

Monthly Report – September 2022

## **Monthly Investment Highlights**

- For the month of September, the Company generated a gross revenue return of 1.09% (1.16p), a gross capital return of -4.36% (-4.66p), and a total NAV return of -3.26% (-3.74p) for the month; and
- The impact of expenses and fees during the month was -0.36% (-0.38p) and other capital returns were 0.37% (0.14p).

# The Company's Performance (As at 30 September 2022)<sup>1</sup>

| Net Asset Value ("NAV")                    | £281,212,233       |
|--|--------------------|
| NAV per Share <sup>2</sup>                 | 101.06p            |
| Share Price (30 September 2022 Close)      | 74.60p             |
| Premium / (Discount) to NAV                | -26.18%            |
| Trailing Twelve Month Dividend             | 8.00p <sup>3</sup> |
| Trailing Twelve Month Dividend Yield       | 10.72%             |
| Look-through Gearing Ratio                 | 0.36x              |
| Look-through Gearing Ratio - Company Level | 0.30x              |
| Look-through Gearing Ratio – Non-Recourse  | 0.06x              |

## Ordinary Share Return Statistics (As at 30 September 2022)1

| NAV Returns (Total Returns)   | Month To Date | Last Three Months | Last Twelve Months |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Gross Revenue Returns         | 1.09%         | 3.54%             | 12.56%             |
| Gross Capital Returns         | -4.36%        | -4.60%            | -9.79%             |
| Expenses and Fees             | -0.36%        | -1.12%            | -4.52%             |
| F/X and Other Capital Returns | 0.37%         | -0.14%            | 0.08%              |
| Total NAV Return              | -3.26%        | -2.32%            | -1.67%             |

## **Monthly Commentary**

For the month, the Company's gross revenue return was 1.09% (1.16p) and the quarterly gross revenue return was 3.54% (3.74p). The Company's asset-backed investments continue to perform in line with expectations, and all contractional cash payments continue to be collected. Similar to the last few months, short-term interest rates continue to rise, leading to increased gross revenue returns for the quarter.

The Company's gross capital return was -4.36% (-4.66p) for the month and -4.60% (-4.85p) for the quarter. The decrease is primarily driven by adjustments made to the valuation assumptions of the Company's equity portfolio. These adjustments were made by the Investment Manager in conjunction with the Company's third-party valuation agent, Kroll (formerly known as Duff & Phelps). The adjusted valuation assumptions account for the change in interest rate spreads and, in addition, apply a market rate discount across all e-commerce equity investments to reflect the downward trajectory of public markets and lack of recent comparable market data. The Investment Manager will continue to monitor additional data points made available during the fourth quarter to further calibrate the market risk discount. It is important to highlight that the Company's credit portfolio continues to perform in line with expectations across all market sectors. Both the Company and Investment Manager view this recent adjustment as a reflection of current market dynamics.

During the month, the Company also recognised incremental unrealised losses from its SPAC investments, which was driven by ongoing uncertainty in public markets. This represented -0.35% (-0.38p) of the overall gross capital return.

Additionally, the Company also increased credit reserves under IFRS 9 by -0.79% (-0.85p) during the month, bringing the total reserves to £19.2 million. In keeping with the Company's IFRS 9 policies, these reserves are reviewed each month to assess the likelihood of incurring any loss either (i) in the normal course of events, or (ii) in an adverse scenario.

During the month, the Investment Manager purchased 63,091 shares of the Company with 20% of its monthly management fee following the announcement of the July NAV.

#### **Events Subsequent to 30 September 2022**

Following the announcement of the August NAV, the Investment Manager purchased 62,934 shares of the Company with 20% of its monthly management fee.

