

Oxford Technology Venture Capital Trust Plc



UNAUDITED INTERIM REPORT

For the period 1 March 2021 to 28 February 2022

	Year Ended 28 February 2022	Year Ended 28 February 2021
Net Assets At Period End	£2.32m	£2.70m
Net Asset Value (NAV) Per Share	42.7p	49.7p
Cumulative Dividend Per Share	55.0p	55.0p
Total NAV Return Per Share	97.7p	104.7p
Share Price At Period End (Mid-Market)	27.5p	27.5p
Earnings Per Share	(7.0)p	5.0p

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Statement on behalf of the Board

I would normally now be writing to fellow shareholders to present the Annual Report for the 12 months to 28 February 2022, but due to the proposed merger with the other three Oxford Technology VCTs (the “Merger”), our accounting period has been extended to 31 August 2022.

I am therefore pleased to provide – as an alternative to an audited Annual Report – an unaudited Interim Report for the 12 month period to 28 February 2022. This Interim Report contains more details than our normal half year interim reports (particularly regarding the portfolio), but not as much about governance and other matters as would be included in an Annual Report. Apart from the usual portfolio update, I would like to draw your attention to three slightly more unusual matters in my report below, namely (1) the Merger announcement, (2) a change of auditor and (3) a new investment made during the course of the year.

Overview

The unaudited Net Asset Value (NAV) per share has decreased by 7.0p (14%) from 49.7p as at 28 February 2021 to 42.7p as at 28 February 2022. The reduction is primarily due to a decrease in the value of Scancell Holdings Plc (“Scancell”), albeit offset by a modest increase in the value of the rest of the Company’s portfolio.

At as 28 February 2022 the Scancell share price was 12p, but subsequently recovered in April to 16.75p on 19 April 2022. Shareholders should note that for every 1p share change in Scancell’s bid price, the OT1 NAV moves by about 1p per share. The unaudited NAV per share as of 19 April 2022 was 47.3p.

Further explanations are included in the portfolio review section below. Total Return since the Company’s launch is 97.7p per share.

The Company paid no dividends during the 12 months ended 28 February 2022 (2021: nil). The cumulative dividends per share paid since inception in 1997 are 55.0p (2021: 55.0p).

Merger of the Oxford Technology VCTs

As announced on 4 March 2022, OT1 has entered into discussions regarding a Merger of the four Oxford Technology VCTs (“OT VCTs”) and a subsequent proposed move to a new investment manager, Edition Capital Investments Limited (Edition). The structure of the proposed Merger is designed to preserve the economic value of OT1’s portfolio for the benefit of the Company’s existing shareholders. Discussions are progressing and the proposed transaction, with full details, is expected to be formally announced in May.

Shareholders will be aware that not only is your Company one of the oldest VCTs, it remains one of the smallest – in terms of NAV, market capitalisation and number of portfolio companies. The Boards of all four OT VCTs have previously stated that it would be preferable to have a larger asset base to share their operating costs due to the relentless upward trajectory of regulatory costs, the ongoing challenges of maintaining VCT status and the very small size of each of OT VCTs. As investments are realised, your Company reduces in size, making it increasingly unviable on a standalone basis. The structure being proposed allows the shareholders of all four OT VCTs to benefit from the economies of scale of the Merger.

In addition, shareholders will be aware that for a number of years, your Directors have sought to find partners interested in using the existing VCT structure to launch their own share offering, and hence enabling one (or more) of the OT VCTs to expand its asset base, and without losing the benefits of the low cost arrangement that OT1 currently has with its investment manager. In Edition I believe we have found an ideal partner, especially in the light of our succession planning requirements: it has been clear for some years that OTM do not consider VCTs a suitable vehicle for investing small sums in high risk reward start-ups, which is their area of interest and expertise. Having Edition as the new investment manager (raising new money in a separate share class) means longevity for the OT VCT portfolios such that the risk of ‘fire sale’ exits (due to these individual portfolios become sub-scale) is substantially reduced. Although under this scenario Edition will take over as the fund manager, the investments in the existing assets will continue to be managed by the Board with the support of Oxford Technology Management Limited (OTM) in an advisory capacity as is currently the case.

It is important to emphasise the point made above: the proposed Merger is designed to preserve the economic value of OT1’s portfolio for the benefit of existing shareholders as well as reducing its operating costs, yet ensuring the portfolios of each of the OT VCTs remain ringfenced.



By sharing the costs of the Merger with its sister VCTs as well as Edition, it has been possible to off-set the otherwise and hitherto prohibitive cost of combining the VCTs.

Whilst the Board cannot be certain the proposals they are discussing will be finalised (and in any case are subject to shareholder approval), good progress is being made with both Edition and the boards of the other OT VCTs, and I am optimistic a Merger Circular will be issued to shareholders in May. I would encourage all shareholders to read this Circular carefully and to vote to support the various resolutions to enable the Merger to proceed (which will also be dependant on shareholders of Oxford Technology VCT 2 plc ("OT2"), the acquiring entity, approving the Merger).

