

Baronsmead Second Venture Trust plc Half-yearly report for the six months ended 31 March 2024



About Baronsmead Second Venture Trust plc

Our investment objective

Baronsmead Second Venture Trust plc (the "Company") is a tax efficient listed company which aims to achieve long-term positive investment returns for private investors, including tax free dividends.

Investment policy1

- To invest primarily in a diverse portfolio of UK growth businesses, whether unquoted or traded on the Alternative Investment Market ("AIM").
- Investments are made selectively across a range of sectors in companies that have the potential to grow and enhance their value.

Dividend policy²

- The Board will, where possible, seek to pay two dividends to shareholders in each financial year, typically an interim dividend in September and a final dividend following the Annual General Meeting in February/March.
- The Board will use, as a guide, when setting the dividends for a financial year, a sum representing 7 per cent. of the opening net asset value of that financial year.
- 1. This is a summary of the Company's investment policy that is set out on page 99 of the Company's Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2023.
- 2. This is a summary of the Company's dividend policy that is set out on page 36 of the Company's Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2023.

Key elements of the business model

Access to an attractive, diverse portfolio

The Company gives shareholders access to a diverse portfolio of growth businesses.

The Company will make investments in growth businesses, whether unquoted or traded on AIM, which are substantially based in the UK in accordance with the prevailing VCT legislation. Investments are made selectively across a range of sectors.

The Manager's approach to investing

The Manager endeavours to select the best opportunities and applies a distinctive selection criteria based on:

- Primarily investing in parts of the economy which are experiencing long-term structural growth.
- Businesses that demonstrate, or have the potential for, market leadership in their niche.
- Management teams that can develop and deliver profitable and sustainable growth.
- Companies with the potential to become an attractive asset appealing to a range of buyers at the appropriate time to sell.

In order to ensure a strong pipeline of opportunities, the Manager invests in building deep sector knowledge and networks and undertakes significant proactive marketing to interesting target companies in preferred sectors. This approach generates a network of potentially suitable businesses with which the Manager maintains a relationship ahead of possible investment opportunities.

The Manager as an influential shareholder

The Manager is an engaged and supportive shareholder (on behalf of the Company) in both unquoted and significant quoted investments.

For unquoted investments, representatives of the Manager often join the investee board.

The role of the Manager with investees is to ensure that strategy is clear, the business plan can be implemented and that management resources are in place to deliver profitable growth. The intention is to build on the business model and grow the company into an attractive target which can be sold or potentially floated in the medium term.

A more detailed explanation of how the business model is applied is provided in the Other Matters section of the Strategic Report on pages 32 to 36 in the Company's Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2023.

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Change in net asset value per share^{1,2} (six months to 31 March 2024)

+3.8%

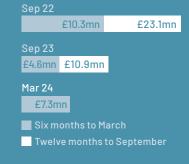


NAV per share increased 3.8 per cent. to 57.7p before the deduction of dividends in the six months to 31 March 2024.

New investments³

(six months to 31 March 2024)

£7.3mn



Investments made into four new and six follow-on opportunities during the period. (Unquoted: £6.2mn, Quoted: £1.1mn).

Financial highlights

Net asset value total return¹ (as at 31 March 2024)

329.7p

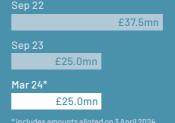
323.2p
318.5p
329.7p

Net Asset Value ("NAV") total return to shareholders for every 100.0p invested at launch (January 2001).

Funds raised

(six months to 31 March 2024)

£25.0mn Sep 23



£25.0mn raised in the period (before costs).

Strategic report

- 1. Alternative Performance Measures ("APM")/Key Performance Indicators ("KPIs") please refer to glossary on page 27 for definitions.
- 2. Please refer to table on page 6 for breakdown of NAV per share movement.
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Performance summary

Ten-year performance record



* Six months to 31 March 2024.

Source: Gresham House Asset Management Ltd

** Net asset value total return (gross dividends reinvested) rebased to 100p at launch.

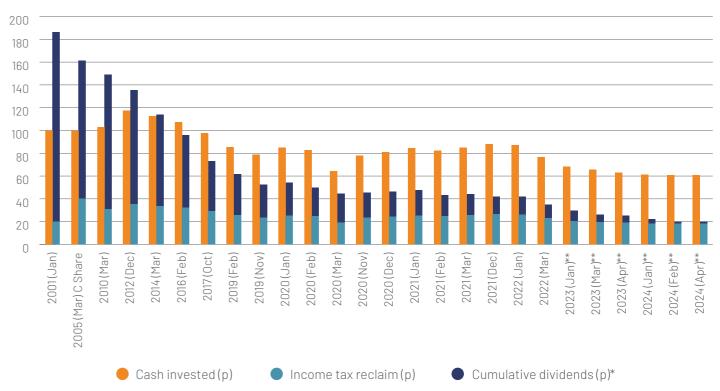
Dividend history over the last ten financial years#



Final dividend was paid after the year end. Source: Gresham House Asset Management Ltd

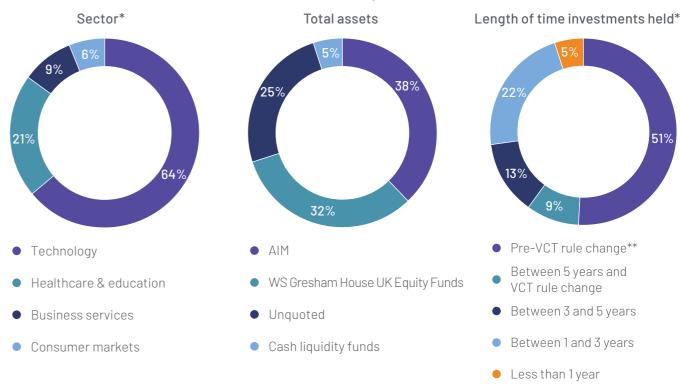
Cash returned to shareholders by date of investment

The chart below shows the cash returned to shareholders based on the subscription price and the income tax reclaimed on subscription.



- * Includes interim dividend of 1.75p per share payable on 9 September 2024.
 ** Average effective offer price. Shares were allotted pursuant to the 2023 & 2024 Offers at individual prices for each investor in accordance with the allotment formula as set out in each Offers Securities Note.

Investment diversification at 31 March 2024 by value



- * Direct investments only, not held by the WS Gresham House UK Equity Funds.
- ** Investments made prior to the VCT rule change that took effect from 18 November 2015.

Chair's statement

I am pleased to announced that, despite the volatile market conditions witnessed over the last six months, the Company's net asset value increased by 2.1p per share to 57.7p. As described more fully below, the strong performance of the Company's listed portfolio outweighed the weakness in the value of the Company's unquoted investments and this once again highlights the benefits of the Company's investment policy of having a combination of unquoted and listed assets. This approach supports the Company's aim of providing a more consistent total return to shareholders over the medium to long term. After the period end, the NAV has continued to increase through further good performance of the listed portfolio, as reported on below.

Over the six months to 31 March 2024, whilst the Bank of England base rate remained at 5.25%, the highest level in 15 years, hostilities in the Middle East intensified global uncertainty. However, continued reductions in headline inflation and the stable base rate supported a rebound in UK equity performance during the latter part of 2023, with markets pricing in expectations of continued moderating inflation and falling interest rates in 2024. In the first months of 2024, inflation fell by more than many economists predicted but the benefits were felt unevenly across the UK equity market. Large cap stocks outperformed their smaller counterparts over the period and this was partly attributable to investors' lack of confidence in this section of the market and the further outflows of money from UK funds investing in smaller cap companies.

As we enter the new quarter, it's fair to say that consumer and business confidence remain fragile with elevated macroeconomic and geopolitical uncertainty expected to continue to drive market volatility over the coming months. However, your Board continues to believe that, in aggregate, the fundamentals of the underlying portfolio companies remain robust and the growth prospects for the majority of investee companies continue to be positive over the medium term.



Results

During the six months to 31 March 2024, the Company's NAV per share increased 3.8 per cent. from 55.6p to 57.7p after the payment of a final dividend of 2.25p per share on 8 March 2024. The table below breaks down the movement in NAV over the 6 months.

	ordinary share
NAV as at 1 October 2023	
(after deducting the final dividend of 2.25p)	55.6
Valuation increase (3.8 per cent.)	2.1
NAV as at 31 March 2024	57.7

Pence per

The Board is pleased to report as at 31 May 2024, the NAV was 59.8p per share, a 3.6 per cent. increase over the NAV as at 31 March 2024. This was driven by firmer quoted markets and further increases in the value of the Company's listed investments.

Dividends

The Board has declared an interim dividend of 1.75p per share to be paid on 9 September 2024 to shareholders on the register as of 9 August 2024. The Board is aware that dividends are an important part of the total return to the shareholders' investment in the Company. As such, the Board is aiming to achieve its dividend policy objective of an annual yield of 7.0 per cent. based on the NAV at the beginning of the financial year. I must of course remind shareholders this is not a guarantee and that payment dates and the amount of future dividends depend on the level and timing of profitable realisations.