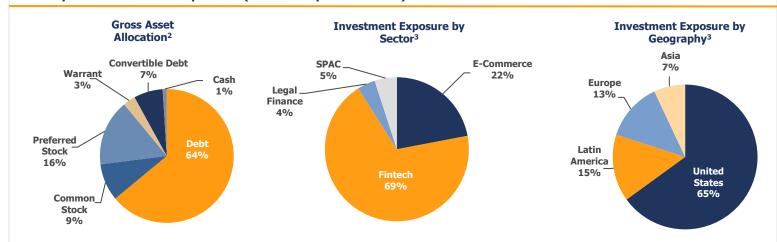
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<sup>2.</sup> Based on total shares outstanding, less shares held in treasury.

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# Ordinary Share Portfolio Composition (As at 30 September 2022)<sup>1</sup>



# Ordinary Share Performance and Dividend Summary (As at 30 September 2022)1

| NAV Return                              | Jan    | Feb    | Mar     | Apr     | May    | Jun    | Jul    | Aug    | Sept   | Oct    | Nov    | Dec    | YTD     |
|---|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| 2022                                    | -2.07% | -0.26% | 2.54%   | -1.94%  | 0.38%  | -2.77% | 1.47%  | -0.25% | -3.26% |        |        |        | -6.20%  |
| 2021                                    | 7.14%  | 1.89%  | -0.18%  | 0.85%   | 1.03%  | 3.87%  | 0.36%  | 3.89%  | 2.01%  | 14.44% | -4.78% | -3.97% | 27.60%  |
| 2020                                    | 0.89%  | 0.08%  | -3.55%  | 0.91%   | 1.26%  | 1.08%  | 1.30%  | 1.25%  | 2.29%  | 2.16%  | 1.73%  | 2.09%  | 11.12%  |
| 2019                                    | 0.58%  | 0.46%  | 0.73%   | 1.03%   | 0.56%  | 2.39%  | 1.04%  | 0.84%  | 0.98%  | 0.95%  | 0.96%  | 0.73%  | 11.34%  |
| Share Price<br>Performance <sup>4</sup> | Jan    | Feb    | Mar     | Apr     | May    | Jun    | Jul    | Aug    | Sept   | Oct    | Nov    | Dec    | YTD     |
| 2022                                    | 0.22%  | -1.08% | -1.75%  | -3.12%  | 0.00%  | -4.14% | -4.08% | -1.25% | -5.57% |        |        |        | -19.09% |
| 2021                                    | 9.78%  | 3.01%  | -5.84%  | 2.63%   | -1.40% | -0.94% | 5.71%  | -2.82% | 1.97%  | 8.18%  | -3.36% | 0.22%  | 17.15%  |
| 2020                                    | 3.32%  | -4.70% | -29.87% | -12.59% | 35.81% | 2.96%  | 0.00%  | -5.15% | 2.24%  | 0.00%  | 12.19% | 9.61%  | 0.64%   |
| 2019                                    | 1.56%  | -0.77% | -6.46%  | -1.38%  | -2.24% | 3.44%  | 8.03%  | -3.46% | 5.44%  | -4.53% | 0.00%  | 3.17%  | 1.82%   |
| Dividend Per<br>Share                   | Jan    | Feb    | Mar     | Apr     | May    | Jun    | Jul    | Aug    | Sept   | Oct    | Nov    | Dec    | YTD     |
| 2022                                    | -      | -      | 2.00p   | -       | -      | 2.00p  | -      | -      | 2.00p  |        |        |        | 6.00p   |
| 2021                                    | -      | -      | 2.00p   | -       | 2.00p  | -      | -      | 2.00p  | -      | -      | 2.00p  | -      | 8.00p   |
| 2020                                    | -      | -      | 2.00p   | -       | 2.00p  | -      | -      | 2.00p  | -      | -      | 2.00p  | -      | 8.00p   |
| 2019                                    | -      | -      | 2.00p   | -       | 2.00p  | -      | -      | 2.00p  | -      | -      | 2.00p  | -      | 8.00p   |

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Calculations using gross asset exposure and not reduced for gearing. Excludes cash.

