

## **CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT**

#### Introduction

I am pleased to present the Half-Yearly Report for the six months ended 30 June 2018. The Company has a number of share pools, each of which is in a different stage in its planned exit life. Generally progress has been satisfactory over the period for the share pools that have recently passed or are approaching their planned exit date.

## Net asset values and overview 'F' Share pool

The 'F' Share pool launched in 2012 and began exiting from its investments earlier this year. In April the share class paid its first dividends in its realisation phase of 19.0p per share.

At 30 June 2018 the net asset value ("NAV") for a holding of one 'F' Share was 53.6p, an increase of 3.0p (4.3%) over the period. Total Return (NAV plus dividends paid to date) is now 102.6p, compared to the original cost, net of income tax relief, of 70p per share.

The pool still holds 12 investments, but plans are being progressed for exits from each of them.

Since the period end one further exit has been achieved. As a result, the Share pool will pay a further dividend of 18.0p per 'F' Share on 9 November 2018. This will bring total distributions to 67.0p and leave a remaining NAV of 35.6p.

The task of exiting the remaining investments is likely to take some time to complete, although we expect significant progress to be made over the remainder of the year. The Manager does not, however, expect to be in a position to make the final distribution until 2019.

### 'H' Share pool

The 'H' Share pool raised funds in 2014 and has now completed its initial investment phase. The target date to start realising investments is 2019.

At 30 June 2018, the net asset value ("NAV") for a holding of one 'H' Share was 78.7p which represents a net decrease of 1.1p (1.3%) over the period after adjusting for the dividends paid out. Total Return (NAV plus dividends paid to date) is now 101.2p, compared to the initial NAV, before income tax relief, of 100.0p.

## 'J' Share pool

The 'J' Share pool raised funds in 2015 and is continuing to build its initial investment portfolio. The target date to start realising investments is 2020.

At 30 June 2018, the net asset value ("NAV") and total return for a holding of one 'J' Share was 91.2p, which represents a net decrease of 3.5p (3.7%) over the period, compared to the initial NAV, before income tax relief, of 100.0p. This deficit has arisen partly due to a provision that has been required against one investment.

Due to the VCT regulations, the 'J' Share pool is effectively prohibited from paying dividends in its first three years. The Share pool will therefore commence paying dividends to shareholders in 2019.

The Investment Manager's Report on pages 3 to 8 will provide more detail on each of the share pools.

## **Dividends**

In line with the Company's stated policies, interim dividends will be paid as follows:

'F' Shares 18.0p per share 'H' Shares 2.5p per share

The 'F' Share dividend will be paid on 9 November 2018 to Shareholders on the register at 19 October 2018. The 'H' Share dividend will be paid on 14 December 2018 to Shareholders on the register at 23 November 2018

## CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT (continued)

## Share buybacks

The Company has a general policy in the first five years after the launch of a share class, of buying in its own shares that become available in the market for cancellation. As a result, the Company will currently buy 'H' Shares and 'J' Shares that become available in the market and will, subject to liquidity and regulatory constraints, buy at prices approximately equal to net asset value (i.e. with no discount).

During the period to 30 June 2018, the Company repurchased and subsequently cancelled 19,400 'H' Shares and 19,725 'J' Shares for an aggregate consideration of £15,940 and £18,677 respectively, being an average price of 82.0p per 'H' Share and 94.5p per 'J' Share.

No share buybacks in respect of any other share classes were undertaken during the period.

#### Outlook

Over the remainder of the year we expect to see significant headway made in realising most of the remaining investments in the 'F' Share pool. As the process of realising investments usually includes transactions with third parties, timings can unpredictable, and Shareholders should note that the exit process will take some time to complete. While the Manager is focusing on delivering exits in a timely manner, the Board is keen to see that full value is achieved for all investments, even if this may sometimes take longer to deliver.

In respect of the 'H' Share pool and 'J' Share pool, we expect this to be a stable period with the Manager focusing on nurturing the investments such that they will be well positioned to deliver successful exits when the time comes.

I look forward to updating Shareholders on progress in my statement with the Annual Report to 31 December 2018 but will also communicate additionally with 'F' Shareholders as and when there is news of further distributions.

Michael Robinson Chairman

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27 September 2018

## INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT 'F' SHARE POOL

As at 30 June 2018, the 'F' Share pool holds 12 investments and focus has now shifted to the process of realising its investments in order to return funds to 'F' Shareholders.

