

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

This document constitutes a securities note (the "Securities Note") dated 10 January 2023 issued by Foresight Solar & Technology VCT plc (the "Company"), prepared in accordance with the Prospectus Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 as it forms part of domestic UK law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (the "Prospectus Regulation").

Additional information relating to the Company is contained in a registration document (the "Registration Document") issued by the Company of even date herewith. A brief summary written in non-technical language and conveying the essential characteristics and risks associated with the Company and the FWT Shares of 1p each in the capital of the Company (the "FWT Shares") which are being offered for subscription (the "Offer") is contained in a summary issued by the Company of even date herewith (the "Summary").

The Summary, the Securities Note and the Registration Document together comprise a prospectus (the "Prospectus") and you are advised to read the Prospectus in full.

This Prospectus has been approved by the FCA, as competent authority under the Prospectus Regulation.

The FCA only approves this Prospectus as meeting the standards of completeness, comprehensibility and consistency imposed by the Prospectus Regulation. Such approval should not be considered an endorsement of the Company or of the quality of the securities that are the subject of this Prospectus and Investors should make their own assessment as to the suitability of investing in the securities.

The Company and the Directors (whose names are set out on page 58) accept responsibility for the information contained in the Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge of the Company and the Directors, the Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and makes no omission likely to affect its import.

Application has been made to the FCA for the FWT Shares offered for subscription pursuant to this Prospectus to be admitted to the Official List of the Financial Conduct Authority (the "FCA"). Application will also be made to the London Stock Exchange for such FWT Shares to be admitted to trading on its market for listed securities. It is expected that Admission will become effective and that trading in the FWT Shares will commence three Business Days following allotment.

Offer for Subscription to raise in aggregate up to £15 million (with an over-allotment facility of up to an additional £10 million) by issues of FWT Shares of 1p each

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Copies of this document, the Registration Document and the Summary are available (and any supplementary prospectus published by the Company will be available) free of charge from the offices of Foresight Group LLP at The Shard, 32 London Bridge Street, London SE1 9SG; from the Foresight website at https://www.foresightgroup.eu/products/foresight-solar-and-technology-vct-plc-fwt-shares.

The procedure for, and the terms and conditions of, application under this Offer are set out at the end of this document. Completed Application Forms must be posted or delivered by hand to the Receiving Agent, Woodside Corporate Services. The Offer opens on 10 January 2023 and will close for new applications on 22 December 2023 or earlier at the absolute discretion of the Directors.

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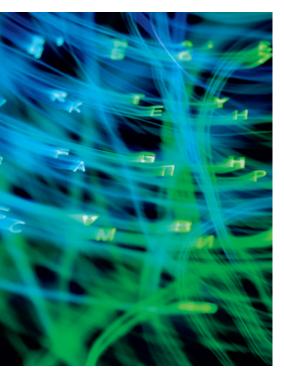
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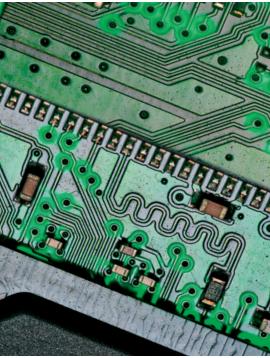
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#### **RISK FACTORS**





Although the tax benefits available to investors in FWT Shares are significant, there are a number of risks which investors should consider carefully in addition to the other information presented in the Prospectus as a whole. The risks related to the Company, as opposed specifically to the FWT Shares, are set out in the Registration Document.

If any of the risks described below were to occur, it could have a material effect on the Company's business, financial condition or results of operations. The risks and uncertainties described below are not the only ones the Company, the Board or investors in the FWT Shares will face. Additional risks not currently known to the Company or the Board, or that the Company or the Board currently believe are not material, may also adversely affect the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations. The value of FWT Shares could decline due to any of these risk factors, and investors could lose part or all of their investment. Investors who are in doubt should consult their independent financial adviser authorised under FSMA.

#### **General Investment Risks**

- The net asset value of the FWT Shares and the return received by investors will be dependent on the values and performance of the underlying investments in the FWT Shares fund portfolio. The value of the investments and income derived from them can rise and fall and an investor may not receive back the full amount invested. It should be noted that the Company has particular exposure to the technology sector which has seen significant falling valuations during 2022. While this can afford opportunities for investors such as the Company to make new investments at attractive valuations, there is also the risk that, in the event this trend continues, the Company's own portfolio may fall in value.
- The past performance of the Company and other Foresight Funds is not a reliable indication of the future performance of the FWT Shares class.
- The net asset value of the FWT Shares and the return received by investors will be dependent on the values and performance of the underlying investments in the FWT Shares fund portfolio. The value of the investments and income derived from them can rise and fall.
- The Investee Companies will be small, unquoted companies. Realisation of investments in unquoted companies can be difficult and may take considerable time. Proper information for determining their value or the risks to which they are exposed may also not be available. Investment in such companies by its nature is illiquid and uncertain and consequently involves a higher degree of risk than a portfolio of quoted shares.

- The level of returns from investments may be less than expected if there is delay in the investment programme, such that all or part of the net proceeds of the Offer are held in cash or near cash investments for longer than expected, or if the returns obtained on investments are less than planned, or if investments cannot be realised at the expected time and values. There can be no guarantee that suitable investment opportunities will be identified in order to meet the Company's objectives.
- The performance of the FWT Shares class is dependent on the ability of the Manager to identify appropriate Investee Companies and on the ability of the Investee Companies to perform in line with their respective business plans. Early-stage businesses will be dependent on the skills of a small group of individuals, the loss of any of which may be particularly detrimental to those companies. Moreover, products and technologies developed by Investee Companies may prove not to be commercially or technically successful. While investments in these companies may present greater opportunities for growth, such investments may also entail greater risks than are customarily associated with investments in large companies. Commensurate with the nature of venture capital investing it should be expected that some companies, and the investments in those companies, may fail.
- It is not the Company's intention to pay regular dividends in respect of the FWT Shares for the first four vears of the life of the FWT Shares class. The FWT Shares class will aim to realise capital gains from the disposal or part disposal of its holdings in Investee Companies in order to meet its target of an average 5% dividend from year four onwards (assuming a launch year of 2020), but there can be no guarantee this will be achieved, and that Distributions will be made. In addition, where VCT legislation would mean that the payment of Distributions would have an adverse effect on the Company's maintenance of VCT status, then such Distributions may not be made.
- Although it is anticipated that the FWT Shares will be admitted to the Official List of the FCA and traded on the London Stock Exchange's main market for listed securities, it is likely that there will not be a liquid market as there is a limited secondary market for VCT shares, due in part to the holding period required to maintain up-front income tax reliefs, and investors may find it difficult to realise their investments.
- Where more than one Foresight Fund wishes to participate in an investment opportunity, allocations will generally be made in accordance with the proportion to the net cash available to each such fund, other than where investments are proposed to be made in a company where one or more Foresight Fund has a pre-existing investment where the incumbent investor will have priority. Where an investment has been sourced from or introduced by WAE. the Foresight WAE Technology EIS Fund and the FWT Shares class will always have priority over any other Foresight Fund. Implementation of this policy will also be subject to the availability of monies in each Foresight Fund to make the investment and other portfolio considerations such as portfolio diversity and regulatory or legislative requirements with respect to the Company's portfolio of Qualifying Companies. This might mean that the FWT Shares class could receive a greater or lesser allocation, for instance when co-investing with the Foresight WAE Technology EIS Fund, than would otherwise be the case.

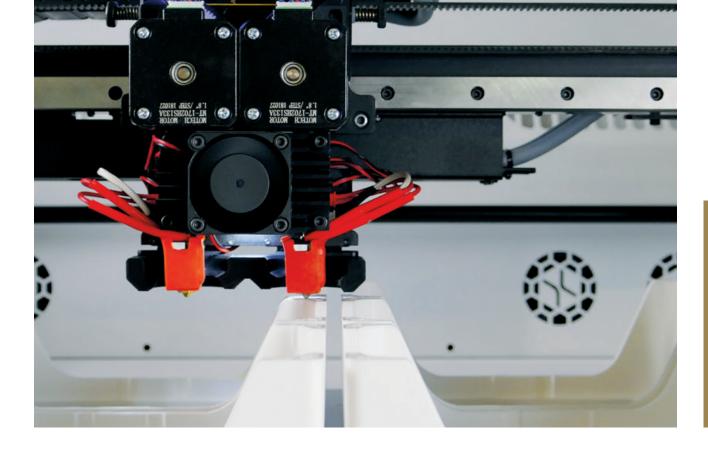
#### RISK FACTORS CONTINUED

# General Investment Risks continued

• Economic and global political uncertainty has led to an on-going recession in the UK stemming from unprecedented energy prices, the continuing impact of Brexit, the COVID-19 pandemic and, most recently, the war in Ukraine. These macro-economic factors continue to present significant challenges and are adversely affecting, and will continue to adversely affect, the performance of companies in which the Company has invested or may invest, which in turn may adversely affect the performance of the Company. This may also negatively impact the number or quality of investment opportunities available to the Company. It is possible that currently unknown and unanticipated events, either domestic or international, may occur and have a negative effect on economic activity and adversely affect the future viability of the Company and/or the performance of companies in which the Company has invested or may invest which in turn may adversely affect the performance of the Company.

#### **VCT and Taxation Risks**

- If an investor who subscribes for FWT Shares disposes of those FWT Shares within five years, the investor is likely to be subject to clawback by HM Revenue & Customs of any income tax relief originally obtained on subscription.
- Changes to the VCT Rules in respect of investments made on or after 15 March 2018 have meant that VCTs may only invest in companies which pass a "risk to capital" gateway test requiring the investee company to have long term growth and development objectives and for the investment to carry a significant risk that invested capital will be lost over and above the net return to the Company irrespective of whether the return takes the form of income, capital growth, fees, other payments or anything else. This new test inherently increases the risk profile of companies in which the Company can invest going forward and stands in contrast to those in which the Company has historically invested, many of which may not have passed this gateway test due to their ownership of significant assets or their enjoyment of secured income streams.
- The VCT Rules also prohibit the making of secured loans by VCTs. Future loan capital held by the Company will therefore be unsecured and will rank behind secured creditors of the investee company in question. As loan capital investments by a VCT are separately restricted to a maximum of 30% of any new investment, and Investee Companies which meet the above noted "risk to capital" test tend not to be able to provide significant assets against which to secure loans in any case, the Board do not consider that this restriction further materially increases the risk profile of new investments made by the Company.
- Venture capital trusts are now required to invest 30% of new funds raised within 12 months of the end of the accounting period in which they were raised. While the Company and the Manager believe this investment time horizon is achievable based on the Manager's existing pipeline of investment opportunities without impacting the quality of potential investments, this added pressure on the Company to complete investments in a timely fashion could result in the less attractive investments being prioritised in order to meet the statutory requirement.



- The Finance (No.2) Act 2015 introduced changes to the VCT Rules which have placed greater restrictions on the range of investments into which the Company can deploy funds. As a result, the Company is required to invest in businesses which are less than seven years old (less than ten years for 'knowledge intensive' companies) and VCT funds cannot be used to finance acquisitions by investee companies. The penalty for breaching these new rules is the loss of VCT status, so the Company and its investors may face a higher risk of the loss of tax benefits than under the previous rules. Qualifying investee companies are also now subject to a lifetime risk finance investment limit of £12 million (£20 million for 'knowledge intensive' companies), which may restrict the Company's ability to make follow on investments.
- The Finance Act 2014 amended the VCT Rules, such that VCT status will be withdrawn if, in respect of shares issued on or after 6 April 2014, a dividend is paid (or other forms of distribution or payments are made to investors) from the capital received by the VCT from that issue within three years of the end of the accounting period in which shares were issued to investors. This may reduce the amount of distributable reserves available to the Company to fund dividends and share buybacks.
- The information, including tax rules, contained in this document is based on existing legislation. The tax rules or their interpretation in relation to an investment in the Company and/or the rates of tax, or other statutory provisions to which the Company is subject, may change during the life of the Company and such changes could be retrospective.

# **EXPECTED TIMETABLE, STATISTICS AND COSTS**

INDICATIVE OFFER TIMETABLE		
Offer opens	10 January 2023	
Closing Date, tax year 2022/23	3 April 2023	
Closing Date, tax year 2023/24	22 December 2023 <sup>1</sup>	
Allotments	Monthly	
Effective date for the listing allowing allotment of the Offer Shares and commencement of dealings  Three Business Days following allotment		
Share certificates dispatched	Within ten Business Days of allotment	
1. The Offer will close earlier than the date stated above if it is fully subscribed or otherwise at the Directors' discretion.		

OFFER STATISTICS		
Most recent unaudited NAV per FWT Share (as at 30 September 2022)	102.9p	
Maximum number of FWT Shares in issue following the Offer¹	Approximately 34 million	
Estimated net proceeds of the Offer, after issue costs, at full subscription <sup>2</sup>	£14,175,000	

- 1. Based on an aggregate amount subscribed for FWT Shares of £15 million; number is approximate due to the operation of the Pricing Formula.
- 2. Based on an aggregate amount subscribed for FWT Shares of £15 million less approximate expenses of the Offer of 5.5%, assuming subscriptions are exclusively made by direct investors.

# OFFER COSTS INVESTORS WITH AN AGREED ADVISER CHARGE Promoter's Fee¹ Initial Adviser Charges Such charges as are agreed between each investor and their authorised financial intermediary Variable

Note: Initial adviser charges may be facilitated up to a maximum of 4.5% of the amount subscribed and ongoing adviser charges will not be facilitated by the Company.



COMMISSION-ELIGIBLE INVESTORS		
Promoter's Fee <sup>1</sup>	2.5%	
Initial commission to Intermediaries <sup>2</sup>	3.0%	
Annual commission to Intermediaries <sup>3</sup>	0.5%	
DIRECT INVESTORS		
Promoter's Fee <sup>1</sup>	5.5%	

- 1. The Promoter's Fee may be reduced at the sole discretion of the Promoter and will be reduced by any applicable Loyalty
- 2. Only payable where permissible under FCA Rules and may be waived for additional shares.
- 3. Only payable where permissible under FCA Rules. Calculated by reference to net asset base value and subject to a cumulative maximum of 3.0%.

The Promoter's Fee (and applicable initial commission and adviser charges) will be expressed as a percentage of the Net Asset Value per FWT Share and included in the Pricing Formula to determine the number of FWT Shares to be allotted in each case. Annual commission will be paid by the Company and not taken into account when applying the Pricing Formula.

DISCOUNTS		
EXISTING FORESIGHT SHAREHOLDER LOYALTY		
Loyalty Discount <sup>1</sup> Available to any investor who currently holds shares in any VCT managed by Foresight	0.5%	
Expressed as a percentage of an Investor's subscription.		
ANNUAL CHARGES AND EXPENSES <sup>1</sup>		
Annual Investment Management Fees (FWT Shares)	2.0% of net assets	
Annual Administration Fees (FWT Shares)	0.3% of net assets (subject to a minimum index-linked fee of £60,000)	
Annual Expenses <sup>2</sup> Cap	3.6% of net assets  NB. actual expenses for the year ended 31 March 2022 represented 2.5% of net assets	
Performance Incentive Fees (FWT Shares)	20% of distributions in excess of 110p (including the most recently announced NAV) per FWT Share (subject to annual adjustment of this hurdle in line with the Retail Price Index. See page 53 for more details	

<sup>2.</sup> These being the normal annual running costs of the Company excluding performance incentive fees, annual trail commission and exceptional items.

# LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN



**Ernie Richardson** Chairman Foresight Solar & Technology VCT plc

10 January 2023

Dear Investor

On behalf of the Board, I am delighted to introduce this offer. The FWT Share class represents an exciting investment opportunity made possible by the collaboration between Foresight Group, a leading independent infrastructure and private equity investment manager which has been managing investment funds on behalf of institutions and retail clients for more than 38 years; and WAE Technologies Limited ("WAE"), a technology and engineering services business, originally spun out of the Williams Formula One operation. The concept of the collaboration is that by working together, Foresight and WAE can deliver better results for investors than would be the case if either company were working individually.

The Offer provides investors with the opportunity to invest in a portfolio of early-stage companies with high growth potential, developing innovative and occasionally transformational technologies across a range of industry sectors.

The relationship between WAE and Foresight began in early 2015. Following an initial period of due diligence, the FWT EIS Fund was launched in November 2016. Since then and as at early December 2022, the FWT EIS Fund has made 54 investments, of which 22 are follow-ons into existing portfolio companies, deploying £47.8 million to date. In the summer of 2022, the FWT EIS Fund delivered its first two exits. Codeplay delivered a 16x return and Flusso a 3x return to investors. Throughout this period the Foresight and WAE teams have worked closely together in sourcing opportunities and carrying out the due diligence on potential investments.

The FWT Share class was launched in December 2019 and has already raised c£20 million and, as at the time of going to print, has made 28 investments (including four follow-ons).

We believe that the collaboration between Foresight and WAE provides a sustainable competitive advantage when it comes to sourcing investment opportunities, carrying out due diligence and working with portfolio companies to maximise development and growth through the investment period. We believe this proposition should ultimately lead to more successful exits at higher multiples.

There are four key reasons why you might consider this an attractive investment opportunity:



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# ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY ADVISER

In 2010, Williams Grand Prix Engineering Limited began diversifying its operations, leading to the establishment of the Williams Advanced Engineering division, which eventually became WAE Technologies Limited. Combining cutting edge technology and highly experienced engineers with the precision and speed derived from four decades of success in the ultra-competitive environment of Formula One, WAE provides technical innovation, engineering, prototyping, testing, and manufacturing services across numerous industries.

Working in close collaboration with its customers and partners, WAE helps meet the sustainability and technology challenges of the 21st century by applying its expertise in aerodynamics, thermodynamics, electrification, advanced lightweight materials, simulation and vehicle integration. WAE provides services to a number of corporate clients operating internationally and employs more than 500 people.

With its work across a range of industry sectors, WAE is well-positioned to identify growing market opportunities. Through its reputation and commercial relationships, WAE also has access to an exciting pool of investment opportunities. Indeed, to date over half of the investments made by the FWT EIS Fund and FWT Share class ("FWT Funds") have been sourced by WAE. During the investment process, its expertise is harnessed to oversee technical due diligence. Post-investment, portfolio companies can benefit from WAE's technical, commercial and marketing support.

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#### FORESIGHT'S TRACK RECORD

Established in 1984, Foresight is proud of its 38-year track record of investing in and growing early-stage companies. Foresight now has c.£12.5 billion of assets under management from a wide and varied investor base of private and institutional investors. This includes Foresight-managed Venture Capital Trusts and Enterprise Investment Schemes, which currently have over 30,000 investors.

The FWT Share class continues
Foresight's long history of
supporting innovative and
entrepreneurial businesses. Using
its well-resourced investment and
portfolio management teams and an
extensive network of non-executive
directors and entrepreneurs,
Foresight is well-positioned to
introduce senior resource to Investee
Companies to optimise opportunities
for commercial success.

# LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN CONTINUED

# The partnership between Foresight and WAE has evolved significantly since 2016.

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# FORESIGHT WAE TECHNOLOGY REPUTATION

While the FWT Share class was only launched in December 2019, the partnership between Foresight and WAE has evolved significantly from 2016 when the FWT EIS Fund launched. The FWT Funds have raised in excess of £75 million, demonstrating the appeal of the unique collaboration to both advisers and investors alike.

Having now been in the market for over six years, the Foresight WAE Technology ("FWT") investment strategy has developed a strong reputation amongst the investment and corporate adviser community. This in combination with Foresight's widespread presence across the UK, made possible by its network of eight regional offices, means the FWT team enjoys visibility of high-quality investment and co-investment opportunities.

The FWT Funds have co-invested in opportunities with other established UK technology investors including IP Group, IQ Capital, Mercia, Oxford Science Enterprises and Parkwalk Advisors.

Some of the existing portfolio companies are starting to see the benefits of this unique partnership and FWT's proposition is becoming increasingly well-known and respected in the early stage, deep-technology ecosystem. Through its technical expertise, WAE can help portfolio companies' product development programmes, and make commercial introductions to their network of customers and partners. Combining this with Foresight's experience in early-stage investing means FWT has a considerable advantage compared to other purely financial investors.

We trust the information contained in this document, in particular the case studies, demonstrates the attractiveness of the FWT strategy to both potential investee companies and other co-investors. We will also demonstrate how WAE is working with some of the existing FWT Funds' portfolio companies to support and grow their products and services.

In 2022, the FWT strategy has delivered its first two exits including Codeplay which delivered FWT EIS Fund investors a 16x return. FWT Fund portfolio companies have raised subsequent rounds of funding on many occasion including four companies now held within the VCT share class (Cambridge GaN Devices, Refeyn, Rovco and Living Optics) which have each completed funding rounds of £15 million or more led by institutional investors.



# This strategy is now seeing some of its earliest investments maturing and looking for follow-on funding for their next stage of growth.

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#### **DIVERSIFICATION**

The FWT Share class invests primarily into engineering, industrial software, and deep technology focused companies across a variety of sectors. The companies it invests into are typically at a relatively early stage (pre-revenue to pre-profit). These factors, combined with the relative youth of the FWT Share class, provide significant diversification for investors when compared with the majority of the VCT marketplace, which is dominated by larger, more mature VCTs investing into later stage companies with a focus on enterprise software, technology and healthcare sectors.

The FWT strategy has progressed considerably since its inception in November 2016 and is now proven in the marketplace.

This strategy can evidence strong deal flow, relationships with a number of established and highly successful institutional venture capitalists for co-investment opportunities, and a portfolio that is now seeing some of its earliest investments maturing, exiting or looking for follow-on funding for their next stage of growth. I also believe the Company is well-positioned to capitalise on the current economic cycle by being closer to the beginning of its investment period.

If you would like more details on the Company, please call us on 020 3667 8199. I hope you find this Securities Note clear and easy to understand and please do read the Prospectus in full and seek independent financial advice before taking any investment decision.

I look forward to welcoming you as a shareholder over the next few months.

Yours faithfully

#### **Ernie Richardson**

Chairman

Foresight Solar & Technology VCT plc

# INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY AND STRATEGY

"The FWT Share class fits perfectly with our business model and allows us to take the learnings and technologies from motor sport and apply them to other industries."

Craig Wilson

Managing Director, WAE



#### **Internal Expertise**

The sector agnostic investment strategy of the FWT Share class focuses on early-stage companies with strong Intellectual Property ("IP"), operating in attractive, substantive markets where, in the majority of cases, WAE's technical knowledge, commercial opportunity understanding or marketing support offer attractive added value potential to Investee Companies This means the FWT Share class will invest in opportunities which other funds may overlook due to the apparent complexity of the technology or the market. It also means the FWT Share class can avoid investing in opportunities where WAE's unique insights identify potential technical, commercial, market or regulatory forces which are likely to prove challenging for the potential Investee Company to overcome.

#### **Industry Trends**

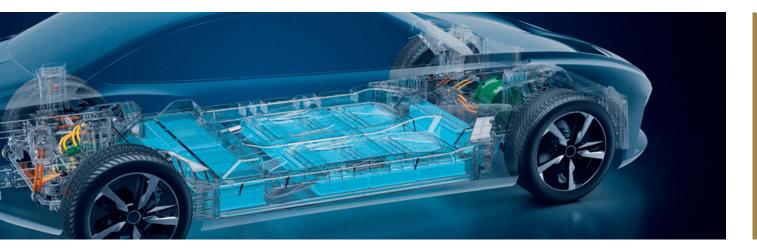
The FWT Share class' underlying investment thesis is that there remains a vast opportunity to improve the productivity, efficiency and environmental impact of nearly every industrial sector from manufacturing through to energy via the intelligent application of automation and digitalisation. To facilitate this transition, there will be an increasing need for enabling technologies including industrial machine learning software, novel sensors, low-cost robotics and 3D printers. Some of the most exciting investment opportunities will come from companies that combine technologies, such as robotics, computer vision and machine learning, to deliver a solution that is greater than the sum of its parts. Another trend of particular interest is the application of cutting edge technologies from highly developed sectors into more traditional industries; for example, the application of augmented reality technology from the gaming sector into the industrial maintenance sector to enable remote collaboration.

#### **External Factors**

- 2022 has seen a significant revaluation of tech stocks, with companies such as Snap, Meta and Netflix declining 79%, 66% and 56% respectively between November 2021 and November 2022<sup>1</sup>.
- Market commentators have identified three common features of these companies which have led to such a revaluation<sup>2</sup> – an overreliance on network effects for rapid growth, lower barriers to entry than previously thought, and a reliance on other technology platforms to achieve rapid growth.
- Conversely, companies which have developed strong intellectual property and high barriers to entry - two key characteristics of the FWT's portfolio companies - appear to have performed better in the public markets.
   For reference, Apple's share price is down just 4% over the same period.

<sup>1.</sup> Share price change correct as of 25 November 2022

<sup>2.</sup> https://www.economist.com/business/2022/10/31/what-went-wrong-with-snap-netflix-and-uber



- The FWT team expects to see this trend continue: business models which require significant capital to grow and sustain market share look increasingly challenging in a world with rising interest rates and tighter monetary policy. Conversely, the FWT team is seeing more interest from VC funds in companies which are commercialising research and innovation in the life sciences and physical sciences sectors. In many ways, this transition is seeing venture capital revert to its origins of investing in electronics and semiconductor companies in Silicon Valley in the 1960s and 1970s<sup>3</sup>.
- Closer to home, the continued strength of scientific research and innovation in the UK continues to play to FWT's advantage. For example, the UK hosts 14 of the top 25 Universities in Europe for technology spin-outs. Many of these Universities are located in the clusters of the 'Golden Triangle' (Oxford, Cambridge and London) and the 'Northern Triangle' (Leeds, Manchester and Sheffield). Foresight is well placed to invest in these ecosystems through its network of regional offices.

Finally, despite the wider economic and political headwinds the UK currently faces, companies operating in the life sciences and deep tech sectors appear relatively well positioned. In the Chancellor's 2022 Autumn Statement, science and innovation was identified as one of the three pillars for economic growth alongwith the government's desire to turn the UK into the "world's next Silicon Valley". Furthermore, the relatively weak sterling makes the UK an attractive market for overseas investors and acquirers.

#### **Profile of Companies**

The FWT Share class is seeking to deploy capital into businesses that are both pre and post-revenue, i.e. from technologies that have reached proof of concept up to technologies that, having proven commercial designs in test markets, are launched into their initial markets but have yet to reach full commercial deployment and scale.

These opportunities correlate to levels 4 to 9 on the Technology Readiness Level (TRL) index, a scale originally developed by NASA to describe the level of technology maturity. The scale, shown on the page opposite, ranges from 1 (basic research) up to 9 (full commercial deployment) and is widely used across government, academia and industry. The TRL range of the FWT Share class corresponds to Commercialisation Readiness Levels (CRL) 2 to 4b (seed to market launch and growth), also shown on the next page. The CRL scale helps to classify the commercial maturity of a technology and business.

Crucially, the technology developed by the Investee Companies will be protected, usually in the form of IP such as patents, but also as know-how, computing code or trade secrets. This helps to protect the technology from replication by a competitor, giving the Investee Company a sustained competitive advantage and a strong opportunity to generate attractive commercial returns from its technology.

- ${\tt 3. \ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History\_of\_private\_equity\_and\_venture\_capital}\\$
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# INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY AND STRATEGY CONTINUED

#### **Profile of Companies** continued

Furthermore, companies that have developed a defensible technology which has successfully proven market adoption are often attractive acquisition targets for strategic buyers or corporates. This is because strategic buyers and particularly corporates can struggle to replicate the same success with their resources as quickly due to their larger-size and corporate inertia, which leads to slow decision making and technical progress.

In addition to world-class technologies, the FWT Funds are also seeking to invest in outstanding entrepreneurs who have both the technical, commercial and emotional skills to successfully bring their technology to market and scale rapidly. However, no one individual can grow a successful company single-handedly, so the FWT team will often work with the Investee Company to appoint a non-executive chair, C-level hires and independent advisers to help support the founding team on their growth journey.

Гесhnology	Readiness	LCVCI ( III	_ /					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Rese	earch	Applied Research & Development			Demonstration		Pre-commercial Deployment	
Basic Research	Applied Research	Proof of Concept	Lab Testing Compon't	Lab Testing System	Prototype System Verified	Pilot System Demo.	Incorp. in Comm'l Design	Full Comm'l Deploy't
					Fund	Focus		
Commercia	l Readiness	Level ("CF	?L")					
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#### **Investment Criteria**

FWT believes there are a number of elements that lead to a successful VCT investment and will focus on the following criteria when evaluating potential investment opportunities for the FWT Share class:



#### Innovative technology:

The share class will seek businesses that have developed market leading and/or innovative technology that has clear commercial advantages to the end customer.



