

# £50 million Joint Offer plus £25 million over-allotment facility

British Smaller Companies VCT plc (BSC)  
 British Smaller Companies VCT2 plc (BSC2)  
 (together the BSC VCTs)

2024/25 Tax Year

## Total return per annum\*



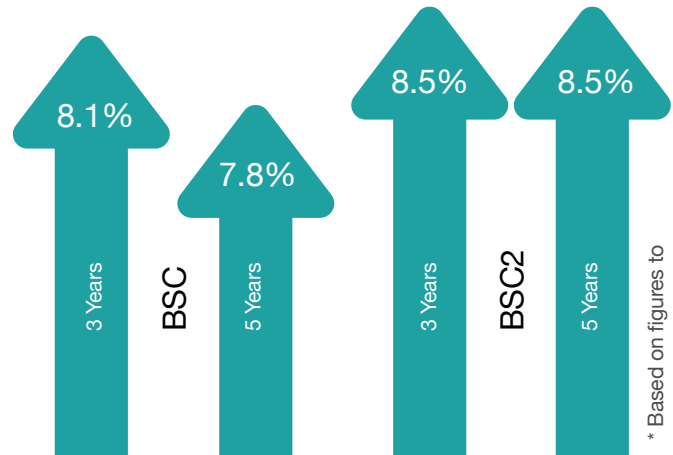
\* Based on figures to 30 June 2024



The BSC VCTs are amongst the most consistent performers of all Generalist VCTs that have a 10 year track record

Source: VCT Generalist NAV Total Return from Morningstar compiled by the AIC as at 17 September 2024

## Dividend yield per annum\*



\* Based on figures to 30 June 2024



Strong demand for investment in the UK regions – £82.4 million into new and further investments in the two years to 30 September 2024

*“The track record these VCTs have delivered for long-term shareholders, combined with the regional focus of helping the UK’s SME industry mean that we expect this offer to be popular with advisers. It also means that Kenneth Clarke can most likely look back at what was instigated in 1996 with a certain level of pride, that VCTs like British Smaller Companies are still performing all these years later.”*

Martin Churchill, Tax Efficient Review



YFM has been investing and creating value in UK small businesses for over 40 years

# Introduction

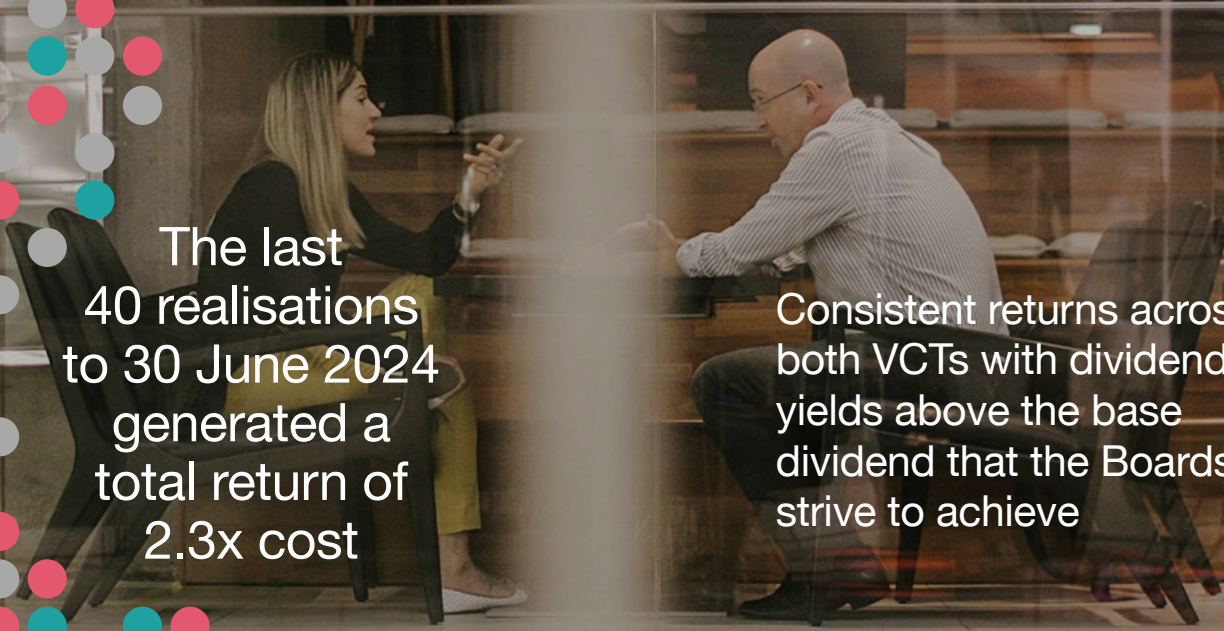
The BSC VCTs invest in growing businesses located across the UK from YFM's five regional offices. YFM has invested heavily in its new deal and portfolio management capability, and this, as well as increased demand for equity investment provided by Venture Capital Trusts, has seen the BSC VCTs deploy £82.4 million in the two years to September 2024.