The Board expects to offer shareholders an opportunity to question the Board via a Zoom webinar well ahead of the deadline for when voting closes. Shareholders should also note that whilst there will not be an Annual General Meeting in the summer as normal, there will be a shareholder meeting to approve the Merger which will provide an additional opportunity to question the Board.

Change to the Companies' auditor

UHY Hacker Young LLP ("UHY") advised the Board that they wished to resign as auditor to the Company. UHY have taken the decision to withdraw from the VCT market following a change in its strategy over the sectors in which it operates. Accordingly, UHY has resigned as auditor to all of the OTVCTs with effect from 23 February 2022. You will have already received the letter from UHY confirming that there are no matters connected with it ceasing to hold office that need to be brought to the attention of members or creditors of the Companies for the purposes of section 519 of the Companies Act 2006. I would like to thank UHY for its services and support as external auditors.

The Directors have appointed Hazlewoods LLP ("Hazlewoods") as OT1's auditors. However, it is hoped that the proposed Merger will avoid the need for another audit for OT1 as a standalone entity.

Portfolio Review

OT1 has five companies in its portfolio, two of which are listed on the Alternative Investment Market (AIM) of the London Stock Exchange.

STL Management Limited ("Select Technology") distributes high quality document management software via its global channel partners. Over the last decade Select Technology has built up a global network of distributors and dealers through which it sells third party products targeted at its end customers' scanning, copying and printing infrastructure. These products now include PaperCut, KPAX, Foldr, Drivve Image, EveryonePrint and Square 9 Enterprise Content Management.

Our valuation methodology for this investment is based on a sales multiple, and we have cautiously retained the discount that we have applied in recent years until we can fully assess the impact of various geopolitical events on Select Technology's markets. However, the company itself is now seeing a recovery in trading conditions – this is welcome news after the turmoil of 2020 and the disruption in early 2021. OT1 received a small dividend from Select Technology in February 2022, possibly (and hopefully) a sign that normal trading is in the process of being resumed.

As at 28 February 2022, OT1's stake in Select Technology constituted just under 50% of the Company's NAV, and the small dividend received from Select Technology represents a yield of 1.5% at the carrying value in the OT1 portfolio. At the end of August 2021, I joined the board of Select Technology to represent the OT VCTs' interests as we seek to maximise shareholder value.

Scancell is listed on AIM. From March 2021 until the end of December 2021, Scancell's share price remained relatively stable around 21p (± 2p) per share. During this period, OT1 took the opportunity to sell 364,324 Scancell shares at an average price of 22.1p per Scancell share. From mid-January 2022, the Scancell share price entered a period of steady decline. At as 28 February 2022 the Scancell share price was 12p, subsequently bottoming out around 11p before recovering in April to 16.75p as at 19 April 2022 on the announcement of the start of Modi-1 trials. Shareholders should note that for every 1p share change in Scancell's bid price, the OT1 NAV moves by about 1p per share.

While it could be argued that Scancell has had a quiet year in terms of news flow and corporate milestones, the substantial injections of equity funding during 2020 have allowed Scancell to invest heavily in its technology platforms. Founder Professor Lindy Durrant is now back at the helm as CEO and Chief Scientific Officer, and Dr Richard Goodfellow is back as Interim Chief Business Officer. There have been subtle changes in the way Scancell positions itself in the market, the company now describing itself as a “*clinical stage biopharmaceutical company that is leveraging its proprietary research, built up over many years of studying the human adaptive immune system, to generate novel medicines to treat significant unmet needs in cancer and infectious disease. The company is building a pipeline of innovative products by utilising its four technology platforms: Moditope and ImmunoBody for vaccines and GlyMab and AvidiMab for antibodies*”.

I remain positive about Scancell’s potential for treating otherwise untreatable diseases. Arguably the most important announcement made by Scancell during the course of the last 12 months was the news that the redemption date of the c. £19.7m of convertible loan notes held by Scancell’s major funder, US-based Redmile Group, LLC, was extended by three years (from 2022 to 2025), reducing the risk of an unfavourable dilutive event in 2022 and giving Scancell’s management the time to create maximum commercial value from its multiple ‘shots on goal’. As at the period end, Scancell made up c. 30% of OT1’s NAV, making it the Company’s second largest portfolio holding.

BioCote Limited (“BioCote”) continues to be dependable stalwart of your Company’s portfolio (now c. 11% of NAV), and again paid a useful dividend to OT1, representing a yield of over 6% at the carrying value in the OT1 portfolio. BioCote has maintained this level of shareholder pay out despite hiring new members of staff in a bid to grow the business. We continue to value BioCote at a multiple of turnover.

