year holding period.

Substantial Shareholdings

As at the date of this report, no disclosures of major shareholdings had been made to the Company under Disclosure and Transparency Rule 5 (Vote Holder and Issuer Notification Rules).

Creditor Payment Policy

The Company's payment policy for the forthcoming financial year is to agree terms of payment before business is transacted and to settle accounts in accordance with those terms. The Company does not follow any code or standard with regard to creditor

payment practice. At 30 November 2012 there were no trade creditors (2011: £nil).

Environmental Policy

The Company always makes full effort to conduct its business in a manner that is responsible to the environment. This responsibility is maintained in investment decisions where possible.

Going Concern

The Company's business activities and the factors likely to affect its future development, performance and position are set out in the Chairman's Statement and Investment Manager's Review on pages 5 to 15. Further details on the management of financial risk may be found in note 16 to the Financial Statements.

The Board receives regular reports from the Investment Manager and the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the VCT has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, as no material uncertainties leading to significant doubt about going concern have been identified, it is appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Independent Auditor

The auditor, PKF (UK) LLP, have announced that they are merging their business into BDO LLP. A resolution to appoint BDO LLP as auditor and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

So far as each of the Directors at the time the report is approved are aware:

- (a) there is no relevant information of which the auditor is unaware; and
- (b) they have taken all the steps they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Corporate Governance

The Board of the Company has considered the principles and recommendations of the Association of

Investment Companies Code of Corporate Governance (AIC Code) by reference to the Association of Investment Companies Corporate Governance Guide for Investment Companies (AIC Guide).

The AIC Code, as explained by the AIC Guide, addresses all the principles set out in The UK Corporate Governance Code, as well as setting out additional principles and recommendations on issues that are of specific relevance to the Company. The Board considers that reporting against principles and recommendations of the AIC Code, by reference to the AIC Guide (which incorporates The UK Corporate Governance Code) will provide better information to shareholders.

The Company is committed to maintaining high standards in corporate governance. The Directors consider that the Company has, throughout the year under review, complied with the provisions set out in The UK Corporate Governance Code with the exceptions set out in the Compliance Statement on page 29.

Performance Evaluation

In accordance with The UK Corporate Governance Code, a performance evaluation was conducted by means of the Directors completing a questionnaire which was returned to the Chairman who provided a summary of the findings to the Board at the following meeting. The performance of the Chairman was evaluated by the other Directors.

Appointment and Replacement of Directors

A person may be appointed as a Director of the Company by the shareholders at a general meeting by Ordinary Resolution (requiring a simple majority of the persons voting on the relevant Resolution) or by the Directors: no person, other than a Director retiring by rotation or otherwise, shall be appointed or reappointed a Director at any general meeting unless he is recommended by the Directors or, not less than seven nor more than 21 clear days before the date appointed for the meeting, notice is given to the

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Company of the intention to propose that person for appointment or re-appointment in the form and manner set out in the Company's Articles of Association. Each Director who is appointed by the Directors (and who has not been elected as a Director of the Company by the members at a general meeting held in the interval since his appointment as a Director of the Company) is to be subject to election as a Director of the Company by the members at the first Annual General Meeting of the Company following his appointment. At each Annual General Meeting of the Company one-third of the Directors for the time being, or if their number is not three or an integral multiple of three the number nearest to but not exceeding one-third, are to be subject to re-election. The Companies Act allows shareholders in a general meeting by Ordinary Resolution (requiring a simple majority of the persons voting on the relevant Resolution) to remove any Director before the expiration of his or her period of office, but without prejudice to any claim for damages which the Director may have for breach of any contract of service between him or her and the Company. A person also ceases to be a Director if he or she resigns in writing, ceases to be a Director by virtue of any provision of the Companies Act, becomes prohibited by law from being a Director, becomes bankrupt or is the subject of a relevant insolvency procedure, or becomes of unsound mind, or if the Board so decides following at least six months' absence without leave or if he or she becomes subject to relevant procedures under the mental health laws, as set out in the Company's Articles of Association.

Powers of the Directors

Subject to the provisions of the Companies Act, the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company and any directions given by shareholders by Special Resolution, the Articles of Association specify that the business of the Company is to be managed by the Directors, who may exercise all the powers of the Company, whether relating to the management of

the business or not. In particular the Directors may exercise on behalf of the Company its powers to purchase its own shares to the extent permitted by shareholders. Authority was given at the Company's 2012 Annual General Meeting to make market purchases of up to 10% of the issued Ordinary share capital at any time up to the 2013 Annual General Meeting and otherwise on the terms set out in the relevant resolution, and renewed authority is being sought at the 2013 Annual General Meeting as set out in the notice of meeting.

Board of Directors

The Company has a Board of four non-executive Directors, all of whom are considered to be independent. The Board meets regularly on a quarterly basis, and on other occasions as required, to review the investment performance and monitor compliance with the investment policy laid down by the Board.

The Board has a formal schedule of matters specifically reserved for its decision which include:

- the consideration and approval of future developments or changes to the investment policy, including risk and asset allocation;
- consideration of corporate strategy;
- approval of the appropriate dividend to be paid to the shareholders;
- the appointment, evaluation, removal and remuneration of the Manager;
- the performance of the Company, including monitoring of the discount of the net asset value to the share price; and
- monitoring shareholder profiles and considering shareholder communications.

The Chairman leads the Board in the determination of its strategy and in the achievement of its objectives. The Chairman is responsible for organising the business of the Board, ensuring its effectiveness and setting its agenda and has no involvement in the day to day business of the Company. He facilitates the

effective contribution of the Directors and ensures that they receive accurate, timely and clear information and that they communicate effectively with shareholders.

The Company Secretary is responsible for advising the Board through the Chairman on all governance matters. All of the Directors have access to the advice and services of the Company Secretary, who has administrative responsibility for the meetings of the Board and its committees. Directors may also take independent professional advice at the Company's expense where necessary in the performance of their duties. As all of the Directors are non-executive, it is not considered appropriate to identify a member of the Board as the senior non-executive Director of the Company.

The Company's Articles of Association and the schedule of matters reserved to the Board for decision provide that the appointment and removal of the Company Secretary is a matter for the full Board.

During the year the following meetings were held:

	Full Board meetings held	No. of meetings attended	Audit Committee meetings held	Audit Committee meetings attended
Keith Mullins	5	5	2	2
Elizabeth Kennedy	5	5	2	2
Andy Raynor	5	5	2	2
Alastair Ritchie	5	5	2	2

Additional meetings were held as required to address specific issues including considering recommendations from the Investment Manager; approval of allotments and documentation to shareholders.

The Company's Articles of Association require that one third of Directors should retire by rotation each year and seek re-election at the Annual General Meeting and that Directors appointed by the Board

should seek re-appointment at the next Annual General Meeting. All Directors are required to submit themselves for re-election at least every three years. This practice was followed during the year under review.

	Date of Original Appointment	Due date for Re-election
Keith Mullins	14/09/2005	AGM 2013
Elizabeth Kennedy	12/08/2010	AGM 2014
Andy Raynor	14/09/2005	AGM 2015
Alastair Ritchie	12/08/2010	AGM 2014

Board Committees

The Board has appointed one committee to make recommendations to the Board in a specific area:

Audit Committee:

Andy Raynor
Elizabeth Kennedy
Keith Mullins
Alastair Ritchie

The Audit Committee, chaired by Andy Raynor, consists of the four independent Directors. The Audit Committee believes Andy Raynor possesses appropriate and relevant financial experience as per the requirements of The UK Corporate Governance Code. The Board considers that the members of the Committee are independent and have collectively the skills and experience required to discharge their duties effectively.

The Audit Committee's terms of reference include the following roles and responsibilities which were discharged during the year ended 30 November 2012:

- reviewing and making recommendations to the Board in relation to the Company's published financial statements and other formal announcements relating to the Company's financial performance;
- reviewing and making recommendations to the Board in relation to Octopus Investments Limited's internal controls (including internal financial control) and risk management systems;

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- periodically considering the need for an internal audit function;
- making recommendations to the Board in relation to the appointment, re-appointment and removal of the external auditor and approving the remuneration and terms of engagement of the external auditor;
- reviewing and monitoring the external auditor's independence and objectivity and the effectiveness of the audit process, taking into consideration relevant UK professional regulatory requirements;
- monitoring the extent to which the external auditor is engaged to supply non-audit services; and
- ensuring that the Investment Manager has arrangements in place for the investigation and follow-up of any concerns raised confidentially by staff in relation to propriety of financial reporting or other matters.

