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Blackfinch Spring VCT plc
Half-yearly Report
For the six months ended 30 June 2026

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Highlights

Investment Policy

Blackfinch Spring VCT plc (the "Company") will focus its investment in unquoted companies with some or all of the following characteristics:

- Innovative growth-stage and technology-enabled, and which are on their scale-up-journey.
- The capability to grow quickly through disrupting their markets.
- Strong performance against previous investment round milestones

Dividend Policy

The Company intends to pay: (1) a regular annual dividend equivalent to approximately 5% of the Company's Net Asset Value and (2) special dividends, where appropriate, from the proceeds of successful exits of portfolio companies that are not reinvested or required elsewhere subject to the discretion of the Directors.

When the Company does pay dividends, because of the tax reliefs that are available for an investment in a Venture Capital Trust, shareholders enjoy the benefits of there being no income tax payable on the dividends received and no need to declare them in a tax return.

The Company distributed a dividend of 2.5p per share in the six-months to end June 2026. Since the end of this period it has paid a further dividend of 2.2p per share. Taken together, these dividends amount to approximately 5% of the Net Asset Value at the end of 2025, and they bring the total dividends paid by the Company to 15p per share.

Future intended dividends cannot be guaranteed. They are subject to the Board's discretion based upon the Company's ability to pay dividends. Depending on the type of dividend intended to be distributed, this ability to pay is determined by the existence of realised profits, legislative requirements and sufficient distributable cash reserves.

No forecast or projection is implied or should be inferred.

Key Data

	Six-month period ended 30 June 2026	Year ended 31 December 2025	Six-month period ended 30 June 2025
Net Asset Value ("NAV") (£'000)	76,746	66,828	64,193
Shares in issue ('000)	86,853	71,963	64,775
NAV per ordinary share	88.36p	92.86p	99.10p
Share price (Mid price as per London Stock Exchange)	85.00p	92.00p	92.00p

1-year NAV Total Return	-5.6%
3-year NAV Total Return	7.8%
5-year NAV Total Return	11.7%

Chair's Statement

I am pleased to present the Half-yearly Report for Blackfinch Spring VCT plc for the six months ended 30 June 2026. The first half of 2026 has seen the Company continue to build on the progress made in recent years, despite a more challenging backdrop for technology markets. The Investment Manager has continued to support existing portfolio companies whilst selectively deploying capital into new opportunities that it believes offer attractive long-term potential. Although market conditions have remained uncertain, many of our portfolio companies have continued to make encouraging operational and revenue progress, reinforcing the Board's confidence in the long-term prospects of the portfolio.

Rapid advances in artificial intelligence (AI) and geopolitical tensions contributed to heightened volatility across public technology markets during the period. As a consequence, the benchmark of public technology multiples used in our portfolio valuations declined by an average of 27% over the period. By contrast, our portfolio demonstrated encouraging resilience, with Net Asset Value declining just 4.8%.

Sustained Fundraising

The Company continued to receive strong investor support through to the end of the 2025/2026 tax year. During the first half of the year, approximately 15.3 million new shares were allotted, demonstrating continued confidence in the Company's strategy and long-term investment approach. The majority of these shares were allotted prior to the end of the tax year, before the reduction in upfront VCT income tax relief from 30% to 20% in April 2026. Since then, investment inflows have softened.

Whilst the reduction in tax relief is expected to continue to put downward pressure on fundraising across the wider VCT market, the Board remains focused on ensuring capital is deployed in a measured and disciplined manner. The Investment Manager continues to see a healthy pipeline of opportunities and will remain selective, investing only where opportunities meet the Company's investment criteria and long-term return objectives.

Continuing Dividends

Providing shareholders with a regular, tax-efficient income remains an important objective of the Company. Dividends totalling 4.7p per share were distributed during and subsequent to the first half of the year, keeping the Company on track with its objective of paying annual dividends equivalent to approximately 5% of Net Asset Value (NAV). Dividends remain subject to the Board's discretion and the availability of distributable reserves. Cumulative dividends paid since launch now amount to 15.0p per share.

Portfolio Progress

Despite the wider macro backdrop, the portfolio continued to develop well. Several portfolio companies secured new commercial partnerships, launched new products and completed additional funding rounds. The portfolio continued to broaden, increasing to 46 companies (from 39 at the end of 2025) with new investments expanding exposure into areas including chemistry and laser technology to further increase portfolio diversification.

The Investment Manager also completed follow-on investments into eleven portfolio companies, reflecting continued confidence in their long-term growth prospects. Alongside supporting existing investments, the Investment Manager remains focused on identifying high-quality new opportunities that complement the existing portfolio.