#### A roadmap to commercialisation:

Investee Companies will have a clear path to commercialisation in less than 24 months from the point of initial investment.



# Market opportunity greater than £100 million:

The opportunity should have a minimum global addressable market size of £100 million per year.



#### **WAE Value-Add:**

The focus will be on early-stage companies where WAE's technical and/or commercial understanding offer a distinct advantage and/or WAE's technical, commercial and promotional support could add value.



#### High risk, high growth potential companies:

Targeting businesses with the potential to deliver 10x multiples at exit.



#### A strong and ambitious management team:

The share class will focus on working with and building experienced teams with a track record of success in the sectors and markets in which their companies operate.

These criteria are indicative only and the VCT will have the discretion to invest in companies which may not exhibit all of these characteristics.



**Aerodynamics and thermodynamics** 



Battery systems and energy storage

Composites, materials and nanomaterials



Data analytics



**Electric machines and drives** 



**Electronics and control systems** 



**Embedded software** 



**IP Protection** 



**Lightweight structures** 



**Manufacturing Best Practice** 



**Programme Management** 



**Prototyping** 



**Systems integration** 

# INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY AND STRATEGY CONTINUED

#### **Investment Criteria** continued

#### **Investment Sectors**

The investment strategy is sector agnostic, however, many of the investments made and opportunities seen by the team are aligned with eight core deep tech themes/sectors as follows:



Semiconductors



Future of mobilit



Future of manufacturing



AR, VR and immersive technologies



Robotic



Future of computing



Advanced simulation



Medtech & Scientific instrumentation

#### **Continuous Improvement**

The FWT team operates with a continuous improvement mindset. This is best embodied by the framework illustrated below. By seeking to operate a best-in-class investment process, demonstrating flexibility on the stage and terms of investment and offering industry specialist value-add, the FWT team seeks to build a positive relationship within the ecosystem, attracting the best talent who want to work for FWT and the best entrepreneurs who want to receive investment from FWT Funds. The FWT team believes this combination will lead to the FWT Share class delivering attractive returns to its investors, thereby further improving our reputation in the market.



# Existing Pipeline and Future Deal Flow Strategy

After six years of investing in 33 companies through the FWT EIS Fund, the Investment Manager believes that the FWT team has built a strong reputation in the UK early-stage ecosystem and is now seen as one of the UK's top investors in the deep technology and advanced hardware sectors. Over this period, the FWT team has reviewed more than 1,650 opportunities across a multitude of sectors from transport and manufacturing to energy and industrial engineering.

FWT's growing reputation drives deal-sourcing activities across the UK and the team now has a robust network of contacts with Technology Hubs, Universities and their Technology Transfer Offices, Innovation Networks and Business Accelerators. This is in addition to a wide network of other early-stage investors including Institutional Venture Capital funds, Corporate Venture Capital funds and Angel Investment networks. This expansive network within the UK start-up ecosystem means that FWT gains visibility of investment opportunities which are not widely publicised in the market.

The growing reputation of FWT also results in the team receiving direct approaches from entrepreneurs seeking funding.

The FWT Share class will derive pipeline from sources as diverse as:

- University Technology Transfer Offices
- UK Research and Innovation Councils including Innovate UK, the Science and Technology Funding Council and the Catapult Centres
- Business Incubators and Accelerators
- Innovation Networks
- Foresight's own network of 1,300+ corporate advisers
- WAE's internal and external networks
- Other VC Funds with similar or complementary objectives
- Angel Investor Networks
- Family offices
- Self-sourced

To date, FWT Funds have co-invested on more than 50 occasions with more than 50 different investors.

"The partnerships team is here to work alongside each FWT Funds Portfolio company to unlock growth opportunities by utilising WAE's resources, capabilities and network."

Matthew Burke

Head of Technology Ventures, WAE

#### **Strong Regional Presence**

The FWT Share class also benefits from the wider network of Foresight's Private Equity team which generally reviews more than 2,000 investment opportunities every year across all funds in the UK at various stages of the growth cycle, including early- and later-stage technology-oriented businesses.

Foresight is committed to developing a strong regional presence across the UK and in the last five years alone has been appointed the equity Fund Manager for seven new regional funds covering Northwest and Northeast England, West Yorkshire, East of England, East Midlands, Scotland and Ireland. Through this expanding regional presence, Foresight has built up an extensive network of active corporate finance advisers and other professional Small and Medium Enterprise ("SME") advisers through investment teams based in its Cambridge, Nottingham, Manchester, Leeds, Newcastle, Dublin, Edinburgh, Leicester and Milton Keynes regional offices and its head office in London. That network now numbers more than 1,300.

#### The Investment Process

The investment process for a new company will typically take three to four months to complete. Once the FWT team has identified an opportunity, a series of initial fact-finding calls, meetings and visits are arranged between the company and multiple members of both the Foresight and WAE teams. Each opportunity is then assessed against a comprehensive scorecard system and the opportunity must meet a certain threshold to be progressed further. This process also helps to identify aspects of the opportunity which need to be addressed further during due diligence.

Once the opportunity has passed this scorecard process the team negotiates a non-binding offer letter which outlines the structure of the proposed investment. Once agreed, the company presents to both the Foresight and WAE investment committees, which comprise members of the senior leadership team of the respective organisations.

The opportunity must be recommended by the WAE investment committee and approved by the Foresight investment committee before progressing to confirmatory due diligence, a c.8 weeks process which assesses the legal, financial, commercial, technical, intellectual property and leadership attributes of the company. Incorporating the key findings from the due diligence process, FWT team submit a detailed investment proposal for final sign-off by both investment committees.

This rigorous process ensures that the material aspects of the opportunity are carefully considered by multiple individuals with technical, commercial, financial and legal backgrounds, preventing potential 'group think' and ensuring a high level of scrutiny is applied. This approach also means the potential risks with the investment are well understood and mitigated against where possible before completion. Of the more than 1,650 opportunities assessed by the FWT team to date, only 33 companies have received investment at the time of going to print, clearly illustrating the high standards set by the team and this process.

# INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY AND STRATEGY CONTINUED

# The Investment Process continued

Initial investments made from the FWT Funds will typically range between £0.5 million and £3 million. Where the FWT Funds have made an initial investment, it is expected that some of the funds raised will be used for follow-on investments as the Investee Companies mature and start generating revenues and profits.

Foresight will also consider co-investing beyond the existing FWT EIS Fund with other VCT funds, EIS funds, institutional and corporate VC funds, family offices and/or university spin-out funds. This is to provide additional investment for companies as well as spreading the risk in early-stage investment.

#### Governance

From a governance perspective, Foresight, as Manager, will ensure each Investee Company has a formally constituted board in place which may comprise an independent chair, senior leadership of the company, non-executives and an investor director. Typically, Foresight will appoint a member of its team as investor director and where appropriate may also introduce an independent non-executive chairperson to the Investee Company. These appointees will provide guidance and support to the management team and help drive the development strategy of each business.

Approximately 100 days after the initial investment, all new Investee Companies are required to present back to the Foresight investment committee on their progress since investment. In addition to ensuring that the management team continues with the momentum built up during the investment period, this process ensures the Investee Company undertakes the outstanding actions which were captured in the 100 day plan as part of the due diligence process. As a result, the Investee Company finishes the process with a robust governance and operating structure in place, providing a solid foundation on which to grow.

Finally, growth update meetings, which take place around 18 months after the initial investment, are an opportunity for the FWT team to assess an Investee Company's growth plans. In a situation where the Investee Company is planning to fundraise, both investment committees will also attend to give a recommendation on participation.

#### **WAE Support**

Investee Companies can benefit from direct access to WAE's partnerships team who work with the portfolio to identify and deliver WAE value add services. The scope of these services may vary depending on the technology and stage of development and can include engineering, prototyping, programme management, marketing support and IP guidance. Investee Companies can also be introduced to WAE's strategic partners and wider customer network which has led to trials and sales.

WAE has already provided value add services to many of the companies invested in by the FWT Funds. Selected examples include:

- Technical programme advisory service to advance Freeflow's e-bike product development
- Mechanical system design, prototyping and testing to unlock new applications for Synaptec's optical fibres sensors
- Thermodynamic modelling of Mixergy's smart hot water tank to engage technical audiences and speed up future redesign work
- Cross functional design review to improve robustness of Novosound's high temperature corrosion monitoring sensor
- User feedback and strategic guidance on Master of Pie's collaborative engineering platform
- WAE are also working in collaboration with Novosound to develop a new, high value application of their thin film, flexible sensors for which WAE could provide a route to market

In addition to pro bono support, where WAE and an Investee Company agree to work together on specific projects, a Master Services Agreement ("MSA") is put in place between WAE and the Investee Company to enable the two organisations to work closely together.

Although WAE's technical and commercial understanding alone can offer a distinct advantage in identifying and securing investment opportunities, identifying the opportunity for WAE post-investment support for Investee Companies is an important part of the investment strategy. However, it should be noted that not all Investee Companies will require WAE support.

#### **Collaborative Working Relationship**

Foresight and WAE seek to work collaboratively, and the diagram below illustrates how responsibilities are split between the teams.





Fundraising	Fundraising support through events and knowledge sharing
Fund management and administration	Technical due diligence for each investment opportunity <sup>1</sup>
Fundraising for portfolio companies through relationships with other investors	Production of IP due diligence relating to the strength of any patents (unless otherwise agreed with Foresight Group)
Transaction management and investment negotiation	Investee Company technical, commercial & marketing support
Investee Company financial & commercial support	Commercial introductions
Board representation	
Exit planning	
Regular investor communication	
Co-investment sourcing	
Sourcing of Non-Executive Chairpersons/Directors	Sourcing of Non-Executive Chairpersons/Directors
Proprietary deal flow and sourcing of investment opportunities	Deal flow and sourcing of investment opportunities

<sup>1.</sup> Where possible, WAE will undertake technical due diligence

#### Fee Sharing Arrangements Between Foresight Group and WAE

The collaboration between Foresight Group and WAE is a full commercial partnership reflected in the following fee sharing arrangements agreed between the two firms:

- Initial Fee to be paid to the Promoter of 2.5% (in most cases) to be divided 80% to the Promoter and 20% to WAE
- Annual Management Fee of 2.0% to be divided 1.5% to the Manager and 0.5% to WAE
- Performance Fee: any performance fees which become due will be shared equally between the Manager and WAE

Full details of the fees and charges are set out in Part Three of this document.

# INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY AND STRATEGY CONTINUED

"The FWT funds bring together the outstanding technical capabilities of WAE with the commercial acumen and investment experience from Foresight. Over the past six years, we have continued to refine our investment hypothesis through 32 new investments and 23 follow-ons, building a credible reputation along the way. The FWT Share class now offers a unique opportunity to build on this experience and to invest in some of the UK's most advanced deep technology companies."

Andrew Bloxam

Director, Foresight Group

#### The Benefits WAE bring to the FWT Funds Portfolio:



#### **CREDIBILITY**

- WAE confirmation of core technology
- WAF confirmation of IP strategy and defensibility
- WAE confirmation of product development, manufacturing and supply chain plans



#### **EXPERTISE**

- Dedicated partnership management team
- Technical specialist feedback
- Guidance from WAE's business and leadership team
- WAE consultancy at preferential roles



#### **NETWORK**

- Introductions to WAE's suppliers, customers and partners
- Marketing via WAE's news and social media
- Access to WAE's brand and journalist contracts
- Introduction to co-investor network

#### **Our Specialisms**



Product strategy





Lightweighting



Intellectual Property



Street Testing & CAE Analysis



Industrial



Aerodynamics



Mechanical



Thermodynamics



Data



Supplier Sourcing



Electronics



Manufacturing & Assembly





Compliance & Certification



Prototype



Induction

#### Why is Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Important?

The primary aim of the FWT Funds is to invest in deep technology businesses with potentially game-changing technologies. Innovation within the hardware and advanced engineering space can often lead to significant Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") benefits. The FWT team strongly believes these ESG benefits should be identified, monitored and celebrated.

Many early-stage companies face enough challenges in developing a new product and bringing it to market without also having to think about their environmental or social impact. There are at least three compelling answers to this question:

Delivers Better
Financial Returns

Academic literature on ESG concludes that strong ESG propositions correlate with higher equity returns while also reducing downside risk<sup>5</sup>. This is because a focus on ESG can help to facilitate top-line growth, reduce costs, increase employee productivity and optimise investment and capital expenditure<sup>6</sup>. In short, companies with an ESG focus can deliver profit and purpose.

Motivates Employees

There is greater awareness amongst society of the need to change consumption habits to reduce humans' impact on the environment. This awareness is strongest amongst millennials, of whom 85% say that environmental sustainability is extremely important to them<sup>7</sup>. As millennials now make up the largest single generation in the workforce, companies with a strong ESG proposition are more likely to attract and retain high performing employees, enhance employee motivation and increase productivity.

O3
Attracts Investment

In 2018, global sustainable investment exceeded \$30 trillion<sup>8</sup>, up 68% since 2014 and 10x since 2004. This growth has, in part, been driven by the realisation that a strong ESG proposition can safeguard a company's long-term success. Early-stage companies with a strong ESG culture are therefore more likely to have a wider range of funding options available to them as they grow.

We believe that companies in the FWT Funds' portfolio can have a positive ESG impact in one of two ways.

Firstly, FWT Funds may choose to invest in companies which have a direct positive ESG impact through their core business activities. Some examples of such companies from the FWT EIS Fund are shown below. All these companies are addressing large market opportunities which are forecast to grow as the world adapts to the energy, climate and social challenges it faces. Indeed, it is because these opportunities are large and growing which makes companies solving these challenges attractive investments.

<sup>5.</sup> Mozaffar Khan, George Serafeim, and Aaron Yoon, "Corporate sustainability: First evidence on materiality," The Accounting Review, November 2016, Volume 91, Number 6, pp. 1697–724, ssrn.com; Zoltán Nagy, Altaf Kassam, and Linda-Eling Lee, "Can ESG add alpha? An analysis of ESG tilt and momentum strategies," Journal of Investing, Summer 2015, Volume 25, Number 2, pp. 113–24, joi.pm-research.com.

 $<sup>6. \ \</sup> https://www.mckinsey.com/business-functions/strategy-and-corporate-finance/our-insights/five-ways-that-esg-creates-value\#$ 

<sup>7.</sup> https://nielseniq.com/global/en/insights/analysis/2018/global-consumers-seek-companies-that-care-about-environmental-issues/

<sup>8.</sup> Global Sustainable Investment Review 2018, Global Sustainable Investment Alliance, 2018, gsi-alliance.org.

# INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY AND STRATEGY CONTINUED

#### Why is Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Important? continued

#### Theme

#### RESOURCE **EFFICIENCY**

Improving productivity and economic output while using

#### Example Investments



#### **Impact**

Enables greater adoption of 3D printing by reducing the cost of 'post-processing' which is currently a significant contributor to the cost of the final component

Enables virtual collaboration on large 3D models, speeding up development time and reducing the requirement for engineers to co-locate

Advanced hot water tank which enables the

#### **DECARBONISATION OF THE ENERGY SYSTEM**

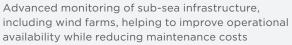
Enabling the transition to a low carbon energy system







decarbonisation of domestic hot water while also acting as an energy load to balance the National Grid





Remote control and monitoring of gas grids, helping to reduce the leakage of methane and enabling the injection of bio-methane into the gas network

#### **DIRECT IMPACT** ON END USERS

Improving the quality of life to end-users and



3D printed bionic arms which help to overcome the social stigma of conventional prosthetics. Helping to turn disabilities into superpowers



Innovative aerosol valve design for consumer and industrial products which allows hydrocarbon-based propellants to be replaced with inert gases



Lightweight, high performance e-bike drivetrain system, enabling users to transition from motorised transport for short commutes

# Foresight has developed a five-principle framework for ESG monitoring.

Secondly, all companies within the FWT Funds Portfolio can have an ESG impact through the choices they make regarding their organisation and daily operations. To help new companies understand this, Foresight has developed a five-principle framework for ESG monitoring, illustrated below. The UN's Sustainable Development Goals are then overlaid to this framework to help determine outcomes that are measured and intentional.

#### **Five Principles Overview:**



01

STRATEGY AND AWARENESS

- Does the business demonstrate a good awareness of corporate social responsibility?
- Is this reflected in its processes and management structure?



02

**ENVIRONMENTAL** 

- Does the company follow good practice for limiting or mitigating its environmental impact, in the context of its industry?
- How does it encourage the responsible use of the world's resources?



03

SOCIAL

- What impact does the company have on its employees, customers and society as a whole?
- Is it taking steps to improve the lives of others, either directly, such as through job creation, or indirectly?



04

GOVERNANCE

- Does the company and its leadership team demonstrate integrity?
- Are the correct policies and structures in place to ensure it meets its legislative and regulatory requirements?



05

THIRD PARTY INTERACTIONS

- Is the principle of corporate responsibility evidenced in the company's supply chain and customers?
- How does it promote ESG values and share best practice?

# INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY AND STRATEGY CONTINUED

# Foresight is committed to making investments with an ESG impact and is proud of its ESG credentials.

# Example Evaluation of Criteria Within the Five Principles

At the point of the initial investment and on a recurring annual basis, the investment team undertakes an extensive assessment of the company's performance against this framework. The results are presented in a spider chart as illustrated below. This framework allows areas for improvement to be easily identified and monitored on an ongoing basis, for example through a specific Key Performance Indicator (KPI) reported monthly at board meetings.

Foresight is committed to making investments with an ESG impact and is proud of its ESG credentials. The company is accredited as a Living Wage Employer and is a signatory of the HM Treasury Women in Finance Charter. Foresight has also been a member of the UK Sustainable Investment and Finance Association since 2009 and a member of the Climate Bonds Initiative since 2018. Finally, Foresight has been a signatory to the United Nations-backed Principles for Responsible Investment ("PRI") since 2013 and 5 stars for Strategy and Governance and 5 stars for Private Equity in 2020.

WAE aspires to become one of the world's leading providers of innovative electrification and lightweight technologies that will drive the future of global mobility and create a positive impact on the world. Advancing sustainability is at the heart of everything that WAE does, and its approach to sustainable development is founded on an understanding of its responsibility towards its partners, its staff members, the society and the environment. WAE is fully committed to the promotion and delivery of its sustainability principles to attain sustainable growth and focuses its approach to sustainability using its ESG framework.

Tables and graphs in this section have been sourced from Foresight Group

# Impact of FWT's portfolio in 2021 In 2021 the FWT Funds Portfolio: • created over 200 jobs of which 75% are in STEM roles • filed 59 patent families • spent over £19 million on R+D AWARENESS \*\*Table 12/24 months post investment At Investment \*\*Illustrative example of ESG analysis carried out on each portfolio company to monitor progress since investment

#### **Portfolio**

The FWT Share Class was launched in December 2019 and made its first investment in October 2020. By 30 September 2022, the VCT had made investments into a further 22 companies. The current portfolio of 23 companies comprises a blend of new investments for the FWT strategy, where typically the VCT invests alongside the sister FWT EIS fund; and follow-on rounds into businesses which the FWT EIS has previously invested into. Typically, the follow-on investments are into companies that have made significant progress since receiving initial funding from FWT. For example, FWT VCT has recently participated in investment rounds into the following companies, all of which had received earlier investment from the FWT EIS Fund:

- Refeyn April 2022 Series B. Led by Northpond Ventures. Other investors included Oxford Science Enterprises (OSE), Horizons Ventures and Foresight WAE (FWT). Amount was undisclosed.
- Rovco 2022 £20 million Series B (£15 million first close in March, £5 million second close in June/July). Co-led by L&G Capital and Equinor Ventures. Included Future Planet Capital, FWT and InQTel.
- Living Optics August 2022 £20 million Series A. Co-led by OSE and Octopus Ventures. Included FWT, Braavos Capital and Oxford Investment Consultants.
- Cambridge GaN August 2022 £15 million Series B. Included Parkwalk Advisors, BGF, IQ Capital, CIC, FWT and Martlet Capital.

The size of these investment rounds coupled with many of the co-investors being institutional is representative of these companies having developed considerably since the initial investment was made.

Below is full list of portfolio companies as at 30 September 2022.

Company Name	Date First Invested	Investment Cost (£)	Valuation at 30/09/2022 (£) (unaudited)
AMT Limited	23/10/2020	1,200,001	1,200,001
Audioscenic Limited	23/10/2020	359,995	761,075
Refeyn Limited	09/11/2020	360,000	795,769
Cambridge GaN Devices Limited	21/01/2021	984,139	1,327,265
Insphere Limited	01/04/2021	334,421	334,421
Machine Discovery Limited	01/04/2021	236,251	280,038
Vector Photonics Limited	05/04/2021	360,139	360,139
VividQ Limited	28/05/2021	1,068,697	1,068,697
Forefront RF Limited	09/08/2021	726,461	618,134
Previsico Limited	24/08/2021	647,993	1,174,876
Zero Point Motion Limited	16/11/2021	813,750	813,750
Oxford Space Systems Limited	11/02/2022	323,413	323,413
Kognitiv Spark Inc	16/02/2022	1,255,579	1,439,428
dRISK Inc	29/03/2022	530,597	638,468
Rovco Limited	31/03/2022	565,387	565,387
Acu-flow Limited	05/04/2022	315,000	315,000
The Salford Valve Company Limited	29/04/2022	250,015	250,015
Opsydia Limited	23/06/2022	1,145,156	1,145,156
Open Bionics Limited	30/06/2022	166,668	166,668
Mirico Limited	12/07/2022	262,472	264,230
Novosound Limited	28/07/2022	75,000	85,234
Living Optics	12/08/2022	1,247,663	1,247,663
Synaptec Limited	16/09/2022	99,994	99,994
Total		13,328,791	15,274,822

#### Investment activity since 30 September 2022

Since the last portfolio valuation point (30 September 2022), and as at early December 2022, one additional investment has been completed of £345,178 into Phlux Technology Ltd. Phlux is developing high performance infrared sensors aiming to dramatically improve the performance of laser rangefinder, LIDAR, fibre sensing and imaging systems operating at wavelengths from 1000 nm to 1700 nm.

# **CASE STUDY 01 (EXIT)**

#### **Case Studies**

There are six case studies below. The first two profile companies that received investment from the FWT EIS Fund only (the investments were made prior to inception of the FWT VCT Share class). These case studies have been included to illustrate that the combined FWT strategy (EIS and VCT) has now delivered exits.

The companies featured in the other four case studies are all current holdings within the Company's FWT Shares portfolio.

# **CODEPLAY**

An Edinburgh-based software developer with acknowledged expertise in special purpose computing systems, such as artificial intelligence (AI) processor acceleration.

#### **Technology**

In order to achieve optimal performance in AI models, it is necessary for the hardware, on which an AI model runs, to be carefully matched. This is a time-consuming and expensive process which is usually beyond the scope of most software development companies. Codeplay effectively offers a layer between the hardware and the AI, which is hardware agnostic and automatically optimises the AI model, making it easier for developers to adopt different types of hardware.

Codeplay was established in 2002 in Edinburgh, Scotland and developed some of the first software tools enabling Al to be accelerated using graphics processors ("GPUs") hardware. Codeplay aimed to help vendors, such as AMD and Intel, and users with adoption of Al accelerators chips by establishing an open standards-based, hardware-agnostic software layer and ecosystem.

#### **Initial Investment Thesis**

Codeplay had built software tools for a large number of top-tier, Fortune 500 companies, including Qualcomm, Broadcom, Imagination Technologies and Renesas, who mass produce and sell hardware processor chips, to enable software written for their chip to extract the best performance from the chip. Codeplay had also developed a new technology which addressed the pain point of deploying and optimising Al applications into mass produced devices, with an initial focus on the automotive sector and, specifically, Advanced Driver Assistance Systems ("ADAS") and autonomous vehicles.

Name:	Codeplay Software Ltd
Industry:	Software development
	Initial £1.05 million FWT EIS investment in April 2018
	Exited in June 2022 returning 16x cost



"It was an attractive investment opportunity and a competitive process to win the deal in the first place. I don't think we would have won without WAE's involvement."

#### Chris Wardle

Foresight Investor Director

The increasing use of sensors and associated AI models within road vehicles had been a clear trend over many years and was being exacerbated by the rise of autonomous and electric vehicles. Codeplay was well-placed to service this rapidly growing market, enabling Al developers to deploy algorithms more rapidly into vehicles.

#### FWT Value-add

Shortly after investing, Foresight instrumented a change in the Codeplay Chair, appointing Jim Nicholas to provide a more technical and hands-on approach. Jim had experience working with a number of Codeplay's current and potential customers and in delivering efficient growth from development teams. This gave Codeplay a renewed focus on margins, efficiency and relationships with customers and potential acquirers.

WAE worked with Codeplay to raise its profile with the large automotive equipment manufacturers. This led to conversations with large automotive sector companies that were not possible previously.

#### Result

Codeplay grew steadily to become a profitable business. It was establishing itself as a leader in its niche and was gaining momentum working with the world's largest chipmakers on increasingly high-profile projects. These factors made Codeplay an attractive target for acquisition and it was acquired by a US leading chipmaker in June 2022 returning 16x on the investment by FWT EIS in April 2018.

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# **CASE STUDY 02 (EXIT)**

# **FLUSSO**

Flusso, a University of Cambridge spin-out, had developed the world's smallest and best value flow sensor.

#### **Technology**

Flow sensors are widely used in consumer, medical and industrial products where gas or liquid flows need to be monitored or controlled, such as automotive powertrains or drug delivery. Existing products were cheap, bulky and lacked repeatability or were too large and expensive to be employed in many industries and applications. Flusso's technology, based on a semiconductor chip design, was significantly smaller and lower cost than existing alternatives and offered reliable repeatability and accuracy. This made its products ideal for mass production and incorporating into a wider range of products than competing solutions.

#### **Initial Investment Thesis**

Flusso's exciting and patent-protected technology offered a radical step change in flow sensor miniaturisation without compromising performance. With a portfolio of further products in development, Flusso showed the potential to revolutionise the flow sensing industry, opening up multiple markets and applications that were previously unserviceable. Flusso's first product was being tested by potential customers and the management team was in early discussions with a wide range of potential partners across multiple industries, including consumer electronics, medical devices and industrial safety.

The company planned to design and sell flow sensor products based on semiconductor chips. The manufacturing and packaging of products was to be outsourced to overseas suppliers to keep capital expenditure to a minimum and retain a focus on research and development of new products and applications. The management team had already identified key semiconductor industry suppliers with the necessary capabilities and resources, having worked with them in previous roles.

#### FWT Value-add

WAE supported Flusso with research into a new application in the automotive sector, where WAE has both knowledge and numerous contacts. During FWT's investment period, WAE engaged with Flusso to explore using the technology in high performance applications to measure fluid flow-rate parameters.

COMPANY KEY FACTS		
Name:	Flusso Ltd	
Industry:	Industrial sensors	
	Initial £1.5 million FWT EIS investment in April 2020	
	Exited in July 2022 returning 3x cost	



"WAE have actively contributed to the definition of a business case for the introduction of a new sensing technology thanks to their technical expertise and network among major automotive OEMs. This is definitely their wow factor!"

Andrea De Luca

CEO, Flusso

#### Result

Flusso won a number of industry awards and has regularly been named a start up to watch for its innovative flow sensor technology. It released two ground-breaking products in the FLS110, the world's smallest flow sensor, and the FLS122, the world's smallest air velocity sensor. Target applications included data centres and gaming PCs that rely on efficient air cooling to maximise performance and energy-efficiency, and consumer appliances such as HVAC, air purifiers and vacuum cleaners.

The company was demonstrating the ability to unlock new applications with easy and low-cost integration. This made it an attractive acquisition for a company targeting new sectors within high-volume industrial, medical and consumer markets. Whilst the company could have continued growing, further returns were not without considerable risk and would have required significant further funding be made available. Flusso was acquired in July 2022 by a PE-backed business and returned 3x, which was an acceptable result for a short hold period.



# CASE STUDY 03

#### **CURRENT PORTFOLIO COMPANIES**

The FWT Share class has made 27 investments (including three follow-ons) as at the beginning of December 2022. Case studies on four of these investments - Refeyn, Cambridge GaN Devices, Audioscenic, and Previsico - are shown on the following pages. Dates of investment shown are for the earliest investment made by either the FWT Share class or the FWT EIS Fund.

# **REFEYN**

Developer and manufacturer of disruptive technology application for molecular mass measurement. Investment to scale manufacturing and support new product development.