The Committee reviews its terms of reference and its effectiveness annually and recommends to the Board any changes required as a result of the review. The terms of reference are available on request from the Company Secretary. The Committee meets twice per year and has direct access to PKF (UK) LLP, the Company's external auditor. Non-audit services are not provided by the external auditor and therefore the Audit Committee does not believe there are any influences on their independence or objectivity. When considering whether to recommend the re-appointment of the external auditor, the Committee take into account the tenure of the current auditor in addition to comparing the fees charged to similar sized VCTs.

The Company does not have an independent internal audit function as it is not deemed appropriate given the size of the Company and the nature of the Company's business. However, the Committee considers annually whether there is a need for such a

function and if so would recommend this to the Board.

Once the Committee has made a recommendation to the Board, in relation to the appointment of the external auditor, this is then ratified at the AGM through an Ordinary Resolution.

The Board does not have a separate Nomination Committee as there has not been a requirement for a Committee.

The Company are in the process of developing a gender and diversity policy, which would normally be a function of a Nomination Committee but will be dealt with in this instance by the Board as a whole. The Board considers the current Board members to be appropriately composed with due regard for the benefits of diversity and gender. Neither does the Board have a Remuneration Committee as the Company has no employees or executive Directors. Detailed information relating to the remuneration of Directors is given in the Directors' remuneration report.

Internal Control

The Directors have overall responsibility for keeping under review the effectiveness of the Company's systems of internal controls. The purpose of these controls is to ensure that proper accounting records are maintained, the Company's assets are safeguarded and the financial information used within the business and for publication is accurate and reliable; such a system can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss. The system of internal controls is designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve the business objectives. The Board regularly reviews financial results and investment performance with its Investment Manager.

The Board delegates the identification of appropriate opportunities and the investment of funds to Octopus Investments Limited. The Board regularly review reports upon the investments made and on the status of existing investments.

Octopus Investments Limited is engaged to carry out the accounting function and all quoted investments are held in CREST.

The Directors confirm that they have established a continuing process throughout the year and up to the date of this report for identifying, evaluating and managing the significant potential risks faced by the Company and have reviewed the effectiveness of the internal control systems. As part of this process an annual review of the internal control systems is carried out in accordance with the Financial Reporting Council guidelines for internal control.

Internal control systems include the production and review of monthly bank reconciliations and management accounts. All outflows made from the VCT's accounts require the authority of two signatories from Octopus Investments Limited. The VCT is subject to a full annual audit and the Audit Partner has open access to the Directors of the VCT. The Investment Manager is subject to regular review by the Octopus Investments Limited Compliance Department.

Financial Risk Management Objectives and Policies

The Company is exposed to the risks arising from its operational and investment activities. Further details can be found in note 16 to the financial statements.

Relations with Shareholders

Shareholders have the opportunity to meet the Board at the Annual General Meeting. In addition to the formal business of the Annual General Meeting, the Board is available to answer any questions a shareholder may have.

The Board is also happy to respond to any written queries made by shareholders during the course of the year and can be contacted at 20 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7AN. Alternatively, the team at Octopus Investments Limited is happy to answer any questions you may have and can be contacted on 0800 316 2349.

Compliance Statement

The Listing Rules require the Board to report on compliance throughout the accounting period with all

relevant provisions set out in The UK Corporate Governance Code. The preamble to The UK Corporate Governance Code does, however, acknowledge that some provisions may have less relevance for investment companies adding that the AIC Code and AIC Guide can assist in meeting the obligations under The UK Corporate Governance Code. With the exception of the limited items outlined below, the Company has complied throughout the accounting year to 30 November 2012 with the provisions set out in The UK Corporate Governance Code. The section references to the UK Corporate Governance Code are shown in brackets.

1. The Company does not have a Chief Executive Officer or a senior independent Director. The Board does not consider this necessary for the size of the Company. [A.2.2 and A.4.1]
2. The Company does not have a separate Nomination Committee due to the relatively small size and structure of the Company. Appointments are dealt with by the full Board as and when appropriate. [B.2.1 – 2.4]
3. New Directors have not received a full, formal and tailored induction on joining the Board. Such matters are addressed on an individual basis as they arise. [B.4.1]
4. The Company does not have a Remuneration Committee as it does not have any executive directors. [D.1.1 – 2.4]
5. The Company has no major shareholders therefore shareholders are not given the opportunity to meet any Non-Executive Directors at a specific meeting other than the Annual General Meeting. [E.1.1 & E.1.2]

By order of the Board



Patricia Standaloft, ACIS

Company Secretary
22 March 2013

DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION REPORT

Introduction

This report is submitted in accordance with Chapter 6 of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006, in respect of the year ended 30 November 2012. An Ordinary Resolution for the approval of this report will be put to the members at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The Company's auditor, PKF (UK) LLP, is required to give their opinion on certain information included in this report; comprising the Directors' emoluments section below only. Their report on these and other matters is set out on pages 34 and 35.

Consideration by the Directors of matters relating to Directors' Remuneration

The Board as a whole considers Directors' remuneration and has not appointed a separate committee in this respect. The Board has not sought advice or services from any person in respect of its consideration of Directors' remuneration during the year (although the Directors expect from time to time to review the fees against those paid to the boards of directors of other VCTs).

Statement of the Company's Policy on Directors' Remuneration

The Board consists entirely of non-executive Directors, who meet at least quarterly and on other occasions as necessary, to deal with the important aspects of the Company's affairs. Directors are appointed with the expectation that they will serve for a period of three years, at least. All Directors retire at the first General Meeting after election and thereafter one third of all Directors are subject to retirement by rotation at subsequent Annual General Meetings. Re-election will be recommended by the Board but is dependent upon shareholder votes.

Each Director received a letter of appointment. A Director may resign by notice in writing to the Board at any time. None of the Directors are entitled to compensation payable upon early termination of their contract other than in respect of any unexpired notice period.

The Company's policy is that the fees payable to the Directors should reflect the time spent by the Board on the Company's affairs and the responsibilities borne by the Directors. They should be sufficient to attract candidates of high calibre to be recruited. The policy is for the Chairman of the Board to be paid higher fees than the other Directors in recognition of his more onerous role. The policy is to review these rates from time to time, although such review will not necessarily result in any changes. Due to the nature of the Company, there are no employees other than the Directors and therefore no such issues to consider when determining the Directors' remuneration.