Outlook

While market conditions are likely to remain uncertain in the near term, the Board remains confident in the Company's long-term prospects. The portfolio continues to mature, the pipeline of investment opportunities remains healthy, and the Investment Manager remains disciplined in its approach to investing in innovative, high-growth businesses.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank our shareholders for their continued support.
We look forward to updating you on the Company's progress in the Annual Report.

Peter LR Hewitt, JP FCSI

Non-executive Chair

25 August 2026

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Investment Manager's Review

During the first half of 2026, the Company deployed approximately £12.1 million across 17 companies, including seven new portfolio companies, whilst continuing to support existing holdings through selective follow-on investments.

The new investee companies are:

- **Quantcore Technologies Ltd,** a quantum technology company developing superconducting components for quantum computers, helping make large-scale quantum systems more stable, scalable and easier to manufacture.
- **Keel Holdings Ltd,** a fintech company providing the infrastructure for businesses to launch their own banking products, enabling services such as accounts, cards and payments through a single integrated platform.
- **Archangel Lightworks Ltd,** a space technology company connecting ground networks with satellites using laser communications to transfer data faster and more securely than traditional methods.
- **CheMastery Group Ltd,** a chemistry technology company developing robotic systems to run chemical processes, helping make experiments more consistent, repeatable and efficient.
- **DiPOLE Systems Ltd,** an advanced technology company developing high-power laser systems for applications including defence, energy and advanced manufacturing.
- **Optera Holdings Ltd,** a sensor technology company developing smart vision sensors for space applications, helping organisations monitor activity in orbit more efficiently.
- **Third Space Learning (Virtual Class Ltd),** an education technology company providing AI-powered maths tutoring to schools through one-to-one virtual support.

Alongside these new investments, further capital was deployed into existing portfolio companies where continued commercial progress supported additional investment.

Public technology valuations remained under pressure during the first half of the year, with our benchmark technology multiples declining by approximately 27% on average. As the Company values its investments using recognised venture capital valuation methodologies that reference comparable listed businesses, these market movements negatively influenced portfolio valuations.

Despite this backdrop, the Company's NAV per share declined by 4.8% during the first half of the year, reflecting the resilience of the underlying portfolio compared to the comparable benchmark. Alongside this operational progress, several portfolio companies achieved important commercial milestones during the first six months of the year. They included Spaceflux securing a multi-million-pound contract with MDA Space Ltd to support the Canadian Space Surveillance Programme, and H2CHP achieving significant technical milestones with its hydrogen-powered generator, successfully generating electricity using hydrogen fuel.

Valuation movements across the portfolio were mixed. The principal downward movement during the first half of the year related to Spotless Water, following a third-party investment involving a preferential share structure, which has given the company an excellent foundation for continued growth but has diluted the value of earlier shareholdings.

Our investment pipeline remains healthy, with several potential investments progressing through our robust investment process. These opportunities span a broad range of cutting-edge technology sectors from financial technology (fintech) to drone technology and quantum technology.

We will continue to support portfolio companies as they scale and prepare to secure an exit, whilst maintaining a disciplined approach to new investment opportunities. As always, our focus remains on backing innovative businesses, and we look forward to providing a further update in the Annual Report.

Richard Cook
Founder and CEO Blackfinch Investments Limited

25 August 2026

Investment Manager's Review
Investment Portfolio

	As at 30 June 2026			As at 31 December 2025			As at 30 June 2025		
	Cost £'000	Valuation £'000	% of total Assets value	Cost £'000	Valuation £'000	% of total Assets value	Cost £'000	Valuation £'000	% of total Assets value
3PLS Platform Ltd	1,772	2,026	2.6	1,220	1,220	1.8	-	-	-
Archangel Lightworks Ltd	1,515	1,452	1.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Beings Beam Ltd	700	700	1.0	700	720	1.1	700	769	1.2
Bracket Group Ltd	1,275	1,408	1.8	1,275	1,275	1.9	-	-	-
Brooklyn Supply Chain Solutions Ltd	1,162	1,426	1.9	1,162	1,538	2.3	1,163	1,197	1.9
CheMastery Group Ltd	1,052	1,052	1.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Client Share Ltd	858	1,043	1.4	858	1,404	2.1	858	1,828	2.8
Cogniss Holdings Ltd	600	180	0.2	600	300	0.4	600	600	0.9
CollectiveTech Ltd	1,650	1,771	2.3	1,650	1,841	2.8	1,650	1,815	2.8
Cultureshift Communications Ltd	1,140	1,239	1.6	1,140	1,648	2.5	1,140	1,768	2.8
Currensea Ltd	1,375	2,577	3.4	1,375	2,455	3.7	1,375	2,090	3.3
Cyclr Systems Ltd	1,405	869	1.1	1,405	1,442	2.2	1,300	1,300	2.0
Digital Odour Technologies Ltd	1,120	1,120	1.5	1,120	1,120	1.7	-	-	-
DiPOLE Systems Ltd	1,667	1,667	2.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Edozo Ltd	1,062	1,412	1.8	762	912	1.4	763	763	1.2
GT Green Technologies Ltd	1,717	2,182	2.8	1,290	1,608	2.4	1,290	1,606	2.5
H2CHP Ltd	380	380	0.5	280	280	0.4	280	280	0.4
Illuma Technology Ltd	1,517	2,307	3.0	1,517	2,323	3.5	1,518	3,698	5.8
Keel Holdings Ltd	1,720	1,720	2.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kelp Industries Ltd	500	475	0.6	500	475	0.7	500	475	0.7
LSTN Inc.	1,800	1,800	2.3	1,800	1,800	2.7	1,800	1,800	2.8