## Investment activity

During the period, the full exit of Goonhilly Earth Station Limited completed and resulted in a good outcome for 'F' Shareholders, generating proceeds of £1.2 million and an uplift over cost of £216,000.

Partial disposals also completed in two of the smaller portfolio companies. There was a partial loan note redemption in the Scottish licensed leisure company, Fubar Stirling Limited, which generated a total gain over carrying value of £4,000.

There was also a partial loan note redemption in Fresh Green Power Limited, the domestic rooftop solar company, which was redeemed at par.

The majority of the portfolio investments remain valued at or above cost, with there being several valuation movements in the period which generated an uplift over opening value of £104,000.

The most significant increase in valuation was in Merlin Renewables Limited, the anaerobic digestion plant in Norfolk. In August 2018, the plant was exited and the carrying value was uplifted to reflect the sale price at the period end.

An uplift of £20,000 was recognised in Atlantic Dogstar Limited, which owns a group of London pubs, following a revaluation of the sites.

Downing Pub EIS One Limited, which acquired the holdings of Pabulum Pubs Limited and Augusta Pub Company Limited in the prior year, was uplifted by £18,000 supported by independent sales valuations from industry specialists.

Other smaller movements in the portfolio included an uplift of £10,000 in Lambridge Solar Limited and £3,000 in Fresh Green Power Limited.

One valuation write down took place in the period. Green Energy Production UK Limited, the operator of rooftop solar assets in Lincolnshire, had a reduction in value of £24,000, following a period of recurring operational issues.

## **Realisation plans**

The pool's second most significant investment holding is Merlin Renewables Limited, the anaerobic digestion plant in Norfolk. Following the period end, an exit was achieved which delivered a significant return to the pool.

Plans are in place for the successful exit of the remaining portfolio companies, however we anticipate that the exercise will take some time to complete in full.

## Net asset value, results and dividend

At 30 June 2018, the net asset value ("NAV") for a holding of one 'F' Share was 53.6p, an increase of 3.0p (4.3%) over the period. Total Return (NAV plus dividends paid to date) is now 102.6p.

The gain on ordinary activities for the 'F' Shares, after taxation was £333,000 for the period, comprising a revenue profit of £9,000 and a capital gain of £324,000.

The Company will pay an interim dividend of 18.0p per 'F' Share on 9 November 2018 to 'F' Shareholders on the register at 19 October 2018.

### Outlook

The focus for the 'F' Share portfolio remains on exiting from its remaining investments. Progress continues to be made however exact timing of the final exits is dependent on transactions involving third parties.

#### **Downing LLP**

# SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO 'F' SHARE POOL

as at 30 June 2018

	Cost £'000	Valuation £'000	Unrealised gain/(loss) in period £'000	% of portfolio by value
VCT qualifying and partially qualifying investments				
Apex Energy Limited	1,000	1,000	-	17.2%
Merlin Renewables Limited	500	718	77	12.3%
Downing Pub EIS One Limited	490	607	18	10.4%
Lambridge Solar Limited	500	605	10	10.4%
Pearce and Saunders Limited	497	497	-	8.5%
Atlantic Dogstar Limited	200	255	20	4.4%
Fresh Green Power Limited	189	231	3	4.0%
Green Energy Production UK Limited	100	76	(24)	1.3%
Fubar Stirling Limited	95	5	-	0.1%
Non-qualifying investments				
Baron House Developments LLP	481	481	-	8.3%
London City Shopping Centre Limited	66	66	-	1.1%
Pearce and Saunders DevCo Limited	46	46	-	0.8%
	4,164	4,587	104	78.8%
Cash at bank and in hand		1,234		21.2%
Total		5,821		100.0%

# SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT MOVEMENTS 'F' SHARE POOL

as at 30 June 2018

Disposals	Cost £'000	Market value at 01/01/18 £'000	Disposal proceeds £'000	Gain against cost £'000	Total realised gain £'000
VCT qualifying and partially qualifying					
investments					
Goonhilly Earth Station Limited	955	955	1,171	216	216
Fubar Stirling Limited	6	2	6	-	4
Fresh Green Power Limited	11	11	11	-	-
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_	972	968	1,188	216	220

## INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT 'H' SHARE POOL

The 'H' Share pool raised funds in 2014 and has made good progress in building its VCT qualifying portfolio and is now fully qualifying.