#### **Investment**

This investment was part of a larger growth round, led by new investor Northpond Ventures, a US-based \$1 billion life-sciences focused fund, alongside Oxford Science Enterprises ("OSE") and the University of Oxford. The investment would further support the commercialisation of Refeyn's products and position the company for future growth.

FWT EIS Fund previously invested £1.2 million across two tranches in 2019 as part of a £3.5 million round led by OSE.

#### **Technology**

Identifying and measuring protein molecules is an integral part of life sciences research, particularly in the development of new medicines. Refeyn is commercialising a disruptive technology that uses light to measure a molecule's mass (mass photometry). In particular, mass photometry has the potential to disrupt the protein analysis market. Refeyn's revolutionary patented technology was invented at, and spun out of, the University of Oxford in 2018. Mass photometry detects light scattered by individual molecules in a solution.

From the degree of scattering observed, Refeyn's software can calculate the molecule's mass, a key parameter used in protein science.

Refeyn's instruments are easy to use and allow users to characterise molecules, such as proteins, significantly faster and at a lower cost than existing techniques.

Refeyn has been recognised with three prestigious science and innovation awards for its revolutionary mass photometry technology.

COMPANY KEY FACTS	
Name:	Refeyn Ltd
Industry:	Mass photometry
FWT Share class Commitment:	£360,000 (£3.3 million FWT Funds total, including £1.7 million FWT EIS Fund in this round and £1.2 million FWT EIS Fund in 2019)
FWT Share class ownership:	0.6% (9.0% FWT Funds total, including 8.4% FWT EIS Fund)
First FWT Investment:	November 2020

#### **RF@FFYN**



"Refeyn was founded on the belief that mass photometry has the potential to offer transformational analytical information to the scientific community. We are delighted by the endorsement from our investors in supporting this financing. It is a testament to the progress of the technology and the team to date, and I look forward to the new frontiers for mass photometry that Refeyn will open over the coming years."

#### Jonathan Flint

Chair, Refeyn

The company was a winner in the Royal Society of Chemistry's Emerging Technologies Competition, the R&D100 Awards by R&D World Magazine and The Scientist Top 10 Innovations 2019.

#### **Team**

Shortly after the funding round, Refeyn appointed Anthony Fernandez as its CEO. Most recently, Anthony served as the Vice President of Teledyne e2v Asia Pacific, based in Hong Kong.

Anthony's appointment followed original CEO and Founder Philipp Kukura, assuming the role of non-executive Director, to concentrate again on leading his research group at Oxford University. His fellow professor and co-founder, Justin Benesch also remains a scientific adviser to the company.

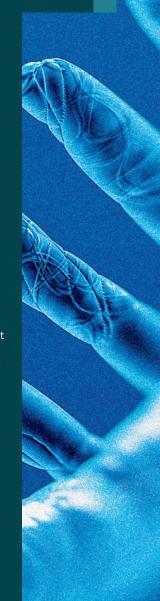
The executive team also includes Matthias Langhorst as Chief Product Officer, who joined from Thermo Fisher, and Andrew Justo, as Chief Financial Officer, who joined from OSE.

Jonathan Flint joined the company as Chair following the initial funding round in 2019. He was previously CEO of £300 million+ revenue Oxford Instruments plc.

#### **Investment Thesis**

The technology developed by Refeyn has been packaged into a compact desktop instrument with a simple user interface. It can provide data within seconds, reducing the duration of protein research projects or quality control checks by 40%. The associated increase in productivity translates directly into cost savings and should lead to the acceleration of highly expensive drug development. The technology has already allowed researchers to perform experiments that were previously impossible due to the limitations of other techniques.

At the time of the original investment in 2019, the company had made pilot sales of its "OneMP" product to academic users and was developing a "Lite" model, which was lower cost and for use in more routine analysis. The company also had ambitions of entering the lucrative biopharma market through the development of a specialist higher throughput "AutoMP" product.



# CASE STUDY 03 CONTINUED

# REFEYN CONTINUED

#### **Investment Thesis** continued

In the 12 months leading up to the investment, the company had successfully scaled its operations in response to strong demand, doubling the number of instruments installed and with more in the pipeline.

Whilst the development of the Lite and Auto models had taken longer than planned, the company had still been able to make sales into the biopharma market with its OneMP product. Several pharma clients were conducting long-term on-site evaluations with a view to installing the products at multiple premises.

Refeyn had established a rapidly growing presence in both the academic and biotech sectors. It has already demonstrated a strong demand for its technology with global customers and has distributors in place.

#### FWT Value-add

Since FWT EIS Fund's initial investment, Refeyn has worked with the team at WAE on product design and manufacture, and electrical systems design and development. The engagement resulted in a sleek industrial design for the Refeyn One instrument and optimisation of the electronic system design specification.

# Other shareholders in the company include:

- Oxford Science Enterprises (OSE)
- University of Oxford
- Northpond Ventures
- Horizons Ventures
- Oxford Technology EIS Fund

#### Result

Refeyn has expanded its offering of mass photometry systems. Following on its market success with the OneMP, the TwoMP, a second-generation mass photometry solution pushing the performance further, was released in 2021. In January 2022, Refeyn released the SamuxMP mass photometer, which dramatically improves the time and cost efficiency of adeno-associatedvirus (AAV) characterisation. This was followed by an automated mass photometer, the TwoMP Auto, in February 2022, which is ideal for performing series of repeated measurements such as screenings and titration assays.

In April 2022, the company announced the successful completion of its oversubscribed significant Series B funding round led by Northpond Ventures alongside other shareholders. Proceeds from the round will support further portfolio expansion. The company is positioning mass photometry as a key analysis method for biotherapeutics - from discovery to manufacture - while also growing the pool of mass photometry applications outside the bioanalytics space.

"In little over three years, Refeyn has established mass photometry as a game-changing bioanalytical tool – helping the scientific and biopharma communities characterise biomolecules and accelerate the development of novel therapies. Thanks to our team's rapid progress and the support of our Series B investors, Refeyn is well-positioned to further expand the use of mass photometry – by unlocking new applications in the life sciences and beyond, and scaling our platform for use in process development and manufacturing in biopharma."

#### Anthony Fernandez

CEO, Refeyn



# **CASE STUDY 04**

# **CAMBRIDGE GaN DEVICES**

University of Cambridge spinout developing a new generation of energy-efficient gallium nitride power devices.

Follow-on investment as a part of £15 million oversubscribed round to support the maker of greener electronics scale up.

#### Investment

This investment was part of an oversubscribed £15m growth round, led by existing investors BGF and IQ Capital, alongside Parkwalk and FWT. This round of investment aimed to drive the company through several key value inflection points. The funding would allow building out of the customer support team and as well as sales teams in US and Asia to drive growth. Additionally, the funds would accelerate research, with additional hires in R&D and development of the next series of products.

FWT VCT and FWT EIS previously invested £0.8 million as part of a £6.9 million round led by IQ Capital and BGF in January 2021.

#### **Technology**

CGD is a developer of a new generation of gallium nitride (GaN) semiconductor chip power devices. Power devices are used to control and convert electricity in all modern power electronics systems, including power supplies, lighting drivers and electric vehicle chargers. While most power devices are currently based on silicon, GaN-based electronic devices switch faster and consume less energy than classic silicon-based devices, enabling a new generation of compact and lighter power converters with reduced environmental impact.

#### **Team**

CGD is entering a period of rapid growth. In addition to significant investment in R&D, the headcount is forecasted to grow from around 40 to around 80 in the two years following investment.

CGD has made several important additions to its senior management team. Owen Lewis joined as Finance Director, following nine years at the leading technology provider ARM. Carryll Chen became the first local hire in Taiwan as a Vice President of Sales across Asia Pacific. Alain Charles, with over 30 years of experience in the semiconductor industry, joined the Board as a non-executive Director.

COMPANY KEY FACTS	
Name:	Cambridge GaN Devices (CGD)
Industry:	Semiconductors
FWT Share class Commitment:	£0.45 million (£1.07 million FWT Funds total, including £0.62 million FWT EIS Fund)
FWT Share class Ownership:	2.4% (4.0% FWT Funds total, including 1.6% FWT EIS Fund)
First FWT Investment:	August 2022



"This round will help CGD reach the next phase of growth and expand in the US and Europe. Our product portfolio will expand to meet the market need for higher power energy efficiency power electronics. We are extremely thankful for the continuous support of our current investor Foresight WAE, and we look forward to working together to bring CGD to market leadership."

Giorgia Longbardi CEO, CGD

### **Investment Thesis**

CGD's "ICeGaN" devices reduce thermal dissipation by 20°C, minimising heat loss and reducing the need for cooling. The chips are also up to 50% more efficient than silicon, extending GaN applications to the fastest growing semiconductor markets, including consumer electronics, renewable energy, connectivity, data centres and electro mobility. This efficiency has led to GaN increasingly being viewed as the best alternative to silicon, particularly in mass-market applications - a market worth over \$30 billion.

One of CGD's key market differentiators is the superior efficiency of its products and, as a result, their reduced impact on the environment. CGD research suggests that replacing all silicon chips in data centres with GaN chips could provide an annual carbon dioxide reduction of 9,000,000 tons. In 2021, CGD was named Tech Scaleup of the Year by Business Weekly in the category of green electronics.

Since the initial investment in January 2021, the company had progressed in line with its plan. The company's product development efforts had continued uninterrupted, with a pipeline of new products being commercialised and the patent portfolio expanded.

### FWT Value-add

CGD planned to enter the automotive market in 2023 and was therefore attracted to work with WAE given its expertise and relationships in this market. Also, as an end-user of power devices there was the potential for collaboration with WAE in developing new applications.

### Other shareholders in the company include:

- BGF
- IQ Capital
- Parkwalk
- Cambridge University
- Cambridge Angels

### Result

The Company has delivered against its plan to date and is led by an experienced and driven management team. The development pipeline and growing traction with the company's distributor network provide the opportunity for CGD to grow rapidly and become an attractive acquisition target.

## PART ONE: CASE STUDY 05

### **AUDIOSCENIC**

Immersive 3D audio technology for loudspeaker systems which uses head-tracking technology to revolutionise the way users experience sound.

### **Technology**

Audioscenic was spun out of the Institute of Sound and Vibration Research (ISVR) at the University of Southampton in 2017, where the company's technology was co-developed by Dr. Marcos Simón (Chief Technology Officer) and the Chief Scientific Officer, Prof. Filippo Fazi, a world-leading expert in 3D audio theory and algorithms. Dr Simón and Prof. Fazi have developed a method of monitoring the location of a listener's head and beaming separate sound waves to their left and right ear from a single, compact soundbar, creating an immersive 3D audio experience. Audioscenic's "Virtua Software Suite" combines advanced head tracking and a patented audio signal processing technology that gives listeners a way of experiencing audio in a new and unique way.

#### Team

Dr. Marcos Simón co-developed the underlying technology during his work as research fellow at the University of Southampton and has joined the business in a full-time role. Prof. Fazi will remain at the IVSR and will work part-time at the company.

Following seed investment in 2019, serial entrepreneur David Monteith joined Audioscenic as CEO. David has over 25 years' experience in internationally-focused audio IP businesses. Together, the management team has been able to combine academic expertise with commercial leadership.

### **Investment Thesis**

The audio industry has developed several formats to accurately record the intensity, depth and direction of a sound, to offer the listener the sensation of being in the middle of the original "sound field".

Such 3D sound formats are increasingly being adopted by content providers including Netflix, Amazon and BT Sport. However, replicating the immersive 3D sound experience in consumer hardware other than headphones has proven challenging as most 3D loudspeaker systems confine the user to a small pre-determined 'sweet spot' or rely on cumbersome and expensive multi speaker systems.

Audioscenic is commercialising technology that aim to overcome these limitations, allowing 3D sound to be used in new applications such as in public space kiosks, streaming personalised content and in-car audio entertainment.

Other shareholders in the company include IP Group Plc.

COMPANY KEY FACTS	
Name:	Audioscenic Ltd
Industry:	3D Audio technology
FWT Commitment:	£360,000 (£1.05 million FWT Funds total including £690,000 FWT EIS Fund)
FWT Share class Ownership:	8.8% (25.7% FWT Funds total including 16.9% FWT EIS Fund)
First FWT Investment:	October 2020

### **AUDIOSCENIC**





"Audioscenic is changing the way users experience audio and we are delighted that FWT is supporting us on this mission. We have developed world-leading 3D audio technology that is already starting to be used in consumer applications. We are excited to leverage FWT's expertise and assistance to help us deliver our vision of personal audio reproduction systems into the automotive and simulator markets."

### **David Monteith**

CEO, Audioscenic

The company has already signed a partnership with a leading Chinese integrated solutions provider, which is developing a range of gaming soundbars based on Audioscenic's revolutionary Virtua 3D Audio technology.

Other near-term applications for the technology include TV soundbars, gaming laptops and smart speakers. Outside of consumer electronics, Audioscenic can target the flat panel display, full-size simulator and automotive infotainment markets by loading their software suite onto a hardware module composed of off-the-shelf components, the manufacture of which will be outsourced.

### FWT Value-add

The WAE team may help Audioscenic with optimisation, design and performance of the audio hardware modules. WAE may also be able to introduce the company to key players in the automotive infotainment market, a segment that Audioscenic sees as a long-term area of growth for the company's technology and one in which WAE is well connected.

#### Result

The Audioscenic team has grown to 16 FTEs today. It has improved the core 3D audio experience, 'productised' the software for commercial adoption and secured its first design with Razer, a leading computer and gaming peripherals company, for a gaming soundbar. Audioscenic has also furthered development of a multi-listener technology, proven out the technology in an automotive application, and built a robust pipeline of customers in gaming, video conferencing, living room soundbars and laptops.

The company is now pursuing a growth funding round to expand the team, accelerate commercial adoption in multiple verticals, and continue R&D on new concepts such as the multi-listener technology.

The delivery of Razer's first gaming soundbar containing Audioscenic's technology represented a true value inflection point for the company. The targeted growth funding round, coupled with a clear growth strategy should result in Audioscenic becoming an attractive acquisition target in the coming years.



### **PART ONE:**

### CASE STUDY 06

### **PREVISICO**

Previsico's FloodMap Live platform predicts flood impacts, including surface water flooding, and automated alerts allow users to protect assets and minimise damage.

Funding will enable further product development, team expansion and support sales growth, in the UK and beyond.

### Technology

As climate change makes severe weather occurrences more common, there is an increased need for accurate predictions of flooding events in the UK and beyond. Previsico's system, FloodMap Live, combines data with proprietary algorithms to produce automated alerts, highlighting areas close to flooding and provides a street level visualisation tool. This allows clients to more accurately predict the potential for damage and prevent the level of losses previously seen.

False alarms and inaccurate data are common with incumbent solutions. Unlike other flood modelling systems on the market, FloodMap Live is more accurate, includes rivers and coastal water as well as surface water unlike other platforms.

It can also warn customers up to 48 hours earlier, allowing more time to take preventative action.

Previsico's underlying technology was developed by founder and Chief Scientific Officer, Dapeng Yu, Professor of River Dynamics at Loughborough University and a leading expert on hydrology.

#### **Team**

Previsico was spun out of Loughborough University in 2019 following an approach to develop a more accurate flood forecasting system.

Today, the well-rounded, experienced senior leadership team is led by Jonathan Jackson, CEO, who joined in 2019. Jonathan brings commercial experience and has a solid track record of growing businesses. Kate Barnes-Quinn is the company's Chief Financial Officer.

Industry veterans Graham Brodgen and Matthew Grant are both Non-Executive Directors. Foresight supported the recruitment of a Non-Executive Chair as part of the funding round. Altogether, the company has a full-time staff of 12, nine of which are employed in the UK and three are based in Hong Kong.

### Investment Thesis

The UK Environment Agency ("EA") recently stated that surface water flooding threatens more people in the UK than any other form of flooding and it is notoriously difficult to predict. In the recent London flash floods this summer, which resulted in the closure of eight tube stations, a DLR station, numerous roads and damage to hundreds of homes, the affected areas were not covered by EA warnings.

Previsico
Insurtech
£0.6 million (£1.75 million Foresight Funds total, including £0.6 million FWT EIS Fund and £0.5 million MEIF)
10.7% (29.1% Foresight Funds total)
August 2021

### **PREVISICO**



"Previsico's mission is to be the worldwide leading provider of cutting-edge flood prediction technology. We are gaining great traction in the market and are thrilled that Foresight, the Midlands Engine Investment Fund and Foresight WAE Technology have recognised this, enabling us to accelerate our product development, team expansion and sales growth, in the UK and beyond."

### Jonathan Jackson

CEO, Previsico

Previsico offers the only solution currently available to forecast and provide alerts for surface water flood events. The company has already gained early traction with some large insurance providers who have already conducted trials as well as within the self-insured market.

FloodMap Live currently covers the UK but has also been applied overseas. Moving into new territories, particularly the USA and South East Asia, is a large part of Previsico's plans to scale their business.

Flood alerts are a subset of the global incident and emergency management market, which was estimated to be \$92 billion per annum in 2020 and is forecast to grow to \$123 billion per annum by 2025.

### FWT Value-add

Previsicio is currently in dialogue with WAE as to how it is best placed to add value. This could include supporting the company with programme management and helping develop the technology roadmap.

#### Result

Previsico uniquely fills the largest global flood risk forecast gap – surface water flooding; the need for which is growing rapidly because of climate change. The technology has been enhanced significantly and is now an exemplar for ESG for asset owners and their insurers.

The company is now generating more than £1 million of annualised recurring revenue, after acquiring top tier insurers such as Liberty and Zurich Municipal and rolling out a new sensor IoT product. Strong customer satisfaction has quickly led to account growth and requests to develop US launch plans. As such, the Previsico is pursuing a growth funding round at a meaningful valuation uplift over the last round.



### PART TWO: TECHNOLOGY ADVISER AND FUND MANAGER

### 1. WAE

# WAE has grown from an embryonic business in 2010 to a company employing more than 500 people engaged in many innovative and transformative technical areas.

WAE is a technology and engineering services business and, until December 2019, was part of the Williams Group, which also includes Williams Grand Prix Engineering Limited, a company that operates a Formula One racing team. Williams Grand Prix Engineering Limited was formed in 1977 by the late Sir Frank Williams and Sir Patrick Head and has secured 16 FIA Formula One World Championship titles since its foundation.

In 2010, Williams Grand Prix Engineering Limited began diversifying its operations, leading to the establishment of the Williams Advanced Engineering division, which eventually became WAE Technologies Limited. In December 2019, Williams Grand Prix Holdings plc agreed to the sale of a majority equity stake in WAE to EMK Capital, with Williams retaining a minority stake in the business. In March 2022 Fortescue Metals Group (FMG) completed its acquisition of WAE.

WAE continues to service its existing customers and commercialise new technology opportunities, in addition to playing a key role in supporting Fortescue's decarbonisation strategy.

Headquartered at the Grove campus in Oxfordshire alongside the Williams Racing F1 team, WAE has grown from an embryonic business in 2010 to a company employing more than 500 people engaged in many innovative and transformative technical areas for a growing list of clients.

### Technology Incubation and Commercialisation

The genesis of the diversification of the Williams Group was the hybridisation of Formula One in 2009. However, the origins of WAE can be traced back even further, as the Williams Group had undertaken projects outside Formula One on an ad hoc basis for over 30 years, such as creating the Metro 6R4 rally car in the 1980s and running touring cars for Renault and Le Mans cars for BMW in the 1990s.

Composite flywheel energy storage technology had been evaluated by the Williams Group for use in Formula One. It also identified uses for the technology in other industries such as public transport and began to commercialise the technology through a new venture, Williams Hybrid Power Limited, which was sold to global engineering firm GKN plc in 2014. In parallel WAE developed similar composite flywheel energy storage technology for stationary applications such as renewable energy micro grid stabilisation and successfully deployed systems on two remote Scottish islands (Fair Isle and Isle of Eigg) as part of a UK Government supported initiative.

WAE's expertise in battery energy storage systems has been applied across different industry sectors. Its high performance batteries have been used in the Formula E racing series, which is a test bed for electrification and new technologies for the automotive industry.



# The team at WAE is deployed across a wide range of engineering skill sets.

Working with Nissan Europe it has repurposed electric vehicle batteries to help power buildings in combination with solar photovoltaic (PV) energy. In partnership with Unipart Manufacturing Group it has established Hyperbat to create the UK's largest independent vehicle battery manufacturer. WAE is working closely with its parent company, FMG, a global leader in the iron ore industry, to design, build, test and integrate a battery system to power an electric mining haul truck, as an important first step to decarbonising FMG's mining haul fleet.

In 2022, WAE and Sainsbury's launched Sainsbury's Innovation Investments. Working with WAE, Sainsbury's will invest in early-stage companies who are developing new technologies that can support Sainsbury's net zero goals with the potential for estate roll-out.

### **Broad Diversity of Skills**

The team at WAE is deployed across a wide range of engineering skill sets including mechanical and industrial design, electrical, electronics and control systems design, and working in areas such as prototype, additive and advanced manufacturing. Engineering programmes are supported by specialists across disciplines including aerodynamics, thermodynamics, materials and structures and by dedicated programme management and procurement teams.

#### **Technical Due Diligence**

Both Foresight and WAE will source investment opportunities. Foresight will take responsibility for selection, structuring and execution while WAE will, where possible, undertake technical due diligence and unless otherwise agreed with Foresight, will arrange for IP due diligence relating to the strength of any patents.

As part of this due diligence process, WAE will analyse the technical maturity of the technology including its TRL, identify any significant hurdles and determine where WAE may be able to add value. The type of target company and its assets will influence to some extent the technical due diligence necessary. For example, for a control systems company, WAE may want to assess whether the control algorithms developed by the company comply with recognised code development standards, whereas for a manufacturing business, WAE will want to assess manufacturing processes and quality standards. The overall process will be largely similar irrespective of the business type but adjusted to suit where more depth is necessary.

#### FSG

WAE aspires to become one of the world's leading providers of innovative electrification and lightweight technologies that will drive the future of global mobility and create a positive impact on the World. Advancing sustainability is at the heart of everything that WAE does, and its approach to sustainable development is founded on an understanding of its responsibility towards its partners, its staff members, the society and the environment. WAE is fully committed to the promotion and delivery of its sustainability principles to attain sustainable growth and focuses its approach to sustainability using its ESG framework.

"As a technology business, we understand first-hand, the challenges companies face when commercialising their technologies."

**Matthew Burke** 

Head of Technology Ventures, WAE

### PART TWO: TECHNOLOGY ADVISER AND FUND MANAGER

### 1. WAE CONTINUED

#### **WAE AWARDS MIA Business Excellence** Royal Automobile Club 2015 2021 **Award** Simms Medal Business of the Year 2021 For the Formula E battery Race Tech World Motorsport 2020 **E&T Innovation Awards: Symposium** Winner - Sustainable Planet Most Innovative New Motorsport The Engineer Collaborate Product of the Year for the Formula E battery to Innovate Awards Finalist - Energy and Environment **IET Innovation Awards** Finalist 2018 Queen's Award for **Enterprise in Innovation** 2014 **British Renewable Royal Academy of Engineering Energy Awards** MacRobert Award Finalist Pioneer Award - for stationary flywheel energy storage 2017 **MIA Business Excellence Oxford Brookes** Award 2013 Technology and Innovation Innovation Award ISO 9001:2015 awarded **Motorsport Industry** 2012 **July 2017** Association (MIA) Business of the Year 2012 2016 **IET Innovation Awards** Winner - Horizontal Innovation **British Engineering Excellence Awards** Winner - Consultancy of the Year

### **SELECTED WAE CUSTOMERS**



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### **CASE STUDY**

### **AEROFOIL**

In 2015 WAE partnered with UK start-up Aerofoil Energy to develop a new aerodynamic device that significantly reduces the energy usage of refrigerators in supermarkets and convenience stores.

Energy consumption makes up a significant percentage of a supermarket's operational costs. Open fronted multi deck refrigerators consume excessive energy, with some of the cold air used to cool produce spilling out into the aisles resulting in increased energy consumption and "cold aisle syndrome" which can be unpleasant for shoppers. Aerofoil Energy and WAE developed a new retrofittable aerofoil system that attaches onto each refrigerator shelf to keep more of the cool air inside the refrigerator cabinet. This innovative technology delivers significant energy savings for supermarkets and convenience stores, with corresponding benefits for their carbon footprint. Aerofoil Energy is working closely with WAE to refine the aerofoil concept, utilising WAE's proven expertise in aerodynamic design and testing. WAE used computational fluid dynamics to model and simulate new designs before testing at its facilities in Oxfordshire.

According to research, supermarkets nationwide consume approximately 3% of the UK's electricity production. As part of its Plan for Better sustainability strategy, Sainsbury's, one of the UK's largest grocery retailers, has committed £1 billion to become a net-zero business by 2035 (brought forward from its original goal of 2040) and the aerofoil shelf edge technology is playing a key role in achieving this target.

In November 2017 Sainsbury's announced that it would roll out aerofoils across its 1,400 UK stores. Aerofoils have also been rolled out by Tesco, Asda, M&S and other high-profile retailers in the UK, and in the US Aerofoils are being deployed in Target's 1,900 stores. To date nearly 2 million aerofoils have been installed in over 7,000 stores across nine countries. In recognition of its achievements in improving the energy efficiency of retail refrigeration, Aerofoil Energy received the Queen's Award for Enterprise in Innovation in April 2021.

Aerofoil Energy is a good example of the type of company in which FWT Share class might invest. "We're committed to becoming a net-zero business by 2040 and have already begun to make headway by investing substantial time, research and money into different areas that can help us achieve this goal - including the fitting of the pioneering Aerofoil technology. Since rolling out Aerofoils, we've seen a 15% reduction in energy created from fridges across our estate and over the next few years we'll continue innovating and investing in technology to help us combat climate change."

### **Dave Merefield**

Carbon, Utilities and Engineering Manager, Sainsbury's



### PART TWO: TECHNOLOGY ADVISER AND FUND MANAGER

### 2. FORESIGHT GROUP

# Foresight Group is a leading independent infrastructure and private equity investment manager listed on the London Stock Exchange.

The investment teams operate on a collaborative basis with a pro-active and pragmatic investment style. Foresight Group's vision to be a leader in investing in trends ahead of the curve is achieved through its dynamic and entrepreneurial values of flexibility, innovation, problem-solving and a commitment to attracting and retaining the best professionals in the industry.

Foresight Group was founded in 1984, initially as an early-stage technology investor. The two founders, Bernard Fairman and Peter English, raised a £20 million venture capital fund, which was invested in unquoted technology companies in the UK, Europe and USA and returned £80 million to investors.

Building on the success of the first fund, in 1997 Foresight raised one of the first VCTs, the technology/media focused Foresight VCT plc which remains one of the best-performing VCTs ever launched 25 years later. The FWT Share class heralds a return to technology investing which is a core part of the firm's DNA. The other side of Foresight Group's business growth has been a successful diversification into infrastructure with a specialist focus on renewable energy projects including Solar, Wind, Bioenergy, Battery Storage, Flexible Generation and Smart Data. Foresight has its principal offices in London and Guernsey and has operations in Italy, Spain and Australia.

With assets under management of over £12.5 billion (unaudited), raised from UK and international private and high net worth individuals, pension funds and other institutional investors, Foresight Group strives to generate capital appreciation and yield for its investors over the long term alongside the additional benefit to UK taxpayers of tax reliefs available through Venture Capital Trusts, the Enterprise Investment Scheme and Business Relief.

Over the last seven years, Foresight Group has raised a number of Regional Growth Funds based out of Foresight offices in Nottingham, Manchester and most recently Edinburgh and Cambridge. These funds, a cornerstone for various local government pension funds, the British Business Bank and the Scottish Government, are targeting growth capital deals across these regions, investing between £100,000 and £5 million into technology-related and more traditional management-led businesses.