In my half-yearly report last autumn I reported on a unique event in my tenure as a Director of the Company, namely the addition of a new investee to the Company’s portfolio. Arecor Therapeutics Plc (“Arecor”), founded in 2007, has been a long-time holding of your Company’s sister VCTs and listed on AIM in June 2021. OT1 made a £90,000 VCT-qualifying subscription for new Arecor shares in support of this listing. Arecor has performed well since then, continuing to build on partnerships and collaborations with various global partners.

I view this investment decision as an exceptional case, and there are currently no further plans (or intention) to further expand the Company’s portfolio. The Directors are of the view that Arecor has a promising future, and that having two AIM-listed holdings in the Company’s portfolio provides resilience as we ensure compliance with the VCT qualifying tests, providing more flexibility in meeting the Company’s liquidity requirements.

As at the reporting date of 28 February 2022, Arecor was valued at a bid price of 350p per share, an increase of just under 55% from the float price of 226p per share. Our holding in Arecor makes up c. 6% of the Company’s NAV.

Getmapping Plc (“Getmapping”) has had a largely positive year – welcome news for all shareholders. Getmapping makes up just under 4% of the Company’s NAV.

Despite an improvement in performance from the smaller companies in the portfolio plus the addition of a new portfolio company, Arecor, OT1’s portfolio remains relatively concentrated, albeit less than in the previous year. As at 28 February 2022, the two largest portfolio companies, Scancell and Select Technology, together accounted for just under 80% of NAV.

The Directors, along with the Investment Adviser, continue to take an active interest in the companies within the portfolio, supporting management teams (where possible) to achieve company development, but also to prepare companies for realisation at the appropriate time. It should however be noted that approaches do occur at other times, and the ability of the Directors and Investment Adviser to be able to provide support when such approaches occur is essential for maximising value.

Further details are contained within the Investment Manager’s Review, and on our website at www.oxfordtechnologyvct.com/vct1.html.

VCT Qualifying Status

The Board continues to monitor all the VCT requirements very carefully in order to ensure that all the various qualifying tests are met and that qualifying investments comfortably exceed the current minimum threshold of 80% which is required for the Company to continue to benefit from VCT tax status. As at 28 February 2022, the HMRC value of qualifying investments of our portfolio was 86.7% (2021: 83.3%).

Liquidity

The issue of liquidity of unquoted companies within investment funds has remained a national topic of discussion this year. Shareholders may be interested to know that at the year-end over a third of the Company's portfolio was held in cash or quoted AIM shares, thus providing short-term liquidity (though shareholders should note that stocks quoted on AIM may have limited liquidity at times).

Risk Factors

The geopolitical situation is distressing, and our thoughts go out to those who are affected by military actions and other violence. We must also note that under the 'Guns or Butter' principle, your Company's portfolio – not surprisingly slanted towards the latter of those two – might be severely impacted by a longer-term shift to the former. We must pray that calm heads prevail.

For much of the post 2008 era, inflation has been tamed by various mechanisms such as quantitative easing. Recent developments indicate that such efforts to 'kick the can down the road' may be coming to an end. Inflation is now forecast to hit high single figures – it is unclear to what extent the UK and the wider world economy is in a fit state to thrive in such a challenging environment.

Thankfully OT1's portfolio – despite being concentrated in only having 5 companies in it – is suitably diverse so as to provide a degree of protection from some of these global headwinds.

Dividends/Return of Capital

No dividend was paid or declared during the financial year.

Due to its relatively small size the Company remains exposed to balancing solvency requirements and compliance with VCT rules: there is no flexibility in the latter, and there is now much greater emphasis on Directors explaining to shareholders why it is still reasonable to adopt the going concern basis when accounts are being prepared. Sufficient comfort regarding liquidity is provided by your Company's stakes in two AIM-listed companies (both of which are currently held at a substantial profit). As mentioned in my introduction, expanding the size of the Company should further help improve this situation.

For operational reasons, OT1 received £50k short term interest free loans from each of Oxford Technology 2 VCT Plc (OT2) and Oxford Technology 4 VCT Plc (OT4) during the year under the Common Payments and Liquidity agreement held between the VCTs. The loan from OT4 has subsequently been repaid, and £25k was outstanding to OT2 as at 28 February 2022.

The ongoing strategy remains to seek to crystallise value from the portfolio and distribute cash to shareholders. Our priority is to maximise shareholder value and liquidity over the medium term by seeking exits for these holdings at the appropriate time, but remaining mindful of the need to meet both VCT qualifying and going concern tests.

Presentation of interim report

In order to reduce the length of this report, we have omitted details of the Company's objectives and investment strategy, its Advisers and Registrar and how to buy and sell shares in the Company. These details are all included in the Annual Reports, which together with previous half-yearly reports, are available for viewing on the Oxford Technology website.

