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Dear Shareholder

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I am delighted to be writing to you today enclosing details of the proposed merger of Oxford Technology 2 VCT Plc (OT2, Company) with Oxford Technology VCT Plc (OT1), Oxford Technology 3 VCT Plc (OT3) and Oxford Technology 4 VCT Plc (OT4) (and together the OT VCTs). The Company is also launching an offer for subscription for a new class of leisure shares (Leisure Shares) to raise up to £20 million (Offer) under a new manager, Edition Capital Investments Limited (Edition). For those who have asked to receive their documentation in paper format, a Circular is enclosed. Otherwise, all documentation can be downloaded from www.oxfordtechnologyvct.com. A proxy form (coloured white) is also enclosed with this letter, and the Directors would urge you to return your proxy supporting the resolutions so that the merger and Offer for subscription can proceed.

Such a transaction has been a long time coming! For many years, the Board has extolled the virtues of seeking to increase the asset base of the OT VCTs. OT2 currently has the lowest net assets of any existing VCT, and it has become increasingly difficult to balance the requirements of liquidity and meeting the mandatory VCT qualifying tests. Furthermore, despite being run on a shoestring budget, there are costs required for a listed company meaning the economics have become increasingly unviable, particularly for Oxford Technology Management (OTM) who bear an increasingly burdensome cost cap. Either a merger or fund raise has the potential to become transformational, but an opportunity to do both maximises the benefits to shareholders.

You will be aware from previous communications that the structure of the proposed merger is that shareholders of each existing individual OT VCT will retain their existing economic interest in their portfolio (which the boards of the OT VCTs believe is most equitable), as the net assets brought in from OT1, OT3 and OT4 will be held in separate share pools within OT2. Apart from an ability to share the fixed costs with the other share pools, there will be no other immediate effect on OT2 shareholders. There will also be a fund raising by Edition, the Company's proposed new manager, who is an experienced EIS fund manager. Edition believes that now is an opportune time to expand its offering to include a venture capital trust, and teaming up with an existing VCT provides benefits as described in the OT2 Prospectus (Prospectus). Edition continues to experience strong deal flow and is seeing a significant number of high quality private equity investment opportunities, and funds raised under the Offer will allow shareholders in the Company to take advantage of the continuing flow of these. I hope this Offer for subscription will appeal to existing and new investors alike.

We have previously looked at the possibility of merging the funds, but the costs have always been prohibitive, and the payback unviable: however, by "riding on the back" of the prospectus required for the fund raise of the new Leisure share class – which is paid for by Edition – we have been able to substantially reduce the merger cost payable by the OT VCTs who are only paying the incremental costs to merge the funds. The Board has estimated the payback period will be between 9 and 36 months, based on the estimated merger costs and annual cost savings post merger (which vary depending on whether and when Leisure Shares are first issued and how many of the other OT VCTs participate in the merger). This is because the arrangements the Board has agreed with Edition are such that the OT VCT share pools will not pay any fixed costs for an initial three year period (any fees to OTM will still be charged to these share pools). In effect, this means that shareholders should incur very little cost drag on their investment for this initial period, whilst hopefully many of the remaining investments can reach value inflection points and be realised. After this three year period, any remaining assets will incur a

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share of the running costs in proportion to each share class's net asset value, but given the relative sizes of the share pools expected by then, these should be considerably less than the costs currently incurred.

In addition, it will be easier for the enlarged company to maintain compliance with the VCT Rules. This has two benefits: (1) assets which are currently being retained simply to provide liquidity for the VCT can be realised at the appropriate time and cash returned to shareholders and (2) less cash will need to be retained across the overall portfolio for working capital (as the cash requirements to run the VCT can be shared across the various pools of assets), representing both an overall saving and making it less likely that assets need to be sold before they have reached a value inflection point. Interestingly, although there may be limited such opportunities in the future, the raising of new capital by Edition may reduce the current restrictions on making follow on investments by the existing share pools imposed by the VCT rules, which would increase flexibility to support investee companies financially. Such investments are only ever considered where the Board determines it will enhance shareholder value.

The structure provides optimal longevity conditions for those shareholders of OT2 (and OT1/OT3) who deferred a capital gain on their original investment: the raising of funds into the new Leisure Share class will necessarily extend the life of the Company, with its multiple different share classes. Once the bulk of investments has been sold in the legacy OT VCT share pools and capital has been returned to shareholders, it is currently intended that any remaining rump holdings (which otherwise might have been liquidated at a loss as it would be economically unviable to continue to hold them in a standalone share pool) will be merged with the Leisure Share class (or such other class of shares as the Board determines at the relevant time).

No transaction is without risks, and the Circular details those that the Directors consider could have an impact on existing shareholders, either as a result of the merger and/or fund raise. These are listed on pages 37 to 40 of the Circular. Whilst shareholders should review these carefully, the Directors believe the proposals they have outlined, and the resolutions shareholders are asked to support, are in shareholders' best interests as a whole.

All the costs of the proposed Offer for subscription (apart from trail commission to financial intermediaries entitled to it) will be paid by Edition, who are also covering circa £57,000 of the costs specifically related to the merger. Full terms agreed with Edition (in its capacity as manager) that relate to the new Leisure Shares are detailed on pages 52 to 54 of the Prospectus, which also covers details of an ongoing (and lower) cost cap. The positive impact on OT2's shareholders is included above. Full details of the costs, benefits and risks are included in the Circular and in the Prospectus which has today been issued by the Company. Shareholders should read these documents and if any doubt, contact your normal independent financial adviser.