Based on issue price of 100p.



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# SPAC Summary (As at 30 September 2022)

|                   | VPC Impact<br>Acquisition<br>Holdings | VPC Impact<br>Acquisition<br>Holdings II | VPC Impact<br>Acquisition<br>Holdings III | JAR Sponsor, LLC (L&F Acquisition Corp.) |              |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---|--|--------------|
| Investment Status | Deal Completed                        | Deal Terminated                          | Deal Completed                            | Deal Completed                           |              |
| Target            | Bakkt Holdings, LLC                   | FinAccel Pte. Ltd.                       | Dave, Inc.                                | ZeroFox, Inc.                            |              |
|                   |                                       |  |   |  | Total        |
| Total Value       | \$8,879,611                           | \$2,667,190                              | \$208,373                                 | \$465,773                                | \$12,220,946 |
| Total Cost        | \$2,708,301                           | \$1,254,358                              | \$1,247,795                               | \$168,051                                | \$5,378,505  |

# Performance Fee Attribution (As at 30 September 2022)<sup>1</sup>

| Month to Date (as a percentage of NAV)           | Revenue Return | Capital Return | Total Return |
|--|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| NAV Return before Performance Fee                | 0.77%          | -4.03%         | -3.26%       |
| Performance Fee                                  | 0.00%          | 0.00%          | 0.00%        |
| Total Return                                     | 0.77%          | -4.03%         | -3.26%       |
| Month to Date (pence per share)                  | Revenue Return | Capital Return | Total Return |
| Return per Ordinary Share before Performance Fee | 0.78p          | -4.52p         | -3.74p       |
| Performance Fee                                  | 0.00p          | 0.00p          | 0.00p        |
| Total Return per Ordinary Share                  | 0.78p          | -4.52p         | -3.74p       |

# Portfolio Statistics1,2

|  | Balance Sheet Loans |
|--|---------------------|
| Weighted Average Coupon                  | 12.81%              |
| Weighted Average Remaining Life (months) | 19.16               |

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Underlying portfolio data as of most recent available reporting period.



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# **Company Overview**

VPC Specialty Lending Investments PLC ("VSL" or the "Company") is a UK-listed investment trust focused on asset-backed lending to emerging and established businesses ("Portfolio Companies") with the goal of building long-term, sustainable income generation. VSL identifies investment opportunities across various industries and geographies to offer shareholders access to a diversified portfolio of opportunistic credit investments, originated by non-bank lenders with a focus on the rapidly developing technology-enabled lending sector. The Company completed its IPO on 17 March 2015 with a premium listing on the Official List of the U.K. Listing Authority and trading on the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange. The Company's trading symbol is VSL for the Ordinary Shares.

The Company's investment manager is Victory Park Capital Advisors, LLC ("VPC" or the "Investment Manager"). VPC is an SEC-registered investment adviser and acts as the AIFM of the Company.

Since 2007, the Investment Manager has been actively involved in the specialty lending marketplace and has made more than \$8.8 billion of investments and commitments across various financial technology Portfolio Companies, spanning multiple geographies, products and structures and continues to deploy capital into existing and new Portfolio Companies.

## The Company's Investment Objective

The Company's investment objectives are to:

- generate an attractive total return for shareholders of consistent distributable income and capital growth through asset-backed lending;
- achieve portfolio diversification to emerging and established businesses across different industries and geographies with the goal of building long-term, sustainable value; and
- enable shareholders to benefit from equity upside through equity-linked securities issued in conjunction asset-backed lending.

VPC identifies and finances emerging and established businesses globally and seeks to provide the Company with attractive yields on its portfolio of credit investments. VPC offers a differentiated private lending approach by financing Portfolio Companies through asset-backed delayed draw term loans, which is referred to as "Balance Sheet Lending." Balance Sheet Lending affords various structural protections and covenants which are designed to limit downside risk while providing shareholders with strong income returns.

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