VCT Market Changes

During the period under review, there have been no further amendments to the rules governing VCTs. The Chancellor of the Exchequer's Spring Statement was also subsequently delivered on 23 March 2022 and did not propose any changes to the legislation governing VCTs.

Cost Control

Your Board continues to look at methods of improving operational efficiency, reducing costs and, more generally putting in place appropriate plans to ensure that your VCT's operational costs relative to its overall size remain within acceptable limits. Over the last 5 years we have renegotiated almost every element of cost.

Our investment management and Directors' fees and auditors' remuneration are amongst the lowest in the VCT industry. The largest remaining elements of cost are the LSE listing fee – now over £10k – and the FCA fee of £6k. These regulatory fees seem to have relentless increases and bear disproportionately on a small company. Filed company accounts now also need to be produced in XHTML format, at additional cost, to comply with the first phase of mandatory electronic format reporting under FCA's Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules.

As mentioned in the introduction (assuming the Board puts forward the Merger recommendation it is currently envisaging, and shareholders of both the Company and OT2 (the acquiring entity) approve the relevant resolutions), these annual costs will be able to be shared more widely in the future.

Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)

Whilst many of the requirements under company law to detail ESG matters are not directly applicable to the Company, the Board is conscious of its potential impact on the environment as well as its social and corporate governance responsibilities. Furthermore, the Investment Adviser takes ESG considerations into account when investing. The FCA reporting requirements consistent with the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures that commenced this year do not currently apply to the Company. However, it will be kept under review in light of any recommended changes.

Fraud Warnings – Boiler Room Fraud

We are aware of a number of cases where shareholders are being fraudulently contacted or are being subjected to attempts of identity fraud. Shareholders should remain vigilant of all potential financial scams or attempts for them to disclose personal data for fraudulent gains. The Board strongly recommends shareholders take time to read the Company's fraud warning section, including details of who to contact, contained within the Information for shareholders section of the Annual Reports from previous years.

Outlook and Prospects

This not being an accounting period year end statement, there is no AGM to look forward to. However, there will be General Meeting following the expected publication in May of the Circular for the proposed Merger, and I look forward to speaking to you there, or in advance of that date if you have any questions about the proposals by contacting me at vcts@oxfordtechnology.com.

Given the Directors' view of the potential of the underlying assets, we continue to view the future with confidence. Assuming the Board put forward the resolutions they anticipate – and shareholders approve them – it will mean the end of OT1 as the holding vehicle for your investment portfolio, which will continue to be maintained within a separate pool of assets within OT2 (to be renamed Edition VCT Plc assuming a successful fund raise) and at a lower holding cost.

One of those cost savings is that my chairmanship will be surplus to requirements, though I shall be staying on post-Merger as a Director of the enlarged company for at least a year for continuity and to help ensure the prioritisation of shareholder value maximisation for all of us as existing shareholders in the OT1 share class.

I would therefore like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow shareholders – likely for the final time in a chairman's statement for Oxford Technology VCT Plc – for their continued support. It has been a pleasure being in the chair over the last eight years as I have worked with the other directors and OTM to steward your assets through the various ups and downs that life has thrown at us.

All the very best for the future.



Alex Starling – Chairman
21 April 2022

Investment Manager’s Review

OT1 was formed in 1997 and invested in a total of 21 companies, all start-up or early stage technology companies. Some of these companies failed with the loss of the investment. Some have succeeded and have been sold. Dividends paid to shareholders to date are 55p per share. The table below shows the five companies remaining in the portfolio. The ultimate outcome for investors will depend on how the remaining investments perform. In particular, Select Technology, Scancell, BioCote and Arecor have the potential to deliver significant returns.

Updates on each of the portfolio companies are contained in this report.

New Investments in the 12 month period

During the period (26 May 2021) the company made a new investment in Arecor Therapeutics Plc of £90k for 39,824 shares. The company was admitted to trading on the AIM market on 3 June 2021.

Disposals during the 12 month period

364,324 Scancell shares were sold during the period at an average price of 22.1p with OT1 receiving net proceeds of £81k.

Valuation Methodology

Quoted and unquoted investments are valued in accordance with current industry guidelines that are compliant with International Private Equity and Venture Capital (IPEVC) Valuation Guidelines and current financial reporting standards.

VCT Compliance

Compliance with the main VCT regulations as at 28 February 2022 and for the 12 month period then ended is summarised as follows:

Type of Investment By HMRC Valuation Rules	Actual	Target
VCT Qualifying Investments	86.7%	Minimum obligation of: 80%
Non-Qualifying Investments	13.1%	Maximum allowed: 20%
Total	100%	100%

The value used in the qualifying tests is not necessarily the original investment cost due to the complex rules required by HMRC, therefore the allocation of Qualifying investments as defined by the legislation can be different to the portfolio weighting as measured by market value relative to the net assets of the VCT.

At least 70% of each investment must be in eligible shares – Complied.

No more than 15% of the income from shares and securities is retained – Complied.

