# **Albion Venture Capital Trust PLC**

# Manager Presentation September 2024

Results for the year to 31 March 2024





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#### **FINANCIAL SUMMARY TO MARCH 2024**

(6.9)% 2.46p 44.93p 239.38p

Shareholder loss for the year ended 31 March 2024

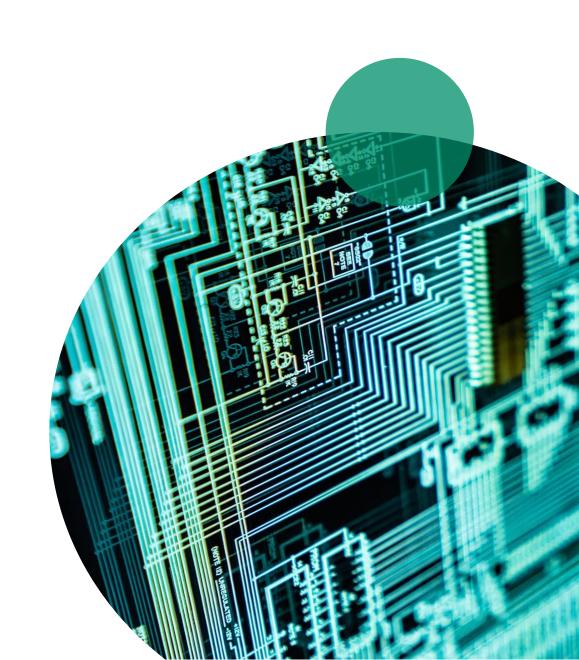
Total tax-free dividend per share paid during the year ended 31 March 2024

Net asset value per share as at 31 March 2024

Total shareholder value per share from launch to 31 March 2024

### **BACKGROUND**

- A disappointing loss for the year, characterised by an immature portfolio
- Heightened global macro and geo-political uncertainties
- Falling inflation but high interest rates remain
- Portfolio focus on mission critical products and services is designed to provide resilience
- Improved Q1 results



#### **PERFORMANCE DATA**



#### PERFORMANCE RESULTS EXPLAINED

- Challenging macroeconomic environment for young technology companies
- Volatile valuations of quoted technology companies
- Change of investment policy in 2018 (young growth companies)
- 67% of invested portfolio is now growth companies
- "J curve effect" of a relatively immature growth portfolio
- "Winners" expected to emerge as the portfolio matures

# **HIGHLIGHTS IN THE YEAR**

	2023	2024	Notes
Fundraising	£11.2m	£0.4m	AAVC didn't participate in the 2023/24 Top Up Offer
Exits	£0.6m	£1.3m	Including Ophelos, at a 2.1x return on cost
Investment rate	£9.4m	£6.2m	£2.7m in 6 new companies and £3.5m into existing portfolio
Share buybacks	£1.4m	£1.6m	
Dividends	£3.3m	£3.4m	

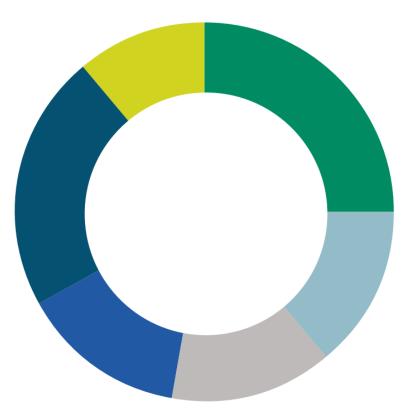
# **KEY VALUE DRIVERS IN THE YEAR**

	2023	Notes
Gravitee TopCo (T/A Gravitee.io)	£0.8m	Strong trading
Ophelos	£0.5m	Sale at 2.1x return on cost
Seldon	(£1.0m)	Slower growth
Threadneedle Software Holdings (T/A Solidatus)	(£0.8m)	Slower growth
Other – write ups	£1.1m	Including: Accelex Technology, Tem Energy and Runa Network
Other – write downs	(£5.4m)	Including: Chonais River Hydro, Brytlyt and PeakData
TOTAL	(£4.8m)	