To meet the growing demand for further and new investment, the BSC VCTs are seeking to raise £50 million plus a £25 million over-allotment facility, to take advantage of the high level and quality of investment opportunities available throughout the UK regions.

## Successful private equity fund manager

YFM Private Equity Limited (YFM), a subsidiary of YFM Equity Partners LLP, has a 42-year history of investing in growing businesses and has been managing and advising venture capital trusts since 1996. YFM's key strengths are its:

- **Highly experienced investment team:**  
40 investment and portfolio staff spread across YFM's regional office network, with an average of nine years' experience each
- **Strong levels of deal flow in the UK regions:**  
selectively choosing from around 500 investment opportunities each year
- **Dedicated portfolio resource with an active management approach:**  
involved in setting strategy, strengthening management teams, evaluating acquisition opportunities and driving exit values



The last 40 realisations to 30 June 2024 generated a total return of 2.3x cost

Consistent returns across both VCTs with dividend yields above the base dividend that the Boards strive to achieve

## Key Risks

- The value of an investment, and any income from it, could fall or rise. You may not get back the full amount you invest.
- Tax treatment depends on your circumstances and may change in the future. Tax reliefs depend on the BSC VCTs maintaining their VCT-qualifying status.
- Investing in smaller companies is considered a high-risk investment. They can fall or rise in value much more sharply than shares in larger, more established companies. They also have a higher rate of failure.

- Your shares might be difficult to sell. It might take time to find a buyer and you might have to accept a price lower than the Net Asset Value (NAV) of the investment.

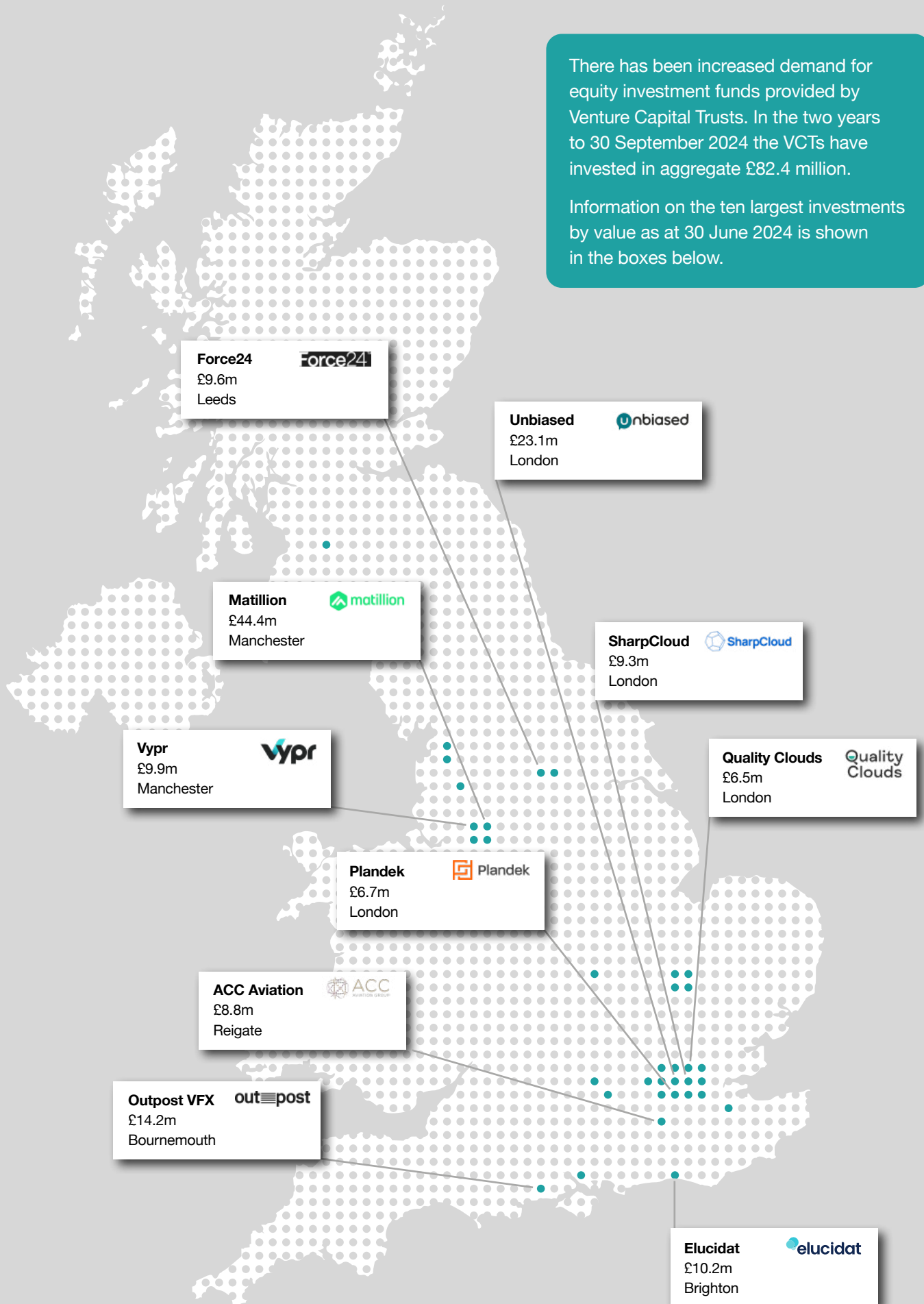
*Please refer to Risk Factors on page 13 of the prospectus for a full list of risk factors. We recommend that you seek independent financial advice from an appropriately authorised independent financial adviser as to whether this investment is suitable for you as well as your personal entitlement to tax reliefs associated with the Offers.*



