



Net Assets **£7.3m**

Net Assets excluding unaudited current period revenues **£7.3m**

ORDINARY SHARES

Share Price **64.00p**

NAV per Share **79.45p***

Premium / (Discount to NAV) **(-19.44%)**

Share Capital **9,186,025****

* includes unaudited revenue reserve to 31/08/2025

** 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

The UK Macroeconomic picture has been dominated by the rise in government borrowing costs and what this means for the Budget on 26th November, with rampant speculation as to where the Chancellor will seek to raise taxes, with limited expectations of spending cuts after the Labour party's revolt against Welfare reform earlier in the year. As with last year, this speculation is negative for consumer and business confidence, and more generally sentiment around the UK economy. Despite this, the economic picture is not as dreary as reported. GDP has been growing ahead of expectations, the UK Service PMI was its highest for 18 months in August and inflation should hopefully return to a downwards trend with softening wage inflation and the lapping of items such as the National Insurance hike, allowing for further monetary easing in 2026.

From a positive perspective, corporate activity continued to be a theme, with one of our larger holdings, JTC, performing strongly after announcing it had rejected two preliminary offers for the company by private equity. Also strong was Epwin, after a recommended offer for the company at a 32% premium by a trade buyer. However, our best performer was Zotefoams, as it announced strong interim results, with a 26% increase in operating profit, and an expectation that full year profit would be ahead of market expectations.

Auction Technology was our worst performer; alongside an acquisition, the company downgraded expectations for the year as end markets remain tough. Also weak was Ebiquity, as it announced challenging market conditions in North America, albeit the company reiterated that it expected to trade in line with market expectations for the full year. In terms of trading, we primarily trimmed holdings that had performed strongly, notably Everplay, Zotefoams and Sigmaroc.

RETURNS

31/08/2025

Since change of investment policy
(26 July 2023)*

	CURRENT MONTH	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	1 YEAR	FROM INCEPTION
Share Price Ordinary Shares	0.00%	2.4%	-8.83%	-12.57%	-3.03%
NAV Ordinary Shares	0.25%	2.45%	3.76%	-2.84%	17.69%
Deutsche Numis Smaller Companies plus AIM ex Investment Trusts Total	-0.72%	3.26%	9.92%	3.04%	15.02%

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 the avoidance of doubt, this fund does not have a formal benchmark. All comparisons are for information purposes only. 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

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TOP TWENTY HOLDINGS

Holding	Sector*	% of Net Assets
JTC	Financials	2.6%
Alpha Group International	Financials	2.2%
Restore	Support Services	2.0%
Everplay Group	Consumer	1.9%
Man Group	Financials	1.7%
Gamma Communications	Technology	1.7%
dotdigital	Technology	1.6%
Epwin Group	Construction	1.6%
Ashtead Technology	Support Services	1.6%
Hostelworld	Consumer	1.6%
Renold	Industrials	1.6%
Zotefoams	Industrials	1.6%
Brooks Macdonald	Financials	1.5%
Spectra Systems	Industrials	1.5%
Microlise Group	Technology	1.4%
Eurocell	Construction	1.4%
Advanced Medical Solutions Group	Healthcare	1.4%
Coats Group	Consumer	1.3%
On the Beach Group	Consumer	1.3%
Bodycote	Industrials	1.3%
Total		33.0%

* Source Chelverton Asset Management Limited

SECTOR BREAKDOWN %

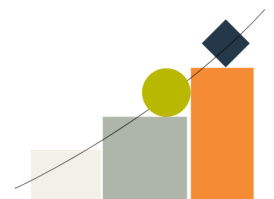
Sector %	% of Net Assets
Technology	19.9%
Industrials	12.5%
Financials	12.2%
Consumer	10.5%
Construction	8.7%
Media	8.6%
Support Services	7.2%
Healthcare	3.9%
Property	0.9%
Utilities	0.5%
Resources	0.0%
Cash and Income	15.1%
Total	100.0%

Source: Chelverton Asset Management Limited

MARKET CAP BREAKDOWN

% of Net Assets	No of stocks
Above £1bn	14
£500m - £1bn	11
£250m - £500m	17
£100m - £250m	29
< £100m	24
Cash and Income	15.1%
Total	100.00%
	95

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 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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