Portfolio review

The table below provides a summary of each asset class and the return generated during the period under review.

Asset class	NAV (£mn)	% of NAV*	investee companies**	% return in the period***
Unquoted	53	25	40	(4)
AIM-traded companies	83	38	42	8
WS Gresham House UK Equity Funds	68	32	90	8
Liquid assets#	11	5	N/A	3
Total	215	100	172	4

- * By value at 31 March 2024.
- ** Includes investee companies held in more than one fund. Total number of individual companies held is 159.
- *** Return includes interest received on unquoted realisations during the period.
- # Represents cash, cash liquidity funds and net current assets. % return in the period relates only to the cash liquidity funds.

The value of the unquoted portfolio decreased 3.8 per cent. in the six months to 31 March 2024. The drop in value was driven by the reduction in value of one key asset, with the remaining portfolio showing an increase in value over the period.

The value of the Company's portfolio of investments directly held in AIM-traded companies increased 8.2 per cent. in the six months to 31 March 2024. The value of the Company's investment into the WS Gresham House UK Micro Cap Fund ("Micro Cap") increased by 6.7 per cent., the WS Gresham House UK Smaller Companies Fund increased by 9.2 per cent. and the WS Gresham House UK Multi Cap Income Fund ("Multi Cap Income") increased by 7.4 per cent. in the period. This was primarily due to positive news flow from individual companies across the portfolio being well received by the markets with a number of trading updates demonstrating better than expected financial performance.

In the Manager's regular reporting to the Board, the Directors were pleased to learn that in the 6 months to 31 March 2024, a number of companies in our listed portfolio reported in-line or positive news flow in terms of their financial performance. This is welcome given the economic and political environment which we are facing.

Investments and divestments

The Company's investments and divestments during the period are set out below.

Investments

I am pleased to report that the Company made four new investments totalling £4.4mn and six follow-on investments with a combined value of £2.9mn in the six months to 31 March 2024. Below are descriptions of the new investments made:

 Azarc (unquoted) - Cross-border customs automation software provider

- CitySwift (unquoted) Passenger transport data and scheduling software provider
- Ozone API (unquoted) Open banking software developer
- SciLeads (unquoted) Life Sciences data and lead generation provider

Following the period end, a total of £2.1mn was invested as follows:

- follow-on investment of £0.2mn into Rockfish, a chain of fish restaurants, which is in our unquoted portfolio
- follow-on investment of £0.2mn into Yappy, a supplier of customisable pet products, which is in our unquoted portfolio
- follow-on investment of £0.5mn into Counting, a banking and software provider for small businesses, which is in our unquoted portfolio
- new unquoted investment of £1.2mn into OnSecurity Technology, a penetration testing provider

Realisations

During the period, in the unquoted portfolio, Funding Xchange, a SME lending marketplace, was acquired resulting in a gross money multiple of 0.1x original cost and Armstrong Craven, a recruitment company, went into administration. The business had experienced very challenging trading conditions over the past year and its valuation had already been written down to zero.

In the listed portfolio, Gresham House was acquired via a recommended cash offer resulting in a gross money multiple of 3.9x original cost. The Manager also continued to take profits from partial sales of the Company's holding of Cerillion plc resulting in proceeds of £4.1mn, and a gross money multiple of 21.0x original cost.

01 Strategic report - Chair's statement

Fundraising

I am pleased to report that, shortly after the period end, the Company successfully raised £25.0mn (before costs) through an offer for subscription which became fully subscribed in April 2024. The Directors are pleased to welcome the 800 new shareholders who invested during the offer period and are appreciative of the continued support of 556 pre-existing shareholders.

The Board will consider whether to raise new funds in the 2024/25 tax year. This will be determined by the Company's cashflow and its anticipated requirements to fund new and follow-on investments over the next two to three years. The Board appreciates that shareholders would like plenty of notice of its fundraising intentions and will ensure that shareholders are informed of any such fundraising at the earliest practical time.

Consumer Duty

The FCA's Consumer Duty came into force on 31 July 2023 and, in summary, requires firms to which this applies to act to deliver good outcomes for their retail customers. The Consumer Duty regulations apply to the regulated and ancillary activities of all FCA authorised firms under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, the Payment Services Regulations 2017 and the Electronic Money Regulations 2011. The Company is not a FCA authorised firm and accordingly does not fall within scope of these regulations. However, the Company's Manager, Gresham House Asset Management Ltd, being an FCA authorised firm, is covered by the regulations and the Board is cognisant of the Manager's obligations to comply with the Consumer Duty. The Board receives regular updates from the Manager on the delivery of its obligations under the Consumer Duty and is satisfied that the Manager is complying with all appropriate regulation.

VCT Regulation - Financial Heath Test

Since the various VCT rule changes in both 2015 and 2018, VCT qualifying investments have become focussed on smaller, younger companies. As a result, when the Manager makes a new investment, they expect to make further follow-on investments as the investee company progresses and where the business case for the investment is justified. These follow-on investments are subject to the same VCT compliance rules as new deals and both rely on certain criteria being met, including the Financial Health Test.

The Financial Health Test is not something new and was primarily introduced as an anti-abuse regulation. However, following amendment to HMRC's guidance, there has been an effective tightening of the interpretation the Financial Health Test. This is resulting in the restriction of potential follow-on VCT investment to support certain portfolio companies.

This has the potential to negatively impact shareholders' returns as a result of portfolio companies going into administration when they might otherwise have gone on to be successful. Furthermore, as this is an industry wide issue, this measure increases the uncertainties small companies face at a particularly difficult time and may well result in unnecessary job losses and hardship to employees and their families and has the potential to reduce the overall tax efficiency of the VCT scheme as a whole.

In December 2023, the Venture Capital Trust Association ("VCTA") held a meeting with government officials to discuss the recent difficulties with the application of the new guidance. The meeting was successful with the government officials acknowledging the difficulties. They clarified that going forward, while the 50% rule (i.e. amount of raised capital converted to retained losses) will remain the first line of assessment of financial health, businesses will be given the opportunity to explain why they should be recognised as financially healthy even if they do not meet this rule.

The Board continues to monitor developments in this area carefully and supports the representations being made by the Association of Investment Companies ("AIC") and the VCTA to HMRC and HM Treasury.

Outlook

The Board expects that elevated macroeconomic and global and domestic political uncertainty, including anaemic UK economic growth and upcoming elections in the UK in July and US in November, will continue to drive market volatility over the coming months. Global investors remain particularly sensitive to new inflation data and shifting central bank commentary on interest rates, while conflicts in the Ukraine and the Middle East threaten regional stability.

Against this, the Company's portfolio remains highly diversified and is largely positioned in sectors which the Manager expects to provide long-term growth potential. We remain committed to investing through the economic cycle as experience suggests that this can produce superior returns over the longer term. This can also provide an opportunity for the Company to make high quality investments and build strategic stakes in businesses with great potential at attractive prices. This applies to both new investments and follow-on investments in the portfolio. The Manager continues to see a good pipeline of potential investments and the Board is confident that the Company remains suitably resourced to support investment into new and existing portfolio companies.

Sarah Fromson

Chair

10 June 2024

Investments in the period

Company	Location	Sector	Activity	cost £′000
Unquoted investments				
New				
Ozone Financial Technology Ltd	London	Technology	Open banking infrastructure provider	1,847
Huddl Mobility Ltd (trading as CitySwift)	Ireland	Technology	SaaS product for bus operators and local authorities to aggregate, cleanse and access insight from data from across their bus networks	938
SciLeads Ltd	London	Technology	A data-intelligence platform that enables companies operating within Life Science verticals to identify, track and convert potential customers	915
Azarc.io Inc	London	Technology	Automating customs declarations	652
Follow-on				
Patchworks Integration Ltd	London	Technology	Leading integration platform for fast-growing retail and ecommerce businesses	910
Metrion Biosciences Ltd	Cambridgeshire	Healthcare & education	lon channel drug discovery and safety assessment services provider	548
Focal Point Positioning Ltd	Cambridgeshire	Technology	A research and development focused technology business focusing on global navigation and satellite systems	227
Orri Ltd	London	Healthcare & education	Provider of intensive day care treatments for eating disorders	114
Total unquoted investments				6,151
AIM-traded investments				
Follow-on				
Eden Research plc	Oxfordshire	Business services	Developer of biological fungicides and bio equivalents	895
PCI-PAL plc	London	Technology	Secure payment services provider	239
Total AIM-traded investments	3			1,134
Total investments in the perio	d#			7,285

[#] Includes unquoted and AIM investments only.