## £12.5 BILLION ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT



AVG. 3.7X SME RETURNS ON FULL OR PARTIAL EXITS SINCE 2010



55 NEW INVESTMENTS INCLUDING 38 FOLLOW ONS IN 2022





### PART TWO: TECHNOLOGY ADVISER AND FUND MANAGER

### 2. FORESIGHT GROUP CONTINUED

### AWARDS

### 2022

### **Private Equity / Venture** Capital Deal of the Year

Winner - Insider Northern Ireland Dealmaker Awards

### **Best VCT Investment Manager**

Winner - Growth Investor Awards

#### Deal of the Year (Sub £10m)

Insider South East Dealmaker Awards

### **VC/Private Equity**

Winner - North West Rainmaker Awards 2022

### Private Equity Exit of the Year

Winner - North West Rainmaker Awards 2022

### Real Deals Future 40 **Investment Leaders**

Claire Alvarez for DA languages

### ABL Health (porfolio company)

Growing Business Award

### Best BR Investment Manager (unlisted)

Finalist - Growth Investors Awards

### Most Impactful Investment for flood mapping prevention (Previsico)

One to Watch - Growth Investors

### Exit of the Year (Codeplay)

Runner up - Growth Investor of The Year

2021

### ESG Champion of the Year

Growth Investor Awards 2021

### **Unquote British Private Equity Awards**

Winner - Venture/Growth Cap House of the vear

### **Insider South East Dealmakers Awards**

Winner - Emerging Dealmaker of the Year: Chris Wiles

2020

### Best BR Investment Manager (unlisted)

Growth Investor Awards 2020

### **Best New Product or Service** Runner Up

Growth Investor Awards 2020

### Best Sustainable & ESG **Alternative Assets Fund** (JI FN)

Investment Week Sustainable & ESG Awards 2020

### **Best Communication of ESG** Award (JLEN)

IR Society Best Practice Awards

### **Best Venture Capital Trust Provider (Commended)**

ILP Moneyfacts Awards 2020



BEST VCT INVESTMENT





INVESTMENT MANAGER



WINNER BEST BR INVESTMENT MANAGER (UNLISTED)

### **AWARDS**

2018

### Generalist VCT of the Year

Investment Week Tax Efficiency Awards 2018

### Fund Manager of the Year

Plc Awards 2018

### Exit of the Year - Highly Commended - (Simulity)

Investment Week Tax Efficiency Awards 2018/19

### SME Deal of the Year (200 Degrees)

Insider East Midlands Dealmakers Awards 2018

### Deal of the Year (The Naked Deli)

Insider North East Dealmakers Awards 2018

### Exit of the Year 'One to Watch' - (Simulity)

Growth Investors Awards 2018

2017

### **Best VCT Investment Manager**

Growth Investor Awards 2017

### Infrastructure Financier of the Year

Green Innovation And Finance Awards 2017

### Deal of the Year (sub £10m)

Insider Central And East Dealmakers Awards 2017

### British Renewable Energy Project 2017 - Shotwick

Renewable Energy Association Awards

### Best on-farm AD Plant UK

AD Biogas Industry Awards

### Best Generation Project 2017 - Ballymena

Sustainable Ireland Awards 2017

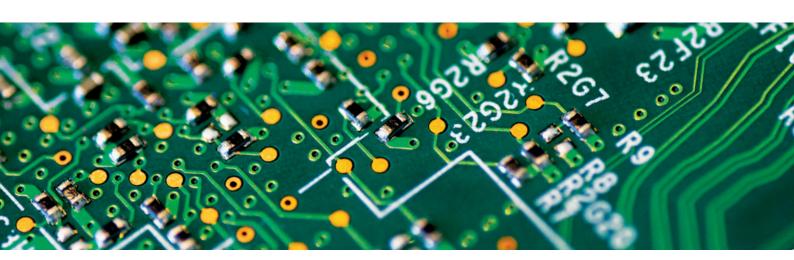
2016

### **VCT House of the Year**

Unquote British Private Equity Awards 2016

### Best IHT Portfolio Service, Foresight AITS

Tax Efficiency Awards 2016



### PART TWO: TECHNOLOGY ADVISER AND FUND MANAGER

### 2. FORESIGHT GROUP CONTINUED

SUCCESSFUL EXITS			
These examples are illustrat Shares fund may make. Cap	tive only and not necessarily representative of the investments or retu	ırns the FWT	
CODEPLAY	ntal at 115K.		
Technology:	Software enabling the acceleration of artificial intelligence processing		
Amount invested:	£1.05 million	16x	
Exit:	Purchased by a US leading chipmaker		
Proceeds:	£16.8 million		
FLUSSO			
Technology:	Miniaturised flow sensors		
Amount invested:	£1.5 million	2 v	
Exit:	Purchased by private equity-backed international buyer	<b>3</b> X	
Proceeds:	£4.5 million		
SIMULITY			
Technology:	Embedded communications software for SIM cards		
Amount invested:	£4.0 million	$\Box_{2_{\mathbf{v}}}$	
Exit:	Purchased by ARM, part of Softbank	<b>3</b> X	
Proceeds:	£11.7 million		
ALARIC			
Technology:	Credit & debit card authorisation & anti-fraud software		
Amount invested:	£2.2 million		
Exit:	Purchased by NCR Corporation	<b>SX</b>	
Proceeds:	£10.9 million		
ADVANCED COMPOSITES GROUP			
Technology:	High performance composite materials		
Amount invested:	£1.6 million	6 v	
Exit:	Purchased by UMECO	<b>6</b> x	
Proceeds:	£10 million		

APPDNA		_
Technology:	Aptitude software to evaluate compatibility of a change in software operating systems	
Amount invested:	£0.8 million	32x
Exit:	Purchased by Citrix Systems Inc	
Proceeds:	£25.0 million	
GEMPLUS		
Technology:	Smart cards	
Amount invested:	£1.9 million	30 <sub>V</sub>
Exit:	Floated on Euronext Paris and Nasdaq	<b>30x</b>
Proceeds:	£57.5 million	

RECENT LARGE GROW	TH INVESTMENT ROUNDS INTO FWT FUNDS PORTFOLIO COMPANIES		
REFEYN			
Technology:	Life sciences instrumentation measuring molecular mass using light		
Amount invested:	£3 million across 2019 Seed (FWT EIS) and 2020 Series A (FWT EIS and VCT)		
Recent funding:	Significant Series B April 2022		
ROVCO			
Technology:	Subsea infrastructure survey services and technology		
Amount invested:	£2.0 million 2019 Series A (FWT EIS) and Series B (FWT EIS and VCT)		
Recent funding:	£20 million Series B July 2022		
LIVING OPTICS			
Technology:	Next generation hyperspectral camera		
Amount invested:	£2.3 million across 2020 Seed (FWT EIS) and 2022 Series A (FWT EIS and VCT)		
Recent funding:	£20 million Series A August 2022		
CAMBRIDGE GaN DEVICES			
Technology:	New generation of gallium nitride power semiconductor devices		
Amount invested:	£1.9 million across 2021 Series A (FWT EIS and VCT) and 2022 Series B (FWT EIS and VCT)		

### PART TWO: TECHNOLOGY ADVISER AND FUND MANAGER

### 3. INVESTMENT COMMITTEES

# There are separate Foresight and WAE Investment Committees including the following team members:

### **Bernard Fairman**

### Chairman, Foresight Group

Bernard has over 37 years' investment experience. He founded Foresight Group, formerly VCF Partners, with Peter English in 1984, having worked with several small electronics companies before joining the newly formed 3i Ventures in 1981. Bernard began his career with a degree in economics from Nottingham University as an oil investment analyst with Panmure Gordon, then moved to Edward Bates, a specialist City investment bank.

### **David Hughes**

### Chief Investment Officer, Foresight Group

David is responsible for Foresight's overall investment activities and portfolio management. He has 40+ years' experience of unquoted investment management, initially with 3i and subsequently establishing fund management operations for Framlington Investment Management Ltd, Bank Austria AG, London and technology VCT investing at Advent Venture Partners. David has been involved in VCT management since 2002.

### James Livingston Co-Head of Private Equity, Foresight Group

James is a Partner, member of the firm's Executive Committee and Co-Head of Private Equity based in the London office. He joined Foresight in 2007 and has some 20 years' experience. Prior to Foresight, James worked at Deloitte.

### **Matt Smith**

### Co-Head of Private Equity, Foresight Group

Matt is a Partner, member of the firm's Executive Committee and Co-Head of Private Equity based in the London office. He joined Foresight in 2010 and has some 20 years' experience. Prior to Foresight, Matt worked at Rothschild.

### Craig Wilson CEO, WAE

Craig joined WAE in November 2013 as Managing Director and has seen the business successfully grow across industrial sectors. Before joining WAE, Craig co-founded an engineering consultancy specialising in bringing sustainable transport projects to market. Craig is also a Director of WAE Ventures Limited.

#### **Alistair Ball**

### Chief Financial Officer, WAE

Alistair joined WAE in July 2021. He has over 20 years' experience in finance leadership within the engineering technology sector with a focus on value creation, operational delivery, business protection and stakeholder management. He has held senior financial roles at Intelligent Energy, Nissan and Rolls-Royce. Alistair is also a Director of WAE Ventures Limited.

### Paul McNamara Technical Director, WAE

Paul joined WAE in 2015 and oversees technical management and project excellence across the company. He has previously held executive director positions at Shanghai Automotive Industries and Ricardo.

Paul is key to ensuring that WAE continues to build a reputation for delivering innovative projects and developing new technology.

### **Matthew Burke**

### Head of Technology Ventures, WAE

Matthew joined WAE in 2011 and led the commercialisation of its stationary flywheel energy storage technology at Williams Technology Centre Qatar. He returned to the UK in 2014 and established Technology Ventures to lead wider technology commercialisation activities. He is a Chartered Engineer and Fellow of the IMechE. Matthew is also a Director of WAE Ventures Limited.

### Rupert Finch General Counsel, WAE

Rupert joined WAE in September 2021. Prior to WAE, Rupert spent 11 years at Johnson Matthey Plc and for the last 2 years was Sector General Counsel of the Johnson Matthey Battery Systems, Fuel Cells and Green Hydrogen businesses. Rupert is responsible for all legal aspects at WAE, managing a team of 4 lawyers who work closely with the commercial, procurement, programmes, finance and ventures functions. His focus is on managing legal risk and enabling WAE navigate complex contractual relationships with customers, suppliers and other third parties.

Craig Wilson, Matthew Burke, Alistair Ball, Julian Peck, Matthew Hicks, Kusal Ranawaka and Kirsten Spry have been appointed to carry out the customer functions for and on behalf of WAE Ventures Limited, in its capacity as appointed representative of Foresight.

### 4. THE INVESTMENT TEAM

The core team that will be responsible for identifying investment opportunities and making investments for the FWT Share class, alongside the FWT EIS Fund, is shown below.

### **Andrew Bloxam**

#### Director, Foresight Group

Andrew joined Foresight Group and the Foresight FWT team in 2018 and brings over 15 years' experience advising and investing in fast growing UK technology SMEs. Most recently, Andrew was a Director at Committed Capital, a technology-focused EIS investor. Previously he was an Associate at Strata Partners, a technology-focused corporate finance adviser, and an Analyst at investment bank JP Morgan, in the London technology M&A team. Andrew holds an MA in Economics from Cambridge and an MBA from the University of Surrey.

### Chris Wiles

### Investment Director, Foresight Group

Chris joined Foresight Group in September 2019 and focuses on the FWT Funds. Having started his career with McLaren Automotive as a Project Engineer, he moved to PwC to work in Strategy Consulting. Subsequently Chris joined Centrica Plc where he managed Centrica's £10 million early stage impact fund and was a Venture Principal in Centrica Innovations, the £100 million Corporate Innovation fund. Chris holds a first class master's in mechanical engineering from the University of Southampton and an MBA with Distinction from Warwick Business School.

#### **Bill Yost**

### Senior Investment Manager, Foresight Group

Bill joined Foresight Group in 2020 to focus on the FWT Funds. Bill has over 25 years' experience spanning buy-side, sell-side, operational and advisory roles with technology companies. Most recently, Bill worked at Mercia Asset Management and headed the Technology Innovation Management team at PA Consulting. Bill also founded two hardware start-ups, GelSight Inc., and Electrolytic Ozone Inc. and previously held engineering roles at Sony and Corning. Bill holds a BSc in Physics from Cornell University, an MSc in Electrical Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh and an MSc in the Management and Regulation of Risk from the London School of Economics.

### Anastasia Sagaidachna Investment Manager, Foresight Group

Anastasia is an Investment Manager based in our London office. Prior to joining Foresight, Anastasia worked at EBRD and a lower mid-market private equity fund focusing on B2B SaaS and generalist investments. Anastasia holds an MSc in Corporate Finance from Bayes Business School (formerly Cass Business School) and a BSc in Business Administration from the University of Economics in Prague.

The Foresight team draws on the expertise and experience of other members of Foresight's 30-strong award-winning Private Equity team as required.

### Julian Peck Investment Manager, WAE

Julian joined WAE in 2022. Previously he was Commercialisation Manager at Cambridge Enterprise, the University's technology transfer office. Julian has led the spinout of numerous technologies from Cambridge and has latterly worked in the in-house VC team building, investing and supporting spinouts including business planning, investment and as Investor Director. Julian holds a MEng in Manufacturing Engineering from the University of Cambridge and is a Chartered Engineer and Member of the IMechE.

#### **Matthew Hicks**

### Senior Investment Associate, WAF

Matthew's principal focus will be in scouting opportunities and working on the end-to-end investment process for the for the FWT Funds. Matt is a graduate of the University of Southampton with a BSc in Geography and an MSc in Sustainability.

### Kusal Ranawaka

#### Investment Associate, WAE

Kusal focuses on scouting and evaluating new opportunities and working across all stages of the investment process. He previously worked at the Creative Destruction Lab, a deep-tech accelerator at the University of Oxford and before this, spent time performing venture development at a cleantech start-up. He holds a MEng in Mechanical Engineering from University of Sussex.

### Kirsten Spry

### Partnerships Associate, WAE

Kirsten supports the provision of WAE value add services to the FWT Funds portfolio companies. Prior to her current role, she successfully completed Williams' Business Graduate Scheme. Kirsten holds an MSci in Natural Sciences from the University of Cambridge.

### PART THREE: FUND STRUCTURE AND DETAILS

### **VCT STRUCTURE**

Investors in FWT Shares become entitled to qualify for tax reliefs upon allotment of shares (subject to their personal circumstances).

The VCT Scheme was introduced in 1995 to incentivise UK taxpayers to invest into early-stage, high growth potential UK companies. Since that time more than £8 billion has been raised by VCTs. If you choose to invest into FWT VCT share class, you should qualify for three attractive tax reliefs:

- 30% income tax relief
- Tax free dividends
- Tax free capital growth

These tax reliefs are available to UK taxpayers up to a maximum of £200,000, with the income tax relief subject to holding the shares for a minimum of five years. More information on tax reliefs can be found on pages 64 and 65.

#### **Evergreen**

The VCT has been set up as an evergreen investment. This means that it does not have a defined lifespan, with the intention being to manage the VCT for the long term.

### **Share Buy Back Policy**

Although investors typically wait for a minimum of five years in order to retain the income tax relief, the VCT operates a share "buy back" policy to allow investors to sell their shares from time to time

The Board's policy is to buy back FWT Shares in the market at a 10% discount to their Net Asset Value for the first five years following the launch of the FWT Share fund, with an intention to reduce to a 5% discount thereafter, in each case less transaction costs payable to market makers and stockbrokers (see page 60 for more information). In addition, shares can be sold anytime on the stock market although the secondary market for VCT shares is generally illiquid.

### **Return Profile**

Returns will be generated through the growth in NAV and the sale of shares in portfolio companies.

### **Dividend Policy**

Returns will be paid to investors in the form of tax-free dividends, which are anticipated to be paid from year four onwards (based on a launch year of 2020) at a targeted average rate of 5% per annum of the NAV of the FWT Shares. Investors should note that this is an estimated average target over a number of years and in any given year the 5% target may not be met (or may be exceeded). Due to the nature and returns profile of the underlying investments, the Board anticipates irregular dividends, paid as and when exits occur, to be a significant factor in the Company's ability to achieve or exceed the average 5% annual target.



### Fees and Charges

#### **Initial Charges**

More details of the initial charges relating to the Offer can be found on pages 54 and 55. These are summarised below:

	Where adviser charge agreed	Where commission is payable	Direct Investors
Promoter's Fee	2.5%	2.5%	5.5%
Initial Commission (% of amounts subscribed)	n/a	3.0%	n/a
Annual Commission (% of net asset base value)*	n/a	0.5%	n/a
Adviser Charges <sup>**</sup>	Variable	n/a	n/a

<sup>\*</sup> Capped at 3.0%

### **Annual Charges**

Further details of the annual fees and expenses can be found on page 61.

**Annual Fees:** Foresight Group CI Limited will be entitled to an annual management fee of 2.0% of the Net Asset Value of the FWT Shares fund in respect of investment management services. An annual fee of 0.3% of the NAV of the FWT Shares (subject to a minimum index-linked fee of £60,000) will be payable to Foresight Group LLP in respect of secretarial and accounting services provided to the Company. The costs of a VCT also include the cost of the board, audit and professional fees and the cost of communicating with investors.

Performance Fees: After actual Distributions (including capital distributions of NAV) of 110p per FWT Share (issued under the Offer and remaining in issue at the date of calculation) have been paid to FWT Shareholders by the Company including the offer of such a Distribution which Shareholders elect not to accept by remaining invested, Foresight Group CI Limited will become entitled to a performance incentive which will be calculated at the rate of 20% of Distributions in excess of 110p (including the most recently announced NAV) per FWT Share (subject to annual adjustment of this hurdle in line with the Retail Price Index). The performance incentive may be satisfied in cash or by the issue of new FWT Shares to Foresight Group CI Limited at its discretion.

In summary the following annual fees will apply:

- Annual Management Charge: 2.0%
- Annual Administration Fee: 0.3% or £60,000 per annum (greater of)
- Performance Fee: 20% of distributions over 110p per investor (subject to RPI adjustment)

#### Investor Journey & Suitability

Investing into the FWT Share class should be viewed as a long-term investment (five to eight+ years).

To benefit from the income tax relief, the VCT must be held for a minimum of five years following allotment of the shares.

It is typically the case with early-stage venture capital that investment portfolios go through a 'J' curve effect over the investments' lifetime. In the early years, portfolio valuations tend to reduce as investments are made and fees are incurred. Typically, the weaker investments within the Portfolio come to light before the stronger investments emerge. It is therefore likely that some investments in the Portfolio will be written down prior to others in the Portfolio being written up, following the so-called "J curve".

Foresight Group is not responsible for confirming whether the FWT Share class is suitable for any particular investor. Any investor who is unsure should consult a financial adviser. Foresight Group also cannot advise professional clients.

<sup>\*\*</sup> See page 55 and section 7 of the Application Form

### **PART FOUR:**

### **DETAILS OF THE OFFER**

#### 1. FWT Shares

The securities being offered pursuant to the Offer are FWT Shares of one penny each (ISIN: GBOOBKF2JH04).

The FWT Shares are created under the CA 2006 will be issued pursuant to resolutions passed at the Company's Annual General Meeting held on 27 September 2022. All Shareholders will have the same voting rights in respect of the existing share capital of the Company.

The FWT Shares are separate from the Company's existing classes of Ordinary Shares and Deferred Shares. All investments and cash attributable to the existing Ordinary Share class are kept separate from the FWT Shares fund Accordingly, investors in the FWT Shares will not have any exposure to the investment gains and losses of the Ordinary Share class.

The holders of FWT Shares will have the exclusive right to Distributions from the assets within the FWT Shares fund. Equally the holders of other Shares will continue to have the exclusive right to Distributions from assets attributable to such Shares but not from assets attributable to FWT Shares. All Shareholders will share the benefit of spreading the Company's administration costs over a wider asset base. FWT Shareholders will be entitled to receive certificates in respect of their FWT Shares and will also be eligible for electronic settlement.

Holders of FWT Shares will be entitled to vote at meetings of the Company in the same way as existing shareholders. No change may be made to the rights attaching to FWT Shares without the approval of the holders of FWT Shares. The FWT Shares are not redeemable or convertible. An existing holder of FWT Shares who does not subscribe under the offer would experience dilution in terms of their voting power but no dilution in terms of net asset value of their holding due to the application of the Pricing Formula pursuant to which Offer Shares are issued at a price equal to their NAV plus associated offer costs.

### 2. Costs of the Offer

The Company will pay the Promoter a fee equal to 2.5% of the amount subscribed under the Offer by those Investors who apply through an authorised financial intermediary and 5.5% of the amount subscribed under the Offer by those Investors who apply direct. In respect of each investor, the Promoter's fees will be reduced by any applicable Loyalty Discount (as referred to below) and any other discount the Promoter may agree to offer any particular investor or group of investors. From its fees the Promoter will meet all of the costs of the Offer other than intermediary commissions and adviser charges.

The costs of the Promoter's fees and any applicable up-front intermediary commissions and adviser charges applicable to a particular investor will be borne by that Investor through the application of the Pricing Formula set out on page 56.

### Investors applying through an authorised intermediary

Promoter's Fee	2.5%
Initial Adviser Charge Such charges as are agreed between each investor and their authorised financial intermediary up to a maximum of 4.5% of the amount subscribed	Variable
Note: ongoing adviser charges will not be facilitated by the Company.	
OR	
Initial commission to Intermediaries**	3.0%
Annual commission to intermediaries***	0.5%

### **Direct Investors**

Promoter's Fee<sup>\*</sup> 5.5%

- The Promoter's Fee may be reduced at the sole discretion of the Promoter and will be reduced by any applicable loyalty bonus.
- \*\* Only payable where permissible under FCA Rules and may be waived for additional shares.
- \*\*\* Only payable where permissible under FCA Rules. Calculated by reference to net asset base value and subject to a cumulative maximum of 3.0%

The Promoter's Fee (and applicable initial commission and adviser charges) will be expressed as a percentage of the Net Asset Value per FWT Share and included in the Pricing Formula to determine the number of FWT Shares to be allotted in each case. Annual commission will be paid by the Company and not taken into account when applying the Pricing Formula.

#### **Discounts**

### **Existing Foresight Shareholder Loyalty Discount**Discount to the Offer costs

0.5%\*

\* Expressed as a percentage of an Investor's subscription

### Commission and Adviser Charges

In accordance with the regulatory changes introduced pursuant to MiFID II, commission (including on-going trail commission) is generally not permitted to be paid to Intermediaries who provide independent advice or personal recommendations to UK clients in respect of their investments in VCTs.

Instead of commission being paid by the VCT, an adviser charge will usually be agreed between the Intermediary and Investor for the advice and related services. This fee can either be paid directly by the Investor to the Intermediary or, if it is an initial one-off fee, the payment of such fee may be facilitated by the Company. Ongoing fees to Intermediaries will not be facilitated by the Company. If the payment of the adviser charge is to be facilitated by the Company, then the Investor is required to specify the amount of the charge in the relevant box on the Application Form. The Investor will be issued fewer Offer Shares (to the equivalent value of the adviser charge) through the application of the Pricing Formula set out above. The adviser charge is deemed to be inclusive of VAT, where applicable.

Adviser charge facilitation payments will be made on behalf of Investors from the Company's share premium account (or reserves created therefrom) in respect of share capital issued prior to 6 April 2014 or which was created pursuant to shares issued more than three full years prior to the payment.

Commission may be payable in respect of applications by an execution-only Investor who has received no advice in respect of the investment and, as such, the Company will only pay commission to firms:

- (a) which do not provide personal recommendations or investment advice (save where this is restricted advice given to professional clients of the adviser);
- (b) where the payment of such commission is designed to enhance the quality of the relevant (non-advisory) service to the investor;
- (c) where the intermediary has confirmed that they will clearly disclose to the investor the existence, nature and amount of such commission prior to the provision of the service; and
- (d) in the case of on-going payments (trail commission) where such criteria are fulfilled on an on-going basis.

Those Intermediaries who are permitted to receive commission will usually receive an initial commission of 3.0% of the amount invested by their clients under the Offer unless waived by the Intermediary. Additionally, provided that the Intermediary continues to act for the Investor and meet the criteria above and the Investor continues to be the beneficial owner of the Offer Shares, and subject to applicable laws and regulations, the Intermediary will usually be paid an annual trail commission of 0.5% of their client Investors' gross subscriptions up to an aggregate maximum of 3.0%. Trail commission will be paid quarterly commencing in the first March following the close of the Offer.

By offering investors a bespoke issue price per Offer Share as determined by the Pricing Formula (set out below), all Investors are entitled to claim tax relief on the full amount of their investment and all Investors are treated fairly by the Company as regards the payment of up-front commission and Adviser Charges.

### **PART FOUR:**

### **DETAILS OF THE OFFER CONTINUED**

#### 3. Pricing Formula

Investors are invited to subscribe an amount in pounds sterling rather than apply for a particular number of Offer Shares. The number of Offer Shares issued to an Investor will be determined by reference to the Pricing Formula as follows:

Where:		Price = NAV/X
NAV	=	the latest published Net Asset Value per FWT Share
Χ	=	1 - Total Net Fees
Total Net Fees	=	Promoter's fee; plus Up-front adviser charge or commission; less any Loyalty Discount
		as applicable to each Investor

The number of Offer Shares to be allotted will be determined by dividing the amount subscribed by an Investor by the price given by the above formula.

#### 4. Tax Benefits for Investors

The tax reliefs set out below make the FWT Shares tax efficient for UK income taxpayers and are available on the gross amount subscribed under the Offer through the mechanism of the Pricing Formula. Although there is no maximum size of investment, VCT tax reliefs are available on investments up to a maximum by any individual of £200,000 in the 2022/23 and are expected to remain the same for 2023/24 tax year.

The table below shows how the initial 30% income tax relief can provide an unrealised uplift of 35% on a retail investor's net cost of investment after a reduction in the investor's tax bill. The income tax relief can be used to offset up to 100% of a retail investor's income tax liability, subject to a minimum holding period for the FWT Shares of five years. This is only a brief summary of the UK tax position of investors in VCTs, based on current law and practice. Further details are set out in Part Seven of this document. Potential investors are recommended to seek their own independent tax advice.

### Cost of Investment

If you subscribe £10,000 to the Offer	
Subject to your personal circumstances, you can claim Income tax relief of	£3,000
So your net cost of investment would be	£7,000

### Initial Value of Investment

Gross subscription	£10,000
Assumed Cost of 5.5%	(550)
Initial Net Asset Value	£9,450
This initial NAV is more than the net cost of your investment of £7,000	£2,450
or a gain of on your net cost of investment	35%

The level of issue costs will be variable depending on the applicability of agreed adviser charges, commission and any Loyalty Discount to a given Investor.

### 5. Share Certificates, CREST and Nominees

The FWT Shares will be issued in the Applicant's name in certificated form (unless otherwise requested). Investors will receive a share certificate in respect of their holding within ten Business Days of allotment. The Company is registered with CREST, a paperless settlement system. Applicants can request that FWT Shares be issued into a CREST account and/or a nominee by providing the relevant details when submitting their Application Form. In all cases, no temporary documents of title will be issued.



### **PART FIVE:**

### THE COMPANY

### The Board has overall responsibility for the Company's affairs and has delegated investment decisions to Foresight Group.

### 1. The Directors

The Board comprises three non-executive directors and brings together substantial board-level experience of quoted and unquoted companies and expertise in investment management, insurance and electricity supply sectors. The Board has overall responsibility for the Company's affairs and has delegated investment decisions to Foresight Group.



**Ernie Richardson** 

Ernie Richardson has over 30 years' experience in the venture capital sector and was until 2009 chief executive of venture capital investment firm MTI. He is a graduate chemical engineer and Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants and has served as a member of the Council of the British Venture Capital Association and also served as Chair of the investment committee of the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts. He also has over 20 years' operational management experience gained within businesses including British Steel Chemicals Division and speciality chemicals company Laporte Industries and is chairman of several smaller companies. He has also served as Financial Controller of the European Division of the Royal Bank of Canada.



Tim Dowlen

Tim Dowlen, a director of insurance broking companies from 1973 to 2016, was most recently a divisional director of City-based Lloyd's broking firm Tasker & Partners where he was responsible for developing the retail insurance broking activities of the firm. Tim was for many years Senior Examiner in liability insurance for the Chartered Insurance Institute. A practising expert witness since 1998, he has given independent evidence to the Courts in over 130 disputes in the insurance sector and is director, insurance, of GBRW Expert Witness Limited. Tim has specialised in the venture capital sector since starting his own insurance firm in 1974. He acted as insurance broker to a number of fund managers and other financial institutions.



**Carol Thompson** 

Carol Thompson has over 25 years' experience in governance and strategic financial management and has spent large parts of her career as a board member in technology and regulated businesses. She has held senior positions at Hellman & Friedman, a leading private equity investment firm, and JP Morgan. She has also held non-executive and advisory roles at a number of firms including Livingbridge, DWF and JP Morgan. Carol is also a non-executive director of Maintel Holdings plc. Carol serves as a non-executive director, and also chairs the Company's audit committee.

### 2. Investment Policy

The Company's investment policy, which was most recently approved by Shareholders at a general meeting held on 27 January 2020, is set out below.

### **Investment Policy**

The Company will target unquoted companies which it believes will achieve the objective of producing attractive returns for Shareholders.