	As at 30 June 2026			As at 31 December 2025			As at 30 June 2025		
	Cost £'000	Valuation £'000	% of total Assets value	Cost £'000	Valuation £'000	% of total Assets value	Cost £'000	Valuation £'000	% of total Assets value
Measure Protocol Ltd	1,980	2,028	2.6	1,980	2,202	3.3	1,980	2,050	3.2
Metris Enery Inc.	890	890	1.1	890	890	1.3	-	-	-
Minimal X Ltd	2,062	2,062	2.6	1,562	1,562	2.3	1,562	1,562	2.4
Neuranics Ltd	1,500	1,500	2.0	1,500	1,500	2.2	1,500	1,500	2.3
Oculo Technologies Ltd	2,574	3,940	5.1	2,140	3,098	4.6	2,140	2,861	4.5
Odore Ltd	830	1,842	2.4	830	1,255	1.8	830	937	1.5
Optera Holdings Ltd	448	427	0.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Placed Recruitment Ltd	1,200	1,200	1.6	1,200	1,200	1.8	1,200	1,200	1.9
Polished Rock Ltd	500	500	0.7	500	500	0.7	500	559	0.9
Quantcore Technologies Ltd	397	397	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quin AI Ltd	300	3	-	300	50	0.1	300	210	0.3
Recruitment Smart Technologies Ltd	1,400	1,400	1.8	1,400	1,400	2.1	1,400	1,400	2.2
Spaceflux Ltd	1,235	1,330	1.7	528	622	0.9	528	528	0.8
Spotless Water Ltd	459	607	0.9	459	1,009	1.5	459	887	1.4
Staffcircle Ltd	1,713	1,994	2.6	1,713	1,835	2.7	1,713	2,163	3.4
Startpulsing Ltd	1,950	2,570	3.4	1,950	2,528	3.8	1,950	2,593	4.0
Supercritical Solutions Ltd	1,585	1,501	2.0	1,585	1,501	2.2	1,585	1,529	2.4
Tangle Software Inc.	870	653	0.9	870	870	1.3	870	870	1.4
Teamed Ltd	2,262	2,992	3.9	1,562	2,586	3.9	1,562	2,617	4.1
Tended Ltd	2,455	2,455	3.2	2,455	2,681	4.0	2,455	2,887	4.5
Transreport Ltd	770	770	1.0	770	770	1.2	770	1,171	1.8
Up Learn Ltd	1,135	1,162	1.5	1,135	1,351	2.0	1,135	1,336	2.1
Virtual Class Ltd	477	1,083	1.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Watchmycompetitor.com Ltd	1,930	2,241	2.9	1,430	2,285	3.4	1,430	2,164	3.4
What Matters Now Ltd	1,770	2,257	2.9	1,120	1,183	1.8	1,120	1,183	1.8
Total Qualifying Investments	**58,679**	**66,610**	**86.8**	**46,533**	**55,239**	**82.6**	**41,926**	**52,196**	**81.3**
Money Market Funds	7,760	8,170	10.6	3,160	3,459	5.2	7,000	7,152	11.1
Net current assets	1,966	1,966	2.6	8,130	8,130	12.2	4,845	4,845	7.6
Net assets	**68,405**	**76,746**	**100.0**	**57,823**	**66,828**	**100.0**	**53,771**	**64,193**	**100.0**

Investment Manager’s Review
Portfolio Companies - Top Ten Holdings

Oculo Technologies Ltd

Oculo has developed construction technology that combines 360-degree photography with advanced computer vision to create digital models of building sites. The platform gives project managers detailed visibility of construction progress by comparing completed work against site plans. It can also provide a record of elements hidden behind walls, such as cabling, insulation and plumbing, while helping to automate audits and inspections. Since investment in 2023, Oculo has more than tripled recurring revenue, supported by contracts with leading customers including Morgan Sindall and Whitbread.