#### Investment activity

With the pool being fully invested, no new investments were made in the period.

Valuations movements during the period resulted in a total unrealised loss of £318,000, mainly due to the significant write down in value in Quadrate Spa Limited. The non qualifying investment owns and operates a health club business in The Cube complex in Birmingham and has been written down by £458,000 at the period end as a result of poor performance.

This movement has been partially offset by the valuation uplifts in the period that totalled £140,000.

Atlantic Dogstar Limited, which owns a group of London Pubs, was uplifted by £102,000 following a revaluation of the sites.

Oak Grove Renewables Limited, which operates an anaerobic digestion plant in Norwich, was exited during the period, however is awaiting the receipt of deferred consideration from the sale. The carrying value was uplifted by £21,000 to reflect this deferred consideration.

## Net asset value and results

At 30 June 2018, the net asset value per 'H' Share was 78.7p, a net decrease of 1.1p (1.3%) over the period. Total Return (NAV plus dividends paid to date) is now 101.2p.

#### Results and dividend

The loss on ordinary activities for the 'H' Shares, after taxation, for the period was £146,000, comprising a revenue profit of £172,000 and a capital loss of £318,000.

The Company will pay an interim dividend of 2.5p per 'H' Share, on 14 December 2018 to Shareholders on the register at 23 November 2018.

## Outlook

The 'H' Share pool is now fully invested and our focus is now on close monitoring and support of the portfolio companies in order to nurture growth before reaching its five year anniversary at the end of 2019.

## **Downing LLP**

27 September 2018

# SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO 'H' SHARE POOL

as at 30 June 2018

	Cost £'000	Valuation £'000	Unrealised gain/(loss) in period £'000	% of portfolio by value
VCT qualifying investments				
Hermes Wood Pellets Limited	1,500	1,500	-	14.2%
Apex Energy Limited	1,300	1,300	-	12.3%
Atlantic Dogstar Limited	1,000	1,279	102	12.1%
Zora Energy Renewables Limited	1,000	1,000	-	9.4%
Quadrate Catering Limited	850	850	-	8.0%
Ironhide Generation Limited	613	613	-	5.8%
Indigo Generation Limited	613	613	-	5.8%
Antelope Pub Limited	500	500	-	4.7%
Rockhopper Renewables Limited	492	492	-	4.6%
SF Renewables (Solar) Limited	281	281	-	2.6%
Oak Grove Renewables Limited	420	252	21	2.4%
Pearce and Saunders Limited	193	193	-	1.8%
Non-qualifying investments				
Hedderwick Limited	1,250	1,320	17	12.5%
Quadrate Spa Limited	850	392	(458)	3.7%
	10,862	10,585	(318)	99.9%
Cash at bank and in hand		11		0.1%
Total		10,596		100%

# INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT 'J' SHARE POOL

The fundraising for the 'J' Share pool was launched in December 2014 and raised £11 million prior to closing in 2015. The majority of these funds have now been invested and the focus is now on the close monitoring of the investee companies.

#### Investment activity

During the period, three adjustments were made to the valuations, resulting in a total unrealised loss of £288,000.

Oak Grove Renewables Limited, which operates an anaerobic digestion plant in Norwich, was exited during the period, however is awaiting the receipt of deferred consideration from the sale. The carrying value was uplifted by £22,000 to reflect this deferred consideration.

Ormsborough Limited, which own several pubs and restaurants across Yorkshire, was reduced in value by £312,000 due to overspend on recent developments.

#### Net asset value and results

At 30 June 2018, the net asset value per 'J' Share was 91.2p, a net decrease of 3.5p (3.7%) over the period.

The loss on ordinary activities for the 'J' Shares, after taxation, was £369,000 for the period, comprising a revenue loss of £81,000 and a capital loss of £288,000.

## Outlook

The emphasis for the 'J' share pool now gradually shifts to the close monitoring of the Share pool's investments as we seek to optimise growth over the planned exit life, however we also expect there to be a small number of further additions to utilise the remaining cash of the pool.