#### **Investment Securities**

The Company invests in a range of securities including, but not limited to, ordinary and preference shares, loan stock, convertible securities, and fixed-interest securities as well as cash. Unquoted investments are usually structured as a combination of ordinary shares, preference shares and loan stock. Pending investment in unquoted and AIM listed securities, cash will be primarily held in a range of interest-bearing accounts as well as a range of permitted non-qualifying investments including alternative investment funds and listed shares. The Company may invest in other funds managed by Foresight (or its associates).

### **UK Companies**

The companies in which investments are made must satisfy a number of tests set out in Part 6 of the Income Tax Act 2007 to be classed as VCT qualifying holdings, including that they have a permanent establishment in the UK.

#### **Asset Mix**

The Ordinary Share class is fully invested in unquoted companies that seek to generate solar electricity and, in most cases, benefit from long-term government-backed price guarantees.

The FWT Share class intends to invest principally in early stage UK technology companies and funds raised by the inaugural FWT Share offer will, no later than three years following the end of the accounting period in which those shares are issued, be invested as to at least 80% in unquoted disruptive UK technology companies with 30% of such funds so invested within the first 12 months. The remainder of such funds raised will be held in cash or other permitted non-qualifying investments. Funds raised in the future will be invested in accordance with prevailing VCT rules at the time of investment.

### Risk Diversification and Maximum Exposures

Risk in the Ordinary Share portfolio has been spread by investing in a number of different companies which have targeted a variety of separate locations for their solar power assets. Although risk is spread across different portfolio companies, concentration risk is fairly high given that a number of these companies trade on the same UK solar parks.

Risk in the FWT Share class will be spread by investing in a number of different companies developing different technologies which are applicable to different target markets and at different levels of the value chains within those markets and with a targeted minimum of five investments.

The maximum amount invested by the Company in any one company is limited to 15% of the portfolio at the time of investment.

#### **Borrowing Powers**

The Company's Articles permit borrowing, to give a degree of investment flexibility. Under the Company's Articles no money may be borrowed without the sanction of an ordinary resolution if the principal amount outstanding of all borrowings by the Company and its subsidiary undertakings (if any), then exceeds, or would as a result of such borrowing exceed, a principal amount equal to the aggregate of the share capital and consolidated reserves of the Company and each of its subsidiary undertakings as shown in the latest available audited consolidated balance sheet. The underlying portfolio companies in which the Company invests may utilise bank borrowing or other debt arrangements to finance asset purchases but such borrowing would be non-recourse to the Company.

### **PART FIVE:**

### THE COMPANY CONTINUED

### 3. Co-investment Policy

Foresight Group currently manages other funds which may invest alongside the FWT Shares fund, including the FWT EIS Fund. Investment opportunities will normally be offered initially to the FWT Shares fund on a basis which is pro rata to the net cash raised pursuant to the Offer and any future FWT Share offer compared to the net cash raised by the other Foresight Funds, other than where investments are proposed to be made in a company where one or more Foresight Funds has a pre-existing investment, where the incumbent investor will have priority. Implementation of this policy will be subject to the availability of monies to make the investment and other portfolio considerations, such as portfolio diversity and the need to maintain VCT status.

Where the FWT Shares fund invests in companies in which Foresight Funds have invested or subsequently invest, conflicts of interest may arise and the Board will exercise its independent judgement to manage any such conflicts. In such circumstances, the Manager will apply Foresight Group's conflicts policy in order to reconcile the conflict in the first instance and thereafter, if required, the Board will exercise its independent judgement, so far as it is able, to protect the interests of the Company. It may not, in such circumstances, be possible to fully protect the interests of the Company.

### 4. Valuation Policy

Unquoted investments will be valued at fair value in accordance with International Private Equity and Venture Capital (IPEVC) valuation guidelines. Investments traded on AIM and on the main market segments of the ICAP Securities and Derivatives Exchange Limited will be valued at the prevailing bid price.

#### 5. Share Buyback Policy

The Board is aware that although the FWT Shares are intended to be traded on the London Stock Exchange's market for listed securities, it is unlikely that there will be a liquid market for such shares as there is a limited secondary market for VCT shares due to the holding period required to maintain up-front income tax reliefs and the lack of income tax relief on second hand VCT shares. Shareholders may, therefore, find it difficult to realise their investments.

The Board's policy is to buy back FWT Shares in the market at a 10% discount to their Net Asset Value for the first five years following the launch of the FWT Share fund, with an intention to reduce to a 5% discount thereafter, in each case less transaction costs payable to market makers and stockbrokers.

Operation of this policy is restricted by the Listing Rules which restrict the price that a VCT can pay for its own shares (to no more than 5% above the average market value of the shares for the five Business Days prior to the day a purchase is made) and prohibit the purchase of its own shares during any close period or any period when there exists any matter which constitutes inside information in relation to the Company. The operation of this policy is also subject to the Company having sufficient liquidity and distributable reserves.

As Investors must hold their FWT Shares for at least five years in order to avoid a clawback of income tax relief received in respect of their investment by HMRC, the Directors expect that the number of FWT Shares which may be offered for the Company to buy back during the five-year holding period will be small.

Share buy backs will be subject to Shareholder authorities, CA 2006, the Listing Rules and any other statutory or regulatory requirements from time to time.

### 6. Dividend Policy (FWT Shares)

Returns will be paid to investors in the form of tax free dividends, which are anticipated to be paid from year four onwards (assuming a launch year of 2020) at a targeted average rate of 5% per annum of the NAV of the FWT Shares. Investors should note that this is an estimated average target over a number of years and in any given year the 5% target may not be met (or may be exceeded). This will be dependent primarily on profits generated from realisations within the portfolio and the timing of those realisations. Due to the nature and returns profile of the underlying investments, the Board anticipates irregular dividends, paid as and when exits occur, to be a significant factor in the Company's ability to achieve or exceed the average 5% annual target.

### 7. Fees and Expenses

### Annual fees and expenses

Foresight Group CI Limited will be entitled to an annual fee of 2.0% of the Net Asset Value of the FWT Shares fund in respect of investment management services. An annual fee of 0.3% of the Net Asset Value of the FWT Shares (subject to a minimum index-linked fee of £60,000) will be payable to Foresight Group LLP in respect of secretarial and accounting services provided to the Company. The costs of a VCT also include the cost of the board, audit and professional fees and the cost of communicating with investors.

Overall, for Foresight Solar & Technology VCT plc as a company, total annual expenses are capped at 3.6% of NAV (calculated, amongst other things, before any performance incentive to Foresight Group CI Limited), above which any excess will be borne by Foresight Group. Foresight Entities may retain for their own benefit and without liability to account to the Company (subject to full disclosure having been made to the Board) any arrangement fees and directors' or monitoring fees which are received in connection with any investments made by the Company. The Company will not be liable for legal, accounting and any other fees incurred on potential investments which do not proceed to completion, which costs shall be borne by Foresight Group.

#### Performance incentive

After Distributions (including capital distributions of NAV) of 110p per FWT Share (remaining in issue at the date of calculation) have been paid to FWT Shareholders by the Company, including the offer of such a Distribution which Shareholders elect not to accept by remaining invested, Foresight Group CI Limited will become entitled to a performance incentive which will be calculated at the rate of 20% of Distributions in excess of 110p (including the most recently announced NAV) per FWT Share (subject to annual adjustment of this hurdle in line with the Retail Price Index). The performance incentive may be satisfied in cash or by the issue of new FWT Shares to Foresight Group CI Limited at its discretion.

### **PART SIX:**

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

#### 1. Use of Proceeds

It is intended that the proceeds of the Offer will be used in accordance with the FWT Shares' investment policy set out on page 59 of this document.

### 2. The Offer for Subscription

It is proposed to allot up to 30 million FWT shares to the public pursuant to the Offer. The FWT Shares will be offered to individual investors at a price determined in accordance with the Pricing Formula on page 56, such price per share (less costs) to be payable in full, by bank transfer or by cheque or bankers draft drawn on a UK bank. Application has been made to the FCA for all of the FWT Shares issued pursuant to the Offer to be admitted to the Official List. Applications will also be made to the London Stock Exchange for Admission to trading on the London Stock Exchange's market for listed securities. The Offer will open on 10 January 2023 until 22 December 2023, but may close earlier if fully subscribed or otherwise at the discretion of the Directors.

There are no conditions to the Offer and FWT Shares may be issued not withstanding that the Offer is not fully subscribed. In the event that the Offer is oversubscribed, allotment will be made to investors on a first come- first served basis. Any excess amounts paid by applicants will be refunded by cheque to the person named in the Application Form.

The Company is seeking to raise £15 million under the Offer (with an over-allotment facility of up to an additional £10 million), before expenses. The FWT Shares will be issued on a fully paid basis in registered form. FWT Shares will be allotted and issued in respect of valid applications under the Offer usually on a monthly basis or at any other time as the Directors decide.

Details of allotments will be announced through a Regulatory Information Service provider by no later than the end of the Business Day following the allotment and dealings in such Shares are expected to commence within three Business Days following allotment. If the Company is required to publish a supplementary prospectus, subscribers who have yet to be entered on to the Company's registers of members will be given two days to withdraw from the subscription. In the event that the notification of withdrawal is given by post, such notification will be effected at the time the subscriber posts such notification rather than at the time of receipt by the Company.

The terms and conditions of application are set out at the back of this document along with an application form and details of the application procedure.

### 3. Minimum and Maximum Investment

The minimum subscription under the Offer will be £3,000. Applications in excess of £3,000 may be made for any higher amount in multiples of £1,000. The maximum investment on which income tax relief can be claimed by any individual is £200,000 in the 2022/2023 tax year and is expected to be £200,000 in the 2023/2024 tax year.

### 4. Claiming Income Tax Relief

The Company will send you share certificates and a tax certificate as quickly as possible after Shares are allotted to you. You then have two options on how to reclaim the tax relief: You can write to your HMRC office to ask them to change your tax coding under the PAYE system (this is the system that calculates how much tax you pay each month), so you will receive your income tax relief on a monthly basis through your pay cheques. Alternatively, you can claim income tax relief as part of your annual tax return.

#### 5. Launch Costs

The Company, through the mechanism of the Pricing Formula, will pay to the Promoter a fee of:

- (a) up to 2.5% of the NAV per FWT Share issued to investors who subscribe through authorised intermediaries; or
- (b) 5.5% of the NAV per FWT Share issued to investors who subscribe directly in the Company,

in consideration of its acting as Promoter of the Offer. Other than commission and agreed adviser charges, all costs, charges and expenses of or incidental to the Offer including the fees of BDO shall be paid by the Promoter from these fees. The Company will be responsible for paying initial and on-going commission and facilitating up-front adviser charges with these costs borne by the Investor through the application of the Pricing Formula.

### 6. Category of Potential Investors

A typical investor for whom the Offer is designed is a UK higher-rate income taxpayer over 18 years of age with an investment range of between £3,000 and £200,000 who, having regard to the risk factors set out at the front of this document, considers the investment policy as detailed on page 59 of this document to be attractive. Investment in a VCT may not be suitable for all investors and should be considered as a long-term investment.

Before deciding whether to apply for FWT Shares under the terms of the Offer you are recommended to consult an independent financial adviser.

#### 7. Investor Communications

The Directors recognise the importance of maintaining regular communications with Shareholders. In addition to the announcement and publication of the annual report and accounts and the interim results for the Company as detailed below, the Company will also publish quarterly statements of Net Asset Value. Foresight will also publish information on new investments and the progress of companies within the Company's portfolio from time to time.

### 8. Reporting Dates

Year end	31 March
Announcement and publication of annual report and accounts to shareholders	July
Announcement and publication of interim results	December

### 9. Working Capital

In the opinion of the Company, the working capital available to the Company is sufficient for the Company's present requirements being at least the 12 months following the date of this document.

### 10. Net Assets

The Offer will have a positive impact on the net assets of the Company by increasing its net assets by the same amount as the net funds raised and is expected to have a positive impact on earnings in the medium to long term.

### 11. Capitalisation and Indebtedness

The tables below show the capitalisation and indebtedness of the Company as at 31 October 2022, extracted from unaudited internal management accounting records to that date.

	£'000
Total Current Debt	0
Guaranteed	0
Secured	0
Unguaranteed/ unsecured	0
Total Non-Current Debt	0
Guaranteed	0
Secured	0
Unguaranteed/ unsecured	0

The capitalisation of the Company as at 31 October 2022, extracted without material adjustment unaudited internal management accounting records to that date was as follows:

Shareholders' Equity	£'000
Share Capital	542
Other Reserves	64,960
Total	65,502

There has been no material change to the Company's capitalisation between 31 October 2022 and 9 January 2023 (being the latest practicable date prior to the publication of the Prospectus).

#### 12. Notifiable Interests

As at 9 January 2023, being the latest practicable date prior to the publication of this document, the Company is not aware of any person who, directly or indirectly, has or will have an interest in the capital of the Company or voting rights which is notifiable under UK law (under which, pursuant to the CA 2006 and the Listing Rules and Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules of the FCA, a holding of 3% or more will be notified to the Company).

### 13. Intermediary Consent

The Company and the Directors consent to the use of this Prospectus by financial intermediaries and accepts responsibility for the information contained in this document in respect of any final placement of FWT Shares by any financial intermediary which was given consent to use this document. The offer period within which subsequent resale or final placement of securities by financial intermediaries can be made and for which consent to use this prospectus is given commences 10 January 2023 and closes on 22 December 2023. Information on the terms and conditions of the Offer by any financial intermediary is to be provided at the time of the Offer by that financial intermediary. Financial intermediaries may use this Prospectus in the UK.

Any financial intermediary that uses the Prospectus must state on its website that it uses the Prospectus in accordance with the consent and conditions attached thereto. Financial intermediaries are required to provide the terms and conditions of the Offer to any prospective investor who has expressed an interest in participating in the Offer to such financial intermediary. No financial intermediary will act as principal in relation to the Offer.

### **PART SEVEN:**

### TAXATION CONSIDERATIONS FOR INVESTORS

#### 1. Tax Reliefs

The following is only a summary of the law concerning the tax position of individual investors in VCTs. Potential investors are recommended to consult a professional adviser as to the taxation consequences of an investment in a VCT. The tax reliefs set out below are those currently available to individuals aged 18 or over who subscribe for Shares on their own behalf under the Offer. Whilst there is no specific limit on the amount of an individual's acquisition of shares in a VCT, tax reliefs will only be given to the extent that the total of an individual's subscriptions or other acquisitions of shares in VCTs in any tax year do not exceed £200,000. Investors who intend to invest more than £200,000 in VCTs in any one tax year should consult their professional advisers.

### (a) Income tax

### (i) Relief from income tax on investment

An investor subscribing up to £200,000 in the 2022/23 and/or 2023/24 tax years for eligible shares in a VCT will be entitled to claim income tax relief, at the rate of 30%, although this relief will be withdrawn if either the shares are sold within five years or the investor takes out a loan which would not have been made, or would not have been made on the same terms, save for the acquisition of such shares.

If an Investor has sold, or if they sell, any shares in Foresight Solar & Technology VCT plc within six months either side of the subscription for the FWT Shares, then for the purposes of calculating income tax relief on the FWT Shares the subscribed amount must be reduced by the amount received from the sale. Relief is also restricted to the amount which reduces the investor's income tax liability to nil.

### (ii) Dividend relief

An investor who subscribes for or acquires eligible shares in a VCT (up to a maximum of £200,000 in each of the 2022/23 and/or 2023/24 tax years) will not be liable for UK income tax on dividends paid by the VCT. The income received by the VCT will usually constitute either interest (on which the VCT may be subject to tax) or a dividend from a UK company (on which the VCT would not be subject to tax). The VCT's income, reduced by the payment of tax (if applicable), can then be distributed tax-free to investors who benefit from this dividend relief. There is no withholding tax on dividends paid by a UK company and, consequently, the Company does not assume responsibility for the withholding of tax at source.

#### (iii) Purchasers in the market

An individual purchaser of existing VCT shares the market will be entitled to claim dividend relief (as described in paragraph (ii) above) but not relief from income tax on investment (as described in paragraph (i) above).

### (b) Capital gains tax

### (i) Relief from capital gains tax on the disposal of FWT Shares

A disposal by an investor of FWT Shares will give rise to neither a chargeable gain nor an allowable loss for the purposes of UK capital gains tax provided that the approval of the company as a VCT has not been withdrawn by HMRC prior to the time of disposal. This relief is limited to the disposal of VCT shares acquired within the limit of £200,000 for any tax year.

### (ii) Purchasers in the market

An individual purchaser of existing VCT shares in the market will be entitled to claim relief from capital gains tax on disposal (as described in paragraph (i) above). If a company which has been granted approval as a VCT subsequently fails to comply with the conditions for approval, approval as a VCT may be withdrawn or treated as never having been given. In these circumstances, relief from income tax on the initial investment is repayable unless loss of approval occurs more than five years after the issue of the relevant VCT shares. In addition, relief ceases to be available on any dividend paid in respect of profits or gains in any accounting period ending when VCT status has been lost and any gains on the VCT shares up to the date from which loss of VCT status is treated as taking effect will be exempt, but gains thereafter will be taxable.

#### 2. Illustration of Effect of Tax Relief for Investors

The table below has been prepared for illustrative purposes only and does not form part of the summary of the tax reliefs contained in this section. The table shows how the initial tax reliefs available can reduce the effective cost of an investment of £10,000 in a VCT by a qualifying investor subscribing for VCT shares to only £7,000:

	Effective cost	Tax relief
Investor unable to claim any tax reliefs	£10,000	Nil
VCT investor able to claim full 30% income tax relief	£7,000	£3,000

The combined effect of the initial income tax relief, tax free dividends and tax-free capital growth can substantially improve the net returns of an investment in a VCT. For example, after the costs of the Offer (5.5p per Share assuming subscription by direct investors) an investment of £10,000 would show an immediate return of 35% over the base cost of £7,000 after 30% income tax relief, which is only available if the shares are held for the minimum holding period of five years. Although there is no maximum size of investment. VCT tax reliefs are available on investments in VCTs up to a maximum per individual of £200,000 in any one tax year.

### 3. Obtaining Tax Reliefs

The Company will provide to each investor certificates which the investor may use to claim income tax relief, either by obtaining from HM Revenue & Customs an adjustment to his tax coding under the PAYE system or by waiting until the end of the tax year and using his tax return to claim relief.

### 4. Investors Not Resident in the UK

Investors not resident in the UK should seek their own professional advice as to the consequences of making an investment in a VCT as they may be subject to tax in other jurisdictions as well as in the UK. Tax legislation in an investor's home country may have an impact on the income received from the FWT Shares.

### **PART EIGHT:**

## CONDITIONS TO BE MET BY VENTURE CAPITAL TRUSTS

The Company must satisfy a number of tests to qualify as a VCT.

A summary of these tests is set out below.

#### 1. Qualification as a VCT

To qualify as a VCT, a company must be approved as such by HMRC. To obtain approval:

- (a) it must not be a close company;
- (b) it must have each class of its ordinary share capital listed on a European regulated market throughout the accounting period following that in which the application for approval is made;
- (c) it must derive its income wholly or mainly from shares or securities;
- (d) at least 80% by value of its investments must be represented by shares and securities comprising Qualifying Investments; and
- (e) at least 30% of new monies raised must be invested in qualifying holdings within 12 months of the end of accounting period in which the relevant VCT shares are issued;
  - (i) at least 70% by value of its Qualifying Investments must be represented by holdings of 'eligible shares'. Eligible shares are shares which carry no present or future preferential rights to a portfolio company's assets on its winding-up, and no present or future right to be redeemed, but which may have certain preferential rights to dividends (investments made before 6 April 2018 from funds raised before 6 April 2011 are excluded from this requirement);
- (f) at least 10% of its total investment in any Qualifying Company must consist of eligible shares;
- (g) Ioan investments made by the Company after14 March 2018 must be made on an unsecured basis at a commercial rate of interest;
- (h) not more than 15% by value of its investments may be in a single company or group (other than a VCT or a company which would, if its shares were listed, qualify as a VCT);
- (i) not more than 15% of its income derived from shares and securities in any accounting period may be retained:
- (j) the VCT must only make Qualifying Investments, or certain non-qualifying investments permitted by section 274 ITA 2007;
- (k) no investment by a VCT can cause a company to receive more than a total of £5 million in any period of twelve months (£10 million for "knowledge intensive" companies), nor than £12 million (£20 million for "knowledge intensive" companies) over its lifetime:

- (I) a VCT cannot invest in a company whose first commercial sale was more than seven years ago (ten years for a "knowledge intensive" company) unless the company had previously received State Aid risk finance within that period or it is seeking to break into a new product or geographic market and a turnover test is met. In the case of "knowledge intensive" companies, the company may elect for the ten year period to commence from the end of the accounting period in which its annual turnover exceeds £200,000; and
- (m) an investment by a VCT cannot be used by an investee to acquire a trade, business or shares in a company.

For the purpose of condition (j) above, permitted investments include ordinary shares or securities listed on a regulated market (such as the London Stock Exchange) and shares or units in alternative investment funds and UCITS which may be repurchased or redeemed on seven days' notice.

### 2. Qualifying Investments

To be a Qualifying Investment, an investment must consist of shares or securities first issued to the VCT (and held by it ever since) by an unquoted company satisfying certain conditions. The conditions are complex but include conditions that any investment must be in a qualifying company which must:

- (a) meet a principles-based "risk to capital" gateway test to requiring the company to have genuine plans to grow and develop over the long term and for there to be a significant risk to the VCT that invested capital of an amount greater than its net investment return will be lost:
- (b) have gross assets not exceeding £15 million immediately before and £16 million immediately after the VCT's investment (these tests are applied on a group basis if applicable);
- (c) have fewer than 250 full-time employees (or their equivalents) at the date on which the VCT investment is made (this test is applied on a group basis if applicable) (fewer than 500 for a "knowledge intensive" company);
- (d) not have raised more than £5 million in the 12 month period ending on the date of the VCT's investment (£10 million for a "knowledge intensive" company), nor more than a lifetime total of £12 million (£20 million for a "knowledge intensive" company), from State aid sources including from VCTs and under the Enterprise Investment Scheme;

- (e) have made its first commercial sale less than seven years ago (ten years for a "knowledge intensive" company which can also elect to start this ten year period from the last day of the accounting period in which it first reaches a turnover of £200,000) unless one or more of the exemptions set out at paragraph 1(I) above applies;
- (f) apply the money raised for the purposes of a qualifying trade carried on by the company or its qualifying 90% subsidiary within certain time periods and more generally for the purpose of growth and development of its business;
- (g) must at all times have a permanent establishment in the United Kingdom; and
- (h) not be controlled by another company nor control another company save where this is a qualifying 51% subsidiary.

Companies whose shares are traded on AIM are treated as unquoted companies for the purposes of eligibility as a Qualifying Investment. Unquoted company shares that subsequently become listed may still be regarded as a Qualifying Investment for a further five years following listing, provided all other conditions are met.

### 3. Qualifying Companies

A qualifying company must exist wholly or mainly for the purpose of carrying on a qualifying trade or be the parent company of a qualifying trading group. For this purpose, certain activities are prohibited such as dealing in land or shares or providing financial, legal or accountancy services, managing nursing homes or hotels (where the manager is in occupation or owns an interest in the land), property development, leasing or farming, shipbuilding, and coal and steel production. The trade must either be carried on by, or be intended to be carried on by, the qualifying company or by a qualifying subsidiary at the time of the issue of its shares or securities to the VCT (and by such company or its qualifying subsidiary at all times thereafter). A qualifying subsidiary for these purposes is at least 90% directly owned by the qualifying company, or is a 100% subsidiary of at least a 90% subsidiary of the qualifying company, or is at least a 90% subsidiary of a 100% subsidiary of the qualifying company.

A company intending to carry on a qualifying trade must begin to trade within two years of the issue of shares or securities to the VCT.

A qualifying company can be the parent company of a trading group. If this is the case, the group, when taken together as one business, must carry on activities which constitute a qualifying trade. Any subsidiary must be more than 50% owned. However, if a subsidiary is one which carries on the trade by reference to which the investment is to qualify as a Qualifying Investment, that subsidiary must be a 90% qualifying subsidiary as described above.

### 4. Approval as a VCT

A VCT must be approved at all times by HMRC. Approval has effect from the time specified in the approval. A VCT cannot be approved unless the tests are met throughout the most recent complete accounting period of the VCT and HMRC is satisfied that they will be met in relation to the accounting period of the VCT which is current when the application is made. However, in order to facilitate the launch of a VCT, HMRC may provisionally approve a VCT notwithstanding that certain of the tests are not met at the time of application, provided that HMRC is satisfied that the tests will be met within certain time limits. In particular, in the case of the test described at 1(d) and (f) above, approval may be given if HMRC is satisfied that this will be met throughout an accounting period of the VCT beginning no more than three years after the date when approval takes effect.

### 5. Definition of "Knowledge Intensive" Company

In order to meet the definition of a knowledge intensive company, a company must meet one or both of the two "operating costs conditions" set out below and one or both of the "innovation condition" and the "skilled employee condition".

The first "operating costs condition" is that in at least one of the relevant three preceding years at least 15% of the relevant operating costs constituted expenditure on research and development or innovation.

The second "operating costs condition" is that in each of the relevant three preceding years at least 10% of the relevant operating costs constituted such expenditure.

The "innovation condition" is met where the relevant company is engaged in intellectual property creation and it is reasonable to assume that, within ten years of the applicable time, one or a combination of the exploitation of relevant intellectual property held by the company and business which results from new or improved products, processes or services utilising relevant intellectual property held by the company.

The "skilled employee condition" is met if at least 20% of a company's full time employees hold a relevant higher education qualification and are engaged directly in research and development.

The above is only a summary of the conditions to be satisfied for a company to be treated as a VCT.

