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Net Assets excluding unaudited current period revenues £6.6m

### ORDINARY SHARES

Share Price 305.00p

NAV per Share 359.30p\*

Premium / (Discount to NAV) (-15.11%)

Share Capital 1,837,205\*\*

\* includes unaudited revenue reserve to 29/02/2024

\*\* excludes shares held in Treasury

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

The Company invests in cash-generative quoted UK Small and Mid-Cap Companies that are expected to grow faster than the UK stock market as a whole over the long term and which can finance their own organic growth.

The Company's objective is to outperform the UK equity market by investing in companies with higher-than-average earnings growth that are listed outside the FTSE 100 index on either of the Main Market, AQSE or traded on AIM, to capture the smaller companies' outperformance effect. The Investment Manager believes the investment trust structure of the Company lends itself to investing in smaller, more illiquid growth stocks, as the closed-end structure removes the potential scenario where the Company needs to sell holdings at the wrong time to meet redemptions.

The Company principally invests (approximately 75 per cent of its funds) in shares of companies which are listed on the Main Market or AQSE or traded on AIM, with market capitalisations of less than £250 million. The Company also invests (approximately 25 per cent of its funds) in some UK listed companies with larger market capitalisations, for liquidity purposes.

### MONTHLY MANAGER COMMENTARY

A directionless month for UK equities, which were left behind by their international counterparts, as investors focused on the slowing domestic economy with no clear steer on the timing of interest rate cuts. In this environment, the Trust gave up some of its recent recovery. The most notable detractor was XP Power, which warned for 2024 on destocking in Industrial Technology and Healthcare. Zoo Digital continued to de-rate after the trading update in January, and Celebrus and Severfield sold-off in the absence of any newsflow. The Trust's main positive contributors were Auction Technology, which recovered from its recent sell-off caused by reducing its growth outlook and Conduit, which performed well on the back of strong 2023 profits and an upbeat trading outlook.

During the month we trimmed the Trust's holdings in Microlise, MPAC and Fintel into share price strength. We also added new holdings in Conduit (mentioned above), Duke Capital and Dunelm, and topped up Mattioli Woods, Eurocell and Merit on valuation grounds.

Since the month end the Budget passed with minimal fanfare, with the state of public finances affording the Chancellor little room for manoeuvre. Whilst it is too early to judge the impact of the British ISA allowance, it is at least a first move in the right direction to re-kindle interest in the domestic equity market, which has become unpopular with a large part of the UK investment community, despite its valuation attractions. In the meantime, private equity and trade buyers continue to target UK listed small and mid-cap stocks at the bottom of their earnings cycle, with a flurry of recent bids for Direct Line, Wincanton, Spirent and Virgin Money, as well as Mattioli Woods, one of the Trust's holdings.

### FUND MANAGERS



JAMES BAKER

**James** joined Chelverton Asset Management in June 2014 to manage MI Chelverton UK Equity Growth Fund.

A history graduate from Cambridge University, he has over 30 years of equity market experience on both buy and sell sides, specialising for all of his career in UK small and mid-capitalisation stock selection. He has worked for several organisations over the years, but most notably spent from 1999 to 2011 as part of the ABN Amro, small mid cap sales team which was consistently top ranked by Extel. Prior to joining Chelverton he worked as the assistant fund manager on the Rathbone UK Recovery Fund.



EDWARD BOOTH

**Edward** joined Chelverton Asset Management in 2016 as an Assistant Fund Manager, becoming a Fund Manager in November 2017. Having graduated from the London School of Economics with a degree in Economics with Economic History, Edward qualified as a Chartered Accountant at Deloitte, where he focused on the insurance sector. Prior to joining Chelverton, he worked as a Business Analyst for Barclays, focusing on a number of areas including Investment Bank Revenue and Group Capital performance.