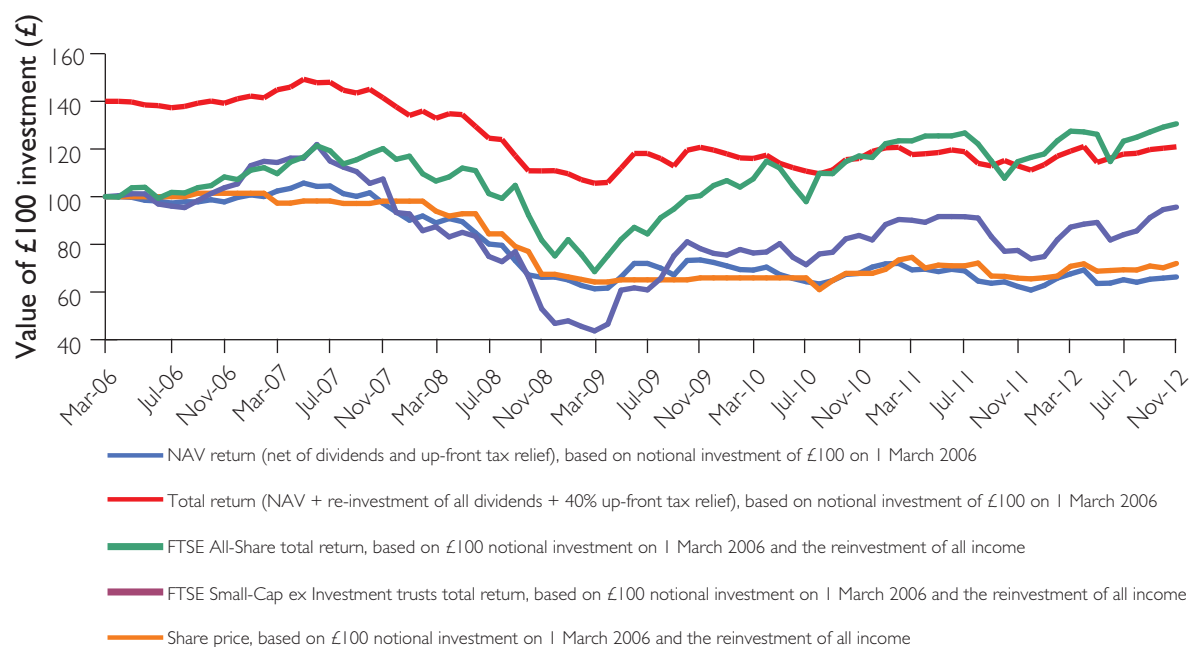
The Company's policy is for the Directors to be remunerated in the form of fees, payable quarterly in arrears. The fees are not specifically related to the Directors' performance, either individually or collectively. There are no long-term incentive schemes, share option schemes or pension schemes in place. The Board is also entitled to be repaid all reasonable travelling, subsistence and other expenses incurred by them respectively whilst conducting their duties as Directors; however no other remuneration or compensation was paid or payable by the Company during the year to any of the current Directors.

Company Performance

The Board is responsible for the Company's investment strategy and performance, although the management of the Company's investment portfolio is delegated to the Investment Manager through the investment management agreement.

The graph below compares the share price, NAV and total return (NAV assuming the re-investment of all dividends plus 40% upfront tax relief) of the Company over the period from 1 March 2006 to 30 November 2012 with the total return from notional investments in the FTSE All-Share index and the FTSE Small-Cap over the same period. These indices are considered to be the most appropriate broad equity market indices for comparative purposes. However, the Directors wish to point out that VCTs are not able to make qualifying investments in companies quoted on the main market in their observance of the VCT rules.

Investors investing into Octopus Second AIM VCT plc



DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION REPORT (continued)

The ongoing charges of the Company for the year to 30 November 2012 were 2.6% of the average net assets during the year to 30 November 2012 (2011: 2.9%).

Directors' fees	Year ended	Year ended
	30 November 2012	30 November 2011
Keith Richard Mullins	£18,000	£16,000
Andrew Paul Raynor	£15,000	£13,000
Elizabeth Kennedy	£14,000	£13,000
Alastair Ritchie	£14,000	£13,000
Total	£61,000	£55,000

During the year, following a review of the salaries of comparable VCT non executive Directors' pay, a pay increase was agreed.

The Directors do not receive any other form of emoluments in addition to the Directors' fees.

By Order of the Board



Patricia Standaloft, ACIS

Company Secretary

22 March 2013

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report, the Directors' Remuneration Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations. They are also responsible for ensuring that the annual report includes information required by the Listing Rules of the Financial Services Authority.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom accounting standards and applicable law). Under company law the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions, to disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies

Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

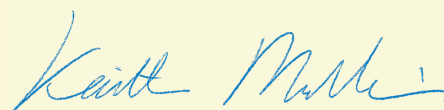
The Directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of the financial statements and other information included in annual reports may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The Directors confirm, to the best of their knowledge:

- that the financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Company; and
- that the management report, comprising the Chairman's Statement, Investment Manager's Review, Investment Portfolio and Directors' Report, set out on pages 5 to 29 includes a fair review of the development and performance of the business and the position of the Company, together with a description of the principal risks and uncertainties that it faces.

The names and functions of all the Directors are stated on page 17.

On Behalf of the Board



Keith Richard Mullins

Chairman

22 March 2013

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF OCTOPUS SECOND AIM VCT PLC

We have audited the financial statements of Octopus Second AIM VCT plc for the year ended 30 November 2012 which comprise the Income Statement, the Balance Sheet, the Reconciliation of Movements in Shareholders' Funds, the Cash Flow Statement and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Directors and Auditor

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 30 November 2012 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion:

- the part of the Directors' Remuneration Report to be audited has been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006; and
- the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following:

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements and the part of the Directors' Remuneration Report to be audited are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Under the Listing Rules we are required to review:

- the Directors' statement, set out on page 25, in relation to going concern; and
- the part of the corporate governance statement relating to the Company's compliance with the nine provisions of the UK Corporate Governance Code specified for our review; and
- certain elements of the report to the shareholders by the Board on Directors' remuneration.

Timothy Drew

(Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of PKF (UK) LLP

Statutory auditors

London, UK

22 March 2013

INCOME STATEMENT

	Notes	Year to 30 November 2012		
		Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000
Gain on disposal of fixed asset investments	10	–	318	318
Gain on valuation of fixed asset investments	10	–	2,920	2,920
Investment Income	2	363	–	363
Investment management fees	3	(138)	(412)	(550)
Other expenses	4	(189)	–	(189)
Profit on ordinary activities before tax		36	2,826	2,862
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	6	–	–	–
Profit on ordinary activities after tax		36	2,826	2,862
Return per share – basic and diluted	8	0.1p	6.5p	6.6p

- the 'Total' column of this statement represents the statutory Profit and Loss account of the Company; the supplementary revenue return and capital return columns have been prepared in accordance with the AIC Statement of Recommended Practice
- all revenue and capital items in the above statement derive from continuing operations
- the Company has only one class of business and derives its income from investments made in shares and securities and from bank and money market funds

The Company has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the period as set out above. Accordingly a statement of recognised gains and losses is not required.

Other than revaluation movements arising on investments held at fair value through the profit and loss account, there were no differences between the loss as stated above and at historical cost.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

	Notes	Year to 30 November 2011		
		Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000
Loss on disposal of fixed asset investments		–	(697)	(697)
Loss on valuation of fixed asset investments		–	(68)	(68)
Investment Income	2	315	–	315
Investment management fees	3	(135)	(403)	(538)
Other expenses	4	(220)	–	(220)
Loss on ordinary activities before tax		(40)	(1,168)	(1,208)
Taxation on loss on ordinary activities	6	–	–	–
Loss on ordinary activities after tax		(40)	(1,168)	(1,208)
Loss per share – basic and diluted	8	(0.1)p	(2.9)p	(3.0)p

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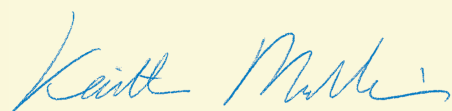
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BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	As at 30 November 2012 £'000	As at 30 November 2011 £'000
Fixed asset investments*	10	25,652	21,742
Current assets:			
Investments*	11	2,850	3,901
Debtors	12	274	506
Cash at bank		135	636
		3,259	5,043
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(199)	(195)
Net current assets		3,060	4,848
Net assets		28,712	26,590
Called up equity share capital	14	4	4
Share premium	15	1,756	20
Special distributable reserve	15	30,607	31,681
Capital reserve realised	15	(6,363)	(3,855)
Capital reserve un-realised	15	2,876	(1,056)
Revenue reserve	15	(168)	(204)
Total equity shareholders' funds		28,712	26,590
Net asset value per share – basic and diluted	9	66.3p	62.4p

*Held at fair value through profit and loss

The statements were approved by the Directors and authorised for issue on 22 March 2013 and are signed on their behalf by:



Keith Richard Mullins

Chairman

Company No: 05528235

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

		Year ended 30 November 2012	Year ended 30 November 2011
	Notes	£'000	£'000
Shareholders' funds at start of year		26,590	24,774
Profit/(Loss) on ordinary activities after tax		2,862	(1,208)
Share capital bought back	14	(1,074)	(1,362)
Issue of shares	14	1,736	5,770
Dividends paid	7	(1,402)	(1,384)
Shareholders' funds at end of year		28,712	26,590

