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## **Introduction to Foresight**

### **Global reach, regional focus**

- Established in 1984
- Limited Liability Partnership (17 Equity Partners)
- 12 offices in 3 continents, headquartered in London
- 238 staff globally, including 77 investment professionals

### Market leading manager

- £4.5bn AUM
- 29 funds in total
- One of the longest running tax efficient managers
- First VCT launched in 1997
- Specialising in Renewable Energy, Infrastructure and Private Equity

### **1. Introduction to Foresight**

### **Trusted Partner**



European Investment

The EU ban







- 125+ International Institutional Investors
- Public institutions
- Over 22,000 retail investors

Schroders



Standard Life Aberdeen



**Schroders** 



VCT legislation introduced by UK Government in 1995

Raised c£750m last tax year

A VCT is a fully listed company on the London Stock Exchange

Similar to a quoted investment trust

Significant changes to investment rules over last 3 years

**Income focused** 



## **Tax Efficient Investment**

#### Venture Capital Trust (VCT)

- The main aim is to encourage investment into smaller unquoted UK businesses
- These products offer investors various tax benefits to encourage investment
- These investments create jobs in local areas and generate additional taxes for HMRC – VAT, PAYE, Corporation tax etc.



## 2. Introduction to Venture Capital Trusts (VCTs)

## **Benefits**



## Over £6bn invested

	Benefits
Income Tax Relief	30%
Minimum Term	5 years
Maximum Investment	£200,000 per tax year
Minimum Investment	£3,000
Dividends	Tax exempt
Growth	Tax exempt
CGT Deferral	N/A
IHT Exemption (BPR)	N/A
Loss Relief	No





## How does a VCT work?

Introduced by the Government in 1995 to encourage investment into smaller UK companies



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**Case Study** 

THE POWER OF RECYCLING

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VCTs offer 30% income tax relief regardless of the investors marginal rate. Since additional relief can be claimed every five years, the impact of this benefit can increase over time.



## While VCTs offer up to 30% income tax relief, the ability to sell shares and reinvest means it's possible to claim additional relief over time

An investor with a 15-year plus time horizon could claim up to 90% income tax relief on their VCT investment



Warnings: It may not be possible to realise your investment on the precise date required. Exits may be subject to a discount of the net asset value that would reduce returns. VCTs are high risk assets and values may fall as well as rise. Reinvestment must be into an alternative VCT or six months after exit.

#### Case Study

### TAX-FREE RETIREMENT INCOME

How to maximise income and minimise tax post retirement

Mr Fraser, a basic rate taxpayer, wishes to generate an annual tax-free income of £30,000

Pension Pot: £800,000

£200,000 cash sum £600,000 to generate an income

Capital invested is at risk. Investments in unquoted companies, by their nature, have limited liquidity and are higher risk. Tax treatment is subject to change and depends on individual circumstances. Tax year 2018/19.



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### TAXATION ON DIVIDENDS

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What impact might the new regime have on a business owner?

Mr Powers is a business owner who pays himself a salary up to HRT band. He takes dividend income of £50,000.

### **Current Situation**

	TAX YEAR 2017/18	TAX YEAR 2019/20
Dividend income	£50,000	£50,000
Gross up tax credit	-	-
Dividend allowance	£5,000	£2,000
Tax at 32.5%	£14,625	£15,600
Less tax credit	-	-
Total tax to pay	£14,625	£15,600
Effective tax rate	29%	31%

**Dividend Allowance** (from 6 April 2018)

£0-£2,000 dividend income

per year will be tax exempt

If Mr Powers invests **£50k** into a VCT, he will receive **£15k** income tax relief, which reduces the **£15,600** liability created from taking the dividend.

#### NET RETURNS ARE

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IN A VCT)

£49,400

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(INVESTING IN A VCT)

### £2,001+

dividend income UK residents will pay tax at following rates:



Case Study

BOOST THE TAX EFFICIENCY OF YOUR PORTFOLIO BY COMBINING THE BENEFITS OF VCT AND PENSION

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Mrs Bazzaz's pension contributions are capped at £10,000 p.a. though she has £33,334 to invest.

### Mrs Bazzaz wishes to maximise the tax-efficiency of her retirement planning



#### **Case Study**

### REDUCING THE IMPACT OF TAX CHANGES FOR LANDLORDS

Mr Morgan, a higher rate tax payer, would like to mitigate losses caused by recent changes to tax rules for landlords.

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In April 2017, the proportion of finance costs available to offset against income at the marginal rate reduced. For many landlords, this could turn an income generating portfolio into a loss making one.

With an annual investment into a VCT, Mr Morgan could reduce these losses to zero.

### **Residential Landlords**

Property Portfolio £1,000,000
Mortgage £750,000
Yield £50,000 p.a.
Mortgage Payments £33,750 p.a.
Tax Deductible Costs £10,000 p.a.

