

# Monthly Factsheet **30 April 2022**

| Launch Date         | 12 May 1999 |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Gross Assets        | £58.6m      |
| Net Assets          | £41.4m*     |
| Bank Debt           | £nil        |
| Core Dividend Yield | 5.4%**      |
| Yield incl Special  | 5.6%***     |

|                                  | Zero<br>Dividend<br>Preference<br>Shares | Ordinary<br>Shares |
|----------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Share Price<br>(price per share) | 118.50p                                  | 192.50p            |
| NAV<br>(Price per share)         | 118.52p                                  | 198.46p*           |
| Premium / (Discount to NAV)      | (0.02)%                                  | (3.00)%            |
| Share Capital                    | 14,500,000^                              | 20,850,000         |

<sup>\*</sup>includes unaudited revenue reserve to 30/04/2022

#### **Fund Managers**



David Horner qualified as a chartered accountant in 1984 with Deloitte before joining 3i Corporate Finance Limited in 1986. In May 1993 he joined Strand Partners Limited, and was appointed a director in January 1994, where he carried out a range of corporate finance assignments identifying, structuring and managing investments in quoted and unquoted companies. In June 1997 he left to

set up Chelverton Asset Management Limited and, in May 1999, he launched the Chelverton UK Dividend Trust, which he still co-manages. He has also co-managed the Chelverton UK Equity Income Fund since launch. In 2013 he resigned his membership of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, as his career is now fully involved in fund management.



Oliver Knott joined Chelverton Asset Management in January 2020. He has extensive experience in UK small and mid cap equities having joined Brewin Dolphin as a generalist salesman after graduating from the University of Essex with a 1st class honours degree in Politics, Philosophy and Economics. Prior to joining Chelverton, he worked as an equity analyst for N+1 Singer, in

their highly respected technology research franchise. Oliver is a CFA Charterholder.

# **Chelverton UK Dividend Trust plc**

(Formerly Chelverton Small Companies Dividend Trust plc)

# **Investment Objective and Policy**

The investment objective of the Company is to provide Ordinary shareholders with a high income and opportunity for capital growth, having provided a capital return sufficient to repay the full final capital entitlement of the Zero Dividend Preference shares issued by the wholly owned subsidiary company SDV ZDP 2025 PLC.

The Company's investment policy is that:

- The Company will invest in equities in order to achieve its investment objectives, which are to
  provide both income and capital growth, predominantly through investment in mid and smaller
  capitalised UK companies admitted to the Official List of the UK Listing Authority and traded on
  the London Stock Exchange Main Market or traded on AIM.
- The Company will not invest in preference shares, loan stock or notes, convertible securities or fixed interest securities or any similar securities convertible into shares; nor will it invest in the securities of other investment trusts or in unquoted companies.

#### **Monthly Manager Commentary**

Investor sentiment became more bearish through the month as inflation worries, reductions in GDP forecasts and fears of a looming recession dominated headlines. The recent central bank policy of raising interest rates here and in the US has led to short term strength in the US\$, which tends to be a relative negative for the stocks that we invest in and has contributed to a fall in equity prices since the month end. Supply disruption as a result of continued Chinese lockdowns and the rising domestic cost of living are not new news but contributed to the overall feeling of gloom. As always in these situations the bad news eventually gets priced into valuations and investors start to 'bargain' hunt. The lead indicator of this tends to be a pick-up in corporate activity as companies and private equity seek to take advantage of the reduced valuations in the public market. For the companies that we invest in we would expect there to be some downward pressure on forward earnings estimates but note that there were relatively few meaningful upgrades through the recent results season as company directors were obviously aware of a lot of the headwinds and sought to keep a lid on expectations.

At the portfolio level UP Global performed well on the back of reassuring interim results while Ramsdens, Breamar Shipping and iEnergizer were all positive contributors to performance in the month. We took advantage of the pullback in the market to add one new name to the portfolio, and buy back into another old favourite which we had previously sold on yield grounds. We started a position in speciality chemicals company Synthomer as we believe concerns over new capacity entering the market were fully priced in and the shares offer a c.9% yield over the next 12 months. We also started a new position in kettle controls manufacturer Strix, which had fallen back to attractive levels on general macro and China lockdown concerns. On the downside, consumer exposed names such as Vertu Motors and DFS detracted from performance in the month while MP Evans was also weak due to Indonesia imposing export restrictions on Palm Oil. We believe these are short term restrictions in response to the Russia/Ukraine situation rather than a fundamental change to the business model. Company dividend announcements continue to come in at least in-line with expectations and we continue to believe that dividends and underlying balance sheet strength should ultimately provide some valuation support in the current turbulent times.