There are various resolutions that shareholders are asked to approve:

- 1) OT2 shareholders need to approve the merger with each of the other VCTs individually. For the merger to proceed, shareholders of OT1/OT3/OT4 will also have to approve their respective companies to merge with OT2. The merger of one fund is not dependent on the others, so provided the shareholders of OT2 and the respective VCT approve a specific merger, this will proceed, irrespective of any other (resolutions 1 - 3)
- 2) There are further resolutions linked to the raising of the new money that will be invested by Edition in a new pool of assets focussed on the leisure sector (resolutions 4 and 9).
- 3) Finally, there are various enabling resolutions that are needed to make these new share classes possible, e.g. changes to the investment policy (resolution 5) and Articles (resolution 8), new fee arrangements with OTM (see below) (resolution 6), the ability to buy back shares (resolution 7) and also to create additional distributable reserves following the issue of these shares in OT2 (resolutions 10).

OTM's role will remain unchanged until Leisure Shares are first issued. Once Edition becomes manager of the Company, OTM will continue to be retained, advising the Board and Edition regarding the portfolios they have worked on to date, but on a reduced fee as they will no longer be providing back office services: this role will be taken on by Edition, as will the role of the AIFM and company secretary. The name of the Company will also be changed to Edition VCT Plc to reflect the focus of the new share pool.

The meeting requesting shareholder approval for the above resolutions will be held at 3pm on Monday 20 June 2022, following the AGM which is being held at 2pm on the same day. Both meetings are at Magdalen Centre, Oxford Science Park, Oxford, Oxfordshire, OX4 4GA. There will be also a webinar at 10am on Tuesday 7 June 2022 to give shareholders the chance to hear from OTM, Edition and the Board (and from investee company Select Technology) and provide an opportunity to ask questions. To register for either or both events, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/mtu6s8cf>.

We hope you will all support the resolutions to merge the OT VCTs, and that many of you may be interested in investing in the new Leisure Share pool as well. Edition, as promoter of the Offer for subscription has agreed to waive their promoter fee in its entirety to shareholders in any of the OT VCTs who subscribe for new Leisure Shares by 30 September 2022 (as detailed on page 42 of the Prospectus), although anyone investing in the Offer may be charged a fee by their own financial adviser. As this would be an investment in a VCT, it should come with the benefit of 30% income tax relief on subscription and tax-free distributions for qualifying shareholders.

We cannot advise on whether shareholders should invest in the Offer in any way and shareholders should read both the Circular and Prospectus before making any decision. If you require any further clarification on the proposals, please attend the webinar on 7 June. Alternatively, please send any requests for clarification to vcts@oxfordtechnology.com. Please note that the Company is not permitted to give you investment, financial, legal or tax advice. Anyone considering making an investment should only do so having read and considered the detail of the Prospectus in full and then only based on the information contained therein.

The Directors, holding 1.09% of OT2, unanimously support the proposals and will be voting in favour of all resolutions (where permitted to do so) at the general meeting on 20 June 2022. We ask all shareholders to return their proxy form for this general meeting, and we hope you will vote in favour of all resolutions.

As we are writing to everyone today enclosing the (white) proxy form related to the merger and Offer, we have decided to also take the opportunity to enclose a proxy form (coloured green) to make it easier for shareholders to vote at the Annual General Meeting, which is being held on the same day. If you have already submitted a proxy form for that meeting, you do not need to send this green card back, but please do still complete and return the white card. Thank you.

Yours faithfully



Richard Roth
Chairman

If you are in any doubt about the action to be taken, you should consult your bank manager, stockbroker, solicitor, accountant or other independent financial adviser authorised pursuant to the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (FSMA).

If you have sold or otherwise transferred all of your shares in Oxford Technology 2 Venture Capital Trust plc (the Company), please send this letter and any accompanying documents, as soon as possible, to the purchaser or transferee or to the stockbroker, independent financial adviser or other person through whom the sale or transfer was effected for delivery to the purchaser or transferee.

This letter does not constitute a prospectus and does not form part of any sale, solicitation or any offer to buy or subscribe for securities. This letter is, however, an advertisement for the purposes of the Listing Rules of the FCA in relation to the Offer and the Prospectus. Any decision to invest under the Offer should be made solely on the basis of, and strictly in accordance with the terms of, the Prospectus. Prospective investors should read the full Prospectus and are recommended to take independent financial advice.

Application has been made to the FCA for those shares that are to be issued in connection with the merger and the Offer to be listed on the premium segment of the Official List and will be made to the London Stock Exchange for such new shares to be admitted to trading on its main market for listed securities. It is expected that such admission will become effective and that dealings in the new shares will commence within three Business Days following allotment.

Investment in the Company should be considered a long term investment. The value of shares in the Company, and the income derived from them, can go up and down and investors may not get back the money originally invested. In addition, there is no certainty that the market price of the shares in the Company will fully reflect their underlying net asset value nor that dividends will be paid. Past performance is not a guide to future performance and there is no guarantee that the Company's objectives (including maintaining VCT status) will be achieved.