No investment constitutes more than 15% of the Company’s portfolio (by value at time of investment or when the holding is added to) – Complied.

The Company’s income in the period has been derived wholly or mainly (70% plus) from shares or securities – Complied.

No investment made by the VCT has caused the company to receive more than £5m of State Aid investment (£10 million for Knowledge Intensive Companies) in any rolling 12 month period and £12 million of state aid investment (£20 million for Knowledge Intensive Companies) during its lifetime – Complied.

Investment Portfolio as at 28 February 2022

Company	Description	Net Cost of investment £'000	Carrying value at 28/02/22 £'000	Change in value for the year period £'000	% Equity held OT1	% Equity held All OTVCTs	% Net assets
Select STL Management	Specialist Photocopier interfaces	488	1,153	147	30.0	58.5	49.7
Scancell (bid price 12p)	Antibody based cancer therapeutics	286	687	(683)*	0.7	1.5	29.6
BioCote	Bactericidal additives	85	256	48	6.6	6.6	11.1
Arecor (bid price 350p)	Protein stabilisation	90	139	139**	0.1	5.7	6.0
Getmapping	Aerial photography	518	88	14	3.8	3.8	3.8
Total Investments		1,467	2,324	(335)			100.2
Other Net Liabilities			(5)				(0.2)
Net Assets			2,319				100.0

* £82k of the decrease is due to Scancell share sales. The balance is due to the decrease in the AIM share price from 22.5p to 12p per share.

** The Arecor shares were purchased during the year in May 2021. £90k of the increase in value relates to the acquisition and £49k to the increase in the AIM share price since the purchase.

Select – STL Management Ltd

www.selectec.co.uk

	First Investment	Net Cost	Carrying Value 28/02/2022	Change in Value for the Year	% Equity Held
Select – STL Management Ltd	September 1999	£488,224	£1,153,370	£146,793	30.0%

Select Technology (100% owned by STL Management Ltd) distributes high quality document management software via its global channel partners while adding significant further value through its development team by providing integrations or bespoke solutions. Select Technology grew significantly between 2010 and 2018 by focusing on print management software. Realising that this type of software was becoming increasingly commoditised, the company changed its focus to document capture and sharing, acquiring distribution rights to additional software solutions and introducing them to the market in an innovative way.

Covid-19 caused major disruption both to Select and to everyone in the industry globally. The biggest and most obvious change was that almost everyone was working from home which meant that all the long established procedures for managing and printing documents were disrupted. Another effect is that there were many consolidations/mergers globally, with larger companies acquiring smaller companies with the objective of reducing costs while increasing sales. Although print management remains a significant part of Select Technology's business, it has made a conscious effort to seek out and acquire regional rights to innovative document management systems which are appropriate to the new 'work-at-home' reality.

Among these products, for example are Foldr and Square9. Foldr was originally developed for teachers in schools. It enabled teachers to store and retrieve materials for their lessons, to write reports for their students and email these securely to the parents, with controls to ensure that the right report went to the right parent, but which also enabled all the reports to be sent to the school's central administration. Documents could be protected with various levels of security with different people being given different levels of access. Foldr has turned out to be very useful for businesses to manage their documents in a secure manner and even more so now that working from home is the norm. The level of security on a home laptop is generally less than was the case for the head-office security systems. Square9 is an Enterprise Content Management System. It is appropriate for the largest companies with thousands of employees and enables companies to store, find, access and manage documents and other information easily and securely and in compliance with GDPR and other security protocols.

Select Technology's sales grew from £210k in the year to 31 July 2010 to £5m in the year to 31 July 2021 and, despite the restrictions caused by the pandemic, the company still recorded a profit of £95k for the year. Subsequently, in the first half of the current financial year, the period August 2021 to January 2022, the company has reported turnover of £2.9m with a profit of £145k, the latter a result of measures to increase gross margin.

Select Technology is valued at a multiple of sales with a discount.

	First Investment	Net Cost	Carrying Value 28/02/2022	Change in Value for the Year	% Equity Held
Scancell	August 1999	£286,321	£687,169	(£683,246)	0.7%

Scancell is an AIM listed biotechnology company in which OT1 was one of the original investors in 1999 when Professor Lindy Durrant, Scancell’s founder, was based in a university laboratory in Nottingham. Scancell is developing novel immunotherapies for cancer based on four platform technologies known as ImmunoBody, Moditope, Avidimab and GlyMab. They are also using their TCell stimulating vaccine platform to make a COVID vaccine aimed at the N capsid.

GlyMab is the most recent of the cancer therapeutics: these are antibodies with direct killing ability and are targeted at glycans produced by tumours. SCIB1, Scancell’s first ImmunoBody, is being developed for the treatment of melanoma and is in Phase 2 clinical trials. In theory, these Scancell technologies could be used to treat many common forms of cancer, including lung, breast and prostate cancer. Data from the trials to date are encouraging and demonstrate that SCIB1, when used as monotherapy, has a marked effect on tumour load, produces a melanoma-specific immune response and a highly encouraging survival trend without serious side effects.