# **Annual Returns % GBP**

30/04/2022

|  | 2022* | 2021  | 2020   | 2019  | 2018   | 2017  | 2016  | 2015      | 2014  | 2013  | 2012  | 2011   |
|--|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Share Price<br>Ordinary Shares                                     | -6.10 | 35.61 | -16.50 | 33.39 | -32.16 | 27.59 | 13.81 | 29.3<br>6 | -4.26 | 79.11 | 19.72 | 2.82   |
| Share Price<br>Morningstar<br>Investment Trust UK<br>Equity Income | -1.70 | 20.55 | -7.84  | 22.53 | -10.39 | 13.42 | 7.43  | 5.96      | 3.31  | 35.82 | 19.75 | -1.86  |
| NAV<br>Ordinary Shares   | -9.87 | 39.52 | -15.97 | 25.31 | -24.50 | 24.37 | 4.96  | 24.79     | 4.82  | 56.76 | 36.46 | -13.94 |
| NAV<br>Morningstar<br>Investment Trust UK<br>Equity Income         | -1.15 | 23.17 | -7.78  | 25.75 | -5.81  | 11.15 | 8.39  | 8.60      | 3.66  | 30.61 | 17.30 | -2.30  |

Source: Chelverton Asset Management Limited and Morningstar Past performance is not a guide to future results \* Year to Date

### **Dividend History**

|                  | 2021-22 | 2020-21 | 2019-20 | 2018-19 | 2017-18 | 2016-17 | 2015-16 | 2014-15 | 2013-14 |
|------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|                  | p       | p       | p       | p       | p       | p       | p       | p       | p       |
| First interim    | 2.75    | 2.50    | 2.40    | 2.19    | 2.02    | 1.85    | 1.70    | 1.575   | 1.475   |
| Second interim   | 2.75    | 2.50    | 2.40    | 2.19    | 2.02    | 1.85    | 1.70    | 1.575   | 1.475   |
| Third interim    | 2.75    | 2.50    | 2.40    | 2.19    | 2.02    | 1.85    | 1.70    | 1.575   | 1.475   |
| Fourth interim   |         | 2.50    | 2.40    | 2.40    | 2.40    | 2.40    | 2.40    | 2.40    | 2.40    |
| Subtotal         | 8.25    | 10.00   | 9.60    | 8.97    | 8.46    | 7.95    | 7.50    | 7.125   | 6.825   |
| % increase       | 10.00   | 4.17    | 7.02    | 6.00    | 6.40    | 6.00    | 5.30    | 4.40    | 3.40    |
| Special dividend |         | 0.272   | N/A     | 2.50    | 0.66    | 1.86    | 1.60    | 0.30    | 2.75    |
| TOTAL            | 8.25    | 10.272  | 9.60    | 11.47   | 9.12    | 9.81    | 9.10    | 7.425   | 9.575   |

The Key Information Document ("KID") is available on the Chelverton website - www.chelvertonam.com

<sup>\*\*</sup>calculation includes last four dividends divided by the NAV per share

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 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm redeemed}$  at 133.18p -30/04/2025



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#### **Directors**

The Rt Hon the Lord Lamont of Lerwick Chairman

**Andrew Watkins** 

William van Heesewijk

**Howard Myles** 

#### Calendar

Year End 30 April

AGM September

Dividends (Declared) March, June, September, December

Management Fee 1%

Ongoing Fee 2.33%\*

Charge to Capital

Charge to Capital

Management Fee and
Bank Interest
(75% to Capital:
25% to Revenue)

#### **Price Information**

|         | ZDP                | ORDS    |  |  |  |  |
|---------|--------------------|---------|--|--|--|--|
| Reuters | SDVP.L             | SDV.L   |  |  |  |  |
| SEDOL   | BZ7MQD8            | 0661582 |  |  |  |  |
| Market  | Canaccord<br>Numis |         |  |  |  |  |

