

# Baronsmead VCT 3 plc



**-4.8%** change in Net Asset Value (NAV) per ordinary share before dividends

**£1.12m** gross proceeds raised from 121 existing Ordinary shareholders

**£7.1m** invested in 7 unquoted and 6 AiM-traded companies

## Performance Summary for the quarter to 31 March 2008

	As at 31/03/08	As at 31/12/07	Movement
Capital return			
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>£62.5m</b>	<b>£65.2m</b>	-
NAV per share	114.71p	120.44p	<b>(4.8%)</b>
Share price	107.5p	111.5p	<b>(3.6%)</b>
(Discount) to NAV	(6.3%)	(7.4%)	-

## Performance Summary to 31 March 2008

Total return Ordinary shares	3 month%	1 year %	3 year %	5 year %	Since launch %*
Net asset value <sup>1</sup>	(4.8%)	(5.8%)	23.7%	53.6%	62.5%
Share price <sup>2</sup>	(3.6%)	(0.6%)	30.8%	67.8%	51.0%
FTSE All-share <sup>3</sup>	(9.9%)	(7.7%)	31.3%	98.7%	21.4%

\*29 January 2001.

<sup>1</sup>NAV Total return = NAV + reinvested dividends.

<sup>2</sup>Share price Total return = Mid to mid share price + reinvested dividends;

Source: Datastream.

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## Investment Objective

Baronsmead VCT 3 is a tax efficient listed company which aims to achieve long-term capital growth and generate tax-free dividends for private investors.

## Investment Performance

Weakening economic conditions affected the UK smaller companies and this has had an impact on valuations for both unquoted and AiM portions of the portfolio. Where companies in the unquoted portfolio are facing challenging market conditions the Manager is taking actions to sustain and improve performance as necessary.

The relative health of the portfolio as measured by the 'direction of travel' has remained firm with some 83% of the 81 investee companies reporting steady or better trading progress. As stated in the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2007, the unquoted investment in Hawksmere made in December 2003 was realised in January 2008 at 2.5 times the £766,000 cost. After the period end a further unquoted investment in kidsunlimited was sold for 4.75 times cost.

## Top Ten Investments

Position as at 31/03/08 (31/12/07)	Activity	% of NAV as at 31/03/08
1 (1) Reed & Mackay Ltd	Travel management	<b>3.66</b>
2 (10) SLR Group Ltd	Environmental consultancy	<b>3.59</b>
3 (2) Independent Living Services	Domiciliary care	<b>3.58</b>
4 (6) kidsunlimited	Children's day care	<b>3.07</b>
5 (7) ScriptSwitch Ltd	Prescription software	<b>2.87</b>
6 (3) Kafévend Ltd	Vending services	<b>2.77</b>
7 (8) Credit Solutions Holdings Ltd	Credit management	<b>2.74</b>
8 (-) CSC (World) Ltd	Structural engineers software	<b>2.57</b>
9 (-) Cablecom Network Holdings Ltd	Internet access solutions	<b>2.54</b>
10 (-) Jelf Group plc	Financial services consultancy	<b>2.54</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>29.93</b>

## Investment Activity

The Manager's efforts in finding new investments have been assisted by a low pricing environment and its continued work on direct origination. There was a high level of new investment in the quarter, totalling £7.1 million across 7 unquoted opportunities and 6 AiM investments.

Company	Cost (£000's)	VCT Status
Active Assistance	679	Qualifying
Carnell Contractors	1,499	Part non-qualifying
Character Group *	97	Non-qualifying
CSC (World)	1,606	Non-qualifying
Debts.co.uk *	263	Qualifying
Electric World *	7	Non-qualifying
Independent Media Distribution *	6	Non-qualifying
Maelor *	246	Qualifying
Nexus	1,368	Part non-qualifying
Occam	3	Qualifying
Playforce	1,033	Part non-qualifying
STM *	140	Non-qualifying
Xention	152	Qualifying
<b>Total investment</b>	<b>7,099</b>	
* AiM traded		



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## Analysis of Total Assets

	Percentage of total assets 31/03/08	Percentage of total assets 31/12/07
<b>Investment Portfolio</b>		
Unquoted investments	50	42
AiM and listed investments	23	25
<b>Total investment portfolio</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>67</b>
<b>Cash Portfolio</b>		
Interest bearing securities	19	25
Cash	8	8
<b>Total cash portfolio</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

## Analysis of Investment Portfolio by Sector\*

	Percentage of total investments at 31/03/08	Percentage of total investments at 31/12/07
Business Services	46	44
Healthcare	13	12
IT Support Services	22	20
Media	7	9
Consumer Markets	12	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

\* Excluding interest bearing securities and cash

Other than the realisation of kidsunlimited set out overleaf, the Board is not aware of any significant events or transactions which have occurred between 31 March 2008 and the date of publication of this statement which would have a material impact on the financial position of the Company.

## Future share issues

The current state of the economy will no doubt provide attractive investment opportunities and as a consequence the Board is minded to ensure there is sufficient available capital within Baronsmead VCT 3 to take advantage of this. The intention is that there will be a new share offer available to shareholders in the 2008/2009 tax year and this will be communicated more clearly to shareholders once the Board has agreed the detailed plan.

## Daily and key information

Further information regarding the Company, including daily net asset values published since the end of the period and quarterly factsheets, can be found at the Company's website [www.baronsmeadvct3.co.uk](http://www.baronsmeadvct3.co.uk)

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