Realisations in the period

		First	Original		Overall	
		investment	book cost#	Proceeds [‡]	multiple	IRR
Company		date	£'000	£'000	return(x)	(%)
Unquoted realisations						
Funding Xchange Ltd	Full trade sale	Nov 19	795	50	0.1	0.0
Armstrong Craven Ltd	Written off	Jun 13	664	-	1.1*	1.6
Total unquoted realisations			1,459	50		
AIM-traded realisations						
Cerillion plc	Market sale	Jul 15	196	4,127	21.0	44.3
Gresham House plc	Takeover	Nov 14	137	530	3.9	15.9
Total AIM-traded realisations			333	4,657		
Total realisations in the period**			1,792	4,707		

Liquidation proceeds of £114k were received during the period from InterQuest Group plc, which was written off in September 2023.

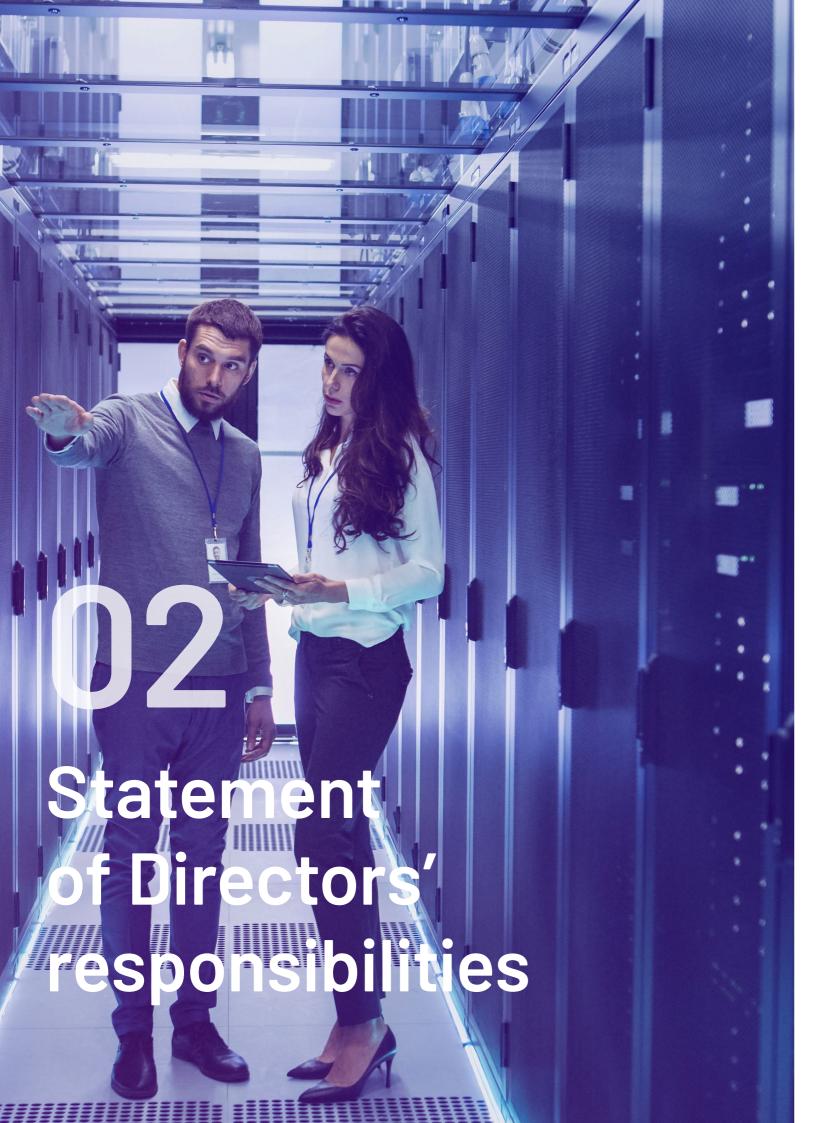
Book

[#] Residual book cost at realisation date.

[‡] Proceeds at time of realisation including interest.

^{*} Includes interest/dividends received, loan note redemptions and partial realisations accounted for in prior periods.

 $[\]ensuremath{^{**}}$ Includes unquoted and AIM investments only.



Responsibility statement of the Directors in respect of the half-yearly report

Half-yearly report

The important events that have occurred during the period under review, the key factors influencing the financial statements and the principal uncertainties for the remaining six months of the financial year are set out in the Chair's statement and the Strategic report.

The principal risks facing the Company are unchanged since the date of the Company's Annual Report for the financial year ended 30 September 2023 and continue to be as set out in that Report on pages 22 and 23.

Risks faced by the Company include but are not limited to; loss of approval as a Venture Capital Trust, legislative risk, investment performance risk, risk of economic, political and other external factors, regulatory and compliance risk and operational risk. The Board considers the conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East to be factors which permeate these risks, and their impacts for the remaining six months of the year continue to be kept under review.

Responsibility statement

Each director confirms that to the best of their knowledge:

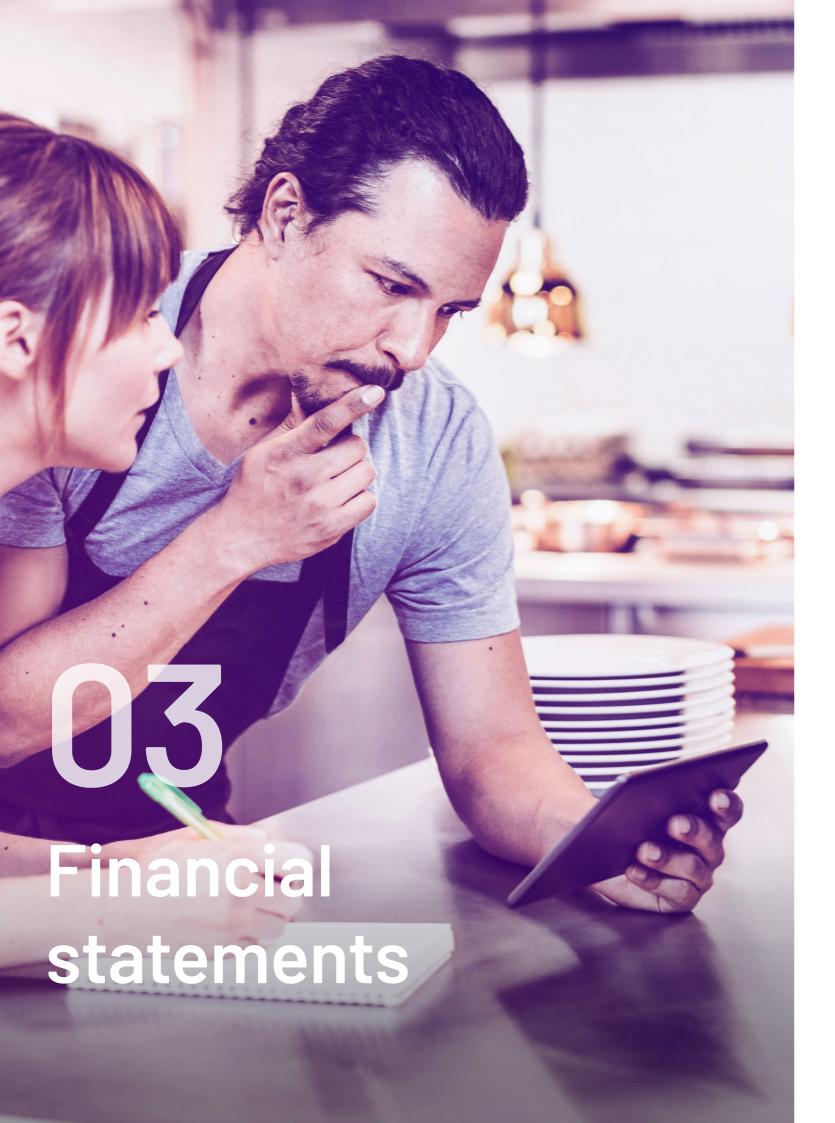
- the condensed set of financial statements has been prepared in accordance with FRS 104 Interim Financial Reporting Standards and gives a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Company.
- This half-yearly report includes a fair review of the information required by:
- a) DTR 4.2.7R of the Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules, being an indication of important events that have occurred during the first six months of the financial year and their impact on the condensed set of financial statements; and a description of the principal risks and uncertainties for the remaining six months of the year; and
- b) DTR 4.2.8R of the Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules, being related party transactions that have taken place in the first six months of the current financial year and that have materially affected the financial position or performance of the Company during that period; and any changes in the related party transactions described in the last annual report that could do so.

The half-yearly report was approved by the Board of Directors on 10 June 2024 and was signed on its behalf by Ms Sarah Fromson, Chair.

