

Launch Date	12 May 1999
Gross Assets	£52.1m
Net Assets	£33.5m*
Bank Debt	£Nil
Core Dividend Yield	8.0%**
Yield including Special	8.0%***

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

The investment objective of the Company is to provide Ordinary shareholders with a high income and opportunity for capital growth, having provided a capital return sufficient to repay the full final capital entitlement of the Zero Dividend Preference shares issued by the wholly owned subsidiary company SDV ZDP 2025 PLC.

The Company's investment policy is that:

- The Company will invest in equities in order to achieve its investment objectives, which are to provide both income and capital growth, predominantly through investment in mid and smaller capitalised UK companies admitted to the Official List of the UK Listing Authority and traded on the London Stock Exchange Main Market, traded on AIM or traded on other qualifying UK marketplaces.
- The Company will not invest in preference shares, loan stock or notes, convertible securities or fixed interest securities or any similar securities convertible into shares; nor will it invest in the securities of other investment trusts or in unquoted companies. The Company may retain investments in companies which cease to be listed after the initial investment was made, so long as the total is non-material in the context of the overall portfolio; however, the Company may not increase its exposure to such investments.

MONTHLY MANAGER COMMENTARY

The consensus remains that as inflation falls, the next move in interest rates will be down, but there is divergence on when this will occur. As UK large caps hit new highs, the analysts appear to be increasing the amount of column inches given over to the relatively attractive valuation of our UK small and mid-cap universe and the quest for a catalyst to kick start a period of relative outperformance. The uptick in Company NAV last month has coincided with more evidence that corporate results in our universe are essentially 'bumping' along the bottom of the cyclical lows and, as we move through into the second half of the year, earnings forecasts should start to look through to a more accommodative economic environment in 2025. Any earnings pick up should be accentuated by the current volume of equity retirement within our portfolio as a number of companies continue to buy their own shares back. These buybacks also serve to highlight underlying balance sheet strength and we expect that as corporate confidence returns, the economy improves, and share prices rise, cash flow will be redirected from buybacks into capital investment helping to sustain the upcycle.

Takeover activity in our small and mid-cap universe remains high, and two of our largest positive contributors in the period were Tyman and TClarke. Tyman, a US focused market leader in the supply of fenestration components, was the subject of an agreed offer for the Company from an American peer for a c.35% premium. Building Services group TClarke was the subject of a recommended bid by its largest shareholder, Regent Gas, at a c.28% premium. In addition Severfield performed well on the back of a positive year-end trading statement and The Property Franchise Group was strong post its recent merger with Belvoir and solid Full Year results. Detractors on the month included RTC Group, MTI Wireless and Sabre Insurance, which gave up some of their recent gains. On the trading front, we trimmed holdings in Crest Nicholson and Kitwave after they had gone ex dividend and topped up positions in FDM Group, STV Group and Wickes.

ANNUAL RETURNS % GBP

30/04/2024

	2024*	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Share Price													
Ordinary Shares	-2.11	-14.28	-9.35	35.61	-16.50	33.39	-32.16	27.59	13.81	29.36	-4.26	79.11	19.72
Share Price													
Morningstar Investment Trust UK Equity Income	3.46	-1.96	0.08	20.55	-7.84	22.53	-10.39	13.42	7.43	5.96	3.31	35.82	19.75
NAV													
Ordinary Shares	4.06	-18.19	-19.29	39.52	-15.97	25.31	-24.50	24.37	4.96	24.79	4.82	56.76	36.46
NAV													
Morningstar Investment Trust UK Equity Income	4.96	-0.50	3.92	23.17	-7.78	25.75	-5.81	11.15	8.39	8.60	3.66	30.61	17.30

Source: Chelverton Asset Management Limited and Morningstar

* Year to Date

Past performance is not a guide to future results

DIVIDEND HISTORY

	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15	2013-14
	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
First interim	3.150	2.943	2.750	2.500	2.400	2.190	2.020	1.850	1.700	1.575	1.475
Second interim	3.150	2.943	2.750	2.500	2.400	2.190	2.020	1.850	1.700	1.575	1.475
Third interim	3.150	2.943	2.750	2.500	2.400	2.190	2.020	1.850	1.700	1.575	1.475
Fourth interim		2.943	2.750	2.500	2.400	2.400	2.400	2.400	2.400	2.400	2.400
Subtotal	9.450	11.770	11.000	10.000	9.600	8.970	8.460	7.950	7.500	7.125	6.825
% increase	7.100	7.000	10.000	4.170	7.020	6.000	6.400	6.000	5.300	4.400	3.400
Special dividend	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.272	N/A	2.500	0.660	1.860	1.600	0.300	2.750
TOTAL	9.450	11.770	11.000	10.272	9.600	11.470	9.120	9.810	9.100	7.425	9.575