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# **Chelverton UK Dividend Trust plc**

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### **Top Twenty Holdings**

|                     | _                                      |                |
|---------------------|--|----------------|
| Holding             | Sector                                 | % of Portfolio |
| Belvoir Lettings    | Real Estate                            | 4.16%          |
| Diversified Energy  | Energy                                 | 2.93%          |
| iEnergizer          | Industrial Goods and Services          | 2.50%          |
| Alumasc             | Construction and Materials             | 2.49%          |
| UP Global Sourcing  | Consumer Products and Services         | 2.22%          |
| MP Evans            | Food, Beverage and Tobacco             | 2.03%          |
| STV                 | Media                                  | 1.98%          |
| Jarvis Securities   | Financial Services                     | 1.85%          |
| MTI Wireless Edge   | Telecommunications                     | 1.84%          |
| Coral Products      | Industrial Goods and Services          | 1.82%          |
| Devro               | Food, Beverage and Tobacco             | 1.80%          |
| Hargreaves Services | Industrial Goods and Services          | 1.77%          |
| Chesnara            | Insurance                              | 1.74%          |
| Redde Northgate     | Industrial Goods and Services          | 1.72%          |
| Ramsdens Holdings   | Financial Services                     | 1.69%          |
| Kitwave             | Personal Care, Drug and Grocery Stores | 1.69%          |
| Vector Capital      | Financial Services                     | 1.65%          |
| Personal Group      | Insurance                              | 1.58%          |
| Anglo Pacific       | Basic Resources                        | 1.56%          |
| Randall & Quilter   | Insurance                              | 1.56%          |
| Total               |  | 41.38%         |
|                     |  |                |

# Income of the Top Ten Holdings

Sector Breakdown %

# **Market Cap Breakdown**

27%

| Sector %                        | % of<br>Portfolio |                 | % of portfolio | No of stocks |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Financial Services              | 18.1%             | Above £1bn      | 8.92%          | 6            |
| Industrial Goods and Services   | 16.8%             | £500m - £1bn    | 12.98%         | 9            |
| Consumer Products and Services  | 8.8%              | £250m - £500m   | 19.94%         | 16           |
| Construction and Materials      | 8.7%              | £100m - £250m   | 23.99%         | 17           |
| Real Estate                     | 8.1%              | Below £100m     | 34.17%         | 26           |
| Insurance                       | 7.2%              |                 |                |              |
| Media                           | 5.7%              | Cash and Income | 0.00%          | 0            |
| Retail                          | 5.6%              | Total           | 100.00%        | 74           |
| Food, Beverage and Tobacco      | 4.9%              |                 |                |              |
| Travel and Leisure              | 3.2%              |                 |                |              |
| Energy                          | 2.9%              |                 |                |              |
| Telecommunications              | 2.8%              |                 |                |              |
| Basic Resources                 | 2.3%              |                 |                |              |
| Personal Care, Drug and Grocery | 1.7%              |                 |                |              |
| Utilities                       | 1.2%              |                 |                |              |
| Chemicals                       | 1.1%              |                 |                |              |
| Banks                           | 1.0%              |                 |                |              |

# Risk Factors

The value of investments and the income from them may go down as well as up and you may not get back your original investment. Investment trusts can borrow money to make additional investments on top of shareholders funds (gearing). If the value of these investments fall in value, gearing will magnify the negative impact on performance. Particular share classes may also be structurally geared by other shares that have earlier entitlement to the Company's assets up to a predetermined limit. If an investment trust incorporates a large amount of gearing the value of its shares may be subject to sudden and large falls in value and you could get back nothing at all. Some split capital shares have higher risk characteristics than conventional equities which can result in capital erosion. An investor could lose all of their capital, Smaller companies are riskier and less liquid than larger companies which means their share price may be more volatile. Some of the annual management fee is currently charged to the capital of the Fund. Whilst this increases the yield, it will restrict the potential for optimal growth. The level of yield may be subject to fluctuation and is not guaranteed. Net Asset Value ("NAV") performance is not the same as share price performance and investors may not realise returns the same as NAV performance.

Risk Rating of Shares Zero Dividend Preference Shares - Medium

Ordinary shares - High

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<sup>\*</sup> As at 30/04/21, calculated in accordance with AIC guidelines. Please see annual report for more details