During the year Scancell started 2 major clinical trials. Covidity, their family of Covid-19 vaccines is in phase 1 in South Africa and at the end of January the dosing had started on the second of the COVIDITY variants and will be dosed using PharmaJet’s needle free system. It is the only needle free system precleared by the WHO. Results were expected during H1 22, however there has been a change of protocol to make the results more relevant and also to make it easier to recruit patients. The SCIB1 phase 2 trial started dosing in November and is looking at how well SCIB1 – Scancell’s melanoma vaccine works with existing checkpoint inhibitor pembrolizumab. Scancell also received approval for and started their Modi 1 phase 1/2 trial which is directed at a wide range of tumours with or without existing Checkpoint inhibitors. The trial includes 22 centres indicating wide clinical interest in participating. The first stage will just look at safety, with efficacy trials intending to read out in 2023, however as the patients in the phase 1 are cancer patients there is the possibility of early results. Furthermore Scancell has started to commercialise their GlyMab platform which targets antibodies at sugars rather than proteins on cell surfaces. They have announced though not detailed four partnerships in this area.

The Scancell share price has fallen over the year. Possible reasons are the delays due to Covid-19 and a general move of the market away from Biotech but in early April had begun to recover following the official announcement of the Modi-1 trials.

During the year 364,324 Scancell shares were sold at an average price of 22.1p with OT1 receiving net proceeds of £81k.

The bid price as at 28 February 2022 used for this Scancell valuation was 12.0p per share (2021: 22.5p).

	First Investment	Net Cost	Carrying Value 28/02/2022	Change in Value for the Year	% Equity Held
BioCote	December 1997	£85,103	£256,057	£48,176	6.6%

Established in 1997 with OT1 as one of the original investors, BioCote has grown from a supplier of patented antimicrobial powder coatings to a market leading antimicrobial technology partner. Trusted by leading brands, manufacturers and product innovators worldwide, BioCote’s technology is proven to reduce bacteria, mould and fungi that can cause material degradation, odours and staining by up to 99.99%. BioCote’s premium additives can be integrated into a wide range of materials, including polymers, silicones, powder coatings, liquid paints, ceramics and textiles.

Sustained business growth has led to further expansion of the company, which now comprises a strong team of commercial, operational and technical professionals. With increased warehouse space and a state-of the art laboratory under the same roof, client orders can be processed efficiently to ensure not only quick turnaround times but also sustain the high customer satisfaction clients have come to expect from BioCote.

Experienced sales agents extend the reach for BioCote into Italy, Pakistan and China. In 2022, BioCote expanded the team further by introducing an agent in Mexico due to seeing increased demand for lower cost manufactured antimicrobial goods into the U.S.A and South America.

As a result of the coronavirus outbreak Biocote has increasingly been asked by customers about whether their technology is effective against coronavirus Covid-19. BioCote has data against the H1N1 virus as a result of a project performed with a local university, alongside achieving positive results against the feline strain of coronavirus. Whilst this news is significant, unfortunately they cannot extrapolate an efficacy for coronavirus Covid-19 from this. BioCote has extensive data on how their products work against bacteria and mould; however this is not the case for viruses. Viruses are different from bacteria as they require living host cells in order to survive, whereas bacteria and mould can thrive independently. As a result of this difference, viruses are much more difficult to test against, especially for solid surface testing. Specialist equipment is needed, and the methods utilise living cells in order to test the viruses.

BioCote had a record year to January 2022 with sales reaching an all-time high of £3.9m. BioCote has been paying regular dividends and this is expected to continue.

BioCote is valued using a sales multiple.

Arecor Therapeutics Plc

www.arecor.com

	First Investment	Net Cost	Carrying Value 28/02/2022	Change in Value for the Year	% Equity Held
Arecor	June 2021	£90,002	£139,384	£139,384	0.1%

Arecor Therapeutics Plc is a leader in the development of innovative formulation technology that enables differentiated biopharmaceutical products. It has developed a proprietary, patent backed formulation technology platform that has been proven to stabilize a broad range of molecules as aqueous compositions. Many proteins, peptides and vaccines are too unstable in liquid form and/or at high concentrations to develop stable ready-to-use drugs and Arecor has overcome these challenges to significantly enhance the delivery of therapeutic medicines to patients. Arecor has continued the development of a portfolio of differentiated peptides through to clinical proof of concept, with an initial focus on diabetes as a therapeutic area.