## **Downing LLP**

27 September 2018

# SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO 'J' SHARE POOL

as at 30 June 2018

	Cost £'000	Valuation £'000	Unrealised (loss)/gain in period £'000	% of portfolio by value
VCT qualifying investments				
Pilgrim Trading Limited	1,297	1,297	-	13.9%
Jito Trading Limited	1,000	1,000	-	10.7%
Yamuna Renewables Limited	800	800	-	8.5%
Ormsborough Limited	1,000	735	(312)	7.8%
Indigo Generation Limited	613	613	-	6.5%
Ironhide Generation Limited	613	613	-	6.5%
Exclusive Events Venues Limited	500	500	-	5.3%
Rockhopper Renewables Limited	492	492	-	5.3%
Garthcliff Shipping Limited	400	400	-	4.3%
Managed Storage Services (1) Limited	400	400	-	4.3%
Zora Energy Renewables Limited	300	300	-	3.2%
SF Renewables (Solar) Limited	281	281	-	3.0%
Oak Grove Renewables Limited	420	252	22	2.7%
Mosaic Spa and Healthclubs Limited	27	29	2	0.3%
Non-qualifying investments				
Fenkle Street LLP	287	287	-	3.1%
Snow Hill Developments LLP	43	43	-	0.5%
London City Shopping Centre Limited	15	15	-	0.2%
	8,488	8,057	(288)	86.1%
Cash at bank and in hand		1,299		13.9%
Total		9,356		100%

## **UNAUDITED SUMMARISED BALANCE SHEET**

as at 30 June 2018

		30	) Jun 201		30 Jun 2017	31 Dec 2017	
	'D'	'F'	'H'	'n			
	Shares	Shares	Shares	Shares	Total	Total	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Fixed assets							
Unquoted investments	-	4,587	10,585	8,057	23,229	29,026	24,699
Current assets							
Debtors	-	39	35	445	519	324	322
Cash at bank and in hand	7	1,234	11	1,299	2,551	2,486	3,933
	7	1,273	46	1,744	3,070	2,810	4,255
Creditors: amounts falling							
due within one year	(7)	(56)	(89)	(63)	(215)	(312)	(262)
Net current assets	-	1,217	(43)	1,681	2,855	2,498	3,993
Net assets	-	5,804	10,542	9,738	26,084	31,524	28,692
Capital and reserves							
Called up share capital	25	11	13	11	60	60	60
Capital redemption reserve	124	_	_	_	124	124	124
Special reserve	_	5,995	(3,024)	-	2,971	8,017	5,146
Share premium account	-	-	13,608	11,031	24,639	24,639	24,639
Revaluation reserve	(249)	463	(279)	(432)	(497)	(481)	1
Capital reserve – realised	-	(1,033)	-	(6)	(1,039)	(1,039)	(1,039)
Revenue reserve	100	368	224	(866)	(174)	204	(239)
Total equity shareholders' funds	-	5,804	10,542	9,738	26,084	31,524	28,692
Basic and diluted net asset value per	:						
'D' Share	-					23.7p	_
'E' Share	-					0.1p	_
'F' Share		53.6p				69.6p	69.6p
'H' Share		·	78.7p			84.6p	82.3p
'J' Share				91.2p		95.7p	94.7p

## **STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

## for the period ended 30 June 2018

Ca	lled up share capital £'000	Capital redemption reserve £'000	Special reserve £'000	Share premium reserve £'000	Revaluation reserve £'000	Capital reserve - realised £'000	Revenue reserve £'000	Total £'000
At 1 January 2017	78	106	9,888	24,639	(790)	(1,033)	132	33,020
Total comprehensive income	_	-	_	_	268	301	108	677
Transactions with owners								
Purchase of own shares	-	-	-	-	-	-	(66)	(66)
Transfer between			(4.742)		522	4.622	(442)	
reserves	-	-	(4,742)	-	523	4,632	(413)	-
Cancellation of								
shares	(18)	18	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividend paid		-	-	-	-	(4,939)	-	(4,939)
At 31 December 2017	60	124	5,146	24,639	1	(1,039)	(239)	28,692
Total comprehensive								
income	-	-	-	-	(502)	220	100	(182)
Transactions with owners								
Purchase of own								
shares	-	-	-	-	-	-	(35)	(35)
Transfer between								
reserves	-	-	(2,175)	-	4	2,171	-	-
Dividend paid		-	-	-	-	(2,391)	-	(2,391)
At 30 June 2018	60	124	2,971	24,639	(497)	(1,039)	(174)	26,084