HENRY BOTTING

**Henry** joined Chelverton Asset Management in 2021 and was appointed co-manager in August 2022. Prior to joining, Henry worked on the Equity Sales team at FinnCap, where he specialised in UK small and micro-cap companies. He has a degree in Economic and Social History from the University of Edinburgh and prior investment management experience at Rathbones and OLIM. Henry is a CFA Charterholder.

### RETURNS

29/02/2024

Since change of investment policy (26 July 2023)*	2024
Share Price Ordinary Shares	-7.58%
NAV Ordinary Shares	6.38%

Source: Chelverton Asset Management Limited and Morningstar

Past performance is not a guide to future results

\* The Investment Company PLC changed its investment policy on 26 July 2023. The NAV as of that date has been taken as the tender price, which was equal to the estimated Post-Transaction NAV per Ordinary Share. For reasons of clarity, previous track record has been excluded from the performance table. For details of previous performance please see annual reports on The Investment Company plc website: <https://theinvestmentcompanyplc.co.uk>





### DIRECTORS

#### IAN DIGHÉ

Non-Executive Chairman

#### TIM METCALFE

Senior Independent Non-Executive Director

#### MARTIN PERRIN

Non-Executive Director

#### DAVID HORNER

Non-Independent Non-Executive Director

### CALENDAR

Year End 30 June

AGM November

Management Fee Up to 0.75%\*

Ongoing Fee 2%\*

\* The Investment Manager has waived the management fee of 0.75% and shall instead make a contribution to the company costs to ensure that the annualised ongoing charge does not exceed 2% of NAV.

### PRICE INFORMATION

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### TOP TWENTY HOLDINGS

Holding	Sector*	% of Net Assets
Pinewood Technologies	Technology	4.1%
Auction Technology Group	Technology	2.5%
JTC	Financials	2.4%
Restore	Support Services	2.2%
Clarkson	Support Services	2.2%
Sigmaroc	Construction	2.2%
Mattioli Woods	Financials	2.1%
Premier Foods	Consumer	2.1%
Oxford Metrics	Technology	2.0%
Conduit Holdings	Financials	2.0%
dotdigital	Technology	2.0%
Learning Technologies Group	Technology	1.9%
Bodycote	Industrials	1.9%
Gamma Communications	Technology	1.9%
Ascential	Media	1.8%
Alpha Group International	Financials	1.7%
AJ Bell	Financials	1.6%
Inchcape	Support Services	1.5%
Somero Enterprise Inc.	Construction	1.5%
Volution Group	Construction	1.5%
<b>Total</b>		<b>41.2%</b>

\* Source Chelverton Asset Management Limited

### SECTOR BREAKDOWN %

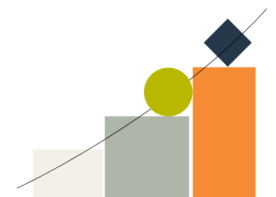
Sector %	% of Net Assets
Technology	23.0%
Support Services	13.8%
Financials	10.7%
Media	9.9%
Consumer	8.3%
Construction	6.4%
Industrials	6.4%
Healthcare	4.0%
Resources	0.9%
Cash & Income	16.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Chelverton Asset Management Limited

### MARKET CAP BREAKDOWN

% of Net Assets	No of stocks
Above £1bn	12
£500m - £1bn	10
£250m - £500m	11
£100m - £250m	21
Below £100m	14
Cash & Income	16.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
	<b>68</b>

Source: Chelverton Asset Management Limited



### Risk Factors

The value of investments and the income from them may go down as well as up and you may not get back your original investment. "Investment trusts can borrow money to make additional investments on top of shareholders funds (gearing), however, this is investment trust does not currently use any gearing. An investor could lose all of their capital. Smaller companies are riskier and less liquid than larger companies which means their share price may be more volatile. Some of the annual management fee is currently charged to the capital of the Fund. Whilst this increases the yield, it will restrict the potential for capital growth. The level of yield may be subject to fluctuation and is not guaranteed. Net Asset Value ("NAV") performance is not the same as share price performance and investors may not realise returns the same as NAV performance.

**Risk Rating of Shares** Ordinary shares - High

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