The Company's investment was in Arecor Therapeutics Plc when it floated on AIM on 3 June 2021, raising £20m at a share price of 226p. OT1 invested £90k for 38,824 shares, having been scaled back. Since then its share price has risen to a peak of 460p and ended the year at 350p. Thus far it has been very thinly traded with the very highest daily volume of just over 200,000 shares achieved when Arecor announced positive results for their AT278 ultra concentrated ultrarapid acting insulin. They have also announced that AT247 has progressed into Phase 1.

Arecor has built a successful revenue generating business employing this technology to enable and differentiate biopharmaceuticals for a large cross section of the major pharmaceutical companies on a fee for service plus licensing model. Since floating, Arecor has announced 4 new collaborations.

The bid price as at 28 February 2022 used for this Arecor valuation was 350p per share.

	First Investment	Net Cost	Carrying Value 28/02/2022	Change in Value for the Year	% Equity Held
Getmapping	March 1999	£517,686	£87,620	£13,805	3.8%

OT1 was the first investor in Getmapping when the company was founded in 1999. The company was formed to make the first complete aerial photograph of the UK, known as the Millennium Map, and has since developed a range of survey capabilities in the UK, North-West Europe and Sub-Saharan Africa.

Like many other companies, Getmapping was significantly impacted by Covid-19 and lockdowns, with sales falling from £5.7m in the year to December 2019 to £4.0m in the year to December 2020, but recovering slightly during the last year with sales at £4.6m to December 2021. One piece of good news though was that Getmapping once again won the APGB (Aerial Photography of Great Britain) contract, under which Getmapping is a 50% partner in a contract to supply many government departments with up-to-date high resolution aerial photography of the whole of Great Britain. The contract is paid monthly and is for two years with a likely extension of another two years, before a full re-tendering process.

To meet the changing environment expected post-Covid-19, Getmapping has been working to expand its range of survey offerings in the UK and its geographic reach across North-West Europe. This has led to a significant increase in orders during 2021, with Getmapping securing a number of significant new survey projects in the construction sector, including a major road survey project in Denmark and aerial survey projects in the UK and Ireland. It is now also being recognised that Getmapping's aerial survey and mobile mapping services present a safer, faster and more cost effective solution for the provision of ground survey services in the post-Covid-19 environment.

Getmapping is valued at a sales multiple with a discount.



Lucius Cary
Director – OT1 Managers Ltd
Investment Manager
21 April 2022

Responsibility Statement of the Directors in respect of the interim report

We confirm that to the best of our knowledge:

- the 12 months' financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the statement "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Financial Reporting Council;
- the 12 months' report includes a fair review of the information required by law and regulations, being:
 - an indication of the important events that have occurred during the 12 month period and their impact on the condensed set of financial statements.
 - a description of related party transactions that have taken place in the 12 months of the period that may have materially affected the financial position or performance of the Company during that period and any changes in the related party transactions described in the last annual report that could do so.
- The assets of the Company include cash and shares in two AIM quoted companies which are quite liquid and readily accessible. After reviewing the forecast for the Company, the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Company therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing these interim accounts.

On behalf of the Board:

Alex Starling
Chairman
21 April 2022

Income Statement

	12 months to 28 February 2022			Year to 28 February 2021		
	Revenue	Capital	Total	Revenue	Capital	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
(Loss)/gain on sale of fixed asset investments	-	(3)	(3)	-	59	59
Unrealised (loss)/gain on valuation of fixed asset investments	-	(341)	(341)	-	269	269
Investment income	34	-	34	10	-	10
Investment management fees	(14)	-	(14)	(12)	-	(12)
Other expenses	(58)	-	(58)	(53)	-	(53)
Return on ordinary activities before tax	(38)	(344)	(382)	(55)	328	273
Taxation on ordinary activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Return on ordinary activities after tax	(38)	(344)	(382)	(55)	328	273
Earnings per share – basic and diluted	(0.7)p	(6.3)p	(7.0)p	(1.0)p	6.0p	5.0p

There was no other Comprehensive Income recognised during the year.

The 'Total' column of the Income Statement is the Profit and Loss Account of the Company, the supplementary Revenue and Capital return columns have been prepared under guidance published by the Association of Investment Companies.

All Revenue and Capital items in the above statement derive from continuing operations.

The Company has only one class of business and derives its income from investments made in shares and securities and from bank and money market funds.