## **INCOME STATEMENT**

## for the six months ended 30 June 2018

## **Company Total**

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2018			Six mo		Year ended 31 Dec 2017	
	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Total £'000
Income	514	-	514	556	34	590	1,027
Gains/(losses) on investments - realised	-	220	220	-	62	62	267
- unrealised	514	(502) (282)	(502) 232	556	290 386	290 942	268 1,562
Investment management fees Other expenses	(239) (137)	-	(239) (137)	(303) (146)	-	(303) (146)	(594) (264)
Return/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	138	(282)	(144)	107	386	493	704
Tax on total comprehensive income and ordinary activities	(38)	-	(38)	(21)	-	(21)	(27)
Return/(loss) attributable to equity shareholders	100	(282)	(182)	86	386	472	677
Return per 'D' Share Return per 'E' Share	-	-	-	(0.2p)	1.0p	0.8p	0.9p -
Return per 'F' Share Return per 'H' Share Return per 'J' Share	0.1p 1.3p (0.8p)	3.0p (2.4p) (2.7p)	3.1p (1.1p) (3.5p)	0.8p 0.4p (0.3p)	1.9p 0.5p 0.2p	2.7p 0.9p (0.1p)	5.2p 1.1p (1.1p)

'D' Shares	Six months ended Six months ended 30 Jun 2018 30 Jun 2017				led	Year ended 31 Dec 2017	
	Revenue	Capital	Total	Revenue	Capital	Total	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income	-	-	-	9	34	43	46
Gains/(losses) on investments							
- realised	-	-	-	-	68	68	59
- unrealised		-			(4)	(4)	
	-	-	-	9	98	107	105
Investment management fees Other expenses	-	-	-	(19) (17)		(19) (17)	(32) (17)
(Loss)/return on ordinary activities before taxation	-	-	-	(27)	98	71	56
Tax on total comprehensive income and ordinary activities	-	-	-	5	-	5	31
(Loss)/return attributable to equity shareholders	-	-	-	(22)	98	76	87

'F' Shares	Six months ended Six months ended 30 Jun 2018 30 Jun 2017			led	Year ended 31 Dec 2017		
	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Total £'000
Income	113	-	113	222	-	222	449
Gains on investments							
- realised	-	220	220	-	-	-	215
- unrealised		104	104		205	205	131
	113	324	437	222	205	427	795
Investment management fees	(58)		(58)	(68)		(68)	(136)
Other expenses	(46)	-	(46)	(47)	-	(47)	(91)
Return on ordinary activities before taxation	9	324	333	107	205	312	568
Tax on total comprehensive income and ordinary activities	-	-	-	(21)	-	(21)	(7)
Return attributable to equity shareholders	9	324	333	86	205	291	561

'H' Shares	Six months ended 30 Jun 2018			Six mo	Year ended 31 Dec 2017		
	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Total £'000
Income	332	-	332	226	-	226	364
Gains/(losses) on investments - unrealised	332	(318)	(318)	226	61 61	61 287	90 454
Investment management fees Other expenses	(102) (49)		(102) (49)	(116) (43)		(116) (43)	(229) (82)
Return/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	181	(318)	(137)	67	61	128	143
Taxation on total comprehensive income and ordinary activities	(9)	-	(9)	(13)	-	(13)	5
Return/(loss) attributable to equity shareholders	172	(318)	(146)	54	61	115	148

'J' Shares		onths end Jun 2018		Six mo	ed	Year ended 31 Dec 2017	
	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Total £'000
Income	69	-	69	99	-	99	168
(Losses)/gains on investments - realised - unrealised	- - 69	(288)	(288) (219)	- - 99	(6) 28 22	(6) 28 121	(6) 46 208
Investment management fees Other expenses	(79) (42)		(79) (42)	(100) (39)		(100) (39)	(197) (74)
(Loss)/return on ordinary activities before taxation	(52)	(288)	(340)	(40)	22	(18)	(63)
Tax on total comprehensive income and ordinary activities	(29)	-	(29)	8	-	8	(56)
(Loss)/return attributable to equity shareholders	(81)	(288)	(369)	(32)	22	(10)	(119)