Sarah Fromson

Chair

10 June 2024



Condensed income statement

For the six months to 31 March 2024 (Unaudited)

		Six months to 31 March 2024		Six months to 31 March 2023		Year to 30 September 2023				
	Notes	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £′000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £′000
Gains/(losses) on investments	5	-	8,029	8,029	-	(2,132)	(2,132)	-	(4,284)	(4,284)
Income		2,100	-	2,100	1,201	-	1,201	3,082	-	3,082
Investment management fee		(593)	(1,779)	(2,372)	(620)	(1,860)	(2,480)	(1,252)	(3,758)	(5,010)
Other expenses		(387)	-	(387)	(357)	-	(357)	(700)	-	(700)
Profit/(loss) before taxation		1,120	6,250	7,370	224	(3,992)	(3,768)	1,130	(8,042)	(6,912)
Taxation		-	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	
Profit/(loss) for the period, being total comprehensive income for the period		1,120	6,250	7,370	224	(3,992)	(3,768)	1,130	(8,042)	(6,912)
Return per ordinary share:										
Basic and Diluted	2	0.31p	1.71p	2.02p	0.07p	(1.21p)	(1.14p)	0.33p	(2.32p)	(1.99p)

All items in the above statement derive from continuing operations.

There are no recognised gains and losses other than those disclosed in the Income Statement.

The revenue column of the Income Statement includes all income and expenses. The capital column accounts for the realised and unrealised profit or loss on investments and the proportion of the management fee charged to capital.

The total column of this statement is the unaudited Statement of Total Comprehensive Income of the Company prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard ("FRS"). The supplementary revenue return and capital return columns are prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice issued by the Association of Investment Companies ("AIC SORP").

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Condensed statement of changes in equity

For the six months to 31 March 2024 (Unaudited)

	Non-distributable reserves			Distributable reserves		
	Called-up share capital £'000	Share premium £'000	Revaluation reserve £'000	Capital reserve £'000	Revenue reserve £'000	Total £'000
At 1 October 2023	39,628	-	23,062	144,092	2,877	209,659
Profit after taxation	-	-	5,700	550	1,120	7,370
Net proceeds of share issues, share buybacks & sale of shares from treasury	1,347	6,666	-	(1,627)	-	6,386
Dividends paid	-	-	-	(7,965)	(371)	(8,336)
Share premium cancellation costs	-	-	-	(4)	-	(4)
At 31 March 2024	40,975	6,666	28,762	135,046	3,626	215,075

For the six months to 31 March 2023 (Unaudited)

	Non-dis	Non-distributable reserves			Distributable reserves		
	Called-up share capital £'000	Share premium £'000	Revaluation reserve £′000	Capital reserve £'000	Revenue reserve £'000	Total £'000	
At 1 October 2022	35,789	106,099	18,834	49,142	3,122	212,986	
(Loss)/profit after taxation	-	-	(3,433)	(559)	224	(3,768)	
Net proceeds of share issues, share buybacks & sale of shares from treasury	1,933	10,718	-	(771)	-	11,880	
Dividends paid	-	-	-	(9,116)	(1,013)	(10,129)	
At 31 March 2023	37,722	116,817	15,401	38,696	2,333	210,969	

For the year ended 30 September 2023 (Audited)

	Non-distributable reserves			Distributable reserves		
	Called-up share capital £'000	Share F premium £′000	Revaluation reserve	Capital reserve £'000	Revenue reserve £'000	Total £'000
At 1 October 2022	35,789	106,099	18,834	49,142	3,122	212,986
Profit/(loss) after taxation	_	_	4,228	(12,270)	1,130	(6,912)
Net proceeds of share issues, share buybacks & sale of shares from treasury	3,839	20,452	_	(2,413)	_	21,878
Dividends paid	_	_	_	(16,901)	(1,375)	(18,276)
Cancellation of share premium	_	(126,551)	-	126,551	-	-
Share premium cancellation costs	_	_	_	(17)	_	(17)
At 30 September 2023	39,628	-	23,062	144,092	2,877	209,659

Condensed balance sheet

As at 31 March 2024 (Unaudited)

	Notes	As at 31 March 2024 £'000	As at 31 March 2023 £′000	As at 30 September 2023 £'000
Fixed assets				
Unquoted investments	5	54,585	48,545	50,506
Traded on AIM	5	81,557	77,655	78,973
Collective investment vehicles	5	79,077	69,933	80,764
Investments	5	215,219	196,133	210,243
Current assets				
Debtors		565	1,477	235
Cash at bank and on deposit		674	14,803	670
		1,239	16,280	905
Creditors (amounts falling due within one year)		(1,383)	(1,444)	(1,489)
Net current (liabilities)/assets		(144)	14,836	(584)
Net assets		215,075	210,969	209,659
Capital and reserves				
Called-up share capital	3	40,975	37,722	39,628
Share premium		6,666	116,817	-
Capital reserve		135,046	38,696	144,092
Revaluation reserve	5	28,762	15,401	23,062
Revenue reserve		3,626	2,333	2,877
Equity shareholders' funds		215,075	210,969	209,659
Net asset value per share		57.7p	61.0p	57.9p
Number of ordinary shares in circulation		372,888,416	345,640,159	362,253,166

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Condensed statement of cash flows

For the six months to 31 March 2024 (Unaudited)

	Six months to 31 March 2024 £'000	Six months to 31 March 2023 £'000	Year to 30 September 2023 £'000
Net cash outflow from operating activities	(1,799)	(2,035)	(3,588)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities	3,775	(21,534)	(35,966)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) before financing activities	1,976	(23,569)	(39,554)
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from financing activities	(1,972)	1,750	3,602
Increase/(decrease) in cash	4	(21,819)	(35,952)
Reconciliation of new cash flow to movement in net cash			
Increase/(decrease) in cash	4	(21,819)	(35,952)
Opening cash at bank and on deposit	670	36,622	36,622
Closing cash at bank and on deposit	674	14,803	670
Reconciliation of profit/(loss) before taxation to net cash outflow from operating activities			
Profit/(loss) before taxation	7,370	(3,768)	(6,912)
(Gains)/losses on investments	(8,029)	2,132	4,284
Changes in working capital and other non-cash items	(1,140)	(399)	(960)
Net cash outflow from operating activities	(1,799)	(2,035)	(3,588)

Notes to the financial statements

For the six months to 31 March 2024 (Unaudited)

1 Basis of preparation

The condensed financial statements for the six months to 31 March 2024 comprise the unaudited financial statements set out on pages 13 to 16 together with the related notes on pages 17 to 20. The Company applies FRS 102 and the AIC SORP for its annual financial statements. The condensed financial statements for the six months to 31 March 2024 have therefore been prepared in accordance with FRS 104 'Interim Financial Reporting' and the principles of the AIC SORP. They have also been prepared on a going concern basis. The financial statements have been prepared on the same basis as the accounting policies set out in the Company's Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2023.

The financial information contained in this half-yearly report does not constitute statutory accounts as defined in sections 434 – 436 of the Companies Act 2006. The half-yearly report for the six months ended 31 March 2024 and for the six months ended 31 March 2023 have been neither audited nor reviewed by the Company's Auditor. The information for the year to 30 September 2023 has been extracted from the latest published audited financial statements, which have been filed with the Registrar of Companies. The report of the Auditor for the audited financial statements for the year to 30 September 2023 was: (i) unqualified; (ii) did not include a reference to any matters to which the Auditor drew attention by way of emphasis without qualifying their report; and (iii) did not contain a statement under section 498(2) or (3) of the Companies Act 2006. No statutory accounts in respect of any period after 30 September 2023 have been reported on by the Company's Auditor or delivered to the Registrar of Companies.

The Company's half yearly report has been made available on the Company's website (www.baronsmeadvcts.co.uk) and sent to shareholders where requested.

2 Performance and shareholder returns

Return per share is based on a weighted average of 365,445,232 ordinary shares in issue (31 March 2023 – 330,678,751 ordinary shares; 30 September 2023 – 346,626,977 ordinary shares).

Earnings for the first six months to 31 March 2024 should not be taken as a guide to the results of the full financial year to 30 September 2024.

3 Called-up share capital

The below table details the movement in called-up share capital during the period.

Allotted, called-up and fully paid:

Ordinary shares	£′000
396,279,533 ordinary shares of 10p each listed at 30 September 2023	39,628
13,468,470 ordinary shares of 10p each issued during the period	1,347
409,748,003 ordinary shares of 10p each listed at 31 March 2024	40,975
34,026,367 ordinary shares of 10p each held in treasury at 30 September 2023	(3,403)
2,833,220 ordinary shares of 10p each repurchased during the period and held in treasury	(283)
36,859,587 ordinary shares of 10p each held in treasury at 31 March 2024	(3,686)
372,888,416 ordinary shares of 10p each in circulation* at 31 March 2024	37,289

^{*} Carrying one vote each.