Balance Sheet

	As at 28 February 2022		As at 28 February 2021	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Fixed asset investments at fair value		2,324		2,659
Debtors	10		1	
Cash at Bank	39		71	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(54)		(30)	
Net current (liabilities)/assets		(5)		42
Net assets		2,319		2,701
Called up share capital		54		543
Capital redemption reserve		489		-
Share premium reserve		176		176
Unrealised capital reserve		856		1,263
Profit and Loss account		744		719
Total equity shareholders' funds		2,319		2,701
Net asset value per share		42.7p		49.7p

Statement of Changes in Equity

	Share Capital £'000	Capital Redemption Reserve £'000	Share Premium Reserve £'000	Unrealised Capital Reserve £'000	Profit & Loss Account £'000	Total £'000
As at 1 March 2020	543	-	176	1,005	704	2,428
Revenue return on ordinary activities after tax	-	-	-	-	(55)	(55)
Current period gains on disposal	-	-	-	-	59	59
Current period gains on fair value of investments	-	-	-	269	-	269
Prior year unrealised gains now realised	-	-	-	(11)	11	-
Balance as at 28 February 2021	543	-	176	1,263	719	2,701
As at 1 March 2021	543	-	176	1,263	719	2,701
Revenue return on ordinary activities after tax	-	-	-	-	(38)	(38)
Current period loss on disposal	-	-	-	-	(3)	(3)
Current period losses on fair value of investments	-	-	-	(341)	-	(341)
Prior year unrealised gains now realised	-	-	-	(66)	66	-
Share capital reclassification	(489)	489	-	-	-	-
Balance as at 28 February 2022	54	489	176	856	744	2,319

Statement of Cash Flows

	12 months to 28 February 2022 £'000	Year to 28 February 2021 £'000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Return on ordinary activities before tax	(382)	273
Adjustments for:		
Loss/(gain) on valuation of fixed asset investments	341	(269)
Loss/(gains) on disposal of fixed asset investments	3	(59)
Decrease in creditors	(1)	(10)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(10)	9
Outflow from operating activities	(48)	(56)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of fixed asset investments	(90)	-
Disposal of investments	81	109
Total cash flows from investing activities	(9)	109
Cash flows from financing activities		
Short term interest free loan from OT2	25	-
Total cash flows from financing activities	25	-
(Decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(32)	53
Opening cash and cash equivalents	71	18
Closing cash and cash equivalents	39	71

Notes to the Report

1. Basis of preparation

The unaudited results which cover the 12 months to 28 February 2022 have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Council's (FRC) Financial Reporting Standard 104 Interim Financial Reporting ('FRS 104') and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Financial Statements of Investment Trust Companies and Venture Capital Trusts (revised 2021)'. Details of the accounting policies and valuation methodologies are included in the 2021 Annual Report.

2. Publication of non-statutory accounts

The unaudited results for the 12 months ended 28 February 2022 do not constitute statutory accounts within the meaning of Section 415 of the Companies Act 2006. The comparative figures for the year ended 28 February 2021 have been extracted from the audited financial statements for that year, which have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies. The independent auditor's report on those financial statements, in accordance with chapter 3, part 16 of the Companies Act 2006, was unqualified. This interim report has not been reviewed by the Company's auditor.

3. Earnings per share

The calculation of earnings per share for the period is based on the return attributable to shareholders divided by the weighted average number of shares in issue during the period. There are no potentially dilutive capital instruments in issue and, therefore, no diluted returns per share figures are relevant.

4. Net asset value per share

The net asset value per share is based on the net assets at the period end divided by the number of shares in issue at that date (5,431,655 in each case).

5. Share Capital – Sub-division and Reclassification, and Reduction of Capital

As referred to in the Chairman's statement, each ordinary share of 10p in the capital of the Company was sub-divided and reclassified into one ordinary share of 1p and one deferred share of 9p, and then all of the deferred shares were repurchased and cancelled for the aggregate sum of 1p. The Company now has 5,431,655 ordinary shares of 1p each (and no deferred shares of 9p each).

6. Principal risks and uncertainties

The Company's assets consist of equity and fixed interest investments, cash and liquid resources. Its principal risks are therefore market risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. Other risks faced by the Company include economic, loss of approval as a Venture Capital Trust, investment and strategic, regulatory, reputational, operational and financial risks. These risks, and the way in which they are managed, are described in more detail in the Company's Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 28 February 2021. The Company's principal risks and uncertainties have not changed materially since the date of that report although the impact of the military invasion of Ukraine by Russian forces may have a consequential impact on economic conditions globally. These may have an indirect impact on businesses in which the Company has invested hindering growth, financing or operations. Similarly, the threat of rising inflation may impact on the performance/profitability of our investees. Consequently, any change of governmental, economic, fiscal, monetary or political policy, and in particular any spending cuts or material increases in interest rates could affect, directly or indirectly, the performance of the Company (as a result of the performance of its underlying investments) and hence the value of, and returns from, the Company's shares.

7. Related party transactions

OT1 Managers Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary, provides investment management services to the Company for a fee of 0.5% of net assets per annum. For operational reasons, OT1 received £50k short term interest free loans from each of Oxford Technology 2 VCT Plc (OT2) and Oxford Technology 4 VCT Plc (OT4) under the Common Payments and Liquidity agreement held between the VCTs. During the last 12 months, the loan from OT4 has been repaid and £25k of the loan to OT2 has been repaid.

Copies of this statement are available from Oxford Technology Management, Magdalen Centre, Oxford Science Park, Oxford OX4 4GA and on the Company's website.

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