## **UNAUDITED CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

		30	Jun 2018	30 Jun 2017	31 Dec 2017		
Note	'D' Shares £'000	'F' Shares £'000	'H' Shares £'000	'J' Shares £'000	Total £'000	Total £'000	Total £'000
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities 1	(13)	60	234	(425)	(144)	(41)	(71)
Cash flows from investing activities Purchase of investments Sale of investments Net cash inflow from investing activities	- - -	1,188 1,188	- - -	-	- 1,188 1,188	(1,501) 3,659 2,158	(3,653) 10,325 6,672
Net cash (outflow)/inflow before financing activities	(13)	1,248	234	(425)	1,044	2,117	6,601
Cash flows from financing activities							
Purchase of own shares	-	-	(16)	(19)	(35)	(14)	(66)
Equity dividends paid		(2,056)	(335)	-	(2,391)	(1,954)	(4,939)
Net cash outflow from financing		(2,056)	(351)	(19)	(2,426)	(1,968)	(5,005)
(Decrease)/increase in cash 2	(13)	(808)	(117)	(444)	(1,382)	149	1,596

## NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

		30 Jun 2018				30 Jun 2017	31 Dec 2017
	'D'	'F'	'H'	'J'			
	Shares	Shares	Shares	Shares	Total	Total	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
1 Cash (outflow)/inflow from							
operating activities and							
returns on investments							
Return/(loss) on ordinary							
activities before taxation	-	333	(137)	(340)	(144)	493	704
Corporation tax paid	-	-	-	(38)	(38)	-	(18)
(Gains)/losses on investments	-	(324)	318	288	282	(352)	(535)
Decrease/(increase) in other							
debtors	-	85	54	(336)	(197)	(191)	(191)
(Decrease)/increase in other							
creditors	(13)	(34)	(1)	1	(47)	9	(31)
Net cash (outflow)/inflow							
from operating activities	(13)	60	234	(425)	(144)	(41)	(71)
2 Analysis of net funds							
Beginning of period	20	2,042	128	1,743	3,933	2,337	2,337
Net cash (outflow)/inflow	(13)	(808)	(117)	(444)	(1,382)	149	1,596
End of period	7	1,234	11	1,299	2,551	2,486	3,933

## NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 1. General information

Downing THREE VCT plc ("the Company") is a venture capital trust established under the legislation introduced in the Finance Act 1995 and is domiciled in the United Kingdom and incorporated in England and Wales.

## 2. Accounting policies - Basis of accounting

The unaudited half-yearly results cover the six months to 30 June 2018 and have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Financial Statements of Investment Trust Companies and Venture Capital Trusts" issued in February 2018 ("AIC SORP") and in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the statutory accounts for the year ended 31 December 2017, which were prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom accounting standards and applicable law), including Financial Reporting Standard 102, the financial reporting standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102").

- 3. All revenue and capital items in the Income Statement derive from continuing operations.
- **4.** The Company has only one class of business and derives its income from investments made in shares, securities and bank deposits.
- 5. The comparative figures are in respect of the six month period ended 30 June 2017 and the year ended 31 December 2017 respectively.

## 6. Dividends

			Six months ended 30 June 2018		
Paid in period	Per share pence	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	2017 Total £'000
'D' Shares					
Special 'D' 2017	23.69p	-	-	-	2,361
Special 'E' 2017	0.1p	-	-	-	15
Y/E Dec 2016 Final	13.5p	-	-	-	1,350
		-	-	-	3,726
'F' Shares					
Y/E Dec 2017 Final	19.0p	-	(2,056)	(2,056)	-
Y/E Dec 2016 Final	2.5p	-	-	-	271
Y/E Dec 2016 Interim	2.5p	-	-	-	270
		-	(2,056)	(2,056)	541
'H' Shares					
Y/E Dec 2017 Final	2.5p	-	(335)	(335)	-
Y/E Dec 2016 Final	2.5p	-	-	-	336
Y/E Dec 2016 Interim	2.5p	-	-	-	336
		-	(335)	(335)	672

No dividends have been paid or declared in respect of the 'J' Shares.