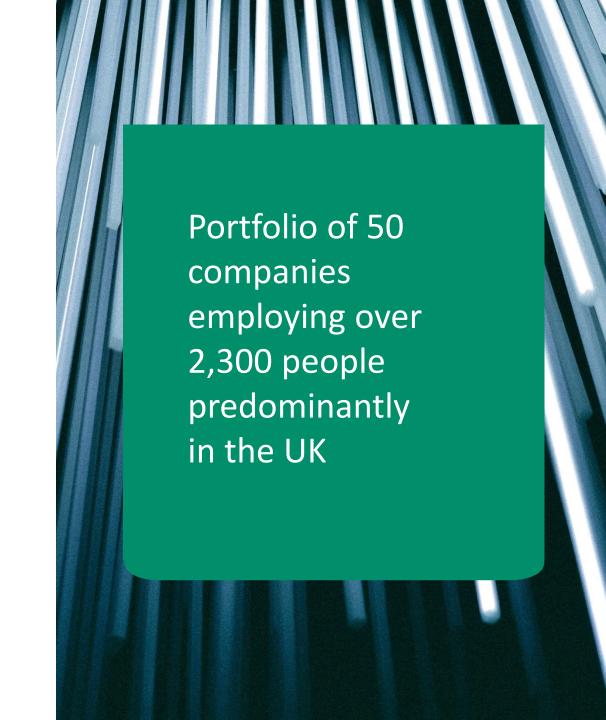
#### **PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS**

Investment portfolio by sector

(including cash and net assets)



- Cash and net assets 25% (34%)
- Healthcare (including digital healthcare) 14% (13%)
  - Renewable energy 14% (14%)
    - FinTech 14% (12%)
  - Software & other technology 22% (16%)
  - Other (including education) 11% (11%)



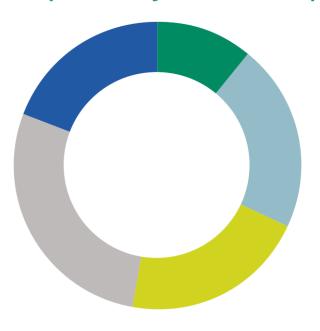
#### **PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS**

#### Investment portfolio by stage of investment



- Early Stage (revenue less than £1 million) 13% (13%)
- Growth (revenue between £1 million and £5 million) 31% (36%)
  - Scale up (revenue over £5 million) 56% (51%)

#### Investment portfolio by number of employees



- Under 20 11% (7%)
- **21 50 21%** (22%)
- 51 100 21% (22%)
- **101+ 28%** (27%)
- Renewable energy\* 19% (22%)

\*Renewable energy companies have no employees

<sup>\*</sup> Renewable energy investments have no employees. Comparatives for 31 March 2023 are in brackets.

# TOP 3 ACCOUNT FOR 16.0% OF THE NAV AT 31 MARCH 2024

		Investment date	Cost £000	Book value £000	Revenue growth	Employee growth
CHONAIS HYDRO Allt Gharagain	Owner and operator of a 2 MW hydro- power scheme in the Scottish Highlands	2013	3,074	3,801	N/A	N/A
<b>gravitee</b> .io	API management platform	2021	2,189	3,412	Over 8x since investing	35 to 110
Radnor House celebrating every individual	Operates an independent school, Radnor House Sevenoaks, a co-educational independent school for students aged 2 -18	2015	1,259	2,694	3x	2.5x increased student in- take
			£6.5m	£9.9m		

# **NEW INVESTMENTS**

©TREEFERA £0.9m	OpenDialog £0.6m	Griòcoç £0.5m	phasecraft £0.3m	
Al enabled platform providing insights on nature-based assets	Al powered chatbots and virtual assistants	Distributed Energy Resources modelling software	Quantum computer software	Supply chain emissions modelling software

#### **NEW CLIMATE TECH INVESTMENT: TREEFERA**

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An Al-enabled data management platform providing transparency and accuracy to nature-based asset reporting



- Treefera's platform integrates satellite, drone and ground truth data at huge scale with cutting-edge Al algorithms, to provide continuous monitoring, assurance and risk evaluation
- £7.0m invested by Albion VCTs, of which £0.9m from AAVC

#### **NEW DEEPTECH INVESTMENT: PHASECRAFT**

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Phasecraft is a quantum algorithm company led by leading academics from UCL and the University of Bristol



- A quantum software company focused on quantum advantage, that has reduced the cost of modelling materials on a quantum computer – by +1,000,000x compared with the best previous algorithms.
- World-leading team in quantum algorithm development, creating highly valuable intellectual property.
- £2.4m invested by Albion VCTs, of which £0.3m from AAVC

#### **FOLLOW-ONS**

**gravitee**.io

£0.7m

Gravitee Topco (T/A Gravitee.io) is an API management platform

uMed\*

£0.6m

uMedeor (T/A uMed) is a middleware technology platform that enables life science organisations to conduct medical research programmes



£0.5m

Runa Network (previously WeGift) is a cloud platform and infrastructure that enables corporates to issue digital incentives and payouts



£0.5m

NuvoAir is a digital therapeutics and decentralised clinical trials for respiratory conditions



# **REALISATIONS: OPHELOS**

- Using machine learning to create a new standard for how organisations manage customer debt ethically and efficiently
- Acquired by Intrum AB (Swedish listed)

