



Net Assets £7.2m

Net Assets excluding unaudited current period revenues £7.3m

ORDINARY SHARES

Share Price 362.00p

NAV per Share 394.19p*

Premium / (Discount to NAV) (-8.17%)

Share Capital 1,837,205**

* includes unaudited revenue reserve to 31/01/2025

** excludes shares held in Treasury

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.

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 top 100 stocks 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

January was marked by a volatile small and mid-cap market driven by the macro narrative. Rising global bond yields, driven by sticky inflation, deficit financing and concerns about the potential for trade wars, raised concerns about the Labour government's ability to meet its self-imposed fiscal rules, and the potential for further tax rises and/or cuts to government spending. Furthermore, weakness in the pound raised concerns about imported inflation, and helped drive strong relative performance from the large caps, with their less domestic focus. Gilt yields have pulled back since their January highs, helped partly by a below expectations UK CPI print of 2.5% for December, and the government has been on the front-foot promoting their "growth agenda", in stark contrast to their gloomy narrative in the second half of 2024. President Trump's inauguration also came in January, adding to the aforementioned volatility with his swift imposition of swingeing tariffs on Canada and Mexico, equally swiftly postponed upon concessions from those countries' governments.

From a company perspective, there was lots of newsflow as corporates reported year-end trading updates and this has been broadly positive. With regards to our main contributors in the month, Microlise was strong with a trading update noting adjusted EBITDA slightly ahead of market expectations and confirming that it has not lost any customers as a result of the recent Cyber Security incident. Also strong was Luceco, which also gave an update on 2024 trading, noting strong demand in Q4. Our two leading detractors in the month were Celebrus and Tracsis, both AIM stocks which sold off, the former despite no newsflow and the latter despite a small positive announcement of an expansion of a contract in Scotland. From a trading perspective, we exited our Inspired holding on the strong upwards move in the share price post a refinancing, given the change in working capital dynamic, and trimmed Clarkson into strength. On the buy side, we added to our Tracsis holding on weakness, and started a holding in DiscoverIE, the designer and manufacture of electronic components.

Looking forward, despite the depressed valuations across the portfolio, our companies continue to trade well, the UK economy is still forecast to grow and monetary policy is expected to ease as we move through the year, which has historically been beneficial for small and mid-cap equities.

RETURNS 31/01/2025

Since change of investment policy
(26 July 2023)*

	CURRENT MONTH	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	1 YEAR	FROM INCEPTION
Share Price Ordinary Shares	-1.90%	-3.98%	0.28%	19.08%	9.70%
NAV Ordinary Shares	-1.55%	0.97%	-5.78%	7.47%	16.71%
Deutsche Numis Smaller Companies Index ex Investment Trusts plus AIM	0.98%	1.50%	-3.91%	7.76%	8.60%

Source: Chelverton Asset Management Limited and Morningstar and Deutsche Numis
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

Reuters INVM.L

SEDOL 0465825

CONTACT US

E: info@theinvestmentcompany.com

The Investment Company plc
The Office Suite, Den House,
Den Promenade
Teignmouth TQ14 8SY

W: www.theinvestmentcompanyplc.co.uk

TOP TWENTY HOLDINGS

Holding	Sector*	% of Net Assets
Alpha Group International	Financials	2.3%
JTC	Financials	2.1%
Microlise Group	Technology	2.0%
Auction Technology Group	Technology	1.9%
Learning Technologies Group	Technology	1.9%
dotdigital	Technology	1.8%
Hostelworld	Consumer	1.8%
Luceco	Construction	1.8%
On the Beach Group	Consumer	1.8%
Bodycote	Industrials	1.8%
Ashtead Technology	Support Services	1.7%
Global Data	Media	1.7%
Restore	Support Services	1.6%
Sigmaroc	Construction	1.6%
Gamma Communications	Technology	1.6%
Warpaint London	Consumer	1.6%
Trufin	Financials	1.6%
Spectris	Industrials	1.6%
Man Group	Financials	1.6%
Celebrus Technologies	Technology	1.5%
Total		35.2%

* Source Chelverton Asset Management Limited

SECTOR BREAKDOWN %

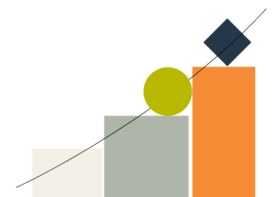
Sector %	% of Net Assets
Technology	23.9%
Industrials	13.3%
Financials	12.1%
Consumer	11.1%
Media	9.9%
Construction	8.7%
Support Services	7.4%
Healthcare	5.4%
Resources	1.0%
Cash & Income	7.2%
Total	100.0%

Source: Chelverton Asset Management Limited

MARKET CAP BREAKDOWN

% of Net Assets	No of stocks
Above £1bn	15
£500m - £1bn	8
£250m - £500m	18
£100m - £250m	23
Below £100m	26
Cash & Income	7.2%
Total	100.00%

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

This document is provided for information purposes only and should not be interpreted as investment advice. If you have any doubts as to the suitability of an investment, please consult your financial adviser. The information contained in this document has been obtained from sources that Chelverton Asset Management Limited ("CAM") considers to be reliable. However, CAM cannot guarantee the accuracy or completeness of the information provided, and therefore no investment decision should be based solely on this data. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. This document is issued by CAM, authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. This document does not represent a recommendation by CAM to purchase shares in this Fund. This is a marketing communication and is intended for Professional Investors and Eligible Counterparties only. We recommend private investors seek the services of a Financial Adviser.