## 7. Basic and diluted return per share

	Weighted average number of shares in issue		Revenue return/(loss) Per		tal '(loss) Per
		£'000	share	£'000	share
'D' Shares	9,979,109	-	-	-	-
'E' Shares	14,994,862	-	-	-	-
'F' Shares	10,821,660	9	0.1p	324	3.0p
'H' Shares	13,379,978	172	1.3p	(318)	(2.4p)
'J' Shares	10,674,386	(81)	(0.8p)	(288)	(2.7p)
		100		(282)	

## 8. Net asset value per share

	Shares in issue	Net asset	value Per	
		£'000	Share	
'D' Shares	9,979,109	-	_	
'E' Shares	14,994,862	-	-	
'F' Shares	10,821,660	5,804	53.6p	
'H' Shares	13,389,758	10,542	78.7p	
'J' Shares	10,675,533	9,738	91.2p	
		26,084		

## 9. Reserves

	Period ended	Year ended
	30 June	31 Dec
	2018	2017
	£'000	£'000
Capital redemption reserve	124	124
Special reserve	2,971	5,146
Share premium reserve	24,639	24,639
Revaluation reserve	(497)	1
Capital reserve - realised	(1,039)	(1,039)
Revenue reserve	(174)	(239)
	26,024	28,632

The Special reserve, Capital reserve - realised and Revenue reserve are all distributable reserves. The Revaluation reserve includes losses of £1,423,000 which are included in the calculation of distributable reserves. Total distributable reserves are £335,000 (31 Dec 2017: £3,148,000).

10. The fair value of investments is determined using the detailed accounting policy set out in the statutory accounts for the year ended 31 December 2017.

The Company has categorised its financial instruments using the fair value hierarchy as follows:

- Level 1 Reflects financial instruments quoted in an active market;
- Level 2 Reflects financial instruments that have prices that are observable either directly or indirectly: and
- Level 3 Reflects financial instruments that use valuation techniques that are not based on observable market data (unquoted equity investments and loan note investments).

	Level 1 £'000	Level 2 £'000	Level 3 £'000	Period ended 30 June 2018 £'000	Level 1 £'000	Level 2 £'000	Level 3 £'000	Year ended 31 Dec 2017 £'000
Loan notes Unquoted equity	-	-	2,985 20.244	2,985 20,244	-	-	3,283 21,416	3,283 21,416
, ,	_	-	23,229	23,229	-	-	24,699	24,699

- 11. The unaudited condensed financial statements set out herein do not constitute statutory accounts within the meaning of Section 434 of the Companies Act 2006 and have not been delivered to the Registrar of Companies. The figures for the year ended 31 December 2017 have been extracted from the financial statements for that year, which have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies; the Auditor's report on those financial statements was unqualified.
- 12. The Directors confirm that, to the best of their knowledge, the half-yearly financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement: Half-Yearly Financial Reports" issued by the UK Accounting Standards Board as well as in accordance with FRS 104 Interim Financial Reporting and the half-yearly financial report includes a fair review of the information required by:
  - a) DTR 4.2.7R of the Disclosure and Transparency Rules, being an indication of important events that have occurred during the first six months of the financial year and their impact on the condensed set of financial statements, and a description of the principal risks and uncertainties for the remaining six months of the year; and
  - b) DTR 4.2.8R of the Disclosure and Transparency Rules, being related party transactions that have taken place in the first six months of the current financial year and that have materially affected the financial position or performance of the entity during that period, and any changes in the related party transactions described in the last annual report that could do so.

#### 13. Risks and uncertainties

Under the Disclosure and Transparency Directive, the Board is required, in the Company's half-yearly results, to report on principal risks and uncertainties facing the Company over the remainder of the financial year.

The Board concluded that the key risks facing the Company over the remainder of the financial period are as follows:

- (i) Compliance risk of failure to maintain approval as a VCT; and
- (ii) Investment risk associated with investing in small and immature businesses.

The Company's compliance with the VCT regulations is continually monitored by the Manager, who reports regularly to the Board on the current position. The Company has also reappointed Philip Hare & Associates LLP to provide regular reviews and advice in this area. In order to make VCT qualifying investments, the Company has to invest in small businesses which are often immature. It also has a limited period in which it must invest the majority of its funds. The Manager follows a rigorous process in vetting and carefully structuring new investments, including taking a charge over the assets of the business wherever possible and, after an investment is made, closely monitoring the business. The Board is satisfied that these approaches provide satisfactory management of the key risks.

## 14. Going concern

The Directors have reviewed the Company's financial resources at the period end and conclude that the Company is well placed to manage its business risks.

The Board confirms that it is satisfied that the Company has adequate resources to continue in business for the foreseeable future. For this reason, the Board believes that the Company continues to be a going concern and that it is appropriate to apply the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

15. Copies of the unaudited half-yearly report will be sent to Shareholders shortly. Further copies can be obtained from the Company's registered office or will be available for download from www.downing.co.uk.