Company sector	Construction Tech
Stage	Scale-up
Asset class	Equity
Blackfinch Spring VCT total cost of investment	£2.57m
Blackfinch Spring VCT cost of investment in the period	£0.43m
Blackfinch Spring VCT total value of investment	£3.94m
Equity held by Blackfinch Spring VCT	22.8%
Initial investment date	August 2023

Investment Manager's Review
Portfolio Companies - Top Ten Holdings

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Teamed Ltd

Teamed simplifies the process of hiring and managing employees internationally without the need to establish local entities. Its Employment-as-a-Service platform enables businesses to manage employment, compliance, payroll, payments and employee benefits through a single solution. By handling the complexities of international hiring, Teamed helps organisations save time, reduce costs and remain compliant across multiple jurisdictions. Since investment in 2022, the company has more than tripled annual revenue and expanded its coverage to more than 180 countries.

Company sector	HR Tech
Stage	Scale-up
Asset class	Equity
Blackfinch Spring VCT total cost of investment	£2.26m
Blackfinch Spring VCT cost of investment in the period	£0.69m
Blackfinch Spring VCT total value of investment	£2.99m
Equity held by Blackfinch Spring VCT	17.6%
Initial investment date	September 2022

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Portfolio Companies - Top Ten Holdings

Currensea Ltd

Currensea offers the UK's first travel-focused direct debit card that connects directly to customers' existing current accounts. The card enables users to spend abroad with low foreign exchange fees, without the need to top up funds or open a new bank account. The company also operates a growing portfolio of corporate and affinity partnerships. Since investment in 2022, Currensea has grown revenue more than tenfold and developed pioneering loyalty debit card programmes with leading travel brands including Hilton Honors, Marriott Bonvoy and United Airlines, with further partnerships under discussion.

Company sector	Financial Tech
Stage	Scale-up
Asset class	Equity
Blackfinch Spring VCT total cost of investment	£1.37m
Blackfinch Spring VCT cost of investment in the period	£-
Blackfinch Spring VCT total value of investment	£2.58m
Equity held by Blackfinch Spring VCT	5.7%
Initial investment date	August 2022

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Startpulsing Ltd

Startpulsing, trading as OnePulse, enables global brands to gather real-time consumer feedback from a community of thousands through its mobile app. The platform helps businesses test ideas, refine products and improve marketing campaigns using rapid customer insights. It also allows consumers to influence the products and services they use while earning rewards for their participation. Since investment in 2021, OnePulse has more than tripled annual revenue, expanded into 50 countries and secured enterprise clients including Netflix and TikTok.

Company sector	Market Intelligence Tech
Stage	Scale-up
Asset class	Equity
Blackfinch Spring VCT total cost of investment	£1.95m
Blackfinch Spring VCT cost of investment in the period	£-
Blackfinch Spring VCT total value of investment	£2.57m
Equity held by Blackfinch Spring VCT	15.2%
Initial investment date	March 2021

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Portfolio Companies - Top Ten Holdings

Tended Ltd

Tended develops intelligent safety wearables and monitoring systems that help protect workers in high-risk environments. Its technology uses precise location tracking and geofencing to ensure employees remain within designated safe zones and are alerted when approaching hazardous areas. The platform is used across sectors including construction and rail, helping organisations improve workplace safety and reduce operational risk. Since initial investment in 2021, Tended has more than tripled annual revenue, supported by contracts with major organisations including Siemens and Network Rail.

Company sector	Safety Tech
Stage	Scale-up
Asset class	Equity
Blackfinch Spring VCT total cost of investment	£2.45m
Blackfinch Spring VCT cost of investment in the period	£-
Blackfinch Spring VCT total value of investment	£2.45m
Equity held by Blackfinch Spring VCT	18.2%
Initial investment date	September 2021

Investment Manager's Review
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Illuma Technology Ltd

Illuma uses artificial intelligence to deliver advanced contextual targeting for advertisers. Its technology identifies the most relevant websites on which to place advertisements, helping brands improve campaign performance without relying on personal data or cookies. As privacy regulations continue to reshape digital advertising, Illuma offers an effective alternative to traditional cookie-based targeting. Since investment in 2021, the company has expanded into the US, with more than 40% of its brand customers now being Fortune 500 companies.

Company sector	Advertising Tech
Stage	Scale-up
Asset class	Equity
Blackfinch Spring VCT total cost of investment	£1.52m
Blackfinch Spring VCT cost of investment in the period	£-
Blackfinch Spring VCT total value of investment	£2.31m
Equity held by Blackfinch Spring VCT	10.8%
Initial investment date	August 2021

Investment Manager's Review
Portfolio Companies - Top Ten Holdings

What Matters Now Ltd

What Matters Now Limited, trading as Good Life Sorted, operates a marketplace that helps older people live independently at home. The platform matches customers with vetted helpers who provide practical support, including meal preparation, shopping, cleaning and companionship. By focusing on services beyond traditional care, Good Life Sorted helps older people maintain independence and quality of life. Since investment in 2024, the company has expanded across the UK and grown revenue by more than 60%. It has also established partnerships with organisations including Bupa, Age UK and local authorities.