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During the six months to 31 March 2024 the Company issued 13,468,470 shares at net proceeds of £7,957,000 (after costs). During the same period, the Company purchased 2,833,220 shares to be held in treasury at a cost of £1,571,000 (including costs). The Company sold no shares from treasury. At 31 March 2024, the Company held 36,859,587 ordinary shares in treasury. Shares may be sold out of treasury below Net Asset Value as long as the discount at issue is narrower than the average discount at which the shares were bought into treasury.

Excluding treasury shares, there were 372,888,416 ordinary shares in circulation at 31 March 2024 (31 March 2023 – 345,640,159 ordinary shares; 30 September 2023 – 362,253,166 ordinary shares).

4 Dividends

The final dividend for the year ended 30 September 2023 of 2.25p per share (2.15p capital, 0.10p revenue) was paid on 8 March 2024 to shareholders on the register on 9 February 2024. The ex-dividend date was 8 February 2024.

During the year to 30 September 2023, the Company paid an interim dividend on 8 September 2023 of 2.25p per share (2.15p capital, 0.10p revenue).

An interim dividend of 1.75p per share has been declared for the year to 30 September 2024 and is payable on 9 September 2024 to shareholders on the register as of 9 August 2024. The ex-dividend date is 8 August 2024.

5 Investments

All investments are initially recognised and subsequently measured at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognised in the Income Statement.

The methods of fair value measurement are classified into a hierarchy based on reliability of the information used to determine the valuation.

- Level 1 Fair value is measured based on quoted prices in an active market.
- Level 2 Fair value is measured based on directly observable current market prices or indirectly being derived from market prices.
- Level 3 Fair value is measured using a valuation technique that is not based on data from an observable market.

The valuation of unquoted investments contained within level 3 of the Fair Value hierarchy involves key assumptions dependent upon the valuation methodology used. The primary methodologies applied are:

- Cost of recent investment.
- Earnings multiple.
- Offer less 10 per cent.

The earnings multiple approach involves more subjective inputs than the cost of recent investment and offer approaches and therefore presents a greater risk of over or under estimation. Key assumptions for the earnings multiple approach are the selection of comparable companies and the use of either historic or forecast revenue or earnings, as considered most appropriate. Other assumptions include the appropriateness of the discount magnitude applied for reduced liquidity and other qualitative factors. These assumptions are described in more detail in note 2.3 in the Company's Report and Financial Statements for the year to 30 September 2023. The techniques used in the valuation of unquoted investments have not changed materially since the date of that report.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
	Traded on AIM £'000	Collective investment vehicles £'000	Unquoted £'000	Total £'000
Opening book cost	64,431	65,537	57,213	187,181
Opening unrealised appreciation/(depreciation)	14,542	15,227	(6,707)	23,062
Opening fair value	78,973	80,764	50,506	210,243
Movements in the year:				
Transfer between levels	(1,650)	-	1,650	-
Purchases at cost	1,134	11,604	6,151	18,889
Sale - proceeds	(4,657)	(17,120)	(165)	(21,942)
- realised gains on sales	759	-	164	923
Unrealised gains/(losses) realised during the year	3,535	-	(2,129)	1,406
Increase/(decrease) in unrealised appreciation	3,463	3,829	(1,592)	5,700
Closing fair value	81,557	79,077	54,585	215,219
Closing book cost	63,552	60,021	62,884	186,457
Closing unrealised appreciation/(depreciation)	18,005	19,056	(8,299)	28,762
Closing fair value	81,557	79,077	54,585	215,219
Equity shares	81,557	-	23,478	105,035
Preference shares	-	-	20,997	20,997
Loan notes	-	-	10,110	10,110
Collective investment vehicles		79,077	_	79,077
Closing fair value	81,557	79,077	54,585	215,219

6 Other required disclosures

6.1 Segmental reporting

The Company has one reportable segment being investing in primarily a portfolio of UK growth businesses, whether unquoted, traded on AIM or collective investment vehicles.

6.2 Principal risks and uncertainties

The Company's assets consist of equity and fixed interest investments, shares in collective investment schemes, cash and liquid resources. Its principal risks are therefore market risk, price risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. Other risks faced by the Company include loss of approval as a Venture Capital Trust, legislative, investment performance, economic, political and other external factors, regulatory and compliance and operational risks. These risks, and the way in which they are managed, are described in more detail in the principal risks and uncertainties table within the Strategic report section in the Company's Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2023. The Board continues to regularly review the risk environment in which the Company operates.

6.3 Related parties

Gresham House Asset Management Ltd (the "Manager") manages the investments of the Company. The Manager also provides or procures the provision of secretarial, accounting, administrative and custodian services to the Company. Under the management agreement, the Manager receives a fee of 2.5 per cent. per annum of the net assets of the Company up to and including £209,658,860 (being the total net assets of the Company as at 30 September 2023) and 2.0 per cent. per annum of the amount by which the net assets of the Company exceed £209,658,860. This is described in more detail under the heading 'The management agreement' within the Strategic Report in the Company's Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2023. During the period the Company has incurred management fees of £2,372,000 (31 March 2023 – £2,480,000; 30 September 2023 – £5,010,000) and secretarial and accounting fees of £89,000 (31 March 2023 – £80,000; 30 September 2023 – £167,000) payable to the Manager. No performance fee has been accrued at 31 March 2024 (31 March 2023 – £nil; 30 September 2023 – £nil). This is described in more detail under the heading 'Performance fees' within the Strategic Report in the Company's Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year to 30 September 2023.

Under the terms of an Offer for Subscription, launched on 4 December 2023, the Manager was entitled to fees of 4.50% of the investment amount received from investors. This amount totalled £693,000, including the amounts alloted in April 2024, out of which all the costs associated with the allotments were met.

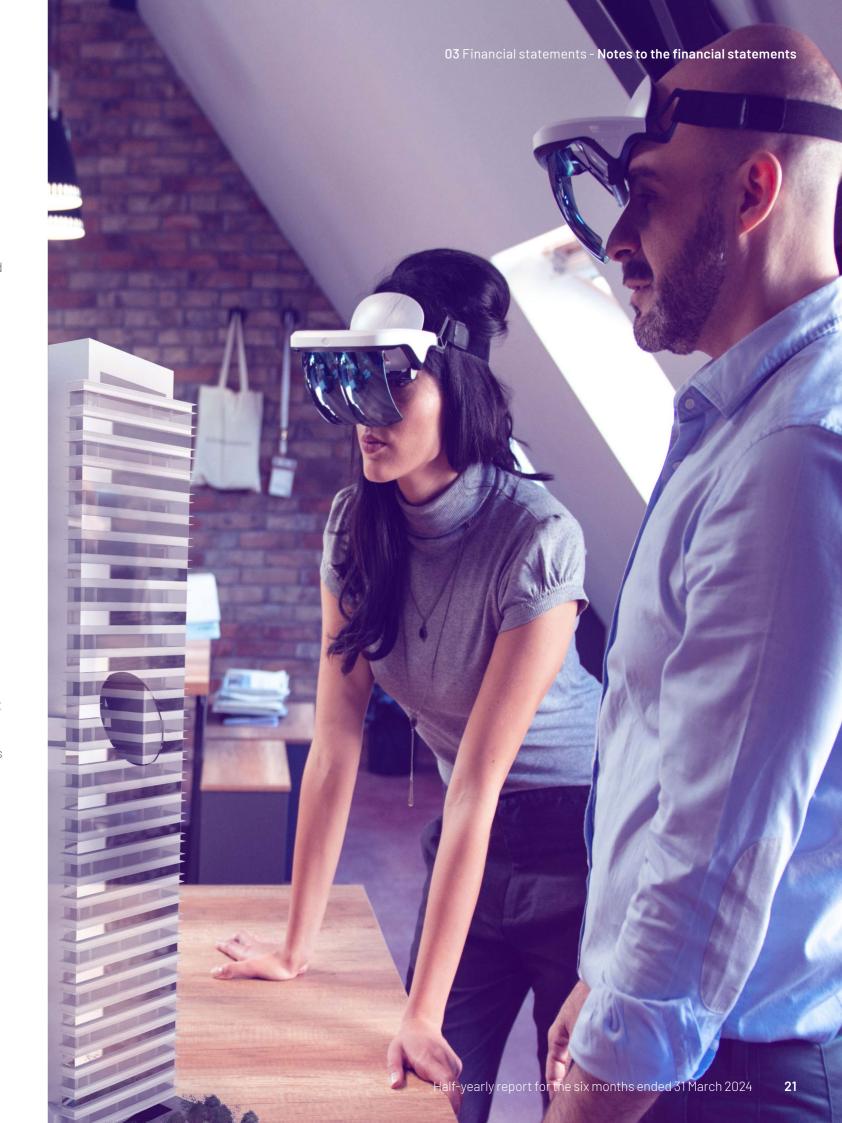
6.4 Going concern

After making enquiries, and bearing in mind the nature of the Company's business and assets, the Directors consider that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. In arriving at this conclusion, the Directors have considered the Company's cash balances, the liquidity of the Company's investments and the absence of any gearing. The Directors are therefore also satisfied that the Company has adequate financial resources to continue in operation for at least the next 12 months and that, accordingly, it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