### **PART NINE:**

### **DEFINITIONS**

The following definitions apply throughout this document unless the context requires otherwise:

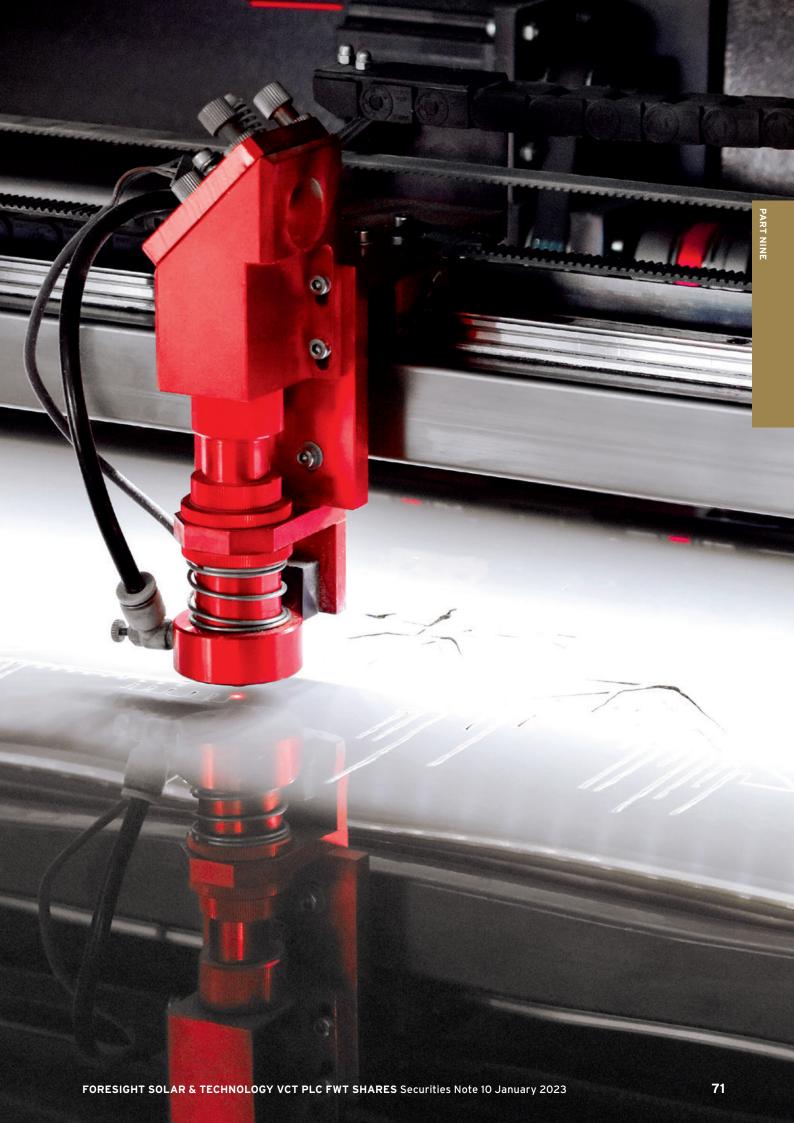
Admission	the date on which FWT Shares allotted pursuant to the Offer are listed on the Official List of the FCA and admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's market for listed securities	Deferred Shares	means the separate class of shares of 1p each in the capital of the Company entitled "Deferred Shares" which have the rights and are subject to the restrictions attributed to Deferred Shares in the New Articles
Applicant Application	a person who makes an Application an application for FWT Shares pursuant to the Offer	Direct Investor	an Investor who makes an application with reference to an intermediary
Application Form	the form pursuant to which an Application may be made and which will be made available in connection with the Offer by the Company on its website	Distributions	amounts paid by way of dividends, tender offers, share buy-backs, proceeds on a sale or liquidation of the Company and any other proceeds or value received, or deemed to be received, by Shareholders in the Company in respect of Shares,
AIM	the Alternative Investment Market		excluding any income tax relief on subscription
Articles	the articles of association of the Company (as amended from time to time)	Eligible Shares	in relation to a company which is a Qualifying Company, means shares which may carry a non-cumulative and
BDO	BDO LLP, which is authorised and regulated by the FCA as a sponsor		non-discretionary preferential right to dividends but not to the assets of the company on its winding up, and which
Board or Directors	the board of directors of the Company		may carry no present or future right to be redeemed
Business Days	any day (other than a Saturday or	FCA	the Financial Conduct Authority
	Sunday) on which clearing banks are open for normal banking business in sterling	Foresight	references to "Foresight" in this document refer to the Manager and/ or the Adviser and to the historical
CA 2006	the Companies Act 2006 (as amended)		activities of Foresight Group more generally
Closing Date	3 April 2023 (12 noon) in respect of the 2022/2023 tax year and 22 December 2023 in respect of the 2023/2024 tax year, or as soon as full	Foresight Entities	the Manager and/or the Adviser and/or the Promoter (as the context dictates) (and each a "Foresight Entity")
	subscription is reached (unless closed earlier at the Board's discretion)	Foresight Funds	funds managed or advised by a Foresight Entity
Company	Foresight Solar & Technology VCT plc (company number 07289280)	Foresight Group	a collective term for all of the entities owned by Foresight Group Holdings
Companies Acts	the Companies Act 1985 and CA 2006		Limited, Foresight Group CI Limited and/or Foresight Group LLP, indirectly and indirectly
CREST	the computerised settlement system to facilitate the transfer of title to securities in uncertified form operated by Euroclear UK & Ireland Limited	Foresight VCTs	venture capital trusts managed or advised by a Foresight Entity

FSMA	the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (as amended)	Memorandum	the memorandum of association of the Company
FWT EIS Fund	the Foresight WAE Technology EIS Fund, sister fund to the FWT Share class and also managed by Foresight Group LLP	Money Laundering Regulations	the Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Transfer of Funds (Information on the Payer) Regulation 2017 (as amended)
FWT Funds	the FWT Share class and the FWT EIS Fund	NAV or Net Asset Value	the net asset value attributable to the FWT Shares calculated in accordance with the Company's normal accounting
FWT Share class	the aggregate of the capital raised by subscriptions for FWT Shares issued by the Company, all income and assets		policies in force at the date of calculation
	derived therefrom and all expenses and liabilities attributable thereto	Offer or FWT Share Offer	the offer for subscription to raise in aggregate up to £15 million (with an over-allotment facility of up to an
FWT Shares	the FWT Shares of 1p each in the capital of the Company		additional £10 million) by issues of FWT Shares by the Company pursuant to the Prospectus
HMRC	HM Revenue & Customs	Offer Shares	the FWT Shares proposed to be issued
Initial NAV	NAV as at the date of first admission of FWT Shares to the Official List		pursuant to the Prospectus
		Official List	the official list of the FCA maintained in accordance with section 74(1) of FSMA
Inside Information	as defined in section 118C of FSMA		
Investee Companies	a company in which the FWT Share class has made, or intends to make, a Qualifying Investment (and each an	Old C Shares	the C ordinary shares of 1p each in the capital of the Company, subsequently re-designated as Ordinary Shares pursuant to the Share Class Merger
	"Investee Company")	Old D Shares	the D ordinary shares of 1p each in the
Investment Adviser or Adviser	Foresight Group CI Limited, a Guernsey company with registered number 51471, licensed by the Guernsey Financial Services Commission with reference		capital of the Company, subsequently re-designated as Ordinary Shares pursuant to the Share Class Merger
	number 2006518	Ordinary Share class	the aggregate of the capital raised by subscriptions for Ordinary Shares
Investment Manager or Manager	Foresight Group LLP, a limited liability partnership registered in England and Wales with registration number OC300878, authorised and regulated by the FCA with firm reference number 198020	Shares and Old D Ordinary Shares p Class Merger), all derived therefron	issued by the Company (and for Old C Shares and Old D Shares converted into Ordinary Shares pursuant to the Share Class Merger), all income and assets derived therefrom and all expenses and liabilities attributable thereto
Listing Rules	the listing rules of the FCA	Ordinary Shares	ordinary shares of 1p each in the capital of the Company
London Stock Exchange	London Stock Exchange plc	Pricing Formula	the formula applied in calculating the number of FWT Shares to be issued to
Loyalty Discount	the discount of 0.5% applicable to Applications received from an existing shareholder in any of the Foresight VCTs		each Applicant as set out on page 56 of this document

### **PART NINE:**

### **DEFINITIONS** CONTINUED

Promoter	Foresight Group Promoter LLP, a limited liability partnership registered	Securities Note	this document
	in England and Wales with registered number OC421343 which is an appointed representative of Foresight Group LLP with FCA reference number 806061	Share Class Merger	the merger of the Ordinary Shares with the Old C Shares and Old D Shares that was completed on 29 June 2018 by way of the re-designation of the Old C Shares and Old D Shares as Ordinary Shares with a conversion ratio of
Prospectus	together this Securities Note, the Registration Document and the		0.9057 and 0.9917 respectively
	Summary	Shareholder	a holder of Shares in the Company
Prospectus Regulation	Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 as it forms part of domestic UK law pursuant to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act	Shares	FWT Shares and/or Ordinary Shares as the context dictates
	2018	Summary	the summary issued by the Company dated 10 January 2023 in connection
Qualifying Company	an unquoted (including an AIM-listed) company which satisfies the		with the Offer
	requirements of Part 4 of Chapter 6 of the Tax Act	Tax Act	the Income Tax Act 2007 (as amended)
Qualifying	shares in, or securities of, a Qualifying	UK	the United Kingdom
Investments	Company held by a venture capital trust which meets the requirements described in Parts 3 and 4 of Chapter 6 of the Tax Act	VCT Rules	the legislation, rules and HMRC interpretation and practice regulating the establishment and operation of venture capital trusts
Receiving Agent	Woodside Corporate Services Limited (registered number 06171085)	VCT Value	the value of an investment calculated in accordance with Section 278 of the Tax Act
Registrar	Computershare Investor Services plc (registered number 03498808)	Venture Capital	a venture capital trust as defined in Section 259 of the Tax Act
Registration Document	the registration document issued by the Company dated 10 January 2023		
Document	in connection with the Offer	WAE	WAE Technologies Limited



# PART TEN: APPLICATIONS FOR FWT SHARES

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF APPLICATION

- 1. The contract created by the acceptance of Applications in the manner herein set out will be conditional upon the Admission of the FWT Shares to the Official List of the FCA and to trading on the London Stock Exchange's market for listed securities unless otherwise so resolved by the Board. If any Application is not accepted or if any Application is accepted for a lesser sum than that remitted, or if there is a surplus of funds from the Application amount, the Application monies or the balance of the amount paid on Application will be returned without interest to the account from which it was received or by post at the risk of the applicant (save where the amount is less than £1, in which case you authorise such amount to be paid to the Receiving Agent and used for its own purposes). In the meantime, Application monies will be retained by the Receiving Agent in a separate client account.
- 2. The Company reserves the right to present all cheques and banker's drafts for payment on receipt and to retain documents of title and surplus Application monies pending clearance of the successful applicants' cheques and banker's drafts. The Company may treat Applications as valid and binding even if not made in all respects in accordance with the prescribed instructions and the Company may, at its discretion, accept an Application in respect of which payment is not received by the closing date of the Offer.
- 3. By completing and delivering an Application Form, you (as the Applicant) acknowledge that your Application is addressed to the Company, the Promoter and the Receiving Agent for the purposes of acceptance of these terms and conditions, and further you (as the Applicant):
  - (a) irrevocably offer to subscribe for the amount of money specified in your Application Form which will be applied to purchase FWT Shares, subject to the provisions of (i) the Prospectus, (ii) these Terms and Conditions and (iii) the Memorandum and Articles; and (iv) any document mentioned in paragraph (h) below;
  - (b) authorise the Company's Registrars to send definitive documents of title for the number of FWT Shares for which your Application is accepted and to procure that your name is placed on the registers of members of the Company in respect of such FWT Shares and authorise the Receiving Agent to send you any monies returnable from the account from which it was receive or by way of a crossed cheque by post to your address as set out in your Application Form;

- (c) in consideration of the Company agreeing that it will not, prior to the closing date of the Offer, offer any FWT Shares to any persons other than by means of the procedures set out or referred to in the Prospectus, agree that your Application may not be revoked until the closing date of the Offer, and that this paragraph constitutes a collateral contract between you and the Company which will become binding upon despatch by post or delivery by hand of your Application Form duly completed to the Receiving Agent;
- (d) understand that your cheque or banker's draft will be presented for payment on receipt, and agree and warrant that it will be honoured on first presentation and agree that, if it is not so honoured, you will not be entitled to receive certificates for the FWT Shares applied for or to enjoy or receive any rights or Distributions in respect of such FWT Shares unless and until you make payment in cleared funds for such FWT Shares and such payment is accepted by the Company (which acceptance shall be in its absolute discretion and may be on the basis that you indemnify it against all costs, damages, losses, expenses and liabilities arising out of or in connection with the failure of your remittance to be honoured on first presentation) and that at any time prior to unconditional acceptance by the Company of such late payment in respect of such FWT Shares, the Company may (without prejudice to their other rights) treat the agreement to allot such FWT Shares as void and may allot such FWT Shares to some other person in which case you will not be entitled to any refund or payment in respect of such FWT Shares (other than return of such late payment);
- (e) agree that any Application monies for FWT Shares, together with other monies received from other Applicants for FWT Shares, will be held by the Receiving Agent in a client account for the purposes of either (a) the payment in respect of FWT Shares for which your Application is accepted and FWT Shares are allotted (which may not take place until several weeks after cleared funds have been received) and/or (b) the return to you in circumstances where such payment as referred to in (a) are not made. In all circumstances, you acknowledge that interest earned on such monies will be paid to the Receiving Agent and used for its own purposes;
- (f) agree that any monies refundable to you may be retained by the Receiving Agent, as may be applicable, pending clearance of your remittance and any verification of identity which is, or which the Company and/or the Receiving Agent may consider to be, required for the purposes of the Money Laundering Regulations and that such monies will be paid without interest;

- (g) agree that all Applications, acceptances of Applications, instructions to facilitate initial adviser charges, payments of commission and contracts resulting therefrom will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, English law and that you submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts and agree that nothing shall limit the right of either Company to bring any action, suit or proceeding arising out of or in connection with any such Applications, acceptances of Applications and contracts in any other manner permitted by law or in any court of competent jurisdiction;
- (h) agree that, in respect of those FWT Shares for which your Application has been received and processed and not refused, acceptance of your Application shall be constituted by inclusion in an allotment of FWT Shares to you pursuant to the Offer.
- agree that, having had the opportunity to read the Prospectus and any supplementary prospectus issued by the Company and filed with the FCA, you shall be deemed to have had notice of all information and representations concerning the Company contained herein and in any announcement made by the Company on an appropriate Regulatory Information Service (whether or not so read);
- (j) agree that all documents in connection with the Offer and any returned monies will be sent at your risk and may be sent by post to you at your address as set out in the Application Form;
- (k) confirm that in making such Application you are not relying on any information or representation in relation to the Company other than those contained in the Prospectus and any supplementary prospectus filed with the FCA and you accordingly agree that no person responsible solely or jointly for this document and/or any supplementary prospectus or any part thereof or involved in the preparation thereof shall have any liability for any such information or representation;
- (I) confirm and warrant that the information provided on the Application Form is true and accurate and that any instructions thereon in relation to the facilitation of initial adviser charges are confirmed and that you irrevocably authorise the Company (as required) to make such payments from remitted funds;
- (m) confirm that you have reviewed the restrictions contained in this paragraph 3 and paragraph 4 below and warrant as provided therein;
- (n) warrant that you are not under the age of 18 years;
- (o) agree that these warranties are made, and the Application Form is addressed to the Company, the Promoter and the Receiving Agent;

- (p) agree to provide the Company, the Promoter and/or the Receiving Agent with any information which they may request in connection with your Application and/ or in order to comply with the Venture Capital Trust or other relevant legislation and/or the Money Laundering Regulations;
- (q) warrant that, in connection with your Application, you have observed the laws of all relevant territories, obtained any requisite governmental or other consents, complied with all requisite formalities and paid any issue, transfer or other taxes due in connection with your Application in any territory and that you have not taken any action which will or may result in the Company, the Receiving Agent or any Foresight Entity acting in breach of the regulatory or legal requirements of any territory in connection with the Offer or your Application;
- (r) confirm that you are not a US person as defined under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or a resident of Canada and that you are not applying for any FWT Shares with a view to their offer, sale, delivery to or for the benefit of any US person or a resident of Canada, and that you have reviewed the restrictions contained in paragraph 5 below and warrant compliance therewith:
- (s) agree that neither the Receiving Agent nor any Foresight Entity will regard you as its customer by virtue of you having made an Application for FWT Shares or by virtue of such Application being accepted;
- (t) declare that a loan has not been made to you or any associate, which would not have been made or not have been made on the same terms, but for you offering to subscribe for, or acquiring FWT Shares and that the FWT Shares are being acquired for bona fide commercial purposes and not as part of a scheme of arrangement the main purpose of which, or one of the main purposes of which, is the avoidance of tax:
- (u) warrant that, if you sign the Application Form on behalf of somebody else, you have due authority to do so on behalf of that other person, and such person will also be bound accordingly and will be deemed also to have given the confirmations, warranties, undertakings and authority contained herein and undertake to enclose your power of attorney or a copy thereof duly certified by a solicitor or bank with the Application Form; and
- (v) consent to the information provided on the Application Form being provided to the Registrars to process shareholding details and send notifications to you.

# PART TEN: APPLICATIONS FOR FWT SHARES

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF APPLICATION CONTINUED

- 4. No action has been or will be taken in any jurisdiction by, or on behalf of, the Company which would permit a public offer of FWT Shares in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required, other than the United Kingdom, nor has any such action been taken with respect to the possession or distribution of the Prospectus other than in the United Kingdom. No person receiving a copy of this document or any supplementary prospectus filed with the FCA or an Application Form in any territory other than the United Kingdom may treat the same as constituting an invitation or offer to him nor should he in any event use such Application Form unless, in the relevant territory, such an invitation or offer could lawfully be made to him or such Application Form could lawfully be used without contravention of any registration or other legal requirements. It is the responsibility of any person outside the United Kingdom wishing to make an application for FWT Shares to satisfy himself as to full observance of the laws of any relevant territory in connection therewith, including obtaining any requisite governmental or other consents, observing any other formalities required to be observed in such territory and paying any issue, transfer or other taxes required to be paid in such territory.
- 5. The FWT Shares have not been, and will not be, registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and may not be offered or sold in the United States. In addition, the Company has not been and will not be registered under the United States Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. Neither Foresight Group CI Limited nor Foresight Group LLP is, nor will be, registered under the United States Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended. No subscription will be accepted if it bears an address in the USA.
- 6. The basis of allocation will be determined by the Company (after consultation with BDO, the Promoter and the Receiving Agent) in its absolute discretion. It is intended that Applications will be accepted in the order in which they are received. The Offer will be closed on 22 December 2023 or as soon as full subscription is reached (unless closed earlier at the Board's discretion). The right is reserved, notwithstanding the basis so determined, to reject in whole or in part and/ or scale down any Application, in particular multiple and suspected multiple Applications which may otherwise be accepted, and to allot FWT Shares notwithstanding that the Offer is not fully subscribed.

- Application monies not accepted or if the Offer is withdrawn will be returned to the Applicant in full by means of a transfer back to the account from which it was received or by cheque, posted at the applicant's risk. The right is also reserved to treat as valid any Application not complying fully with these terms and conditions of Application or not in all respects complying with the application procedures set out in Part Ten. In particular, but without limitation, the Company (after consultation with BDO, the Promoter and the Receiving Agent) may accept Applications made otherwise than by completion of an Application Form where the Applicant has agreed in some other manner to apply in accordance with these terms and conditions. The Offer is not underwritten. The Offer will be suspended if at any time any of the Company are prohibited by statute or other regulations from issuing FWT Shares.
- 7. Save where the context requires otherwise, terms defined in the Prospectus and any supplementary prospectus filed with the FCA bear the same meaning when used in these terms and conditions of Application and in the Application Form.
- 8. Authorised financial intermediaries who, acting on behalf of their clients, return valid Application Forms (in each case bearing their stamp and FCA number) following the provision of restricted advice to their professional clients or in respect of execution-only transactions where they can demonstrate and confirm to the Company that their duty to act honestly, fairly and professionally in the best interest of the client is not impaired and that they provide an enhanced value service in accordance with COBS 2.3A.6 to 2.3A.9, will normally be paid 3% commission on the amount payable in respect of the FWT Shares allocated for each such Application Form. In addition, provided they continue to act for their client and the client continues to hold such FWT Shares, such intermediaries will be paid an annual trail commission of 0.5% of the net asset base value for each such FWT Share. For this purpose, "net asset base value" means the net assets attributable to the FWT Share in question as determined from the audited annual accounts of the Company as at the end of the preceding financial year. It is expected that annual trail commission will be paid 5 months after the year end of the Company in each year. The administration of annual trail commission will be managed on behalf of the Promoter by Foresight Group LLP which will maintain a register of intermediaries entitled to trail commission.

The Company and Foresight Group LLP shall be entitled to rely on a notification from a client that he has changed his adviser, in which case, the trail commission will cease to be payable to the original adviser and will be payable to the new adviser if one is appointed. No payment of trail commission shall be made to the extent that the cumulative trail commission would exceed 3% of the Offer price of each such FWT Share or in respect of any period commencing after the sixth anniversary of the closing date of the Offer. Financial intermediaries should keep a record of Application Forms submitted bearing their stamp to substantiate any claim for commission. The Promoter (or Foresight Group LLP on its behalf) will collate the Application Forms bearing the financial intermediaries' stamps and calculate the initial commission payable which will be paid within one month of the allotment.

- Financial intermediaries may agree to waive initial commission in respect of your application. If this is the case, the Pricing Formula will operate to increase your allocation by an amount equivalent to the amount of commission waived.
- 10. Where Application Forms are returned by you or on your behalf by an authorised financial intermediary and on which an adviser charge figure is specified, your agreement to this charge being validated by your completion of the relevant section of the Application Form, the Company will facilitate the payment of this adviser charge up to a maximum of 4.5% of your subscription amount. The amount of the agreed Adviser Charge will be facilitated by the Company through the application of the Pricing Formula and a payment made on your behalf to your intermediary and the number of FWT Shares which are issued to you will be commensurately reduced.
- 11. There has been no material disparity in the past year (from the date of this document), nor shall there be under the Offer in the effective cash cost of FWT Shares to members of the public as compared with the effective cash cost of FWT Shares to members of the Company's management (including its administrative and supervisory bodies) or their affiliates.
- 12. Where Application Forms are returned on your behalf by an authorised financial intermediary, the Promoter at its sole discretion will determine the Promoter's Fee applicable to your application for FWT Shares, subject to a maximum of 2.5% of the amount subscribed.
- 13. The Company may publish revised Application Forms from time to time. Applicants and financial intermediaries should, therefore, check when completing an Application Form that no subsequent version has been published or made available by the Company (which will be downloadable from www. foresightgroup.eu/retail-investors/vct/foresight-solartechnology-vct-plc).

- 14. The Company and Foresight Group LLP respect your privacy and are committed to protecting your personal information. If you would like to find out more about how the Company and Foresight Group LLP use and look after your personal information, please refer to their privacy notices, which can be found at https://www.foresightgroup.eu/privacy-policy/ and https://www.foresightgroup.eu/cookie-policy/.
  - The Receiving Agent respects your privacy and is committed to protecting your personal information. If you would like to find out more about how the Receiving Agent uses and looks after your personal information, please refer to its privacy notices, which is available on request from the Receiving Agent.
  - You have certain rights in relation to your personal information, including the right to receive a copy of the information that is held about you. For more details, please see the privacy notice referred to above.
- 15. Certain information may be shared with the Company's and/or Foresight Group's delegates, Foresight Entities, and/or the Registrars for the purposes of processing an Application Form and in relation to an investor's ongoing investment in the Company. Information may also be shared with regulatory bodies to the extent any of the above entities or the Receiving Agent are required, or consider obliged, to do so in accordance with any statute or regulation or if governmental, judicial and law enforcement bodies require.
- 16. You authorise the Company, Foresight Group LLP and their delegates to provide any information as provided by or to you in connection with your Application, and any information in relation to your ongoing investment in the Company, to your authorised financial intermediary detailed on your Application Form or other authorised financial intermediary notified to Foresight Group and/or the Company from time to time. You acknowledge that any such communication may be sent to your authorised financial intermediary prior to or, where requested, in place of, being sent to you in such form as may be agreed with your authorised financial intermediary. You also authorise the Company, Foresight Group LLP and its delegates to accept instructions relating to your investment in the Company and changes to your personal details as provided by such authorised financial intermediary (subject to such evidence and/or verification as the company, Foresight Group and/or their delegates may request).
- 17. The Company may, in its absolute discretion, make non-material amendments to these terms and conditions without giving notice to investors.

# PART TEN: APPLICATIONS FOR FWT SHARES

# LODGING OF APPLICATION FORMS AND DEALING ARRANGEMENTS

# Lodging of application forms and dealing arrangements

Completed Application Forms with the appropriate remittance must be posted or delivered by hand on a Business Day between 9.00am and 5.30pm to the Receiving Agent. Applications can also be submitted electronically to clientonboarding@foresightgroup.eu.

The Offer opens on 10 January 2023 and will close on 22 December 2023, or earlier at the discretion of the Directors. If you post your Application Form, you are recommended to use first class post and to allow at least two Business Days for delivery. In order that cleared funds are available for allotment prior to the 2022/2023 tax year end on 5 April 2023, Applicants submitting Applications with a cheque should allow seven working days for their funds to clear. It is expected that dealings in the FWT Shares will commence three Business Days following allotment and that share certificates will be despatched within ten business days of the allotment of the FWT Shares. Allotments will be announced on an appropriate Regulatory Information Service. Temporary documents of title will not be issued. Dealings prior to receipt of share certificates will be at the risk of applicants. A person so dealing must recognise the risk that an application may not have been accepted to the extent anticipated or at all. To the extent that any application is not accepted any excess payment will be returned without interest by returning the applicant's cheque or banker's draft or by sending a crossed cheque in favour of the applicant through the post, at the risk of the person entitled thereto.



# APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Before making any application to acquire FWT Shares you are strongly recommended to consult an independent financial adviser authorised under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000. To fill out the Application Form:

#### **SECTION 1**

Insert your full name and address in BLOCK CAPITALS. Individuals can only apply on their own behalf and in their own name. You must also give your own address, full postcode, date of birth and National Insurance Number. Telephone numbers will only be used in case of a query with regard to your application. Please tick the relevant box in this Section if you are an existing shareholder in one or more of the Foresight VCTs.

The Registrar will use your personal details on the Application Form to identify whether you are an existing Shareholder in the Company, and, where identifiable, add your new Offer Shares to your existing holding account designation. Please tick the relevant box in this Section if you are an existing shareholder in one or more of the Foresight VCTs. If you are a beneficial shareholder you may be asked for additional supporting information to qualify for the Existing Foresight Shareholder Loyalty Discount (which shall be applied at the discretion of the Promoter).

#### **SECTION 2**

If you wish to hold your FWT Shares through a nominee or in CREST, please complete the relevant details in section 2. Please note that if the details are not accurate and/or cannot be verified, Offer Shares will be issued in your name in certificated form.

Please ensure that you validate the CREST Participant ID and CREST Member ID with your nominee and provide the nominee contact details.

#### **SECTION 3**

Insert (in figures) the total amount you wish to invest. Your application must be for a minimum of £3,000 and thereafter in multiples of £1,000. You can also specify in Section 3 how you would like your subscription monies split between tax years 2022/23 and 2023/24, allowing for more efficient tax planning.

If you are paying by cheque please make it payable to "WCSL FWT Shares Client Acc". Cheques must be honoured on first presentation. A separate cheque must accompany each application. No receipt for your payment will be issued. The cheque or banker's draft must be drawn in sterling on an account at a bank branch or building society in the United Kingdom and bear a bank sort code number in the top right hand corner. You may, if you wish, use a personal cheque drawn by someone else, in which case your full name and address should be written on the back of the other person's cheque. Additionally, if you use a building society cheque or banker's draft, you should write the name, address and date of birth of the person named in Section 1 of the Application Form on the back of the cheque or banker's draft. You may pay by direct transfer. For details please see page 79. Cheques and transfers from corporate accounts are not permitted. Any monies not accepted will be returned by the applicant's cheque or banker's draft or by sending a cheque crossed "Account Payee Only" in favour of the applicant. Please tick the box to confirm that the cheque/transfer is being made from a bank account in your own name. If this is not the case, please tick the box and state where/who the monies are being sent from and the connection to you.

#### **SECTION 4**

The Company would like to communicate with you electronically in respect of your shareholding in the Company. This means that you will receive notification by email (where you have provided an email address) that information and/or documents published by the Company are available on the Company's website. If no email address is provided, then the Company will make notifications by way of letter. This will apply unless you elect to receive hard copy documents via post.

If you have requested that your FWT Shares be issued directly to a nominee, please tick the box if you would like to receive notification by electronic communications when the Company publishes documents on the website.

#### **SECTION 5**

Please complete this section with your bank details for future dividends to be paid into your nominated bank account. Please note, the Company only pays dividends by way of bank transfers.

#### **SECTION 6**

Please confirm in section 6, by ticking the relevant box, whether your application is direct or through a financial intermediary, and, if the latter, whether you have agreed an adviser charge with that intermediary.

#### **SECTION 7**

If you have an authorised financial intermediary who you have agreed a fee with and you would like the payment of that agreed fee to be facilitated through your subscription for FWT Shares, please specify in Section 7 the amount of the initial adviser fee agreed between you in relation to this product up to a maximum of 4.5% of the amount subscribed. Charges may be described in pounds or as a percentage of funds invested, as agreed between you and your intermediary.

Charges may be described in pounds or as a percentage of funds invested, as agreed between you and your intermediary. Any adviser charge in excess of the maximum amount will need to be settled directly to your adviser. For the avoidance of doubt, any adviser charge payable to a financial intermediary in connection with an Application for Offer Shares will be expressed, for the purposes of calculating a bespoke issue price to an investor under the Pricing Formula, as a percentage of the investment amount. This will however not affect the amount of commission payable to a financial intermediary. Ongoing adviser charges will need to be settled directly by the investor.

#### **SECTION 8**

Sign and date the form. If the form is signed on your behalf by an attorney or other agent, that person should state on the form the capacity in which they are signing and the original power(s) of attorney or a copy thereof duly certified by a solicitor must be enclosed for inspection and will be returned in due course.

#### **SECTION 9 - 13**

THESE SECTIONS ARE TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR AUTHORISED FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARY

#### Money Laundering Notice - Important

The identity of the Applicant and, if a cheque is drawn or the transfer is being made by a third party, the identity of that third party will need to be verified. The personal information that you provide on the Application Form will be used to verify your, or third party account holder's, identity with a third party agency. In some circumstances you may also be required to provide the following documents before your Application is accepted.

- a certified copy of either the passport or the driving licence of the applicant (and cheque payer if different); and
- an original bank or building society statement or utility bill (no more than three months old), or recent tax bill, in the name of the applicant (and cheque payer if different).

Copies should be certified by your financial adviser, a solicitor or bank. Original documents will be returned by post at your risk.