Company sector	Age Tech
Stage	Scale-up
Asset class	Equity
Blackfinch Spring VCT total cost of investment	£1.77m
Blackfinch Spring VCT cost of investment in the period	£0.64m
Blackfinch Spring VCT total value of investment	£2.26m
Equity held by Blackfinch Spring VCT	16.0%
Initial investment date	April 2024

Investment Manager’s Review
Portfolio Companies - Top Ten Holdings

WatchMyCompetitor
The Market Intelligence Platform

Watchmycompetitor.com Ltd

WatchMyCompetitor provides a business intelligence platform that helps organisations monitor competitors, customers and strategic partners. Its cloud-based platform uses machine learning to track product launches, promotions and other important business developments across global markets. The platform helps businesses identify opportunities, respond more quickly to market changes and make better-informed commercial decisions. Since investment in 2021, the company has more than tripled annual revenue and secured enterprise customers including IKEA and Aviva. Customers using the platform have reported significantly faster deal closure times.

Company sector	Market Intelligence Tech
Stage	Scale-up
Asset class	Debt and Equity
Blackfinch Spring VCT total cost of investment	£1.93m
Blackfinch Spring VCT cost of investment in the period	£0.50m
Blackfinch Spring VCT total value of investment	£2.24m
Equity held by Blackfinch Spring VCT	10.8%
Initial investment date	August 2021

Investment Manager's Review
Portfolio Companies - Top Ten Holdings

GT Green Technologies Ltd

GT Green Technologies, trading as GT Wings, develops innovative wind-powered systems to help make shipping more sustainable. The company's flagship product, the AirWing™, is a retractable vertical sail that can be installed on both new and existing vessels. By harnessing wind to assist propulsion, the AirWing™ helps reduce fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, supporting ship operators as they adapt to increasingly stringent international environmental regulations. Since investment in 2024, the company has successfully completed sea trials of its AirWing™ and secured a strategic manufacturing partnership with Zunshion Technology to support commercial production.

Company sector	Shipping Tech
Stage	Scale-up
Asset class	Equity
Blackfinch Spring VCT total cost of investment	£1.72m
Blackfinch Spring VCT cost of investment in the period	£0.42m
Blackfinch Spring VCT total value of investment	£2.18m
Equity held by Blackfinch Spring VCT	10.9%
Initial investment date	December 2024

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Portfolio Companies - Top Ten Holdings

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Minimal X Ltd

Minimal develops compact electric vehicles designed specifically for urban delivery fleets. Its vehicles are engineered to reduce operating costs while delivering the performance and technology required by modern logistics operators. Alongside its vehicle offering, the company provides fleet management software that helps operators optimise routes, monitor vehicle performance and reduce downtime. Since investment in 2025, Minimal has signed agreements with Royal Mail and Evri, while its Pedal 4 vehicle won two awards at the BIG SEE Product Design Awards 2026.

Company sector	Electric Vehicle Tech
Stage	Scale-up
Asset class	Debt and Equity
Blackfinch Spring VCT total cost of investment	£2.06m
Blackfinch Spring VCT cost of investment in the period	£0.50m
Blackfinch Spring VCT total value of investment	£2.06m
Equity held by Blackfinch Spring VCT	9.9%
Initial investment date	April 2025

Investment Manager's Review
Pipeline Overview

Company 1

Financial advisers spend substantial time moving information between disconnected systems, preparing documents and completing repetitive administrative work. This platform connects a firm's existing software and uses AI to automate processes including client onboarding, annual reviews, compliance documentation and account administration, freeing advisers to spend more time supporting their clients while retaining control of regulated decisions. Its rapid adoption by hundreds of advisers and ability to serve major wealth-management firms point to a significant opportunity to improve how advice businesses operate.

Company sector	Financial Tech
Stage	Scale-up
Asset class	Equity

Company 2

The light reflected from different materials contains far more information than our eyes or conventional colour cameras can detect, but specialist equipment capable of capturing it is often expensive, fragile and confined to laboratories. This Cambridge spinout is developing ultra-thin optical filters that can be added to standard cameras to reveal this hidden information, allowing machines to quickly distinguish between materials that may otherwise look identical. Its compact and robust approach could support applications ranging from industrial inspection and mining to automated security and next-generation robotics.

Company sector	Imaging Tech
Stage	Scale-up
Asset class	Equity

Investment Manager's Review
Pipeline Overview

Company 3

Modern drone operations remain heavily dependent on reliable communications and continuous human control. This team is developing software that enables one operator to direct large groups of drones, while allowing them to coordinate tasks and adapt their plans if communications are disrupted, all within clearly defined objectives and human-controlled safeguards. Built by previously successful defence technology founders, the system could play an important role in supporting increasingly complex autonomous operations across air, land and sea.

