



# Octopus AIM VCT plc

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## About the product

Octopus AIM VCT Plc is a Venture Capital Trust (VCT) which aims to provide shareholders with attractive tax-free dividends and long-term capital appreciation by investing in a diverse portfolio of predominantly AIM-quoted companies.

Risk is spread by investing in a number of different businesses across a range of activities.

## Product details

**Net Asset Value** 119.3p/share

### Directors

- Roger Smith (Chairman)
- Joanne Parfrey
- Neal Ransome
- Stephen Hazell-Smith

**Year end** 28 February

### Company size

- Net assets £107.8m
- Market Cap £102.3m

**Shares issued** 90.3m

**Share price (mid)** 114.0p

**Holdings** 76

**Management fee** 2.0% p.a

**Total expense ratio (as at 28/02/16)** 2.3%

**ISIN** GB0034202076

**Ticker** OOA

### Share buybacks

The VCT can buy back up to 10% of the share capital annually at a 5% discount to NAV, subject to Board approval.

## Key risks

Your capital is at risk and you may not get back the full amount invested. Tax treatment depends on individual circumstances and may be subject to change.

VCT shares could rise or fall in value more than the shares of companies listed on the main market of the London Stock Exchange.

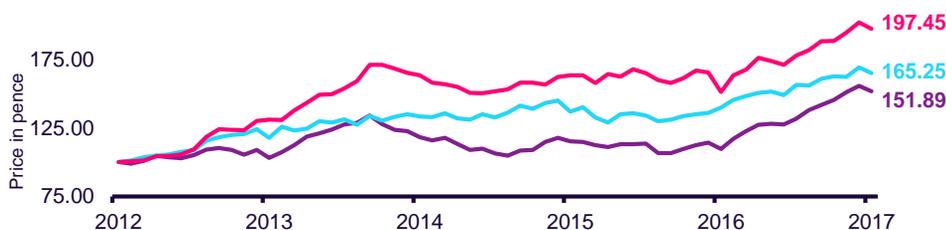
The availability of tax reliefs also depends on the investee companies maintaining their qualifying status.

## Monthly commentary

A more volatile June saw the Net Asset Value of the VCT fall 4.10% over the month. The FTSE All-Share Index fell 2.47% and the FTSE AIM All-Share Index fell 2.55%, both on a total return basis. Although there is a traditional summer lull in investor activity, it would be wrong to think that AIM has been quiet. In June we met over 40 companies seeking to raise capital. This may be partly attributable to a slowdown in fundraising activity before the UK general election, but it indicates that companies are ready to raise capital and do not seem to have delayed their plans indefinitely. There was good trading news from a number of portfolio companies. Translation services specialist RWS reported good interim figures, helped by its strategic move into the healthcare sector. We would expect the company to be debt free in a year's time if it doesn't make any further acquisitions. Velocity Composites, a company that turns raw materials into engineered composite kits used by aircraft manufacturers, announced maiden interim results for the period before its AIM flotation in May 2017. Importantly, the figures confirmed the rate of growth in the business. Specialist veterinary products company Animalcare conducted a major share placing and was, in effect, acquired by Ecuphar, a large European company that carries out a similar type of business. The share placing raised £33 million. Ecuphar was valued at £135 million and the two companies will have a combined value of over £200 million when the deal is completed. Animalcare will continue to be listed on AIM.

The VCT's shareholders are due to vote on a proposed new share offer to raise £30 million, with the potential to raise a further £10 million, at a general meeting in July 2017.

## Octopus AIM VCT share price (TR) five years to 30 June 2017



Source: Lipper, 30 June 2017.

— Octopus AIM VCT PLC — FTSE All-Share TR — FTSE AIM TR

## Discrete 12-month performance rolling to month end (%)

Year to 30 June	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Octopus AIM VCT NAV (TR)	25.05%	-3.45%	0.26%	22.76%	23.24%
Octopus AIM VCT Share Price (TR)	30.47%	-7.45%	-0.05%	24.69%	31.20%
FTSE AIM All-Share (TR)	38.55%	-4.98%	-2.46%	14.58%	3.24%
FTSE All-Share (TR)	18.12%	2.21%	2.60%	13.12%	17.93%

## Performance overview (%)

30 June	Calendar year				
	YTD	2016	2015	2014	3 Year 5 Year
Octopus AIM VCT NAV (TR)	10.57%	5.91%	8.30%	-1.64%	20.64% 77.71%
Octopus AIM VCT Share Price (TR)	10.95%	5.27%	8.70%	-1.36%	20.69% 97.45%
FTSE AIM All-Share (TR)	15.22%	16.07%	6.63%	-16.53%	28.41% 51.89%
FTSE All-Share (TR)	5.50%	16.75%	0.98%	1.18%	23.87% 65.25%

**Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.**

Source: Octopus, Lipper.

**Calculation methodology:** VCT performance is shown as a simple return comparison between the NAV at the beginning of the period and the NAV, plus any dividends paid out, at the end of the period. VCT share price performance shown includes reinvested dividends. NAV is stated after deduction of fees.

## Top ten holdings



## Recent dividend payments

19 November 2010	2.50p
11 February 2011	2.50p
5 August 2011	2.50p
25 November 2011	2.50p
26 July 2012	2.50p
30 November 2012	2.50p
25 July 2013	2.50p
16 January 2014	2.50p
27 July 2014	3.00p
15 January 2015	2.50p
7 August 2015 (special)	4.00p
7 August 2015 (ordinary)	2.80p
14 January 2016	2.50p
22 July 2016	2.50p
20 January 2017	2.50p
<b>Total</b>	<b>39.80p</b>

## About the team

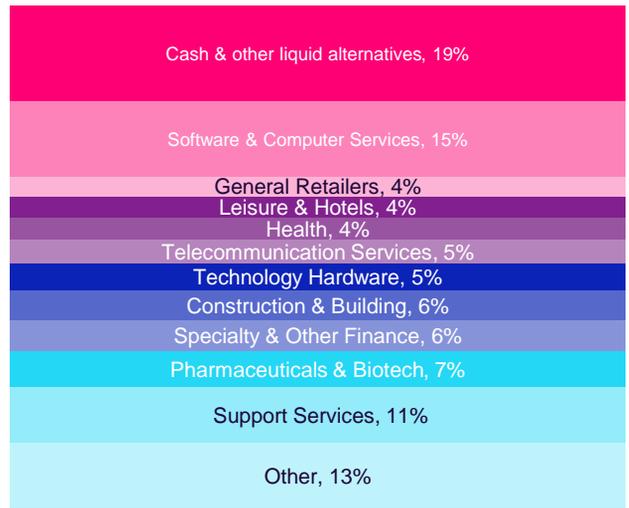
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**Phone 0800 316 2394 to speak to any of our Fund Managers.**

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## Top ten sectors



## Glossary

### Index

An imaginary portfolio of securities created to represent a particular market or a portion of it.

### Net Asset Value (NAV)

The price-per-share of a fund or other investment. The per-share amount of the fund is based on the total value of all the securities in its portfolio, any liabilities the fund has and the number of fund shares outstanding.

### Total Return (TR)

The gain or loss derived from an investment over a specified period of time. This figure includes interest, capital gains, dividends, and income distributions realised over that time period.

### Volatility

The extent to which an investment's value deviates from the average over a specified time period. The higher the rate of volatility, the more risky the investment is perceived to be.