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Note	Year to 30 November 2012 £'000	Year to 30 November 2011 £'000
Net Cash outflow from operating activities		(140)	(603)
Taxation: UK Corporation tax paid	6	—	—
Financial investment			
Purchase of investments	10	(2,409)	(5,963)
Disposal of investments	10	1,737	1,366
Net cash outflow from investing activities		(672)	(4,597)
Equity dividends paid	7	(1,402)	(1,384)
Management of liquid resources			
Purchase of current asset investments	11	(5,159)	(16,364)
Sale of current asset investments	11	6,210	19,050
Net cash inflow from management of liquid resources		1,051	2,686
Net cash outflow before financing		(1,163)	(3,898)
Financing			
Proceeds from issue of shares	15	1,736	5,770
Purchase of own shares	15	(1,074)	(1,362)
Net cash inflow from financing		662	4,408
(Decrease)/increase in cash		(501)	510

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

RECONCILIATION OF PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAXATION TO CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	Note	Year to 30 November 2012 £'000	Year to 30 November 2011 £'000
Profit/(Loss) on ordinary activities before tax		2,862	(1,208)
(Gain)/Loss on disposal of fixed asset investments	10	(318)	697
(Gain)/Loss on valuation of fixed asset investments	10	(2,920)	68
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	12	232	(295)
Increase in creditors	13	4	135
Outflow from operating activities		(140)	(603)

RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET FUNDS

	Note	Year to 30 November 2012 £'000	Year to 30 November 2011 £'000
(Decrease)/Increase in cash at bank		(501)	510
Movement in cash equivalent securities	11	(1,051)	(2,686)
Opening net funds		4,537	6,713
Net funds at 30 November		2,985	4,537

Analysis of changes in Net Funds

	Note	As at 1 December 2011 £'000	Cash flows £'000	As at 30 November 2012 £'000
Cash at Bank		636	(501)	135
Money market cash funds	11	3,901	(1,051)	2,850
Net funds at 30 November		4,537	(1,552)	2,985

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

I. Principal Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for the measurement at fair value of certain financial instruments, and in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK GAAP), and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Financial Statements of Investment Trust Companies and Venture Capital Trusts' (revised 2009).

The principal accounting policies have remained unchanged from those set out in the Company's 2011 Annual Report and financial statements. A summary of the principal accounting policies is set out below.

The Company presents its Income Statement in a three column format to give shareholders additional detail of the performance of the Company, split between items of a revenue or capital nature.

The preparation of the financial statements requires Management to make accounting judgements and estimates that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Estimates and assumptions mainly relate to the fair valuation of the fixed asset investments.

The Company has designated all fixed asset investments as being held at fair value through profit and loss; therefore all gains and losses arising from investments held are attributable to financial assets held at fair value through profit and loss. Accordingly, all interest income, fee income, expenses and investment gains and losses are attributable to assets designated as being at fair value through profit or loss.

Current asset investments comprising money market funds and deposits are held for trading and are therefore designated as fair value through profit or loss.

Quoted investments are valued in accordance with the bid-price on the relevant date.

Although the Company believes that the assumptions concerning the business environment and estimate of future cash flows are appropriate, changes in estimates and assumptions could require changes in the stated values. This could lead to additional changes in fair value in the future.

Investments

Purchases and sales of investments are recognised in the financial statements at the date of the transaction (trade date).

These investments will be managed and their performance evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with a documented investment strategy and information about them has to be provided internally on that basis to the Board. Accordingly, as permitted by FRS 26, the investments will be designated as fair value through profit and loss (FVTPL) on the basis that they qualify as a group of assets managed, and whose performance is evaluated, on a fair value basis in accordance with a documented investment strategy. The Company's investments are measured at subsequent reporting dates at fair value.

In the case of investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange, fair value is established by reference to the closing bid price on the relevant date or the last traded price, depending upon convention of the exchange on which the investment is quoted. This is consistent with the International Private Equity and Venture Capital ('IPEVC') valuation guidelines.

Gains and losses arising from changes in fair value of investments are recognised as part of the capital return within the Income Statement and allocated to the capital reserve – unrealised.

In the preparation of the valuations of assets the Directors are required to make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and incorporate their knowledge of the performance of the investee companies.

I. Principal Accounting Policies (continued)

Current asset investments

Current asset investments comprise of money market funds and deposits and are designated as FVTPL. Gains and losses arising from changes in fair value of investments are recognised as part of the capital return within the Income Statement and allocated to the capital reserve – unrealised.

The current asset investments are all invested with the Company's cash manager and are readily convertible into cash at the choice of the Company. The current asset investments are held for trading, are actively managed and the performance is evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with a documented investment strategy. Information about them has to be provided internally on that basis to the Board.

Income

Investment income includes interest earned on bank balances and money market securities and includes income tax withheld at source. Dividend income is shown net of any related tax credit.

Dividends receivable are brought into account when the Company's right to receive payment is established and there is no reasonable doubt that payment will be received. Fixed returns on debt and money market securities are recognised on a time apportionment basis so as to reflect the effective yield, provided there is no reasonable doubt that payment will be received in due course.

Expenses

All expenses are accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenses are charged wholly to revenue with the exception of the investment management fee, which has been charged 25% to the revenue account and 75% to the capital reserve to reflect, in the Directors' opinion, the expected long-term split of returns in the form of income and capital gains respectively from the investment portfolio.

The transaction costs incurred when purchasing or selling assets are written off to the Income Statement in the period that they occur.

Revenue and capital

The revenue column of the Income Statement includes all income and revenue expenses of the Company. The capital column includes gains and losses on disposal and holding gains and losses on investments.

Upon disposal of investments, gains relating to the assets are transferred from the capital reserve – unrealised to the capital reserve – realised.

Taxation

Corporation tax payable is applied to profits chargeable to corporation tax, if any, at the current rate. The tax effect of different items of income/gain and expenditure/loss is allocated between capital and revenue return on the "marginal" basis as recommended in the SORP.

Deferred tax is recognised on an undiscounted basis in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date. Where transactions or events have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay more, or a right to pay less tax, with the exception that deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the Directors consider that it is more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

I. Principal Accounting Policies (continued)

Cash and liquid resources

Cash, for the purposes of the cash flow statement, comprises cash in hand and deposits repayable on demand, less overdrafts payable on demand. Liquid resources are current asset investments which are disposable without curtailing or disrupting the business and are either readily convertible into known amounts of cash at or close to their carrying values or traded in an active market. Liquid resources comprise term deposits of less than one year (other than cash), government securities, investment grade bonds and investments in money market managed funds.

Loans and receivables

The Company's loans and receivables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Financial instruments

The Company's principal financial assets are its investments and the policies in relation to those assets are set out above. Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the entity after deducting all of its financial liabilities. Where the contractual terms of share capital do not have any terms meeting the definition of a financial liability then this is classed as an equity instrument. Dividends and distributions relating to equity instruments are debited direct to equity.

Financing strategy and capital structure

We define capital as shareholders' funds and our financial strategy in the medium term is to manage a level of cash that balances the risks of the business with optimising the return on equity. The Company currently has no borrowings nor does it anticipate that it will drawdown any borrowing facilities in the future to fund the acquisition of investments.

The Company does not have any externally imposed capital requirements.

Dividends

Dividends payable are recognised as distributions in the financial statements when the Company's liability to make payment has been established. This liability is established for interim dividends when they are paid and for final dividends when they are approved by the shareholders.

2. Income

	30 November 2012 £'000	30 November 2011 £'000
Income receivable on money market securities and bank balances	37	38
Dividends receivable from fixed asset investments	326	277
	363	315

3. Investment Management Fees

	30 November 2012			30 November 2011		
	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000
Investment management fee	138	412	550	135	403	538
	138	412	550	135	403	538

For the purposes of the revenue and capital columns in the Income Statement, the management fee has been allocated 25% to revenue and 75% to capital, in line with the Board's expected long term return in the form of income and capital gains respectively from the Company's investment portfolio.