Company sector	Drone Tech
Stage	Scale-up
Asset class	Equity

Company 4

Digital banking has made managing money more convenient, but customers must still navigate different accounts and make every financial decision themselves. This AI-native financial platform brings international payments, savings and investments into one conversational interface, where an intelligent assistant can recommend and carry out actions after receiving the user's approval. Early organic adoption across dozens of countries, combined with strong specialist backing, suggests meaningful demand for a more proactive and globally accessible form of banking.

Company sector	Financial Tech
Stage	Scale-up
Asset class	Equity

Investment Manager's Review
Pipeline Overview

Company 5

Many advanced forecasting and simulation problems become slow, costly and data-intensive when handled using conventional computing alone. This team is combining today's existing quantum hardware with proprietary AI software to identify complex patterns and deliver more accurate predictions through an accessible online service. Having already demonstrated the technology with a leading engineering organisation, it is targeting demanding applications across sectors including automotive, defence, insurance and energy, where improved modelling could provide customers with a valuable competitive advantage.

Company sector	Quantum Tech
Stage	Scale-up
Asset class	Equity

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The Company's assets consist of equity and cash.

The Company's principal risks include market risk, interest rate risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. Other risks faced by the Company include economic, investment and strategic, regulatory, reputational, operational and financial risks as well as the potential for loss of approval as a VCT.

These risks, and how they are managed, are described under the heading "Principal and Emerging Risks" in the Strategic Report and in Note 19 to the Financial Statements in the Company's Annual Report and Financial Statements for the period ended 31 December 2025.

The Company's principal risks and uncertainties have not materially changed since the date of that report.

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

In respect of the Half-yearly Report

We confirm that to the best of our knowledge:

- The condensed set of financial statements has been prepared in accordance with FRS 104 "Interim Financial Reporting";

- The Chair's Statement and Investment Manager's Review (constituting the interim management report) include a true and fair review of the information required by DTR 4.2.7R of the "Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules", being an indication of important events that have occurred during the six-month period to 30 June 2026 and their impact on the condensed set of financial statements;

- The "Principal Risks and Uncertainties" on page 24 is a fair review of the information required by DTR 4.2.7R, being a description of the principal risks and uncertainties for the remaining six months of the year; and

- The financial statements include a fair review of the information required by DTR 4.2.8R of the "Disclosure Guidance 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 Company during that period.

For and on behalf of the Board

Peter LR Hewitt
Chair

25 August 2026

Income Statement
for the six-month period ended 30 June 2026

	Note	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000
Loss on unquoted investments held at fair value		-	(775)	(775)
Bank interest		46	-	46
Gain on quoted investments held at fair value		124	5	129
Investment Manager's fee		(232)	(696)	(928)
Other expenses		(323)	-	(323)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation		(385)	(1,466)	(1,851)
Taxation on ordinary activities		-	-	-
Loss and total comprehensive income attributable to shareholders		(385)	(1,466)	(1,851)
Return per Ordinary share (pence)	6	(0.48)	(1.81)	(2.29)

Income Statement
for the year ended 31 December 2025 (audited)

	Note	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000
Loss on unquoted investments held at fair value		-	(1,887)	(1,887)
Bank interest		15	-	1
Gain on quoted investments held at fair value		233	50	283
Investment Manager's fee		(397)	(1,193)	(1,590)
Other expenses		(561)	-	(561)
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation		(710)	(3,030)	(3,740)
Taxation on ordinary activities		-	-	-
(Loss)/profit and total comprehensive income attributable to shareholders		(710)	(3,030)	(3,740)
Return per Ordinary share (pence)		(1.15)	(4.90)	(6.05)

Income Statement
for the six-month period ended 30 June 2025

	Note	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000
Return on investments		34	(219)	(185)
Investment Manager's fee		(192)	(575)	(767)
Other expenses		(274)	-	(274)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation		(432)	(794)	(1,226)
Taxation on ordinary activities		-	-	-
Loss and total comprehensive income attributable to shareholders		(432)	(794)	(1,226)
Return per Ordinary share (pence)	6	(0.73)	(1.36)	(2.09)

The total column of this Income Statement represents the profit and loss account of the Company, prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 ("FRS 102"). The supplementary revenue and capital return columns are prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Financial Statements of Investment Trust Companies and Venture Capital Trusts" ("SORP") updated in July 2022 with consequential amendments. A separate Statement of Comprehensive Income has not been prepared as all income is included in the Income Statement.

All the items above derive from continuing operations of the Company.

The accompanying notes on pages 34 and 35 are an integral part of the statement.