6.5 Post balance sheet events

The following events occurred between the balance sheet date and the signing of these financial statements:

- The 30 April 2024 NAV of 58.6p was announced on 7 May 2024 and the 31 May 2024 NAV of 59.8p was announced on 6 June 2024. At the date of publishing this report, the Board is unaware of any matter that will have caused the NAV per share to have changed significantly since the latest NAV.
- Purchased 0.6mn Ordinary Shares of 10.0p on 2 April 2024 at a price of 55.2p per share to be held in Treasury.
- Purchased 1.4mn Ordinary Shares of 10.0p on 24 May 2024 at a price of 55.6p per share to be held in Treasury.
- 27.7mn shares were issued on 3 April 2024 at allotment prices between 59.7p and 62.6p under the current Offer.
- One new investment, into OnSecurity Technology, completed in June 2024 totalling £1.2mn.
- Three follow-on investments, into Yappy, Rockfish and Counting, completed between April to May 2024, totalling £1.0mn.
- Partial realisations in Cerillion were made in May 2024, realising proceeds of £1.8mn and making a return of 21.0x cost.
- Realised Gama Aviation in May 2024, receiving proceeds of £0.6mn and making a return of 0.6x cost.





Cash returned to shareholders

The table below shows the cash returned to shareholders that invested in **Baronsmead Second Venture Trust plc** dependent on their subscription cost, including the income tax available to be reclaimed on the subscription.

Year subscribed	Cash invested (p)	Income tax reclaim (p)	Net cash invested (p)	Cumulative dividends paid# (p)	Return on cash invested# (%)
2001(January)	100.00	20.00	80.00	166.55	186.6
2005 (March) - C Share*	100.00	40.00	60.00	121.12	161.1
2010 (March)	103.09	30.93	72.16	118.25	144.7
2012 (December)	117.40	35.22	82.18	100.25	115.4
2014 (March)	112.40	33.72	78.68	80.25	101.4
2016 (February)	107.20	32.16	75.04	63.75	89.5
2017 (October)	97.48	29.24	68.24	43.75	74.9
2019 (February)	85.30	25.59	59.71	36.25	72.5
2019 (November)	78.90	23.67	55.23	28.75	66.4
2020 (January)	84.80	25.44	59.36	28.75	63.9
2020 (February)	82.50	24.75	57.75	25.25	60.6
2020 (March)	64.30	19.29	45.01	25.25	69.3
2020 (November)	77.90	23.37	54.53	22.25	58.6
2020 (December)	80.90	24.27	56.63	22.25	57.5
2021(January)	84.40	25.32	59.08	22.25	56.4
2021(February)	82.20	24.66	57.54	18.75	52.8
2021(March)	84.90	25.47	59.43	18.75	52.1
2021(December)	88.10	26.43	61.67	15.75	47.9
2022 (January)	87.10	26.13	60.97	15.75	48.1
2022 (March)	76.60	22.98	53.62	12.25	46.0
2023 (January)	68.19 [†]	20.46	47.73	9.25	43.6
2023 (March)	65.72 [†]	19.72	46.00	6.25	39.5
2023 (April)	62.96 [†]	18.89	44.07	6.25	39.9
2024 (January)	61.05 [†]	18.32	42.74	4.00	36.6
2024 (February)	60.63 [†]	18.19	42.44	1.75	32.9
2024 (April)	60.67 [†]	18.20	42.47	1.75	32.9

 $The total \, return \, could \, be \, higher \, for \, those \, shareholders \, who \, were \, able \, to \, defer \, a \, capital \, gain \, on \, subscription \, and \, the \, net \, sum \, invested \, may \, be \, less.$

 $^{^*\ \ \}text{Dividends paid to C shareholders post conversion have been adjusted by the conversion ratio} (0.85642528).$

[#] Includes interim dividend of 1.75p per share payable 9 September 2024.

[†] Average effective offer price. Shares were allotted pursuant to the 2023 & 2024 Offers at individual prices for each investor in accordance with the allotment formula as set out in each Offers Securities Note.

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Full investment portfolio

				31 March	30 September	-	% of Equity held by Baronsmead	
		Original Book cost†	Accounting Book cost [†]	2024 valuation	2023 valuation	% of net	Second Venture	% of Equity held by
Company	Sector	£′000	£′000	£′000	£′000	assets	Trust plc	all funds#
Unquoted								
Patchworks Integration Ltd	Technology	5,486	5,486	7,021	6,031	3.2	10.9	23.8
Airfinity Ltd	Healthcare & education	3,587	3,587	4,646	4,719	2.2	9.3	20.1
Popsa Holdings Ltd	Technology	3,379	3,379	3,379	3,379	1.5	3.7	8.1
Panthera Biopartners Ltd	Healthcare & education	3,338	3,338	3,185	1,781	1.5	12.2	26.7
eConsult Health Ltd	Healthcare & education	3,899	3,899	2,924	5,325	1.4	5.2	11.4
Scurri Web Services Ltd	Technology	2,293	2,293	2,772	2,719	1.3	8.1	17.3
Clarilis Ltd	Technology	1,819	1,819	2,723	2,723	1.3	7.6	16.7
TravelLocal Ltd	Consumer markets	2,119	2,119	2,117	2,117	1.0	5.3	10.9
SecureCloud+ Ltd	Technology	789	789	2,098	1,904	1.0	8.8	16.6
Fu3e Ltd	Technology	1,819	1,819	2,074	2,001	1.0	13.6	29.7
Metrion Biosciences Ltd	Healthcare & education	1,740	1,740	1,950	1,447	0.9	12.5	26.8
RevLifter Ltd	Technology	1,559	1,559	1,905	2,058	0.9	6.2	13.5
Ozone Financial Technology Ltd	Technology	1,847	1,847	1,847	-	0.9	2.3	11.9
Orri Ltd	Healthcare & education	1,135	1,135	1,475	1,413	0.7	5.7	28.4
IWP Holdings Ltd	Business services	1,587	1,587	1,193	1,510	0.5	4.0	8.5
Proximity Insight Holdings Ltd	Technology	1,152	1,152	1,152	1,152	0.5	4.1	20.4
Pointr Ltd	Technology	526	526	1,146	1,129	0.5	2.7	5.1
Focal Point Positioning Ltd	Technology	1,135	1,135	1,135	908	0.5	1.2	6.0
Counting Ltd	Business services	1,059	1,059	1,055	1,055	0.5	2.4	5.3
Cognassist UK Ltd	Healthcare & education	902	902	976	940	0.5	4.4	22.2
Huddl Mobility Ltd (trading as CitySwift)	Technology	938	938	949	-	0.4	8.1	15.3
Lads Store Ltd (trading as Bidnamic)	Technology	921	921	916	916	0.4	1.8	9.1
SciLeads Ltd	Technology	915	915	915	-	0.4	3.0	16.5
Branchspace Ltd	Technology	609	609	842	609	0.4	4.6	25.5
Azarc.io Inc	Technology	652	652	652	-	0.3	4.4	23.0
Mable Therapy Ltd	Healthcare & education	619	619	619	619	0.3	6.1	34.3
Dayrize B.V.	Technology	756	756	567	756	0.3	5.9	31.3
Cisiv Ltd	Technology	789	789	344	536	0.2	3.3	17.4
Connect Earth Ltd	Business services	451	451	338	451	0.2	2.9	14.6
Tribe Digital Holdings Ltd	Technology	1,351	1,351	310	559	0.1	6.0	11.5
RockFish Group Ltd	Consumer markets	789	789	127	187	0.1	6.6	12.5
Yappy Ltd	Consumer markets	2,013	2,013	89	115	0.0	14.9	31.9
SilkFred Ltd	Consumer markets	966	966	30	396	0.0	2.8	5.1
Custom Materials Ltd	Technology	3,092	3,092	-	-	0.0	15.2	27.6
Equipsme (Holdings) Ltd	Business services	949	949	-	_	0.0	6.4	12.1
Munnypot Ltd	Technology	562	562	-	-	0.0	1.5	2.7
Knight Recruitment Group Ltd (formerly Samuel Knight International Ltd)	Business services	795	795	_	-	0.0	11.1	23.8
		58,337	58,337	53,471		24.9		