Octopus Investments Limited provides investment management and accounting and administration services to the Company under a management agreement which initially ran for a period of five years with effect from 6 October 2005 and may be terminated at any time thereafter by not less than 12 months' notice given by either party. No compensation is payable in the event of terminating the agreement by either party, if the required notice period is given. The fee payable, should insufficient notice be given, will be equal to the fee that would have been paid should continuous service be provided, or the required notice period was given. The management fee is an annual charge and is set at 2% of the Company's net assets.

During the year Octopus Investments Limited charged management fees of £550,000 (2011: £538,000). At the year end there was £151,000 outstanding (2011: £148,000). Octopus Investments Limited received £48,000 (2011: £25,000) as a result of upfront fees charged on the allotments of Ordinary Shares.

4. Other Expenses

	30 November 2012 £'000	30 November 2011 £'000
Directors' remuneration	61	55
Fees payable to the Company's auditor for the audit of the financial statements	25	22
Legal and professional expenses	9	12
Other administration expenses	94	131
	189	220

The ongoing charges of the Company for the year to 30 November 2012 were 2.6% of average net assets during the year to 30 November 2012 (2011: 2.9%).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

5. Directors' Remuneration

	30 November 2012 £'000	30 November 2011 £'000
Directors' emoluments		
Keith Richard Mullins	18	16
Andrew Paul Raynor	15	13
Elizabeth Anita Kennedy	14	13
Alastair James Ritchie	14	13
	61	55

None of the Directors received any other remuneration or benefit from the Company during the year. The Company has no employees other than non-executive Directors. The average number of non-executive Directors in the year was four (2011: four). The above table represents the gross remunerations received by the directors and excludes Employer's National Insurance contributions, which amounted to £4,300 (2011: £3,500). The Directors received no pension contributions from the Company during the year (2011: £nil).

6. Tax on Ordinary Activities

The corporation tax charge for the year was £nil (2011: £nil).

Factors affecting the tax charge for the current year:

The current tax charge for the year differs from the effective small company rate of corporation tax in the UK of 20% (2011: 20.33%).

The differences are explained below:

	30 November 2012 £'000	30 November 2011 £'000
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before tax		
Current tax at 20% (2011: 20.33%)	2,862	(1,208)
	572	(246)
Income not liable to tax	(65)	(56)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	2	2
(Gains)/Losses not subject to tax	(648)	155
Excess management expenses carried forward	139	145
Total current tax charge	—	—

Approved VCTs are exempt from tax on capital gains within the Company. Since the Directors intend that the Company will continue to conduct its affairs so as to maintain its approval as a venture capital trust, no current deferred tax has been provided in respect of any capital gains or losses arising on the revaluation or disposal of investments.

As at 30 November 2012, there is an unrecognised deferred tax asset of £431,000 (2011: £292,000) in respect of surplus management expenses.

7. Dividends

	30 November 2012 £'000	30 November 2011 £'000
Recognised as distributions in the financial statements for the year		
Previous year's final dividend – 1.6p per share	701	697
Current year's interim dividend – 1.6p per share	701	687
	1,402	1,384
Paid and proposed in respect of the year		
Interim dividend paid – 1.6p per share (2011: 1.6p per share)	701	687
Final dividend proposed 1.7p per share (2011: 1.6p per share)	719	673
	1,420	1,360

8. Earnings per share – basic and diluted

The return per share is based on 43,151,333 (2011: 40,589,911) Ordinary shares, being the weighted average number of Ordinary shares in issue during the year; and the profit on ordinary activities after tax for the year of £2,862,000 (2011: loss of £1,208,000).

There are no potentially dilutive capital instruments in issue and, as such, the basic and diluted earnings per share are identical.

9. Net asset value per share – basic and diluted

The calculation of NAV per share as at 30 November 2012 is based on 43,331,328 (2011: 42,586,289) Ordinary shares in issue at that date.

There are no potentially dilutive capital instruments in issue and, as such, the basic and diluted NAV per share are identical.

10. Fixed Asset Investments

FRS 29, regarding financial instruments that are measured in the balance sheet at fair value, requires disclosure of fair value measurements by level of the following fair value measurement hierarchy:

Level 1: quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities. The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets is based on quoted market prices at the balance sheet date. A market is regarded as active if quoted prices are readily and regularly available, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis. The quoted market price used for financial assets held is the current bid price. These instruments are included in level 1 and comprise AIM listed investments classified as held at fair value through profit or loss.

Level 2: the fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market is determined by using valuation techniques. These valuation techniques maximise the use of observable data where it is available and rely as little as possible on entity specific estimates. If all significant inputs required to fair value an instrument are observable, the instrument is included in level 2. The Company held no such investment in the current or prior year.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

10. Fixed Asset Investments (continued)

Level 3: the fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market (for example investments in unquoted companies) is determined by using valuation techniques such as earnings multiples. If one or more of the significant inputs is not based on observable market data, the instrument is included in level 3. The Company held no such investments in the current or prior year.

There have been no transfers between these classifications in the period (2011: none). The change in fair value for the current and previous year is recognised through the profit and loss account.

All items held at fair value through profit or loss were designated as such upon initial recognition. Movements in investments at fair value through profit or loss during the year to 30 November 2012 are summarised below and in note 11.

	Level 1: AIM-quoted investments
	£'000
Book cost as at 1 December 2011	22,798
Opening unrealised loss at 1 December 2011	(1,056)
Valuation at 1 December 2011	21,742
Purchases at cost	2,409
Disposal proceeds	(1,737)
Profit on realisation of investments	318
Change in fair value in year	2,920
Closing valuation at 30 November 2012	25,652
Book cost at 30 November 2012	23,349
Closing unrealised gain at 30 November 2012	2,876
Impairment in value of investments treated as losses	(573)
Valuation at 30 November 2012	25,652

Level 1 valuations are valued in accordance with the bid-price on the relevant date. Further details of the fixed asset investments held by the Company are shown within the Investment Manager's Review.

All investments are designated as fair value through profit or loss from the time of acquisition, and all capital gains or losses on investments so designated. Given the nature of the Company's venture capital investments, the changes in fair value of such investments recognised in these financial statements are not considered to be readily convertible to cash in full at the balance sheet date and accordingly these gains are treated as unrealised.

When the Company revalues the investments still held during the period, any gains or losses arising are credited/charged to the Capital reserve – unrealised.

10. Fixed Asset Investments (continued)

When an investment is sold any balance held on the Capital reserve –unrealised is transferred to the Capital reserve – realised as a movement in reserves.

At 30 November 2012 there were no commitments in respect of investments approved by the manager but not yet completed.

Transaction costs on purchases and disposals for the year were £7,200 and £5,200 respectively.

11. Current Asset Investments

Current asset investments at 30 November 2012 and at 30 November 2011 comprised of money market funds*. These fall into level 1 of the fair value hierarchy as defined in note 10.

	30 November 2012	30 November 2011
Book cost at 1 December:	3,901	6,587
Revaluation to 1 December:	–	–
Valuation as at 1 December	3,901	6,587
Purchases at Cost:	5,159	16,364
Disposal proceeds:	(6,210)	(19,050)
Closing valuation as at 30 November	2,850	3,901
Book cost at 30 November:	2,850	3,901
Revaluation to 30 November:	–	–
Closing valuation as at 30 November	2,850	3,901

*Money market funds represent money held pending investment and can be accessed within 1 working day's notice.

12. Debtors

	30 November 2012 £'000	30 November 2011 £'000
Other debtors	223	458
Prepayments and accrued income	51	48
	274	506

13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	30 November 2012 £'000	30 November 2011 £'000
Accruals and other creditors	199	195
	199	195

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

14. Share Capital

	30 November 2012 £'000	30 November 2011 £'000
Allotted and fully paid up:		
43,331,328 Ordinary shares of 0.01p (2011: 42,586,289)	4	4
	4	4

The capital of the Company is managed in accordance with its investment policy with a view to the achievement of its investment objective as set on page 19. The Company is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements.