Statement of Changes In Equity
for the six-month period ended 30 June 2026 (unaudited)

	Non-distributable reserves				Distributable reserves		
	Called up share capital £'000	Share premium £'000	Capital reserve (unrealised) £'000	Capital redemption reserve £'000	Capital reserve (realised) £'000	Revenue reserve £'000	Total reserves £'000
Opening balance as at 1 January 2026	719	45,177	8,756	7	14,998	(2,829)	66,828
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	-	-	(770)	-	(696)	(385)	(1,851)
Contributions by and distributions to owners:							
Shares issued	153	14,395	-	-	-	-	14,548
Share issue expenses	-	(261)	-	-	-	-	(261)
Shares bought back	(9)	-	-	9	(770)	-	(770)
Dividends paid	-	-	-	-	(1,748)	-	(1,748)
Dividends reinvested	5	425	-	-	(430)	-	(430)
Closing balance as at 30 June 2026	868	59,736	7,986	16	11,354	(3,214)	76,746

Statement of Changes In Equity

for the year ended 31 December 2025 (audited)

	Non-distributable reserves				Distributable reserves		
	Called up share capital £'000	**Share premium £'000**	**Capital reserve (unrealised) £'000**	**Capital redemption reserve £'000**	**Capital reserve (realised) £'000**	**Revenue reserve £'000**	**Total reserves £'000**
Opening balance as at 1 January 2025	463	18,908	10,093	-	20,663	(2,119)	48,008
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	-	-	(1,837)	-	(1,193)	(710)	(3,740)
Contributions by and distributions to owners:							
Shares issued	256	25,966	-	-	-	-	26,222
Share issue expenses	-	(341)	-	-	(3)	-	(344)
Shares bought back	(7)	-	-	7	(647)	-	(647)
Investments disposal/ write off	-	-	500	-	(500)	-	-
Dividends paid	-	-	-	-	(2,671)	-	(2,671)
Dividends reinvested	7	644	-	-	(651)	-	-
Closing balance as at 31 December 2025	719	45,177	8,756	7	14,998	(2,829)	66,828

Statement of Changes In Equity
for the six-month period ended 30 June 2025 (unaudited)

	Non-distributable reserves				Distributable reserves		
	Called up share capital £'000	**Share premium £'000**	**Capital reserve (unrealised) £'000**	**Capital redemption reserve £'000**	**Capital reserve (realised) £'000**	**Revenue reserve £'000**	**Total reserves £'000**
Opening balance as at 1 January 2025	463	18,908	10,093	-	20,663	(2,119)	48,008
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	-	-	(219)	-	(575)	(432)	(1,226)
Contributions by and distributions to owners:							
Shares issued	185	18,974	-	-	-	-	19,159
Share issue expenses	-	(210)	-	-	-	-	(210)
Shares bought back	(3)	-	-	3	(271)	-	(271)
Investments disposal/ write off	-	-	500	-	(500)	-	-
Dividends paid	-	-	-	-	(1,267)	-	(1,267)
Dividends reinvested	3	453	-	-	(456)	-	-
Closing balance as at 30 June 2025	648	38,125	10,374	3	17,594	(2,551)	64,193

The accompanying notes on pages 34 and 35 are an integral part of the statement.

Condensed Balance Sheet
as at 30 June 2026

	Note	30 June 2026 (unaudited) £'000	31 December 2025 (audited) £'000	30 June 2025 (unaudited) £'000
Fixed assets				
Investments		74,780	58,698	59,348
Current assets				
Debtors		14	21	10
Cash at bank		2,595	8,704	5,375
		2,609	8,725	5,385
Current liabilities				
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		(643)	(595)	(540)
Net current assets		1,966	8,130	4,845
Net assets		76,746	66,828	64,193
Capital and reserves				
Called up share capital		868	719	648
Share premium account		59,736	45,177	38,125
Capital reserve		19,340	23,754	6,888
Capital redemption reserve		16	7	3
Special reserve		-	-	21,080
Revenue reserve		(3,214)	(2,829)	(2,551)
Equity shareholders' funds	**6**	76,746	66,828	64,193
Net asset value per share (p)		88.36	92.86	99.10

The accompanying notes on pages 34 and 35 are an integral part of the balance sheet.

Statement of Cash Flow
for the six-month period ended 30 June 2026

	Six-month period ended 30 June 2026 (unaudited) £'000	Year ended 31 December 2025 (audited) £'000	Six-month period ended 30 June 2025 (unaudited) £'000
Operating activities			
Loss before taxation for the period	(1,851)	(3,740)	(1,226)
Net profit on unquoted investments	775	1,887	186
Net gain on quoted investments	(129)	(283)	-
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	7	(11)	1
Increase in creditors	48	148	93
Net cash outflow from operating activities	(1,150)	(1,999)	(948)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of investments	(12,146)	(17,376)	(14,768)
Purchase of quoted investments (Money Market Funds)	(12,000)	(2,000)	-
Sale of quoted investments (Money Market Funds)	7,417	3,840	-
Net cash outflow from investing activities	(16,729)	(15,536)	(14,768)
Net cash outflow before financing	(17,879)	(17,535)	(14,768)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from share issues	14,547	26,222	19,273
Share issues costs	(259)	(344)	(138)
Dividends paid	(1,748)	(2,671)	(1,723)
Shares bought back	(770)	(647)	-
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing	11,770	22,560	(17,412)
(Decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(6,109)	5,025	1,696
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	8,704	3,679	3,679
Cash and cash equivalent at the end of the period	2,595	8,704	5,375

The accompanying notes on pages 34 and 35 are an integral part of the statement.