Please send the entire Application Form and a cheque made payable to 'WCSL FWT SHARES CLIENT ACC' (unless you have made the payment by electronic bank transfer) by post to the Receiving Agent using the following address:

# BY POST

FWT Shares Offer Woodside Corporate Services Limited 4th Floor 50 Mark Lane London EC3R 7QR

# BANK TRANSFERS

Sort code: 80-20-00 A/c no: 10375564 A/c Name: WCSL FWT SHARES CLIENT ACC

Bank: Bank of Scotland

BIC/IBAN: GB39 BOFS 8020 0010 3755 64

Please reference bank transfers with your surname, initials and postcode (if space permits). This will help us identify your transfer easily.

# **CORPORATE INFORMATION**

### **Directors (Non-executive)**

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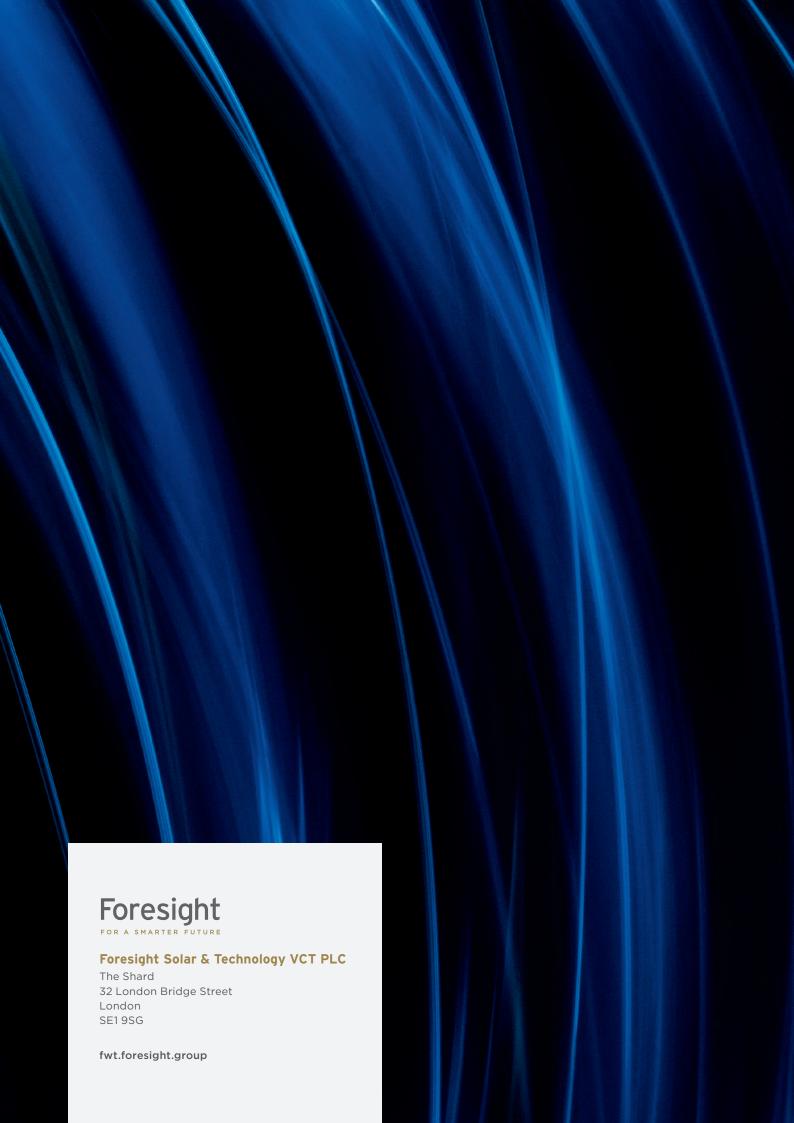
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This document is a registration document (the "Registration Document") issued by Foresight Solar & Technology VCT plc (the "Company") dated 10 January 2023 and has been prepared in compliance with Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 as it forms part of domestic UK law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (the "Prospectus Regulation").

The Company has also published additional information in a securities note (the "Securities Note") and a separate summary (the "Summary") written in non-technical language briefly setting out the essential characteristics and risks associated with the Company and the FWT Shares of 1p each in the capital of the Company (the "FWT Shares") which are being offered for subscription and which, together with this Registration Document, comprise a prospectus (the "Prospectus") and you are advised to read the Prospectus in full.

The Prospectus has been approved by the Financial Conduct Authority (the "FCA"), as competent authority under the Prospectus Regulation. The FCA only approves the Prospectus as meeting the standards of completeness, comprehensibility and consistency imposed by the Prospectus Regulation and such approval should not be considered as an endorsement of the Company or the quality of the securities that are the subject of the Prospectus. Investors should make their own assessment as to the suitability of investing in the securities.

### Offer for Subscription by

# Foresight Solar & Technology VCT plc

Registered in England and Wales under company number 07289280

to raise up to £15 million (with an over-allotment facility to raise up to a further £10 million) by way of issues of FWT Shares of 1p each in the capital of the Company

The Company and the Directors (whose names are set out on page 6) accept responsibility for the information contained in this Registration Document. To the best of the knowledge of the Company and the Directors, this Registration Document is in accordance with the facts and makes no omission likely to affect its import.

In connection with the Prospectus, BDO LLP ("BDO") is acting as sponsor to the Company and for no-one else and (subject to the responsibilities and liabilities imposed by FSMA and the regulatory regime established thereunder) will not be responsible to anyone other than the Company for providing the protections afforded to customers of BDO nor for providing advice in relation to the Offer. BDO is authorised and regulated in the UK by the FCA with firm reference number 229378.

In connection with the Prospectus, Foresight Group Promoter LLP (the "Promoter"), which is an appointed representative of Foresight Group LLP and is registered with the FCA with firm reference 198020, is acting for the Company as the promoter of the Offer and no-one else and (subject to the responsibilities and liabilities imposed by FSMA and the regulatory regime established thereunder) will not be responsible to anyone other than the Company in relation to the Offer. The Promoter is an appointed representative of Foresight Group LLP registered with the FCA with firm reference number 806061.

Copies of this Registration Document, the Securities Note and the Summary are available (and any supplementary prospectus published by the Company will be available) free of charge from the Foresight website at <a href="https://www.foresightgroup.eu/products/foresight-solar-and-technology-vct-plc-fwt-shares">www.foresightgroup.eu/products/foresight-solar-and-technology-vct-plc-fwt-shares</a>.

Your attention is drawn to the Risk Factors on pages 3 to 5. An investment in the Company is only suitable for investors who are capable of evaluating the risks and merits of such investment and who have sufficient resources to bear any loss that might result from such investment.

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#### **RISK FACTORS**

Although the tax benefits available to investors in FWT Shares are significant, there are a number of risks which investors should consider carefully in addition to the other information presented in the Prospectus as a whole. The risks related specifically to the FWT Shares, as opposed to the Company more generally, are set out in the Securities Note.

If any of the risks described below were to occur, it could have a material effect on the Company's business, financial condition or results of operations. The risks and uncertainties described below are not the only ones the Company, the Board or investors in the Company will face. Additional risks not currently known to the Company or the Board, or that the Company or the Board currently believe are not material, may also adversely affect the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations. The value of Shares could decline due to any of these risk factors, and investors could lose part or all of their investment. Investors who are in doubt should consult their independent financial adviser. The attention of prospective investors is drawn to the following risks.

# General unquoted investment risk factors

- The net asset value of the FWT Shares and the return received by investors will be dependent on the values and performance of the underlying investments in the FWT Shares fund portfolio. The value of the investments and income derived from them can rise and fall and an investor may not receive back the full amount invested. It should be noted that the Company has particular exposure to the technology sector which has seen significant falling valuations during 2022. While this can afford opportunities for investors such as the Company to make new investments at attractive valuations, there is also the risk that, in the event this trend continues, the Company's own portfolio may fall in value.
- The past performance of investments made by the Company or other funds managed or advised by Foresight Entities should not be regarded as a reliable indication of the performance of investments to be made by the Company.
- Although the Company may receive conventional venture capital rights in connection with its investments, as a minority investor it will not be in a position fully to protect its interests.
- Investment in smaller and unquoted companies is likely to involve a higher degree of risk than investment in larger
  companies and those traded on the main market of the London Stock Exchange. Smaller companies generally may
  have limited product lines, markets or financial resources and may be more dependent on their management or key
  individuals than larger companies. Markets for smaller companies may not be regulated and are often less liquid,
  and this may cause difficulties in valuing and disposing of equity investments in such companies.
- Investments made by the Company will be in companies which have a higher risk profile than larger "blue chip" companies and whose securities are not readily marketable and therefore may be difficult to realise.
- Realisation of investments in unquoted companies can be difficult and may take considerable time. There may also
  be constraints imposed on the realisation of investments in order to maintain the VCT status of the companies which
  may restrict the Company's ability to obtain maximum value from its investments or to achieve the intended timing
  of distributions.
- Although the Company's Shares will be listed, it is unlikely that a liquid market for these Shares will develop as the initial VCT income tax relief is only available to those subscribing for new shares and there may never be two competitive market makers. It may, therefore, prove difficult for Shareholders to sell their Shares. In addition, there is no guarantee that the market price of the Shares will fully reflect their underlying net asset value or the ability to buy and sell at that price. It should be noted that shares held in VCTs usually trade at a discount to the VCT's net asset value.

# VCT and taxation risk factors

Changes to the VCT Rules in respect of investments made on or after 15 March 2018 have meant that VCTs may only
invest in companies which pass a "risk to capital" gateway test requiring the Investee Company to have long term
growth and development objectives and for the investment to carry a significant risk that invested capital will be
lost over and above the net return to the Company irrespective of whether the return takes the form of income,
capital growth, fees, other payments or anything else. This new test inherently increases the risk profile of companies

in which the Company can invest going forward and stands in contrast to those in which the Company has historically invested, many of which may not have passed this gateway test due to their ownership of significant assets or their enjoyment of secured income streams.

- The VCT Rules also prohibit the making of secured loans by VCTs. Any loan capital held by the Company will therefore be unsecured and will rank behind secured creditors of the Investee Company in question. As loan capital investments by a VCT are separately restricted to a maximum of 30% of any new investment, and Investee Companies which meet the above noted "risk to capital" test tend not to be able to provide significant assets against which to secure loans in any case, the Board does not consider that this restriction materially increases the risk profile of investments made by the Company.
- Venture capital trusts are now required to invest 30% of new funds raised within 12 months of the end of the accounting period in which they were raised. While the Company and the Manager believe this investment time horizon is achievable based on the Manager's existing pipeline of investment opportunities without impacting the quality of potential investments, this added pressure on the Company to complete investments in a timely fashion could result in the less attractive investments being prioritized in order to meet the statutory requirement.
- The Finance (No.2) Act 2015 introduced changes to the VCT Rules which have placed greater restrictions on the range of investments into which the Company can deploy funds. As a result, the Company is required to invest in businesses which are less than seven years old (less than 10 years for 'knowledge intensive' companies) and VCT funds cannot be used to finance acquisitions by Investee Companies. The penalty for breaching these new rules is the loss of VCT status, so the Company and its investors may face a higher risk of the loss of tax benefits than under the previous rules. Qualifying Investee Companies are also now subject to a lifetime risk finance investment limit of £12 million (£20 million for 'knowledge intensive' companies), which may restrict the Company's ability to make follow on investments.
- The Finance Act 2014 amended the VCT Rules, such that VCT status will be withdrawn if, in respect of shares issued on or after 6 April 2014, a dividend is paid (or other forms of distribution or payments are made to investors) from the capital received by the VCT from that issue within three years of the end of the accounting period in which shares were issued to investors. This may reduce the amount of distributable reserves available to the Company to fund dividends and share buybacks.
- The information, including tax rules, contained in this document is based on existing legislation. The tax rules or their interpretation in relation to an investment in the Company and/or the rates of tax, or other statutory provisions to which the Company is subject, may change during the life of the Company and such changes could be retrospective.
- While it is the intention of the Directors that the Company will be managed so as to continue to qualify as a Venture Capital Trust, there can be no guarantee that this status will be maintained. A failure to meet the qualifying requirements could result in the loss of tax reliefs previously obtained, resulting in adverse tax consequences for investors, including a requirement to repay the income tax relief obtained, and could also cause the Company to lose its exemption from corporation tax on capital gains.
- Pursuant to a 'sunset' clause agreed to by the UK government in order to secure State aid approval for the VCT and EIS schemes from the EU, VCT tax reliefs will only be available for shares issued before 6 April 2025 as things currently stand. While the recent Autumn Statement confirmed the current Government's continuing support for the VCT and EIS schemes, the outcome of any further government deliberations as whether to repeal, amend or renew the scheme is inherently uncertain and if the scheme is not renewed, or renewed on unfavourable terms, this could impact the Company's ability to raise funds in the future and accordingly its ability to make follow on investments into portfolio companies may be severely restricted.

#### **Risks relating to Investee Companies**

• Investee Companies of the FWT Share class will be of a higher-risk profile from those in which the Company has historically invested and which are currently held in the fully invested Ordinary Shares fund. In accordance with a refocusing of the VCT rules to encourage investment in higher risk, asset-poor, knowledge-intensive companies, the FWT Shares may not be suitable for all investors, including some existing investors in the Ordinary Shares.

- Investee Companies will be small, unquoted companies which have a higher risk profile than larger "blue chip" companies. Realisation of investments in unquoted companies can be difficult and may take considerable time. Proper information for determining their value or the risks to which they are exposed may also not be available. Investment in such companies by its nature is illiquid and uncertain and consequently involves a higher degree of risk than investment into quoted shares.
- Economic and global political uncertainty has led to an on-going recession in the UK stemming from unprecedented energy prices, the continuing impact of Brexit, the COVID-19 pandemic and, most recently, the war in Ukraine. These macro-economic factors continue to present significant challenges and are adversely affecting, and will continue to adversely affect, the performance of companies in which the Company has invested or may invest, which in turn may adversely affect the performance of the Company. This may also negatively impact the number or quality of investment opportunities available to the Company. It is possible that currently unknown and unanticipated events, either domestic or international, may occur and have a negative effect on economic activity and adversely affect the future viability of the Company and/or the performance of companies in which the Company has invested or may invest which in turn may adversely affect the performance of the Company.
- On 4 January 2022, the National Security and Investment Act 2021 ("NSI Act") came into force. Pursuant to the NSI Act, the Government has taken wide ranging powers to force the disclosure of, to call-in for review and to make orders to block or reverse investments in, or acquisitions of, entities or assets of specified descriptions, of which it becomes aware and which it reasonably suspects may give rise to a risk to national security. The new legislation is widely drafted and includes in its list of sensitive areas of the economy to which the NSI Act may apply: advanced materials, advanced robotics and artificial intelligence all areas of focus for the FWT Shares class. Consideration of the application of this legislation going forward in respect of investments made by the Company, and attendant additional delays and costs, may slow the Company's deployment programme and impact or prevent certain investments which might otherwise have been completed in a timely fashion. Certain investments which are ruled to require Government approval under the NSI Act but do not receive it may not go ahead and where the Government rules that the correct approval process was not followed, transactions may also be voided after the fact. The confluence of any of these factors may negatively impact the Company's portfolio and ultimately its performance and returns to Shareholders.

#### Fund related risk factors

- If the Company lacks sufficient cash reserves to support its buyback policy, and during Prohibited Periods when the Company is unable to purchase its own shares, the market price of such Shares may not fully reflect, and will tend to be at a discount to, their underlying net asset value. Such a discount may be exacerbated by the availability of income tax relief on the issue of new VCT shares.
- Although the FWT Share class is managed and accounted for separately from the Ordinary Shares, a number of
  company regulations and VCT requirements are assessed at company level and, therefore, the performance of one
  fund may impact adversely on the other fund and restrict the ability to make distributions, realise investments
  and/or meet requirements to maintain VCT status.
- Where more than one Foresight Fund wishes to participate in an investment opportunity, allocations will generally be made in proportion to the cash available for each such fund, other than where investments are proposed to be made in a company where one or more Foresight Funds has a pre-existing investment where the incumbent investor will have priority. Where an investment has been sourced from or introduced by WAE, the FWT EIS Fund and the FWT Share class will always have priority over any other Foresight Fund. Implementation of this policy will also be subject to the availability of monies in each Foresight Fund to make the investment and other portfolio considerations such as portfolio diversity and regulatory or legislative requirements with respect to the Company's portfolio of Qualifying Companies. This might mean that the FWT Share class could receive a greater or lesser allocation, for instance when co-investing with the FWT EIS Fund, than would otherwise be the case.

#### **CORPORATE INFORMATION**

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#### **DEFINITIONS**

The following definitions apply throughout this document unless the context otherwise requires:

**2020 Offer** the second offering by the Company of FWT Shares to the public made pursuant

to a prospectus dated 30 December 2020

**2022 Offer** the third offering by the Company of FWT Shares to the public made pursuant

to a prospectus dated 5 January 2022

Admission the date on which FWT Shares allotted pursuant to the Offer are listed on the

Official List of the FCA and admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's

market for listed securities

AIM the Alternative Investment Market

Articles the current articles of association of the Company (as amended from time to

time)

**BDO** BDO LLP, the Company's sponsor, which is authorised and regulated by the FCA

with firm reference number 229378

**Board** or **Directors** the board of directors of the Company

Business Days any day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which clearing banks are open for

normal banking business in sterling

CA 2006 or the Act the Companies Act 2006 (as amended)

Closing Date 3 April 2023 (12 noon) in respect of the tax year 2022/2023 and 22 December

2023 in respect of the tax year 2023/2024, or as soon as full subscription is

reached (unless closed earlier at the Board's discretion)

Company Foresight Solar & Technology VCT plc (company number 07289280)

Companies Acts the Companies Act 1985 and CA 2006

**Deferred Shares** means the separate class of shares of 1p each in the capital of the Company

entitled "Deferred Shares" which have the rights and are subject to the

restrictions attributed to Deferred Shares in the Articles

**Distributions** amounts paid by way of dividends, tender offers, share buy-backs, proceeds on

a sale or liquidation of the Company and any other proceeds or value received, or deemed to be received, by Shareholders in the Company in respect of Shares,

excluding any income tax relief on subscription

Eligible Shares in relation to a company which is a Qualifying Company, means shares which

may carry a non-cumulative and non-discretionary preferential right to dividends but not to the assets of the company on its winding up, and which may

carry no present or future right to be redeemed

FCA the Financial Conduct Authority

Foresight references to "Foresight" in this document refer to the Manager, the Investment

Adviser and the historical activities of Foresight Group more generally

Foresight Entities Foresight Group CI Limited and/or Foresight Group LLP and/or the Promoter (as

the context dictates) (and each a "Foresight Entity")

Foresight Funds funds managed or advised by a Foresight Entity

Foresight Group a collective term for all of the entities owned by Foresight Group Holdings

Limited, Foresight Group CI Limited and/or Foresight Group LLP, indirectly and

indirectly

Foresight Group LLP Foresight Group LLP, a limited liability partnership registered in England and

Wales with registered number OC300878 which is authorised and regulated by

the FCA with reference number 198020

FSMA the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (as amended)

FWT Shares or Offer

**Shares** 

the FWT shares of 1p each in the capital of the Company proposed to be issued

pursuant to the Prospectus

**FWT Share class** the aggregate of the capital raised by subscriptions for FWT Shares issued by the

Company, all income and assets derived therefrom and all expenses and

liabilities attributable thereto

**Group** the Company and its subsidiaries from time to time

**Inside Information** as defined in section 118C of FSMA

**Investee Companies** companies in which the Company makes an investment (and each an Investee

Company)

Investment Adviser Foresight Group CI Limited, a Guernsey company with registered number 51471,

licensed by the Guernsey Financial Services Commission with reference number

2006518

**Investment Manager or** 

Manager

Foresight Group LLP, a limited liability partnership registered in England and Wales with registration number OC300878 and which is authorised and

regulated in the UK by the FCA with firm reference number 198020

**Listing Rules** the listing rules of the FCA

London Stock Exchange London Stock Exchange plc

Memorandum the memorandum of association of the Company

NAV or Net Asset Value the net asset value attributable to the FWT Shares calculated in accordance with

the Company's normal accounting policies in force at the date of calculation

Offer or FWT Share Offer the offer for subscription to raise in aggregate up to £15 million (with an over-

allotment facility for up to an additional £10 million) by issues of FWT Shares

by the Company pursuant to the Prospectus

Official List the official list of the FCA maintained in accordance with section 74(1) of FSMA

Old C Shares the C ordinary shares of 1p each in the capital of the Company, subsequently re-

designated as Ordinary Shares pursuant to the Share Class Merger

Old D Shares the D ordinary shares of 1p each in the capital of the Company, subsequently re-

designated as Ordinary Shares pursuant to the Share Class Merger

Ordinary Shares fund the aggregate of the capital raised by subscriptions for Ordinary Shares issued

by the Company (and for Old C Shares and Old D Shares converted into Ordinary Shares pursuant to the Share Class Merger), all income and assets derived

therefrom and all expenses and liabilities attributable thereto

**Ordinary Shares** ordinary shares of 1p each in the capital of the Company

**Promoter** Foresight Group Promoter LLP, a limited liability partnership registered in

England and Wales with registration number OC421343 which is an appointed representative of Foresight Group LLP with FCA reference number 806061

**Prospectus** together this Registration Document, the Securities Note and the Summary

Prospectus Regulation Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 as it forms part of domestic UK law pursuant to the

European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Qualifying Company an unquoted (including an AIM-listed) company which satisfies the

requirements of Part 4 of Chapter 6 of the Tax Act

Qualifying Investments shares in, or securities of, a Qualifying Company held by a venture capital trust

which meets the requirements described in Parts 3 and 4 of Chapter 6 of the Tax

Act

Receiving Agent Woodside Corporate Services Limited

**Registrar** Computershare Investor Services plc

Registration Document this document

Securities Note the securities note issued by the Company dated 10 January 2023 in connection

with the Offer

Share Class Merger the merger of the Ordinary Shares with the Old C Shares and Old D Shares that

was completed on 29 June 2018 by way of the re-designation of the Old C Shares and Old D Shares as Ordinary Shares with a conversion ratio of 0.9057 and

0.9917 respectively

**Shareholder** a holder of Shares in the Company

Shares FWT Shares and/or Ordinary Shares as the context dictates

**Summary** the summary issued by the Company dated 10 January 2023 in connection with

the Offer

Tax Act the Income Tax Act 2007 (as amended)

**UK** the United Kingdom

VCT Rules the legislation, rules and HMRC interpretation and practice regulating the

establishment and operation of venture capital trusts

VCT Value the value of an investment calculated in accordance with Section 278 of the Tax

Act

Venture Capital Trust or

**VCT** 

a venture capital trust as defined in Section 259 of the Tax Act

#### THE DIRECTORS AND FORESIGHT GROUP

As required by the Listing Rules, the Directors are independent of Foresight.

### (A) THE DIRECTORS

# 1. Directors of Foresight Solar & Technology VCT plc

#### Ernie Richardson (72) (Chairman)

Ernie Richardson has over 30 years' experience in the venture capital sector and was until 2009 chief executive of venture capital investment firm MTI. He is a graduate chemical engineer and Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants and has served as a member of the Council of the British Venture Capital Association and also served as Chair of the investment committee of the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts. He also has over 20 years' operational management experience gained within businesses including British Steel Chemicals Division and chemicals company Laporte Industries and is chairman of several smaller companies. He has also served as Financial Controller of the European Division of the Royal Bank of Canada.

#### Tim Dowlen (75)

A director of insurance broking companies from 1973 to 2016, Tim was most recently a divisional director of City-based Lloyd's broking firm Tasker & Partners where he was responsible for developing the retail insurance broking activities of the firm. Tim has specialized in the venture capital sector since starting his own insurance firm in 1974. He currently acts as a director and trustee of registered charity Woking Street Angels.

# Carol Thompson (60)

Carol has over 25 years' experience in governance and strategic financial management and has spent large parts of her career as a board member in technology and regulated businesses. She has held senior positions at Hellman & Friedman, a leading private equity investment firm, and JP Morgan. She has also held non-executive and advisory roles at a number of firms including Livingbridge, DWF and JP Morgan. Carol serves as a non-executive director and also chairs the Company's audit committee.

# 2. Current and Past Directorships

The Directors are currently or have been within the last 5 years, a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies or partners of the companies and partnerships mentioned below:

Ernie Richardson	Current	Past 5 Years
	The Company	Boundary Capital Partners LLP
	Zeti Limited	Thermentum Limited
		Thomas Swan Holdings Limited
		Thomas Swan & Co. Limited
		Eastwood Langley Limited
Tim Dowlen	Current	Past 5 Years
	The Company	-
	Woking Street Angels	
Carol Thompson	Current	Past 5 Years
	The Company	-
	AAA Rated Limited	
	Maintel Holdings plc	
	Quixant plc	

# (B) FORESIGHT GROUP CI LIMITED, FORESIGHT GROUP LLP AND FORESIGHT GROUP PROMOTER LLP

Foresight Group CI Limited is a private company registered in Guernsey with registered number 51471 and which was incorporated on 12 February 2010. Its registered office is Dorey Court, St Peter Port, Guernsey GY1 4EU and its legal entity identifier number is 213800DLIOEGME1LYV31. Foresight Group CI Limited is licensed by the Guernsey Financial Services Commission with reference number 2006518 to undertake controlled investment business as defined in The Protection of Investors (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law 1987. Foresight Group CI Limited is the investment adviser to the Company and to the Manager.

Foresight Group LLP is a limited liability partnership registered in England and Wales under number OC300878 pursuant to the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000 and was formed on 25 October 2001. Its registered office is The Shard, 32 London Bridge Street, London SE1 9SG and its legal identifier number is 213800WOK59EEP4B4Q11. Foresight Group LLP is authorised and regulated by the FCA to advise on investments, arrange deals in investments and to make arrangements with a view to transactions in investments. Foresight Group LLP provides investment management and administration services to the Company.

Foresight Group Promoter LLP is a limited liability partnership registered in England and Wales under number OC421343 pursuant to the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000 and was formed on 7 March 2018 (telephone number: 020 3667 8100, registered office: The Shard, 32 London Bridge Street, London SE1 9SG). Foresight Group Promoter LLP is an appointed representative of Foresight Group LLP with FCA reference number 806061. Foresight Group Promoter LLP is the promoter of the Offer.

#### **MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**

The Companies Act 2006 ("CA 2006") significantly reduced the constitutional significance of a company's memorandum, providing that a memorandum will record only the names of subscribers and the number of shares each subscriber agreed to take in the company.

The material provisions of the Articles are as detailed below.

#### (a) Share rights

#### i. Defined terms

"FWT Share Surplus" means the net assets of the Company attributable to the FWT Shares (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any income and/or revenue arising from or relating to such assets) less such proportion of the Company's liabilities including the fees and expenses of liquidation or return of capital (as the case may be) as the Directors or the liquidator (as the case may be) shall reasonably allocate to the assets of the Company attributable to the holders of FWT Shares;

"Manager" means the investment adviser or manager appointed by the Company from time to time;

"Ordinary Share Surplus" means the net assets of the Company attributable to the Ordinary Shares (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any income and/or revenue arising from or relating to such assets) less such proportion of the Company's liabilities including the fees and expenses of liquidation or return of capital (as the case may be) as the Directors or the liquidator (as the case may be) shall reasonably allocate to the assets of the Company attributable to the holders of Ordinary Shares; and

"Set Aside Fund" means the sum of £2 attributed to the Deferred Shares in order to create a set aside pool in which all holders of Deferred Shares in common will hold an interest corresponding to the proportionate value of their respective holdings of Deferred Shares which set aside pool shall be described as the 'Set Aside Fund' in accordance with a special resolution contained in a notice of general meeting of the Company dated 5 June 2018.

"Statutes" means the Act as amended and supplemented by the CA 2006 and every other statute for the time being in force affecting the Company.

#### ii. Deferred Shares

Subject to any special rights which are or may be attached to any other class of shares (i) 1% of the cumulative profits of the Company within and derived solely from the assets attributable to the Set Aside Fund which are available (if any) to be paid as a dividend amongst the holders of the Deferred Shares (but no other profits of the Company) and (ii) on a winding up or liquidation, voluntary or otherwise, the assets of the Company within and attributable to the Set Aside Fund shall belong, in each case, to the holders of the Deferred Shares and shall be divided amongst them in proportion to the amounts paid up or credited as paid up on the Deferred Shares held by them respectively.

The Deferred Shares may be repurchased by the Company for an aggregate purchase price of 1p at any time after the date falling five years from the date of their issue or the date of issue of any Share which has been converted into such a Deferred Shares and the Company shall not be obliged in any circumstances to account to any holder of Deferred Shares for such repurchase monies in respect of those Deferred Shares nor to issue shares certificates in respect of the Deferred Shares.