The Company repurchased the following Ordinary shares during the year to be cancelled:

- 9 December 2011: 217,101 Ordinary shares at a price of 55.8p per share
- 20 January 2012: 78,095 Ordinary shares at a price of 55.0p per share
- 24 February 2012: 44,388 Ordinary shares at a price of 58.5p per share
- 16 March 2012: 176,601 Ordinary shares at a price of 60.5p per share
- 29 March 2012: 9,170 Ordinary shares at a price of 60.0p per share
- 30 March 2012: 46,504 Ordinary shares at a price of 60.0p per share
- 20 April 2012: 91,992 Ordinary shares at a price of 61.0p per share
- 11 May 2012: 74,804 Ordinary shares at a price of 60.75p per share
- 17 May 2012: 272,013 Ordinary shares at a price of 59.75p per share
- 31 May 2012: 165,282 Ordinary shares at a price of 57.5p per share
- 21 June 2012: 48,290 Ordinary shares at a price of 57.0p per share
- 13 July 2012: 63,512 Ordinary shares at a price of 57.5p per share
- 14 September 2012: 61,044 Ordinary shares at a price of 58.0p per share
- 25 October 2012: 92,252 Ordinary shares at a price of 59.0p per share
- 21 November 2012: 6,025 Ordinary shares at a price of 58.5p per share
- 23 November 2012: 388,797 Ordinary shares at a price of 58.5p per share

The total cost of the shares repurchased was £1,074,000 (2011: £1,362,000).

The total nominal value of the shares repurchased was £184 (2011: £219) representing 4.6% (2011: 5.5%) of the issued share capital.

The Company issued the following shares during the year in connection with the offers for subscription announced on 6 February 2012 and 25 April 2012:

- 5 April 2012: 1,815,635 Ordinary shares at a price of 72.1p per share
- 31 July 2012: 765,274 Ordinary shares at a price of 69.0p per share

The total proceeds from the shares issued was £1,837,000. Issue costs of 5.5% amounted to £101,000 on the issue of these shares.

15. Reserves

	Share Premium £'000	Special distributable reserve* £'000	Capital reserve realised* £'000	Capital reserve unrealised* £'000	Revenue reserve* £'000
As at 1 December 2011	20	31,681	(3,855)	(1,056)	(204)
Shares issued through offer	1,837	—	—	—	—
Cost of issue of shares	(101)	—	—	—	—
Repurchase of own shares	—	(1,074)	—	—	—
Gain on ordinary activities after tax	—	—	—	—	36
Management fees allocated as capital expenditure	—	—	(412)	—	—
Current year gains on disposal**	—	—	318	—	—
Prior period (losses)/gains on disposal	—	—	(444)	444	—
Realisation of prior period unrealised losses	—	—	(568)	568	—
(Losses)/gains on revaluation	—	—	—	2,920	—
Dividends paid	—	—	(1,402)	—	—
Balance as at 30 November 2012	1,756	30,607	(6,363)	2,876	(168)

* Included within these reserves is an amount of £24,076,000 (2011: £26,566,000) which is considered distributable to shareholders.

**Current year gains on disposal of £318,000 includes a £5,000 loss on the realisation of investments still held at the year end.

When the Company revalues its investments during the year, any gains or losses arising are credited/charged to the Income Statement. Unrealised gains/losses are then transferred to the Capital reserve – unrealised. When an investment is sold, any balance held on the 'capital reserve – unrealised' is transferred to the 'capital reserve – realised' as a movement in reserves.

16. Financial Instruments and Risk Management

The Company's financial instruments comprise equity investments, cash balances, investments in money market funds and debtors and creditors. The Company holds financial assets in accordance with its investment policy of investing mainly in a portfolio of VCT qualifying AIM-quoted securities whilst holding a proportion of its assets in cash or near-cash investments in order to provide a reserve of liquidity.

Fixed and current asset investments (see notes 10 and 11) are valued at fair value. For quoted investments this is either bid price or the latest traded price, depending on the convention of the exchange on which the investment is quoted. The Directors believe that the fair value of the assets held at the year end is equal to their book value.

In carrying on its investment activities, the Company is exposed to various types of risk associated with the financial instruments and markets in which it invests. The most significant types of financial risk facing the Company are price risk, interest rate risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. The Company's approach to managing these risks is set out below together with a description of the nature and amount of the financial instruments held at the balance sheet date.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

16. Financial Instruments and Risk Management (continued)

Market risk

The Company's strategy for managing investment risk is determined with regard to the Company's investment objective, as outlined on page 19. The management of market risk is part of the investment management process and is a central feature of venture capital investment. The Company's portfolio is managed in accordance with the policies and procedures described in the Corporate Governance statement on pages 25 to 29, having regard to the possible effects of adverse price movements, with the objective of maximising overall returns to shareholders. Investments in smaller companies, by their nature, usually involve a higher degree of risk than investments in larger companies quoted on a recognised stock exchange, though the risk can be mitigated to a certain extent by diversifying the portfolio across business sectors and asset classes. The overall disposition of the Company's assets is regularly monitored by the Board.

Details of the Company's investment portfolio at the balance sheet date are set out on pages 10 to 14.

89.3% (30 November 2011: 81.7%) by value of the Company's net assets comprised equity securities listed on the London Stock Exchange or quoted on AIM. A 10% increase in the bid price of these securities as at 30 November 2012 would have increased net assets and the total return for the year by £2,565,200 (30 November 2011: £2,174,000); a corresponding fall would have reduced net assets and the total return for the year by the same amount.

Interest rate risk

Some of the Company's financial assets are interest-bearing. As a result, the Company is exposed to fair value interest rate risk due to fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates.

Floating rate

The Company's floating rate investments comprise cash held on interest-bearing deposit accounts and, where appropriate, within interest bearing money market securities. The benchmark rate which determines the rate of interest receivable on such investments is the bank base rate, which was 0.5% at 30 November 2012 (30 November 2011: 0.5%). The amounts held in floating rate investments at the balance sheet date were as follows:

	30 November 2012	30 November 2011
	£000	£000
Current investments	2,850	3,901
Cash at bank	135	636
	2,985	4,537

A 1% increase in the base rate would increase income receivable from these investments and the total return for the year by £29,850 (30 November 2011: £45,370).

16. Financial Instruments and Risk Management (continued)

Credit risk

Other than cash or liquid money market funds, there were no significant concentrations of credit risk to counterparties at 30 November 2012, or 30 November 2011. By value, no individual bank holding or fixed rate note investment exceeded 6.4% of the Company's net assets at 30 November 2012 (10.2% of the Company's net assets at 30 November 2011).

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation or commitment that it has entered into with the Company. The Investment Manager and the Board carry out a regular review of counterparty risk. Where financial assets expose the Company to credit risk, the maximum exposure is represented by their carrying value.

Credit risk relating to listed money market securities is mitigated by investing in a portfolio of investment instruments of high credit quality, comprising securities issued by the UK Government and major UK companies and institutions.

Those assets of the Company which are traded on recognised stock exchanges are held on the Company's behalf by third party sub-custodians (for example, BlackRock in the case of listed money market securities and Charles Stanley Limited in the case of quoted equity securities). Bankruptcy or insolvency of a custodian could cause the Company's rights with respect to securities held by the custodian to be delayed or limited.

Credit risk arising on the sale of investments is considered to be small due to the short settlement and the contracted agreements in place with the settlement lawyers.

The Company's interest-bearing deposit and current accounts are maintained with HSBC and The Co-operative Bank.

Liquidity risk

The Company's financial assets include investments in AIM-quoted companies, which by their nature involve a higher degree of risk than investments on the main market. As a result, the Company may not be able to realise some of its investments in these instruments quickly at an amount close to their fair value in order to meet its liquidity requirements, or to respond to specific events such as deterioration in the creditworthiness of any particular issuer.

The Company's listed money market securities are considered to be readily realisable as they are of high credit quality as outlined above.

The Company's liquidity risk is managed on a continuing basis by the Investment Manager in accordance with policies and procedures laid down by the Board. The Company's overall liquidity risks are monitored on a quarterly basis by the Board.