Company	Sector	Original Book cost† £′000	Accounting Book cost [†] £'000	31 March 2024 valuation £'000	30 September 2023 valuation £'000	% of net assets	% of Equity held by Baronsmead Second Venture Trust plc	% of Equity held by all funds#
Loan in AIM company								
Crossword Cybersecurity plc – convertible loan note	Technology	1,040	1,040	1,114	1,051	0.5	-	_
outvertible loan flote		1,040	1,040	1,114		0.5		
Delisted (previously AIM)		.,,,,,	.,,,,,	.,				
MXC Capital Ltd	Business services	240	267	_	_	0.0	0.3	0.6
Deepverge plc	Healthcare & education	1,590	1,590	_	_	0.0	0.7	1.3
Fulcrum Utility Services Ltd	Business services	342	1,650	_	4	0.0	0.9	1.0
		2,172	3,507	_		0.0		
Total unquoted		61,549	62,884	54,585		25.4		
AIM								
Cerillion plc	Technology	1,269	1,402	25,534	25,247	11.9	5.7	10.3
Netcall plc	Technology	2,616	5,983	13,313	12,425	6.2	9.0	24.5
IDOX plc	Technology	1,028	2,972	6,904	7,014	3.3	2.4	5.0
Bioventix plc	Healthcare & education	309	940	5,182	4,476	2.4	2.3	11.1
Property Franchise Group plc	Consumer markets	1,664	1,858	4,642	2,264	2.2	2.3	18.7
PCI-PAL plc	Technology	1,345	1,584	2,398	2,203	1.1	6.1	11.0
Anpario plc	Healthcare & education	662	2,239	2,157	2,493	1.0	4.7	6.9
Diaceutics plc	Healthcare & education	1,590	1,590	2,134	2,155	1.0	2.5	12.8
hVIVO plc	Healthcare & education	1,445	1,437	2,050	1,425	1.0	1.1	1.9
Vianet Group plc	Business services	2,092	1,724	1,808	1,244	0.8	5.6	17.3
Inspired plc	Business services	861	2,682	1,588	1,943	0.7	2.7	29.7
Beeks Financial Cloud Group plc	Technology	413	413	1,419	726	0.7	1.2	2.3
Begbies Traynor Group plc	Business services	545	513	1,267	1,326	0.6	0.7	3.9
Eden Research plc	Business services	2,270	2,275	1,251	689	0.6	5.5	9.9
Access Intelligence plc	Business services	716	716	949	1,019	0.4	1.4	7.3
Oberon Investments Group plc	Business services	1,430	1,430	861	957	0.4	5.2	9.8
SysGroup plc	Technology	1,579	1,578	810	760	0.4	5.2	26.6
Merit Group plc	Technology	4,253	4,253	734	734	0.3	6.1	10.2
Driver Group plc	Business services	1,529	1,747	704	733	0.3	5.6	20.2
SEEEN plc	Technology	2,250	2,250	654	799	0.3	15.6	29.8
Everyman Media Group plc	Consumer markets	956	1,010	634	576	0.3	1.3	9.6
Skillcast Group plc	Healthcare & education	817	817	618	419	0.3	2.5	4.7
Gama Aviation plc	Business services	1,004	1,171	555	302	0.3	0.9	1.7
Tan Delta Systems plc	Business services	956	956	552	883	0.3	5.0	9.8
One Media iP Group plc	Technology	1,008	912	500	724	0.2	5.9	10.8
Scholium Group plc	Consumer markets	1,100	682	396	352	0.2	8.1	14.7
Crossword Cybersecurity plc	Technology	2,322	2,322	363	816	0.2	8.9	17.2
Crimson Tide plc	Technology	668	668	345	401	0.2	3.4	6.4
TPXimpact Holdings plc	Technology	660	660	312	348	0.1	1.0	1.8
IXICO plc	Healthcare & education	825	825	243	530	0.1	6.1	11.1
Poolbeg Pharma plc	Healthcare & education	51	51	234	169	0.1	0.5	0.9
KRM22 plc	Technology	550	550	99	192	0.0	1.5	2.8
Science In Sport plc	Consumer markets	352	330	92	71	0.0	0.3	0.6

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Company	Sector	Original Book cost† £′000	Accounting Book cost [†] £′000	31 March 2024 valuation £'000	30 September 2023 valuation £'000	% of net assets	% of Equity held by Baronsmead Second Venture Trust plc	% of Equity held by all funds#
AIM (continued)								
Rosslyn Data Technologies plc	Technology	1,407	1,407	59	117	0.0	3.3	6.0
Tasty plc	Consumer markets	2,033	6,085	45	65	0.0	3.4	13.7
Zoo Digital Group plc	Technology	817	586	36	41	0.0	0.1	0.2
Fusion Antibodies plc	Healthcare & education	660	660	29	44	0.0	0.8	1.5
I-nexus Global plc	Technology	688	688	26	35	0.0	2.9	5.4
CloudCoco Group plc	Technology	535	359	23	31	0.0	0.5	0.8
Totally plc	Healthcare & education	86	197	22	35	0.0	0.3	0.5
Aptamer Group plc	Healthcare & education	2,390	2,390	11	28	0.0	0.4	0.8
LoopUp Group plc	Technology	616	640	4	13	0.0	0.3	0.6
Total AIM		50,367	63,552	81,557		37.9		
Collective investment vehicles	1							
WS Gresham House UK Micro C	ap Fund	6,334	10,480	26,260	24,617	12.2		
WS Gresham House UK Multi Ca	ap Income Fund	21,134	21,134	22,899	21,322	10.6		
WS Gresham House UK Smaller	Companies Fund	17,073	17,073	18,584	17,014	8.6		
BlackRock Sterling Liquidity Fu	ınd	3,778	3,778	3,778	5,937	1.8		
JPMorgan Sterling Liquidity Fund		3,778	3,778	3,778	5,937	1.8		
Goldman Sachs Sterling Liquidity Fund		3,778	3,778	3,778	5,937	1.8		
Total collective investment vehicles		55,875	60,021	79,077		36.8		
Total investments		167,791	186,457	215,219		100.1		
Net current liabilities				(144)		(0.1)		
Net assets				215,075		100.0		

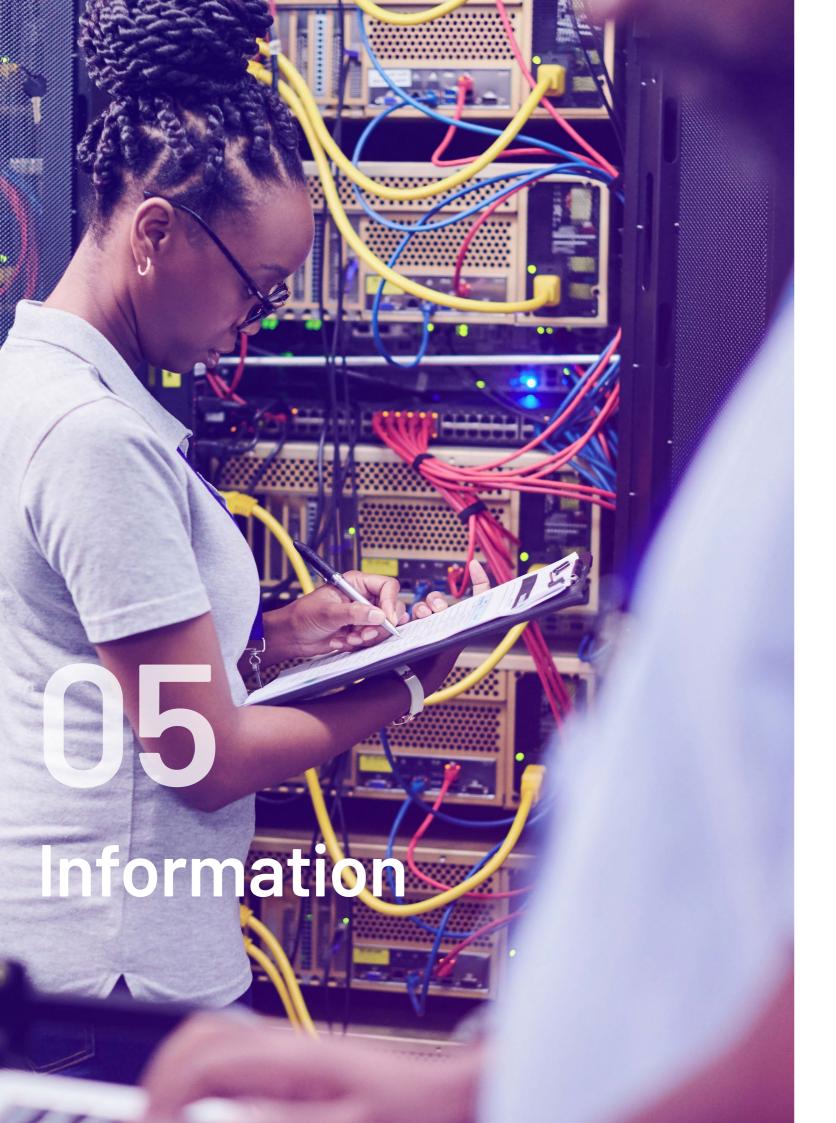
[†] The original cost column provides the combined cost of investments made by BVCT3, BVCT4 and BVCT5 prior to the merger of the three VCT's to become BSVT. This is included for information purposes for shareholders reviewing the portfolio.