	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21
Actual Profit	£6,250	£6,250	£6,250	£6,250	£6,250
Taxable Finance	-	£8,437	£16,875	£25,312	£33,750
Total Tax Due	£2,500	£4,187	£5,875	£7,562	£9,250
Net Income/Loss	£3,750	£2,063	£375	-£1,312	-£3,000

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Year	VCT Investment
2019/20	£4,373*
2020/21	£10,000*
2021/22	£10,000*
2022/23	£10,000*
2023/24	£10,000*
2024/25	£5,626*
2025/26	£0*
2026/27	£0*
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\* These figures show the net new investment required to reduce net losses to zero. In year 6, the VCT from year 1 can be reinvested. Year 7, the VCT from year 2 can be reinvested.

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### INVESTMENT BOND SURRENDER

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How to mitigate the Income Tax Charge

8 years ago, Mrs Lynch, a higher rate taxpayer, invested £100k into an investment bond which is now worth £150k.

### Deterrent to surrendering the bond

Mrs Lynch would like to move her assets to a new investment, but is concerned about the tax charge she would face. This could be overcome by making a VCT investment.



\*This offsets the tax charge on surrender of the bond



## What sets us apart...



- Institutional capital available to invest alongside retail money
- Generalists
- Greater flexibility = access to more deals

- Launched in late January 2020 £25 million raise
- Targeting 5% tax-free dividend per share per annum
- Oldest and one of the largest investment teams in VCT industry
- Ability to still invest into MBOs using institutional funds deal flow advantage
- Sourcing deals from across the UK not just London and South-East

**Enterprise Investment Scheme (EIS)** 

## **EIS Legislation introduced by UK Government in 1994**

## Shares must be issued in a qualifying unquoted trading company

**Clients hold shares directly** 

Single company and SEIS versions available





### **Tax Benefits**



### Foresight Williams Technology EIS Fund





This timetable is for illustrative purposes only and does not accurately represent when investments or exits will be made.

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## LOSS RELIEF

How spreading an EIS investment across multiple investee companies can mitigate capital exposed

Mr Lamb, a higher rate tax payer, can enjoy over 50% capital growth on his EIS investment, despite 4 of 5 investee companies failing.

### Mr Lamb has a £50k EIS investment which is spread across five investee companies at £10k per company

Where an investee company fails, investors can claim loss relief at their highest marginal rate. In this example, loss relief is equal to £2,800 for each failed company. This is unaffected by the growth of any individual company holding.

Growth in any one company does not effect the ability to claim loss relief even where the value exceeds the original investment.

### £76,200 Total Return

(52% uplift on original investment)

- £15,000 Income tax relief
- £11,200 Loss Relief
- £50,000 Tax free capital growth in Company 5



Case Study

## CAPITAL GAINS TAX DEFERRAL

How using an EIS investment can defer CGT & generate additional tax relief

Mr Roper made a gain on a property of £100k\* in 2018/19.

\*Net of annual CGT allowance

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**Investor dies 2021/22:** £28k CGT liability dies with investor. The EIS investment should also qualify for BPR, potentially saving a further £40k in Inheritance Tax.

- \* Gain is after the use of the CGT allowance
- \*\* In the event of death, CGT is mitigated. Where the EIS is sold prior to death, CGT will be chargeable on the deferred gain at the prevailing tax.
- \*\*\* Subject to the investment being held for three years from the date of investment or the commencement of trading if later.

Case Study

EXITING AIM STOCK

De-risking your portfolio after a period of strong returns

Mr Buck invested £100,000 into AIM shares in 2013. He now wants to de-risk his portfolio.

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## £100,000 FITS

Uses replacement property provision to retain BPR qualification

TARGET **3.5%** RETURN FROM INFRASTRUCTURE ASSETS

## £50,000 EIS

Uses replacement property provision to retain BPR qualification

DEFERS CGT OF **£10,000**\* \*Assumes CGT allowance already utilised



### A unique collaboration between...



Foresight is an experienced investment manager with a 35 year track record of fund raising, investing in, structuring and exiting SMEs.

Williams is a technology and engineering business with a 40+ year track record and highly renowned reputation.

Core investment strategy is to target opportunities where Williams Advanced Engineering's technical, commercial and promotional support may offer a distinct advantage to investee companies



### **Foresight Williams Technology EIS Fund**

### **Key Features**



Investments of £1-3m in UK unquoted early stage disruptive technology-based SMEs



### Investment Strategy: Approach & Focus

### **Venture Investing**

Investment criteria

O Pre revenue or post revenue/pre profit

Technically experienced management team

- Disruptive and/or innovative technologies
- O Market potential > £75 million
- Williams value add commercial, technical, promotional support
- © Commercialisation possible 3 5 years time
- In 10x plus return potential





### Energy saving aerodynamic technology for the retail sec

© Collaboration with UK start-up Aerofoil Energy

#### **O** WAE value add

- Design, analysis, optimisation, supply chain development, cost reduction
- o Engagement with global retailers and OEMs
- Press coverage (Fortune, FT, Forbes, Telegraph...)

### Patented technology

© Store trials with top UK retailers including Sainsbury's







## **FWT VCT**

### Summary

- High growth potential / early stage investee company focus
- Unique JV relationship
- Pre-revenue to post profit engineering and technology companies
- Established & proven value add relationship with Williams
- Strong pipeline for deals e.g. Oxford University
- Targeting £20m fundraise
- Targeting a dividend in year 4
- Buyback 10% for first 5 years, 5% thereafter
- Closing December 2020







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