The Company maintains sufficient investments in cash and readily realisable securities to pay accounts payable and accrued expenses. At 30 November 2012 these investments were valued at £2,985,000 (30 November 2011: £4,537,000).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

17. Post balance sheet events

Since the year end, the Company has made the following investments:

Company	Date	Number of shares	Cost (£)
Fusionex International plc	13 December 2012	123,791	186
Advanced Computer Software plc	9 January 2013	2,000	2
IDOX plc	9 January 2013	2,000	1
WANDisco plc	9 January 2013	400	2
Futura Medical plc	10 January 2013	2,000	2
WANDisco plc	8 February 2013	400	3
GB Group plc	20 March 2013	120,000	109
Mycelx Technologies plc	22 March 2013	10,000	29
Cello Group plc	22 March 2013	48,930	24

Disposals were made in Hargreaves Services plc (5 December 2012 and 6 December 2012), resulting in losses of £30,000 and £24,000 respectively. A part disposal was made in IDOX plc (6 December 2012), resulting in a profit of £15,000. Part disposals were made in Omega Diagnostics plc (7 December 2012 and 12 December 2012), resulting in losses of £12,000 and £3,000 respectively. Part disposals were made in Mears Group plc (7 December 2012 and 14 December 2012), resulting in profits of £7,000 and £3,000 respectively. Part disposals were made in WANDisco plc (17 January 2013), Mears Group plc (18 January 2013) and Advanced Computer Software plc (6 February 2013), resulting in gains of £76,000, £8,000 and £328,000 respectively. There was a full disposal of Daisy Group plc (5 March 2013), resulting in a gain of £4,000.

The following shares have been bought back since the year end:

19 December 2012	115,430 shares bought back and cancelled at 60.75p
10 January 2013	68,510 shares bought back and cancelled at 61.0p
28 February 2013	30,000 shares bought back and cancelled at 69.0p
1 March 2013	300,885 shares bought back and cancelled at 69.0p

On 1 February 2013, existing shareholders were notified of a top-up offer aimed to raise a further £10 million of funds for this VCT.

On 20 February 2013, as part of the Enhanced Buyback, in total 10,470,985 million shares were sold back to the company and 9,974,094 million shares were reissued.

18. Contingencies, Guarantees and Financial Commitments

There were no contingencies, guarantees or financial commitments as at 30 November 2012 (2011: none).

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Octopus Second AIM VCT plc will be held at 20 Old Bailey, London, EC4M 7AN on Thursday, 16 May 2013 at 11.00 a.m. for the purposes of considering and if thought fit, passing the following resolutions of which Resolutions 1 to 6 and 10 will be proposed as Ordinary Resolutions and Resolutions 7, 8 and 9 will be proposed as Special Resolutions:

ORDINARY BUSINESS

1. To receive and adopt the financial statements for the year to 30 November 2012 and the Directors' and Auditor's reports thereon.
2. To approve a final dividend of 1.7p pence per Ordinary share.
3. To approve the Directors' Remuneration Report.
4. To re-elect Keith Mullins as a Director.
5. To appoint BDO LLP as auditor of the Company in accordance with section 489 of the Companies Act 2006, until the conclusion of the next general meeting of the Company at which audited accounts are laid before members, and to authorise the Directors to determine their remuneration.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

To consider and if thought fit, pass Resolutions 6 and 10 as Ordinary Resolutions and Resolutions 7, 8 and 9, as Special Resolutions:-

6. AUTHORITY TO ALLOT RELEVANT SECURITIES

THAT the Directors be and are generally and unconditionally authorised in accordance with s551 of the Companies Act 2006 to exercise all the powers of the Company to allot shares in the Company up to a maximum nominal amount of £853.00 (representing approximately 20% of the Ordinary share capital in issue at 6 March 2013) such authority to expire at the later of the conclusion of the Company's Annual General Meeting next following the passing of this Resolution and the expiry of 15 months from the passing of the relevant Resolution (unless previously revoked, varied or extended by the Company in a general meeting but so that such authority allows the Company to make offers or agreements before the expiry thereof, which would or might require relevant securities to be allotted after the expiry of such authority).

7. EMPOWERMENT TO MAKE ALLOTMENTS OF EQUITY SECURITIES

TO empower the Directors pursuant to s571 of the Companies Act 2006 to allot or make offers or agreements to allot equity securities (as defined in s560(1) of the said Act) for cash pursuant to the authority referred to in Resolution 6 as if s561(1) of the said Act did not apply to any such allotments and so that:

- (a) reference to allotment in this Resolution shall be construed in accordance with s560(2) of the said Act; and
- (b) the power conferred by this Resolution shall enable the Company to make any offer or agreement before the expiry of the said power which would or might require equity securities to be allotted after the expiry of the said power and the Directors may allot equity securities in pursuance of such offer or agreement notwithstanding the expiry of such power.

And this power, unless previously varied, revoked or renewed, shall come to an end at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of the Company next following the passing of this Resolution or, if earlier, on the expiry of 15 months from the passing of this Resolution.

8. AUTHORITY TO MAKE MARKET PURCHASES

THAT the Company be and is hereby generally and unconditionally authorised to make market purchases (within the meaning of s693(4) of the Act) of Ordinary shares of 0.01p each in the Company ('Ordinary shares') provided that:

- (a) the maximum number of Ordinary shares so authorised to be purchased shall not exceed 10% of the present issued Ordinary share capital of the Company;
- (b) the minimum price which may be paid for an Ordinary share shall be 0.01p;
- (c) the maximum price, exclusive of expenses, which may be paid for an Ordinary share is an amount equal to 105% of the average of the middle market quotations for an Ordinary share taken from the London Stock Exchange Daily Official List for the five business days immediately preceding the day on which the Ordinary share is contracted to be purchased;
- (d) the authority conferred comes to an end at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company or upon the expiry of 15 months from the passing of this Resolution, whichever is the later; and
- (e) that the Company may enter into a contract to purchase its Ordinary shares under this authority prior to the expiry of this authority which would or might be completed wholly or partly after the expiry of this authority.

9. CANCELLATION OF SHARE PREMIUM ACCOUNT

THAT, subject to the approval of the High Court of Justice, the Company be and is hereby authorised to cancel the share premium account and the capital redemption reserve of the Company.

10. CONTINUATION OF THE COMPANY AS A VCT

THAT the Company continue in being as a Venture Capital Trust until 2019.

By Order of the Board

20 Old Bailey
London
EC4M 7AN



Patricia Standaloft ACIS

Company Secretary

22 March 2013

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(continued)