FUND MANAGERS



DAVID HORNER

David qualified as a chartered accountant in 1984 with Deloitte before joining 3i Corporate Finance Limited in 1986. In 1993 he joined Strand Partners Limited, and was appointed a director in 1994, where he carried out a range of corporate finance assignments identifying, structuring and managing investments in quoted and unquoted companies. In 1997 he left to set up Chelverton Asset Management Limited and, in 1999, he launched the Chelverton UK Dividend Trust, which he still co-manages. He has also co-managed the Chelverton UK Equity Income Fund since launch. In 2013 he resigned his membership of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, as his career is now fully involved in fund management. He is Chairman of CEPS plc and Managing Director of Macaulay Capital plc.



OLIVER KNOTT

Oliver joined Chelverton Asset Management in January 2020. He has extensive experience in UK small and mid cap equities having joined Brewin Dolphin as a generalist salesman after graduating from the University of Essex with a 1st class honours degree in Politics, Philosophy and Economics. Prior to joining Chelverton, he worked as an equity analyst for N+1 Singer, in their highly respected technology research franchise. Oliver is a CFA Charterholder.

DIRECTORS

HOWARD MYLES
Non-Executive Chairman

ANDREW WATKINS
Non-Executive Director

DENISE HADGILL
Non-Executive Director

CALENDAR

Year End	30 April
AGM	September
Dividends (Declared)	March, June, September, December

Management Fee	1%
Ongoing Fee	2.03%*
Charge to Capital	Management Fee and Bank Interest (75% to Capital: 25% to Revenue)

* As at 30/04/22, calculated in accordance with AIC guidelines. Please see annual report for more details

PRICE INFORMATION

	ZDP	ORDS
Reuters	SDVP.L	SDV.L
SEDOL	BZ7MQD8	0661582
Market Makers	Canaccord Numis Shore Capital Winterflood	

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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). If the value of these investments fall in value, gearing will magnify the negative impact on performance. Particular share classes may also be structurally geared by other share classes that have earlier entitlement to the Company's assets up to a predetermined limit. If an investment trust incorporates a large amount of gearing the value of its shares may be subject to sudden and large falls in value and you could get back nothing at all. Some split capital shares have higher risk characteristics than conventional equities which can result in capital erosion. 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 Zero Dividend Preference Shares - Medium Ordinary shares - High

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TOP TWENTY HOLDINGS

Holding	Sector	% of Portfolio
Ultimate Products	Consumer Discretionary Distribution & Retail	3.06%
Alumasc	Capital Goods	2.45%
Hargreaves Services	Energy	2.45%
Smiths News	Consumer Discretionary Distribution & Retail	2.41%
The Property Franchise Group	Real Estate Management & Development	2.38%
Bakkavor Group	Food, Beverage & Tobacco	2.30%
RTC Group	Commercial & Professional Services	2.30%
Chesnara	Insurance	2.20%
Tyman	Capital Goods	2.20%
ME Group International	Consumer Services	2.02%
MP Evans	Food, Beverage & Tobacco	2.02%
Redde Northgate	Transportation	1.87%
Duke Royalty	Financial Services	1.86%
Somero	Capital Goods	1.86%
STV	Media & Entertainment	1.84%
Wicks	Consumer Discretionary Distribution & Retail	1.84%
OSB	Financial Services	1.79%
T Clarke	Capital Goods	1.79%
Hilton Food	Food, Beverage & Tobacco	1.78%
Epwin Group	Capital Goods	1.75%
Total		42.16%
Income from Top 10 Holdings		24.00%

Source: Chelverton Asset Management Limited, Sector and Industry information per GICS

SECTOR BREAKDOWN %

Sector %	% of Portfolio
Financial Services	16.1%
Capital Goods	15.1%
Consumer Discretionary Distribution & Retail	12.9%
Insurance	7.8%
Food, Beverage & Tobacco	6.3%
Commercial & Professional Services	5.4%
Materials	5.2%
Real Estate Management & Development	4.5%
Media & Entertainment	4.3%
Technology Hardware & Equipment	4.2%
Energy	4.0%
Consumer Durables & Apparel	3.7%
Consumer Services	2.6%
Banks	2.4%
Transportation	1.9%
Health Care Equipment & Services	1.2%
Consumer Staples Distribution & Retail	1.1%
Software & Services	0.8%
Equity Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)	0.7%

MARKET CAP BREAKDOWN

	% of portfolio	No of stocks
Above £1bn	9.41%	7
£500m - £1bn	18.99%	12
£250m - £500m	12.73%	9
£100m - £250m	34.24%	24
Below £100m	24.63%	28
Cash and Income	0.00%	0
Total	100.00%	80