Notes To The Financial Statements
for the six-month ended 30 June 2026

1. General information

The Company is a Public Limited Company limited by shares, incorporated in England and Wales. The registered address is Meadow Barn, Elkstone Studios, Cheltenham, GL53 9PQ. The principal activity is investing in unquoted growth companies.

2. Basis of accounting

The half-yearly financial report covers the six-month period ended 30 June 2026. The condensed financial statements for this period have been prepared in accordance with FRS 104 ("Interim Financial Reporting") published in January 2022, and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Financial Statements of Investment Trust Companies and Venture Capital Trusts" published in December 2025 ("SORP").

The comparative figures for the year ended 31 December 2025 have been extracted from the latest published audited Annual Report and Financial Statements. Those accounts have been reported on by the Company's auditor and lodged with the Registrar of Companies. The report of the auditor was (i) unqualified, (ii) did not include a reference to any matters to which the auditors drew attention by way of emphasis without qualifying their report.

The Financial Statements are prepared in pounds sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. All values in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest thousand (£'000), except where stated.

3. Going concern

The Board of Directors is satisfied that the Company has adequate availability to continue as a going concern and are satisfied that the Company has adequate resources to continue in business for the foreseeable future (being a period of twelve months from the date these Financial Statements were approved). In reaching this conclusion the Directors took into the account the nature of the Company's business and Investment Policy, its risk management policies, and the cash holdings. As at 30 June 2026 the Company held cash balances with a value of £2,594,649 (30 June 2025: £5,374,847) and held £8,169,691 in Money Market Funds (30 June 2025: £7,152,150). Cash flow projections show the Company has sufficient funds to meet all its expected expenditure for a period of twelve calendar months after the date of the financial statement. The Directors have reviewed the portfolio of qualifying investments and expect the Company to continue to satisfy the conditions of VCT compliance. Qualifying Investments comprise investments in companies that meet certain criteria, including carrying out a qualifying trade, as defined under the relevant VCT legislation. Businesses in this increasingly diversified portfolio are performing well overall. Thus, the Directors believe it is appropriate to continue to apply the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

4. Segmental reporting

The directors are of the opinion that the Company is engaged in a single segment of business, being investment business.

5. Earnings per share

Earnings per share is based on the loss attributable to shareholders for the six-month period ended 30 June 2026 of £1,851,368 (30 June 2025: loss £1,226,803) and the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period of 80,914,036 (30 June 2025: 58,565,680). There is no difference between basic and diluted earnings per share.

6. Net asset value per share

The net asset value per share at 30 June 2026 is based on net assets of £76,746,194 (30 June 2025: £64,192,447) and the number of ordinary shares in issue on 30 June 2026 of 86,853,347 (30 June 2025: 64,775,394). There is no difference between basic and diluted net asset value per share.

7. Related party transactions

The Company retains Blackfinch Investments Limited as its Investment Manager. In addition to the Investment Manager's fee, Blackfinch Investments Limited also receives a secretarial and administration fee of 0.3% of NAV per annum and Receiving Agent fee of £10,000 per annum, paid quarterly and 0.12% of monies subscribed for shares under the offer.

The Company retains Blackfinch Investments Limited as the promoter of the Company's offer for subscription.

Details of fees charged during the period are presented in the table below:

	30 June 2026 (£)	30 June 2025 (£)
Investment Manager's fee	928,332	767,230
Administration fees	111,400	92,068
Receiving Agent fees	22,457	27,990
Promoter fees	261,585	209,506

The Directors who held office at 30 June 2026 and their interests in the shares of the Company (including beneficial and family interests) were:

		30 June 2026	30 June 2025
		Shares held	**Shares held**
Peter Hewitt	Director	5,139	5,112
Katrina Tarizzo	Director	-	-
Nicholas Pillow	Director	-	-

Save as disclosed in this paragraph there is no conflict of interest between the Company, the duties of the directors, the duties of the directors of the Investment Manager and their private interests and other duties.

Copies of the half-yearly report are being made available to all shareholders. Further copies are available free of charge from Blackfinch by telephoning 01452 717070 or by email to enquiries@blackfinch.com.

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