£3.2m 2.1x £0.9m

Invested by Albion VCTs

Cash on cash multiple

AAVC VCT proceeds



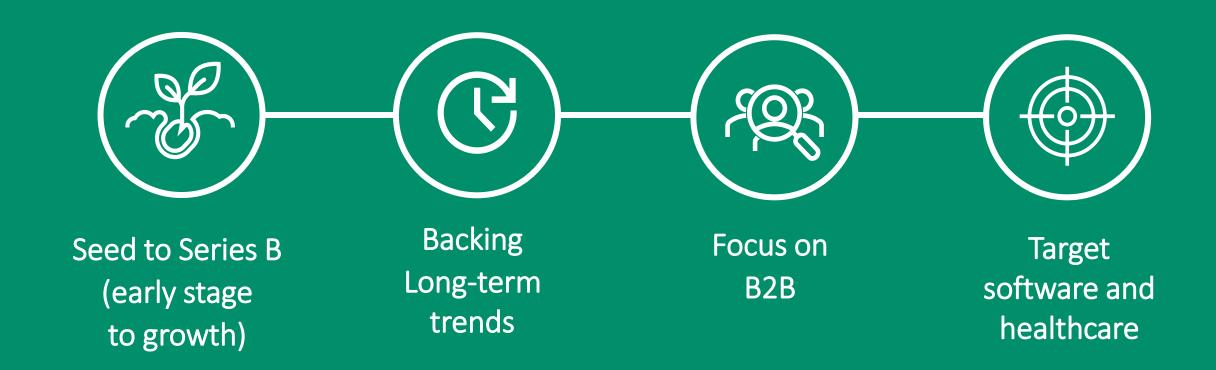
#### **SUNSET CLAUSE**

"The VCT Association has continuously sought to demonstrate the positive impact made by our members throughout the UK, through their investment in the next generation of early-stage businesses."

Chris Lewis, Venture Capital Trust Association

- The Government passed legislation to continue the VCT scheme by extending the current sunset clause to April 2035
- Strong engagement with the recently elected Labour government
- VCTs are an important backer of high growth innovative early-stage companies in the UK

# **INVESTMENT STRATEGY**



#### **ESG AT ALBION**

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

- Albion is transitioning to Net Zero
- Measuring carbon footprint and purchased carbon removal permits for 2023/2024 emissions
- Formation of Albion Net
   Zero team to formulate a
   road map for transitioning
   to net zero

#### **SOCIAL**

- Fair HQ score improvement (from 6.1 to 6.6 out of 10) in 2023
- Albion's Social Outreach
   Team has a mandate on local educational outreach
- Radia Accelerator launched to support women entrepreneurs

#### **GOVERNANCE**

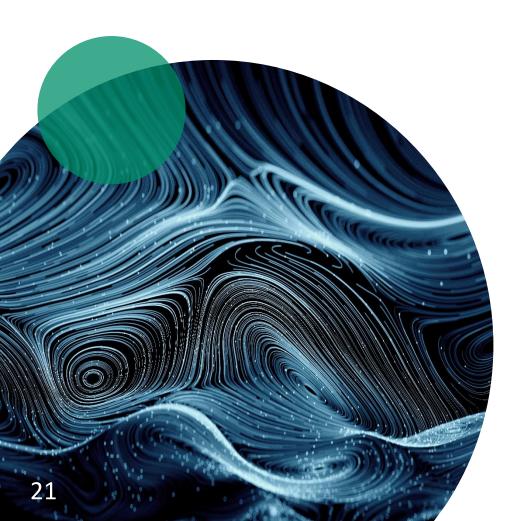
- ESG principles integrated across the full investment cycle
- Completion of 2023 ESG BSC portfolio reporting
- UN PRI score 2023: 4/5 stars
- Regular ESG updates for all stakeholders

# **ELECTRONIC VOTING**

- Online voting is quick and simple
- Notification emails are sent before the AGM with full instructions
- Two options:
  - Before the AGM via notification email or visit www.investorcentre.co.uk/eproxy
  - 2. During the AGM via the Lumi platform
- Any questions, contact us



#### **PROSPECTS**



- Focus on mission critical products and services, designed to provide resilience
- Limited exposure to discretionary consumer facing sectors
- Ongoing uncertainties but potential for longer term returns as portfolio matures
- Well-balanced portfolio across target sectors

# **Q1 RESULTS & EVENTS**

- NAV at 30 June 2024 of 44.90p
  - Decrease of 0.07% to the 31 March 2024 NAV
- Virtual AGMs
- Physical annual shareholder seminar
- First dividend of 1.12p per share paid on 31 July 2024
- Top three investments now account for 16.2% of NAV at 30 June 2024

#### Shareholder seminar details

20 November 2024

No.11 Cavendish Square, London W1G 0AN

To reserve a place, email info@albion.capital

# Thank you

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