Glossary

AIM	The Alternative Investment Market, a sub-market of the London Stock Exchange, designed to help smaller companies access capital from the public market.
Annual Dividend Yield	The ratio of dividend paid/declared for financial year divided by opening net asset value per share.
Book Cost (Original)	Total acquisition value, including transaction costs, less the value of any disposals or capitalised distributions allocated on a weighted average cost basis.
Book Cost (Accounting)	The original book cost of an asset, rebased to the value at which it was used in a subsequent transaction, such as a transfer between entities.
BSVT	Baronsmead Second Venture Trust plc
Collective Investment Vehicle	Includes WS Gresham House Equity Funds and cash liquidity funds.
Direct Investments	Investments held by Baronsmead Second Venture Trust plc only. Does not include investments held by Micro Cap, Multi Cap Income or Small Cap.
Discount/Premium	If the share price is lower than the NAV per share it is said to be trading at a discount. The size of the Company's discount is calculated by subtracting the share price from the NAV per share and is usually expressed as a percentage of the NAV per share. If the share price is higher than the NAV per share, this situation is called a premium.
EBITDA	Earnings before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortisation – a proxy for the cash flow generated by a business, most commonly used for businesses that do not (yet) generate operating or shareholder profits.
IFA	Independent Financial Advisors, professionals who offer independent advice to their clients and recommend suitable financial products.
Key Performance Indicators ("KPIs")	A measurable value that demonstrates how effectively the Company is achieving core business objectives.
NAV	The total value of all the Company's assets, at current market value, having deducted all liabilities at their carrying value.
NAV per share	Total Net Asset Value divided by the number of shares.
NAV total return	A measure showing how the Net Asset Value has performed over a period of time, taking into account both capital returns and dividends paid to shareholders.
Return on Cash Invested to shareholders	The amount of cash returned to shareholders through income tax reclaimed, and cumulative dividends paid, expressed as a percentage of the initial investment.
Shares Held in Treasury	Shares in the Company repurchased by itself, reducing the number of freely traded shares.
SME	Small and medium-sized entities. These are independent companies which meet two of the three recognition criteria for small or medium companies according to UK Legislation.
Total Assets	All assets, both current and non-current. An asset is an economic resource owned by an entity that can lead to an increase in economic value.
VCT Value	The value of an investment when acquired, rebased if the holding is added to or any payment is made which causes an increase or decrease in its value.
WS Gresham House Equity Funds	Includes WS Gresham House UK Micro Cap Fund, WS Gresham House UK Multi Cap Income Fund and WS Gresham House UK Smaller Companies Fund.
80 per cent. test	Ensuring that the Company meets the requirement to hold 80 per cent. of its investments in qualifying holdings.

The accounting cost column ties into the investment note on page 19 of these accounts. For Investments owned before the assets of BVCT 4 and BVCT 5 were acquired by BVCT 3 the accounting book cost is a sum of the original cost of the investments held in BVCT 3 and the market value of the investment in BVCT 4 and BVCT 5 at the date of each of the mergers.

^{*} All funds managed by the same investment manager, Gresham House Asset Management Ltd.



Shareholder information and contact details

Shareholder Account Queries

The Registrar for Baronsmead Second Venture Trust plc is The City Partnership (UK) Limited ("City").

City will deal with all of your queries with regard to your shareholder account, such as:

- Change of address
- Latest net asset value
- Your current shareholding balance
- Your payment history including any outstanding payments and reissue requests
- Your payment options (cheque, direct payment to your bank/building society account, reinvestment)
- Paper or electronic communications
- Request replacement share certificates (for which there may be additional administrative and other charges)

You can contact City with your queries in several ways:

Telephone:	01484 240 910	 Lines are open 9.00am to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays in England and Wales. 				
		 Calls are charged at the standard geographic rate and will vary by provider. Calls from outside the UK will be charged at the applicable international rate. 				
On-line: Investor Hub https://gresham-house-vcts.cityhub.	 City's secure website, Investor Hub, allows you to manage your own shareholding online. 					
	uk.com/login	 You will need to register to use this service on the Investor Hub. 				
	You should have your Access Token to hand, which is available on the Change in Registrar letter, any recently issued share certificate and dividend tax vouchers from City and which you should always keep confidential for security reasons. Should you not be able to locate this, City may provide it over the telephone following completion of a series of security questions.					
Email:	registrars@city.uk.com					
Post:	The City Partnership (UK) Limited Mending Rooms Park Valley Mills Meltham Road Huddersfeld HD4 7BH					

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Share Price

The Company's Ordinary shares are listed on the London Stock Exchange (LSE). The LSE code for the Company is "BMD". The mid-price of the Company's shares is given daily in the Financial Times in the Investment Companies section of the London Share Service. Share price information can also be obtained from the link on the Company's website and many financial websites.

Shares In Issue

As at 10 June 2024, the Company had 437,415,822 Ordinary shares of 10p each in issue which included 38,910,116 Ordinary shares of 10p each held in treasury. The total voting rights in the Company is therefore 398,505,706.

Financial Calendar

August 2024 - Quarterly factsheet to 30 June 2024

December 2024 - Announcement of final results for the period to 30 September 2024

March 2025 - Annual General Meeting

Additional Information

The information provided in this report has been produced in order for shareholders to be informed of the activities of the Company during the period it covers. Gresham House Asset Management Ltd does not give investment advice and the naming of companies in this report is not a recommendation to deal in them.

Baronsmead Second Venture Trust plc is managed by Gresham House Asset Management Ltd which is authorised and regulated by the FCA. Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. Stock market and currency movements may cause the value of investments and the income from them to fall as well as rise and investors may not get back the amount they originally invested. Where investments are made in unquoted securities and smaller companies, their potential volatility may increase the risk to the value of, and the income from, the investment.

Secondary market in the shares of Baronsmead Second Venture Trust plc

The existing shares of the Company are listed on the London Stock Exchange and can be bought and sold using a stockbroker in the same way as shares of any other listed company.

The market makers in the shares of Baronsmead Second Venture Trust plc are:

Panmure Gordon & Co. +44(0)20 7886 2500 (the Company's broker)

Winterflood +44 (0)20 3100 0009

Qualifying investors* who invest in the existing shares of the Company can benefit from:

- Tax free dividends;
- Realised gains are not subject to capital gains tax (although any realised losses are not allowable);
- No minimum holding period; and
- No need to include VCT dividends in annual tax returns.

The UK tax treatment of VCTs is on a first in first out basis and therefore tax advice should be obtained before shareholders dispose of their shares and also if they deferred a capital gain in respect of new shares acquired prior to 6 April 2004.

* UK income tax payers, aged 18 or over, who acquire no more than £200,000 worth of VCT shares in a tax year.

Warning to Shareholders

Many companies are aware that their shareholders have received unsolicited phone calls or correspondence concerning investment matters. These are typically from "brokers" based overseas 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, offers to buy shares at a discount or offers for free company reports.

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

If you are in any doubt about the veracity of an unsolicited phone call, please call either the Company or the Registrar at the numbers provided on page 32.

Protect Yourself

If you are offered unsolicited investment advice, discounted shares, a premium price for shares you own, or free company or research reports, you should take these steps before handing over any money or share certificates:

- 1 Get the name of the person and organisation contacting you.
- 2 Check the FCA Register at www.fca.org.uk/register to ensure they are authorised (or www.fca.org.uk/publication/systems-information/aifmd-small-register.pdf).
- **3** Use the details on the FCA Register to contact the firm.
- 4 Call the FCA Consumer Helpline on **0800** 111 6768 (freephone) from 8.00am to 6.00pm, Monday to Friday (except public holidays) and 9.00am to 1.00pm, Saturday (from abroad call +44 20 7066 1000) if there are no contact details on the Register or you are told they are out of date.
- 5 Search the FCA's list of unauthorised firms and individuals to avoid doing business with.
- 6 REMEMBER: if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!

If you use an unauthorised firm to buy or sell shares or other investments, you will not have access to the Financial Ombudsman Service (https://www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk/) or Financial Services Compensation Scheme (https://www.fscs.org.uk/) if things go wrong.

Report a Scam

If you are approached about a share scam you should tell the FCA using the Share Fraud Reporting Form (www.fca.org.uk/consumers/report-scam-unauthorised-firm), where you can find out about the latest investment scams. You can also call the FCA Consumer Helpline on **0800 111 6768**.

If you have already paid money (or otherwise dealt with share fraudsters) you should contact ActionFraud on 0300 123 2040 or use the ActionFraud (https://www.actionfraudalert.co.uk/) Online Reporting Tool.

More detailed information on this or similar activity can be found on the FCA web site.

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- # Chair of the Management Engagement and Remuneration Committee.
- [‡] Merger between Liberum and Panmure Gordon completed May 2024.