NOTES

- (a) A member entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting may appoint one or more proxies to attend and vote on his or her behalf. A proxy need not be a member.
- (b) A form of proxy is enclosed which, to be effective, must be completed and delivered to the registrars of the Company, **Capita Registrars, PXS, The Registry, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4TU** so as to be received by no later than 48 hours before the time the Annual General Meeting is scheduled to begin. The completion and return of the form of proxy will not affect the right of a member to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting.
- (c) As an alternative to returning a hard-copy proxy form by post, you can appoint a proxy by sending it by fax to Octopus Investments Limited on 020 7657 3338. For the proxy appointment to be valid, your appointment must be received by Octopus Investments Limited in such time as it can be transmitted to the registrars of the Company so as to be received no later than 48 hours before the time appointed for the meeting or any adjourned meeting, or in the case of a poll taken subsequent to the date of the meeting or adjourned meeting, so as to be received no later than 24 hours before the time appointed for taking the poll. Capita Registrars will not be liable for any proxy forms rendered illegible by means of fax transmission.
- (d) You may submit your proxy electronically using the Shareportal Service at www.capitashareportal.com. If not already registered for the share portal, you will need your investor code which can be found on your share certificate. If you cannot locate your investor code, please contact Capita Registrars Limited, between 9.00 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. (GMT) Monday to Friday (except UK public holidays) on telephone number 0871 664 0300 or, if telephoning from outside the UK, on +44 20 8639 3399. Calls to Capita Registrars' helpline (0871 664 0300) are charged at 10p per minute (including VAT) plus your service provider's network extras. Calls to the helpline from outside the UK will be charged at applicable international rates. Different charges may apply to calls from mobile telephones and calls may be recorded and randomly monitored for security and training purposes.
- (e) Any person receiving a copy of the Notice as a person nominated by a member to enjoy information rights under section 146 of the Companies Act 2006 (a 'Nominated Person') should note that the provisions in Notes (a) and (b) above concerning the appointment of a proxy or proxies to attend the meeting in place of a member, do not apply to a Nominated Person as only Shareholders have the right to appoint a proxy. However, a Nominated Person may have a right under an agreement between the Nominated Person and the member by whom he or she was nominated to be appointed, or to have someone else appointed, as a proxy for the meeting. If a Nominated Person has no such proxy appointment right or does not wish to exercise it, he/she may have a right under such an agreement to give instructions to the member as to the exercise of voting rights at the meeting.
- (f) Section 319A of the Companies Act 2006 requires the Directors to answer any question raised at the AGM which relates to the business of the meeting although no answer need be given (a) if to do so would interfere unduly with the preparation of the meeting or involve disclosure of confidential information; (b) if the answer has already been given on the Company's website; or (c) if it is undesirable in the best interests of the Company or the good order of the meeting.
- (g) Members satisfying the thresholds in section 527 of the Companies Act 2006 can require the Company to publish a statement on its website setting out any matter relating to (a) the audit of the Company's accounts (including the auditor's report and the conduct of the audit) that are to be laid before the Annual General Meeting; or (b) any circumstances connected with an auditor of the Company ceasing to hold office since the last Annual General Meeting, that the members propose to raise at the meeting. The Company cannot require the members requesting the publication to pay its expenses. Any statement required to be placed on the website must also be sent to the Company's auditors no later than the time it makes its statement available on the website. The business which may be dealt with at the meeting includes any statement that the Company has been required to publish on its website.
- (h) Under sections 338 and 338A Companies Act 2006, members meeting the threshold requirements in those sections have the right to require the Company:
 - (i) To give, to members of the Company entitled to receive notice of the meeting, notice of a resolution which may properly be moved and is intended to be moved at the meeting, and/or
 - (ii) To include the business to be dealt with at the meeting any matters (other than a proposed resolution) which may be properly included in the business.

A resolution may properly be moved or a matter may properly be included in the business unless:

- (i) (in the case of a resolution only) it would, if passed, be ineffective (whether by reason of inconsistency with any enactment or the Company's constitution or otherwise);
- (ii) It is defamatory of any person; or
- (iii) It is frivolous or vexatious.

Such a request may be in hard copy form or in electronic form, and must identify the resolution of which notice is to be given or the matter to be included in the business, must be authorised by the person or persons making it, must be received by the Company not later than six weeks before the meeting, and (in the case of a matter to be included in the business only) must be accompanied by a statement setting out the grounds for the request.

- (i) A copy of the Notice of Annual General Meeting and the information required by Section 311A Companies Act 2006 is included on the Company's website, www.octopusinvestments.com under Products/Venture Capital Trusts.
- (j) Copies of the Directors' Letters of Appointment, the Register of Directors' Interests in the Ordinary shares of the Company kept in accordance with the Listing Rules and a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company will be available for inspection at the registered office of the Company during usual business hours on any weekday from the date of this notice until the Annual General Meeting, and at the place of that meeting for at least 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the meeting until its conclusion.

PROXY FORM

OCTOPUS SECOND AIM VCT PLC

Annual General Meeting – 16 May 2013

I/We.....

(BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)

of [address].....

being a member of Octopus Second AIM VCT plc, hereby appoint the Chairman of the meeting or;

Name of Proxy Number of Shares.....

as my/our proxy to vote for me/us on my/our behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held on 16 May 2013, notice of which was sent to shareholders with the Directors' Report and the accounts for the year ended 30 November 2012, and at any adjournment thereof. The proxy will vote as indicated below in respect of the Resolutions set out in the notice of meeting.

Please indicate by ticking the box if this proxy appointment is one of multiple appointments being made. ☐

For the appointment of one or more proxy, please refer to the explanatory note 4 below.

RESOLUTION NUMBER	FOR	AGAINST	WITHHELD
1. To receive, consider and adopt the financial statements for the year ended 30 November 2012	☐	☐	☐
2. To approve a final dividend	☐	☐	☐
3. To approve the Directors' Remuneration Report	☐	☐	☐
4. To re-elect Keith Mullins as a Director	☐	☐	☐
5. To appoint BDO LLP as auditor of the Company in accordance with section 489 of the Companies Act 2006, until the conclusion of the next general meeting of the Company at which audited accounts are laid before members, and to authorise the Directors to determine their remuneration.	☐	☐	☐
6. To authorise the Directors to allot shares under s551 of the Companies Act 2006 (Ordinary Resolution)	☐	☐	☐
7. To disapply s561 of the Companies Act 2006 and allot shares on a non-rights issue basis (Special Resolution)	☐	☐	☐
8. To authorise the Directors to make market purchases of its own shares (Special Resolution)	☐	☐	☐
9. To authorise the Directors to cancel the share premium account and capital redemption Reserve of the Company	☐	☐	☐
10. To continue the Company as a Venture Capital Trust until 2019 (Ordinary Resolution)	☐	☐	☐

Signed: Dated: 2013

If you are unable to attend the AGM and wish to pass on any comments to the Board, please use the box below:

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1. To be valid, the proxy form must be received by the Registrars of Octopus Eclipse VCT plc at, **Capita Registrars, PXS, The Registry, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4TU**, no later than 48 hours before the commencement of the meeting. If delivering by courier please use the full address of Capita set out in the Notice.
2. Where this form of proxy is executed by a corporation it must be either under its seal or under the hand of an officer or attorney duly authorised.
3. Every holder has the right to appoint some other person(s) of their choice, who need not be a shareholder as his proxy to exercise all or any of his rights, to attend, speak and vote on their behalf at the meeting. If you wish to appoint a person other than the Chairman, please insert the name of your chosen proxy holder in the space provided. If the proxy is being appointed in relation to less than your full voting entitlement, please enter next to the proxy holder's name the number of shares in relation to which they are authorised to act as your proxy. If left blank your proxy will be deemed to be authorised in respect of your full voting entitlement. (or if this proxy form has been issued in respect of a designated account for a shareholder, the full voting entitlement for that designated account.)
4. To appoint more than one proxy, you may photocopy this form. Please indicate next to the proxy holder's name the number of shares in relation to which they are authorised to act as your proxy. Please also indicate by ticking the box provided if the proxy instruction is one of multiple instructions being given. All forms must be signed and should be returned together in the same envelope.
5. The 'Vote Withheld' option is provided to enable you to abstain on any particular resolution. However, it should be noted that a 'Vote Withheld' is not a vote in law and will not be counted in the calculation of the proportion of the votes 'For' and 'Against' a resolution.
6. If the proxy form is signed and returned without any indication as to how the proxy shall vote, the proxy will exercise his/her discretion as to whether and how he/she votes.
7. Pursuant to regulation 41 of the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001, entitlement to attend and vote at the meeting and the number of votes which may be cast thereat will be determined by reference to the Register of Members of the Company at 6.00 p.m. on the day which is two days before the day of the meeting or adjourned meeting. Changes to entries on the Register of Members after that time shall be disregarded in determining the rights of any person to attend and vote at the meeting.
8. You may submit your proxy electronically using the Shareportal Service at www.capitashareportal.com. If not already registered for the share portal, you will need your investor code which can be found on your share certificate. If you cannot locate your investor code, please contact Capita Registrars Limited, between 9.00 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. (GMT) Monday to Friday (except UK public holidays) on telephone number 0871 664 0300 or, if telephoning from outside the UK, on +44 20 8639 3399. Calls to Capita Registrars' helpline (0871 664 000) are charged at 10p per minute (including VAT) plus your service provider's network extras. Calls to the helpline from outside the UK will be charged at applicable international rates. Different charges may apply to calls from mobile telephones and calls may be recorded and randomly monitored for security and training purposes.
9. The address on the envelope containing this notice is how your address appears on the Register of Members. If this information is incorrect please ring the Registrar's helpline on 0871 664 0300. (calls cost 10p per minute plus network extras, lines are open 9.00 a.m. - 5.30 p.m. Monday - Friday) to request a change of address form.
10. The completion and return of this form will not preclude a member from attending the meeting and voting in person.

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