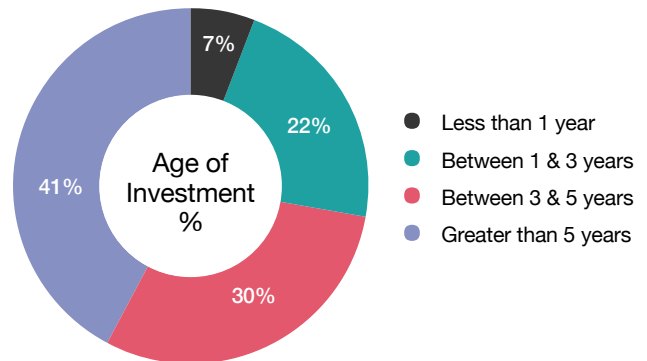
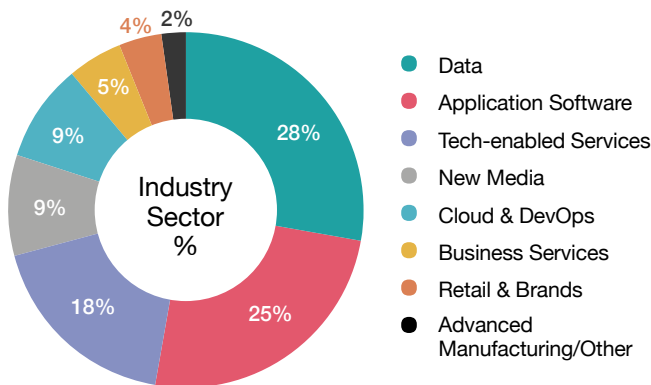
# Strong demand for investment in the UK regions

There has been increased demand for equity investment funds provided by Venture Capital Trusts. In the two years to 30 September 2024 the VCTs have invested in aggregate £82.4 million.

Information on the ten largest investments by value as at 30 June 2024 is shown in the boxes below.



# Portfolio sector analysis as at 30 June 2024



## Venture Capital Trusts

### Dividend Re-investment Scheme ("DRIS")

Each of the BSC VCTs operates a DRIS which provides investors a tax efficient way of building up their shareholding as an alternative to receiving dividends in cash. Tax free dividends are re-invested at the most recent Net Asset Value and attract 30% income tax relief.

### Providing improved liquidity and buy-back policy

Both BSC VCTs aim to ensure that shareholders have the ability to realise their investment; to facilitate this they operate a share buy-back policy whereby shares are bought back at a 5% discount to Net Asset Value. This policy and the rate of discount are reviewed regularly.

### New to Venture Capital Trusts?

VCTs offer significant tax benefits to investors which currently include:

- 30% income tax rebate on your investment (subject to your total income tax bill)
- Tax free dividends and capital distributions
- Exemption from capital gains tax on any capital on sale

More information on Venture Capital Trusts can be found on the Association of Investment Companies website: [theaic.co.uk](http://theaic.co.uk)

Tax reliefs are subject to change. Please refer to your tax adviser or the HM Revenue & Customs website for further guidance on the Venture Capital Trust reliefs.

## Offer details

<b>Closing date</b>	28 March 2025 – receipt of applications and cleared funds (or earlier if fully subscribed)
<b>Allotment dates</b>	First allotment January 2025 (up to £25 million) Second and final allotment 1-4 April 2025
<b>Offer size</b>	£50 million plus £25 million over-allotment facility
<b>Allotment</b>	Based on most recently reported Net Asset Values
<b>Minimum investment</b>	£6,000 (across both VCTs)
<b>Maximum investment</b>	£200,000 (per tax year)
<b>Early bird offers</b>	0.125% for the first £25 million raised
<b>Funds awaiting allotment</b>	Additional shares equivalent to 3.35%* per annum return
<b>Costs of the offers</b>	3.0% Advised 3.5% Direct 5.0% Execution only
<b>Offer terms</b>	For full details of the Offer terms, please refer to the Prospectus

\*This rate is subject to change



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