## **SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION**

## **Performance summary**

'D' Share pool	30 Jun 2018	31 Dec 2017	30 Jun 2017
	Pence	Pence	Pence
Net asset value per 'D' Share	-	-	23.7
Net asset value per 'E' Share	_	_	0.1
Cumulative distributions per 'D' Share	103.79	103.79	80.0
Total return per 'D' Share and 'E' Share	103.79	103.79	103.8
Total retain per D Share and E Share	103.75	103.73	103.0
'F' Share pool	30 Jun	31 Dec	30 Jun
	2018	2017	2017
	Pence	Pence	Pence
Net asset value per 'F' Share	53.6	69.6	69.6
Cumulative distributions per 'F' Share	49.0	30.0	27.5
Total return per 'F' Share	102.6	99.6	97.1
'H' Share pool	30 Jun	31 Dec	30 Jun
	2018	2017	2017
	Pence	Pence	Pence
Net asset value per 'H' Share	78.7	82.3	84.6
Cumulative distributions per 'H' Share	22.5	20.0	17.5
Total return per 'H' Share	101.2	102.3	102.1
'J' Share pool	30 Jun	31 Dec	30 Jun
	2018	2017	2017
	Pence	Pence	Pence
Net asset value and Total Return per 'J' Share	91.2	94.7	95.7

## SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION (continued)

## Forthcoming dividends

 'F'
 'H'

 Shares
 Shares

 Interim 2018 – Payable 9 November 2018
 18.0p

 Interim 2018 – Payable 14 December 2018
 2.5p

#### **Dividends**

Dividends are paid by the registrar on behalf of the Company. Shareholders who wish to have dividends paid directly into their bank account, rather than by cheque to their registered address, can complete a mandate form for this purpose (forms can be downloaded from www.linkassetservices.com/shareholders/information).

Queries relating to dividends and requests for mandate forms should be directed to the Company's registrar, Link Asset Services, whose details are on the back cover of this document.

#### Terminology

Throughout this report, the term "'D' Share(s)" has been used to refer to the pool of assets allocated to the 'D' Shares and 'E' Shares combined.

## **Share scam warning**

We are aware that a significant number of shareholders of VCTs managed by both Downing and other VCT houses have recently received unsolicited telephone calls from a company purporting to be acting on behalf of a client who is looking to acquire their VCT shares at an attractive price. We believe these calls to be part of a "Boiler Room Scam". Shareholders are warned to be very suspicious if they receive any similar type of telephone call.

Further information can be found on Downing's website. If you have any concerns, please contact Downing on 020 7416 7780.

## SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION (continued)

#### **Shareholder Communications**

Shareholders now have the opportunity to be notified when financial reports are available to view on Downing's website by letter or by email; alternatively you can elect to receive full hard copies via post. By default notifications will be communicated by letter. If you wish to change your communications election at any time, please contact the registrar, Link Asset Services, whose details are on the back cover of this document.

#### Share prices

The Company's share prices can be found on various financial websites. The share prices are also available on Downing's website (www.downing.co.uk).

	'F'	'H'	'J'
	Shares	Shares	Shares
TIDM/EPIC codes	DP3F	DP3H	DP3J
Latest share price (per share) (25 September 2018):	20.0p	70.0p	95.0p

## **Trading shares**

Any Shareholders who are considering selling some or all of their shares should ensure they are fully aware of any tax consequences. If you are in any doubt, please contact your financial adviser.

The Company operates a policy of buying its shares in for cancellation as they become available. The Company is, however, unable to buy back shares direct from Shareholders, so you will need to use a stockbroker to sell your shares. Downing is able to provide details of closed periods (when the Company is prohibited from buying in shares) and details of the price at which the Company has bought in shares. Contact details are shown on the back cover of this document.

## Notification of change of address

Communications with Shareholders are mailed to the registered address held on the share register. In the event of a change of address, or other amendment, this should be notified to the Company's registrar, Link Asset Services, under the signature of the registered holder.

#### Other information for Shareholders

Up to date Company information (including company announcements, share prices and dividend history) may be obtained from Downing's website at:

## www.downing.co.uk

If you have any queries regarding your shareholding in Downing THREE VCT plc, please contact the registrar on 0871 664 0324 or visit Link's website at www.linkassetservices.com and click on "Products and Services" and then "Shareholders".

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