#### iii. Undertakings

The Company shall, without prejudice to its obligations under the Statutes (i) procure that the Company's records and bank accounts shall be operated so that the assets attributable to the holders of Ordinary Shares and FWT Shares can, at all times, be separately identified and, in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Company shall procure that a separate income and expenditure account (or if applicable, profit and loss account) balance sheet and cash flow account and such other separate accounts as may, in the opinion of the Directors, be desirable to ensure compliance by the Company with the provisions of section 259 of Part 6 of the Income Tax Act 2007 as amended, shall be created and maintained in the books of the Company for the assets attributable to the holders of Ordinary Shares and FWT Shares, (ii) allocate to the assets attributable to the holders of Ordinary Shares and FWT Shares such proportion of the expenses and liabilities of the Company incurred or accrued as the Directors fairly consider to be allocable to the Ordinary Shares and FWT Shares and (iii) give appropriate instructions to the Company's investment managers and advisers to manage the Company's assets so that such undertakings can be complied with by the Company.

# iv. Voting rights

The Ordinary Shares and the FWT Shares shall rank *pari passu* as to rights to attend and vote at any general meeting of the Company. The Deferred Shares shall carry no rights to attend and vote at any general meeting of the Company.

#### v. Dividends

The rights of the Company's members to receive dividends are as follows:

- i. the holders of Ordinary Shares shall be entitled to receive, in that capacity, any dividends paid out of the net income or capital derived from the assets attributable to the Ordinary Shares;
- ii. the holders of FWT Shares shall be entitled to receive, in that capacity, any dividends paid out of the net income or capital derived from the assets attributable to the FWT Shares; and
- iii. the holders of Deferred Shares shall not be entitled to receive, in that capacity, any dividends save as set out in (ii) above.

# vi. Distribution of assets on liquidation

The capital and assets of the Company (less any assets attributable to the Set Aside Fund) shall on a winding up or on a return of capital shall be applied as follows:

- i. the Ordinary Share Surplus shall be divided amongst the holders of the Ordinary Shares pro rata according to their holdings of Ordinary Shares; and
- ii. the FWT Surplus shall be divided amongst the holders of the FWT Shares pro rata according to their holdings of FWT Shares.

# vii. Class consents and variation of rights

The holders of Ordinary Shares, as a class, the holders of the FWT Shares, as a class, shall be required to approve any variation or derogation of the rights attaching to those Shares.

# (b) Issue and transfer of Shares

i. The Board has general and unconditional authority to exercise all the powers of the Company to allot relevant securities up to an aggregate nominal amount equal to the section 551 amount, for each prescribed period. The prescribed period means any period for which the authority conferred by the Articles is given by ordinary or special resolution stating the section 551 amount and/or the power conferred by the Articles is given by special resolution

stating the section 561 amount. The section 551 amount means, for any prescribed period, the amount stated in the relevant special resolution. Under the CA 2006, the section 561 amount means, for any prescribed period, the amount stated in the relevant special resolution. The authority so given may at any time (subject to the said section 551) be renewed or further renewed for a further period not exceeding five years, revoked or varied by ordinary resolution of the Company in general meeting.

- ii. The Board is empowered for each prescribed period to allot equity securities for cash pursuant to an authority conferred under the Articles as if section 561(1) of the CA 2006 did not apply to any such allotment provided that its power is limited to the allotment or deemed allotment of equity securities in connection with a preemptive issue and otherwise, the allotment of equity securities up to the section 561 amount.
- iii. Subject to such of the restrictions of the Companies Acts as may be applicable, any member may transfer all or any of his Shares by an instrument of transfer in writing in any usual form or in any other form approved by the Board. Such instruments shall be signed by or on behalf of the transferor and (except in the case of a fully paid share) the transferee.
- iv. The Board may decline to register any transfer unless the instrument of transfer, duly stamped, is lodged with the Company accompanied by the certificate for the Shares to which it relates together with such other evidence as the Board may reasonably require, and the transfer is in respect of only one class of share and, in the case of a transfer to joint holders, the number of joint holders does not exceed four.
- v. The Shares of the Company are in registered form. All transfers of Shares in certificated form may be effected by a transfer in writing in any usual form or any other form approved by the Board. The instrument of transfer of any such certificated Shares shall be executed by or on behalf of the transferor and, in the case of partly paid Shares, by or on behalf of the transferee. The Board may refuse to register any transfer of a partly paid Share, provided that such refusal does not prevent dealings taking place on an open and proper basis. The Board may also refuse to register the transfer of a certificated share unless the instrument of transfer: (a) is lodged, duly stamped (if stampable), at the office or at another place appointed by the Board accompanied by the certificate for the share to which it relates and such other evidence as the Board may reasonably require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer; (b) is in respect of only one class of shares; and (c) is in favour of not more than four transferees. The Board may refuse to register the transfer of an uncertified share in the circumstances set out in the uncertificated securities rules or in the event that the proposed transfer is in favour of more than four joint holders.

# (c) Directors

- i. Unless and until otherwise determined by ordinary resolution of the Company, the Directors of the Company (disregarding alternate Directors) shall be not more than seven nor less than three in number.
- ii. Subject to the Articles and to any directions given by special resolution, the business of the Company shall be managed by the Board which may exercise all the powers of the Company, including, without limitation, the power to dispose of all or any part of the undertaking of the Company.
- iii. The Board may authorise any matter which would otherwise involve a director breaching his duty under the Companies Acts to avoid conflicts of interest ("Conflict or Conflicts").
- iv. A director seeking authorisation in respect of a Conflict shall declare to the Board the nature and extent of his interest in a Conflict as soon as is reasonably practicable. The director shall provide the Board with such details of the relevant matter as is necessary for the Board to decide how to address the Conflict together with such additional information as may be requested by the Board. Any director (including the relevant director) may propose that the relevant director be authorised in relation to any matter the subject of a Conflict. Such proposal may be proposed to and resolved upon by the Board save that: the relevant director and any other director with a similar interest shall

not count towards the quorum nor vote on any resolution giving such authority; and the relevant director and any other director with a similar interest may, if the other members of the Board so decide, be excluded from any Board meeting while the Conflict is under consideration.

- v. Where the Board gives authority in relation to a Conflict: the Board may (whether at the time of giving the authority or subsequently): (A) require that the relevant director is excluded from the receipt of information, participation in discussion and/or the making of decisions (whether at meetings of the Board or otherwise) related to the Conflict; and (B) impose upon the relevant director such other terms for the purpose of dealing with the Conflict as it may determine; the relevant director will be obliged to conduct himself in accordance with any terms imposed by the Board in relation to the Conflict; the Board may provide that where the relevant director obtains (otherwise than through his position as a director of the Company) information that is confidential to a third party, the director will not be obliged to disclose that information to the Company, or to use or apply the information in relation to the Company's affairs, where to do so would amount to a breach of that confidence; the terms of the authority shall be recorded in writing (but the authority shall be effective whether or not the terms are so recorded); and the Board may revoke or vary such authority at any time but this will not affect anything done by the relevant director prior to such revocation in accordance with the terms of such authority.
- vi. Where a director is or becomes a director of one or more other venture capital trust(s) managed by the same manager appointed by the Company and seeks Board approval for his other office(s) and a general authorisation in respect of the Conflict which might arise, if the Board gives its approval and authority, the Board may not subsequently require that the relevant director is excluded from the receipt of information, participation in discussion and/or the making of decisions (whether at meetings of the Board or otherwise) related to such Conflicts, nor impose upon the relevant director other terms for the purpose of dealing with the Conflicts.
- vii. If a director is in any way directly or indirectly interested in a proposed contract with the Company or a contract that has been entered into by the Company, he must declare the nature and extent of that interest to the directors in accordance with the Companies Acts.

Provided he has declared his interest, a director may: be party to, or otherwise interested in, any contract with the Company or in which the Company has a direct or indirect interest; hold any other office or place of profit with the Company (except that of auditor) in conjunction with his office of director for such period and upon such terms, including as to remuneration, as the Board may decide; act by himself or through a firm with which he is associated in a professional capacity for the Company or any other company in which the Company may be interested (otherwise than as an auditor); be or become a director or other officer of, or employed by or otherwise be interested in any subsidiary company of the Company or any other company in which the Company may be interested; and be or become a director of any other company in which the Company does not have an interest and which cannot reasonably be regarded as giving rise to a Conflict at the time of his appointment as a director of that other company.

- viii.A director shall not, by reason of his office or of the fiduciary relationship thereby established, be liable to account to the Company for any remuneration, profit or other benefit: which he derives from any matter which involves a Conflict if that Conflict has been authorised by the Board; or realised by reason of his having any type of interest authorised or permitted and no contract shall be liable to be avoided on the grounds of a director having any type of interest authorised or permitted.
- ix. The ordinary remuneration of the directors who do not hold executive office for their services shall be such amount as the Board may from time to time determine and shall be divided among the non-executive directors in such proportion or manner as the Board may determine. The directors may be paid all travelling, hotel, and other expenses properly incurred by them in connection with their attendance at meetings of the Board or committees of the Board, general meetings or separate meetings of the holders of any class of shares or of debentures of the Company or otherwise in connection with the discharge of their duties.

- x. The Board may exercise all the powers of the Company to purchase and maintain insurance for or for the benefit of any person who is or was: a director, officer, or employee of the Company, or anybody which is or was the holding company or subsidiary undertaking of the Company, or in which the Company or such holding company or subsidiary undertaking has or had any interest (whether direct or indirect) or with which the Company or such holding company or subsidiary undertaking is or was in any way allied or associated; including without limitation insurance against any liability incurred by such person in respect of any act or omission in the actual or purported execution or discharge of his duties or in the exercise or purported exercise of his powers or otherwise in relation to his duties, powers or offices in relation to the relevant body or fund.
- xi. The Company may indemnify any director, officer or employee of the Company or of any associated company against any liability and may purchase and maintain for any director, officer or employee of the Company or of any associated company insurance against any liability. No director of the Company or of any associated company shall be accountable to the Company or the members for any such benefit and the receipt of any such benefit shall not disqualify any person from being or becoming a director of the Company.

### (d) Borrowing Powers

- i. The Board may exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow money, to guarantee, to indemnify, to mortgage or charge its undertaking, property, assets (present and future) and uncalled capital, and to issue debentures and other securities whether outright or as collateral security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company or of any third party.
- ii. The Board shall restrict the borrowings of the Company and exercise all voting and other rights or powers of control exercisable by the Company in relation to its subsidiary undertakings (if any) so as to secure (but as regards subsidiary undertakings, only so far as by the exercise of such rights or powers of control the Board can secure) that, save with the previous sanction of an ordinary resolution and subject as provided below, no money shall be borrowed if the principal amount outstanding of all borrowings by the Company and its subsidiary undertakings (if any), then exceeds, or would as a result of such borrowing exceed, a principal amount equal to the aggregate of the share capital and consolidated reserves of the Company and each of its subsidiary undertakings as shown in the audited consolidated balance sheet provided that prior to their publication such aggregate principal amount shall be limited to 90% of the amount paid up or credited as paid up (whether in respect of nominal value or premium) on the allotted or issued share capital of the Company.

# (e) Dividends

i. The members of the Company may declare a final dividend in accordance with the respective rights of the members by passing an ordinary resolution at a general meeting of the Company. No such dividend may exceed the amount recommended by the directors.

The directors may at any time and in accordance with the Companies Acts:

- a. recommend to the shareholders that a final dividend be declared and recommend the amount of any such dividend; and
- b. pay a distribution by way of an interim dividend out of the profits of the Company.

However, no such recommendation shall be made or interim dividend paid unless it appears to the directors to be justified by the position of the Company in accordance with the respective rights of the members.

ii. The Company shall be entitled to cease sending dividend warrants and cheques by post or otherwise to a member

if those instruments have been returned undelivered to, or left uncashed by, that member on at least two consecutive occasions, or, following one such occasion, reasonable enquiries have failed to establish the member's new address. Any dividend which has remained unclaimed for 12 years from the date when it became due for payment shall, if the Board so resolves and directs, be paid by the Company into an account separate from the Company's own account where it will be held on trust for and from time to time donated to such charitable causes as the Board may, in its absolute discretion, determine having regard, in particular, to the duties of directors under section 172(1) of the CA 2006. Alternatively, the Board may resolve that any dividend which has remained unclaimed for 12 years from the date when it became due for payment may be forfeited, shall cease to remain due for payment by the Company and shall constitute a windfall appropriated for the benefit of the Company

#### (f) Distribution of Realised Capital Profits

At any time when the Company has given notice in the prescribed form (which has not been revoked) to the Registrar of Companies of its intention to carry on business as an investment company under section 833 of the CA 2006 (a "Relevant Period") distribution of the Company's capital profits shall be prohibited otherwise than by way of the redemption or purchase of any of the Company's own shares in accordance with Chapter 3 or 4 of Part 18 of the CA 2006. The directors shall establish a reserve to be called the capital reserve. During a Relevant Period, all surpluses arising from the realisation or revaluation of investments and all other monies realised on or derived from the realisation, payment off of or other dealing with any capital asset in excess of the book value thereof and all other monies which are considered by the directors to be in the nature of accretion to capital shall be credited to the capital reserve. Subject to the provisions of the CA 2006, the directors may determine whether any amount received by the Company is to be dealt with as income or capital or partly one way and partly the other. During a Relevant Period, any loss realised on the realisation or payment off of or other dealing with any investments or other capital assets and, subject to the provisions of the CA 2006, any expenses, loss, liability (or provision therefor) which the directors consider to relate to a capital item or which the directors otherwise consider appropriate to be debited to the capital reserve, shall be carried to the debit of the capital reserve.

During a Relevant Period, all sums carried and standing to the credit of the capital reserve may be applied for any of the purposes for which sums standing to the credit of any revenue reserves are applicable except and provided that notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, during a Relevant Period no part of the capital reserve or any other money in the nature of accretion to capital shall be transferred to the revenue reserves of the Company or be regarded or treated as profits of the Company available for distribution (as defined by section 830 (2) of the CA 2006) or be applied in paying dividends on any shares of the Company. In any other period other than a Relevant Period any amount standing to the credit of the capital reserve may be transferred to the revenue reserves of the Company or be regarded or treated as profits of the Company available for distribution (subject to and as defined in section 830 (2) of the CA 2006) or be applied in paying dividends on any shares of the Company.

#### (g) Continuation Vote

In order for the term of the Ordinary Share class to be determined by the holders of the Ordinary Shares the directors shall, provided they believe it is in the best interests of the Company, at a class meeting of the Ordinary Shareholders which shall be convened on the same day as the annual general meeting of the Company falling after the fifth anniversary of the last allotment (from time to time) of Ordinary Shares and thereafter at three yearly intervals, propose a resolution that the Ordinary Share class should be wound up and, if such a resolution is not passed by the Ordinary Shareholders, invite those members to consider and debate the future of the Ordinary Share class and as soon as practicable following that meeting shall convene a further class meeting of the Ordinary Shareholders to propose such resolution as the members attending the earlier class meeting may by ordinary resolution require.

# (h) Reduction of Share Premium Account of the Company

Under the CA 2006 the Company may by special resolution confirmed by the court reduce the amount standing to the credit of the share premium account at the time of such application.

# (i) General Meetings

- i. Subject to the provisions of the Companies Acts, annual general meetings shall be held at such time and place as the Board may determine. General meetings may be convened by the Board whenever it thinks fit and by Shareholders in accordance with section 303 of the CA 2006.
- ii. An annual general meeting shall be convened by not less than 21 clear days' notice in writing. All other general meetings shall also be convened by not less than 21 days' notice in writing unless conditions A to C of section 307A of the CA 2006 are complied with.

#### (j) Miscellaneous

- i. There are no provisions in the Articles that would have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change of control of the Company.
- ii. Failure by any Shareholder to provide the Company with the information as requested by any notice served in accordance with section 793 of the CA 2006 (notice by company requiring information about interests in its shares) may result in that Shareholder being disenfranchised in respect of his shareholdings and, inter alia, the withholding of any dividends payable to him.

#### **PART TWO**

#### FORESIGHT SOLAR & TECHNOLOGY VCT PLC

#### (A) GENERAL INFORMATION

#### 1 Incorporation and registered office

- 1.1 The legal and commercial name of the Company is Foresight Solar & Technology VCT plc.
- 1.2 The Company was incorporated and registered in England and Wales as a public company with limited liability on 18 June 2010 with registered number 07289280 under the name Foresight Solar VCT plc. The Company was issued with a trading certificate under section 761 of CA 2006 on 20 July 2010. The Company changed its name to Foresight Solar & Infrastructure VCT plc by a resolution of the Board on 1 February 2016. The Company changed its name to its current name by a resolution of the Board on 18 December 2019 with effect from 19 December 2019.
- 1.3 The principal legislation under which the Company operates is the CA 2006 and regulations made thereunder.
- 1.4 The Company's registered office and principal place of business is at The Shard, 32 London Bridge Street, London SE1 9SG. The Company is domiciled in England.
- 1.5 The Company has three wholly owned subsidiaries, Youtan Limited (company number 09834432), Adriou Limited (company number 09834637) and Foresight VCT (Lux) 1 Sarl, each of which has the same registered office as the Company save for Foresight VCT (Lux) 1 Sarl whose registered office is 55 Allée Scheffer, L-2520 Luxembourg. The Company does not hold, nor has it since its incorporation held, any shares in itself.
- 1.6 The Company does not have nor has it had since incorporation any employees.
- 1.7 HM Customs & Revenue has approved the Company as a VCT under section 274 of the Tax Act and it is intended that the business of the Company be carried on so as to comply with that section.
- 1.8 KPMG LLP was the Company's auditor since 25 March 2014 until its replacement by Deloitte LLP in December 2020.
- 1.9 The Company has previously given notice to the Registrar of Companies pursuant to section 833 of CA 2006 of its intention to carry on business as an investment company. This notice was revoked in accordance with section 833(4) of the CA 2006 on 16 January 2013.
- 1.10 The Company accounting reference date for the period from incorporation to 28 March 2019 was 30 June. On 28 March 2019, the Board resolved to change the accounting year end to 31 March, shortening the period current at the time. The Company's audited accounts for the period ended 31 March 2022 were published on 17 August 2022 and its half yearly report to 30 September 2022 was published on 28 December 2022.
- 1.11 The Company's Ordinary Shares and FWT Shares are admitted to the official list of the FCA.
- 1.12 The Company is a "small registered UK AIFM" for the purposes of the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Regulations 2013 but is not otherwise regulated. As a venture capital trust and an entity with a premium listing on the London Stock Exchange the Company is required to comply with the Listing Rules, the Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules and the relevant sections of Part 6 of Income Tax Act 2007.

#### 2. Share capital

- 2.1 The issued share capital of the Company as at 1 April 2019 was 43,247,592 Ordinary Shares. The share capital history of the Company from that date is as set out below.
- 2.2 The following Shares have been bought back by the Company for cancellation during the period from 1 April 2019 to the date of this document:

Class	Number	Date
Ordinary Shares	112,462	5 April 2019
Ordinary Shares	181,316	10 September 2019
Ordinary Shares	57,837	23 December 2019
Ordinary Shares	7,435,016	26 March 2020
Ordinary Shares	351,929	12 February 2021
Ordinary Shares	515,409	30 September 2021

- 2.3 On 29 June 2018, the Ordinary Share class was merged with the Old C Shares and the Old D Shares at a conversion ratio of 0.9057 Old C Shares for each Ordinary Share and 0.9917 Old D Shares for each Ordinary Share.
- 2.4 As at 9 January 2023, being the latest practicable date prior to the publication of this document, the issued share capital of the Company comprised 34,593,623 Ordinary Shares, 20,637,298 FWT Shares, none of which were held in treasury, and 1,222,778 Deferred Shares created pursuant to the Share Class Merger.
- 2.5 Save for the conditional right of the Manager and the Investment Adviser to receive Shares pursuant to their carried interest agreement with the Company, no share or loan capital of the Company is under option or has been agreed, conditionally or unconditionally, to be put under option.
- 2.6 No shares of the Company represent anything other than capital. There are no convertible securities, exchangeable securities or securities with warrants attached to them currently in issue by the Company.
- 2.7 The Company will be subject to the continuing obligations of the Listing Rules with regard to the issue of securities for cash and the provisions of Section 561 of the Act (which confers on shareholders rights of preemption in respect of the allotment of equity securities which are, or are to be, paid up in cash) will apply to the capital of the Company which is not subject to the disapplication referred to in paragraph 2.9 below.
- 2.8 Following the issue of FWT Shares pursuant to the Offer, assuming full take up of the Offer at a price of 108.9p per FWT Share and no utilisation of the over-allotment facility, the issued share capital of the Company is expected to be approximately as follows:

	Number	Nominal value (£)
Ordinary Shares	34,593,623	345,936.23
FWT Shares	34,411,402	344,114.02
Deferred Shares	1,222,778	12,227.78

Other than as disclosed in this document, there have been no changes in the share capital of the Company during the period.

2.9 The following resolutions, inter alia, were passed at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 27 September 2022 as ordinary and special resolutions as indicated.

# **Authority to allot shares (Ordinary Resolution)**

**THAT**, in addition to all existing authorities, the directors be and they are hereby authorised to allot relevant securities generally, in accordance with Section 551 of the Companies Act 2006, up to a nominal amount of £300,000 (representing approximately 56% of the current issued ordinary share capital) provided that the authority and power conferred by this Resolution [8] will expire on the fifth anniversary of the passing of this resolution.

# Disapplication of pre-emption rights (Special Resolution)

**THAT**, in addition to all existing authorities, the directors be and they are empowered pursuant to section 570 and 573 of the Companies Act 2006 to allot equity securities (within the meaning of section 560 of that Act) pursuant to the authority conferred by Resolution [8] as if section 561(1) of that Act did not apply to any such allotment, provided that this power shall be limited to:

- the allotment of equity securities with an aggregate nominal value not exceeding £300,000 by way of issue of ordinary shares of 1p each ("Ordinary Shares") and/or £300,000 by way of issues of Foresight Williams Technology shares ("FWT Shares"), in each case pursuant to offer(s) for subscription.
- the allotment of equity securities with an aggregate nominal value of up to 10% of the issued share capital of the Company by way of an issue of Ordinary Shares and/or FWT Shares pursuant to the performance incentive arrangements with Foresight Group LLP; and
- the allotment of equity securities with an aggregate nominal value of an amount up to or equal to 10% of the issued Ordinary Share capital of the Company and/or 10% of the issued FWT Share capital of the Company from time to time,

in each case, where the proceeds of such issue may in whole or part be used to purchase the Company's shares. This authority will expire at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting to be held in 2023.

- 2.10 Save in connection with the Offer or as set out in paragraph <u>2.9</u>, no material issue of FWT Shares (other than pro rata to existing holdings) will be made within one year from the date of this document without the approval of the FWT Shareholders in a general meeting.
- 2.11 Subject to any special rights or restrictions attaching to any shares or any class of shares issued by the Company in the future, the holders of fully paid FWT Shares will be entitled *pari passu* amongst themselves in proportion to the number of FWT Shares held by them to share in the whole of the profits of the Company attributable to the FWT Share Fund which are paid out as dividends and in the whole of any surplus attributable to the FWT Shares in the event of a liquidation of the Company.
- 2.12 The FWT Shares are separate from the Company's existing Ordinary Share class and Deferred Share class. All investments and cash attributable to existing share classes will be kept separate from the FWT Share fund.
- 2.13 The FWT Shares are in registered form and no temporary documents of title will be issued. The Company is registered with CREST, a paperless settlement system and those Shareholders who wish to hold their FWT Shares in electronic form may do so. The FWT Shares are freely transferable.
- 2.14 Save as mentioned in paragraph 2.9 above, the provisions of section 561 of the 2006 Act (which, to the extent not disapplied, confer on shareholders rights of pre-emption in respect of the allotment of equity securities which are or are to be paid in cash) apply to the issue of shares in the capital of the Company.
- 2.15 The Directors are not aware of any person who directly or indirectly is interested in 3% or more of the capital of the Company or who, directly or indirectly, jointly or severally, exercises or could exercise control over the Company.

#### 3. Directors' and other interests

- 3.1 The Board comprises three non-executive directors, all of whom are independent of Foresight. The Board has substantial experience of venture capital and technology-based businesses and has overall responsibility for the Company's affairs, including its investment policy.
- 3.2 The Directors' interests in the share capital of the Company as at the date of this document was as follows:

Director	Ordinary Shares	FWT Shares
Ernie Richardson	-	40,000

Tim Dowlen	29,558	25,906
Carol Thompson	-	-

- 3.3 Biographical details for each of the Directors are set out on page 10 of this document.
- 3.4 Tim Dowlen was appointed on 6 July 2010 as a director of the Company. Ernie Richardson was appointed as a director of the Company on 1 January 2019 and became chairman on the retirement of David Hurst-Brown on 19 September 2019. Carol Thompson was appointed on 22 March 2021.
- None of the Directors has a service contract and may resign at any time by giving six months' notice in writing to the Board or by mutual consent. All Directors are subject to retirement by rotation. Their appointment does not confer any right to hold office for any period nor any right to compensation if they cease to be directors. The total annual remuneration receivable by Ernie Richardson as chairman of the Company is £28,250. The total annual remuneration receivable by each of Tim Dowlen and Carol Thompson is £22,500. The office of non-executive director of the Company is not pensionable. Directors' emoluments in respect of qualifying services for the year ended 31 March 2022 amounted to £73,250 (plus applicable VAT). The Directors estimate that the total amount payable to them by the Company for the year ended 31 March 2023 will be £73,250 (plus applicable VAT).
- 3.6 No Director is or has been interested in any transaction which is or was unusual in its nature or conditions or significant to the business of the Company and which was effected by the Company in the period since its incorporation and remains in any respect outstanding or unperformed.
- 3.7 No loan or guarantee has been granted or provided by the Company to or for the benefit of any of the Directors.
- 3.8 The Company has taken out directors' and officers' liability insurance for the benefit of its directors, which is renewable on an annual basis. There is no cover against fraudulent or dishonest activities.
- 3.9 The Directors are currently or have been within the last five years, a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies or partners of the companies and partnerships as set out on page 10 of this document.
- 3.10 No Director has any convictions in relation to fraudulent offences during the previous five years.
- 3.11 None of the Directors has, during the previous five years, been associated with any bankruptcies, receiverships or liquidations in relation to an entity for which they have been acting as members of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies or as a senior manager who was relevant to establishing that that entity had the appropriate expertise and experience for the management of its business, nor were they a founder or partner with unlimited liability (in the case of a limited partnership with share capital) in any such entities.
- 3.12 There has been no official public incrimination and/or sanction of any Director by statutory or regulatory authorities (including designated professional bodies) and no Director has ever been disqualified by a court from acting as a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies of a company or from acting in the management or conduct of the affairs of any company during the previous five years.

#### 4. Management, administration and regulatory environment

- 4.1 The Company will, at all times, invest and manage its assets in a way which is consistent with its objective of spreading investment risk and in accordance with its published investment policy. The Company's investment policy is in line with Chapter 15 of the Listing Rules and Part 6 of the Tax Act, which are the two central components of the regulatory environment in which the Company operates, as a premium listed venture capital trust. The Company will not make material changes to its investment policy without shareholder approval. The Company will be subject to and will comply with the restrictions regarding investments for closed ended investment funds that are contained in the Listing Rules.
- 4.2 The Company is not required to be, and is therefore not, regulated by the FCA. In order to obtain venture capital trust status, the Company must, however, be approved by HMRC. The conditions which must be satisfied to

obtain and retain such status are summarised in the Securities Note and they include the following:

- (i) at least 80% by value of the Company's investments (including any uninvested funds held) must be represented by shares or securities in Qualifying Holdings, of which at least 70% by value must be represented by holdings of ordinary shares; additionally at least 10% by value of investments in single companies or groups must be in ordinary shares which carry no preferential rights on a return of capital but may carry preferential rights to dividends which are neither cumulative nor discretionary; and
- (ii) not more than 15% by value of the Company's investments can (at the time of investment) be held in a single company or group (other than a VCT) and the Company must not control the VCT-qualifying Investee Companies in which it invests in such a way as to render them subsidiary undertakings.
- 4.3 The Company has no borrowings and no present intention of incurring any borrowings.
- 4.4 The Company is regulated by Part 6 of the Tax Act in respect of the investments it makes. The Company has appointed RW Blears LLP as its VCT status adviser. RW Blears LLP will report twice yearly to the Company in its annual and interim reporting obligations. In respect of any breach of the VCT rules, the Company will report the matter immediately to HMRC.
- 4.5 The Company will not invest more than 15% in any single company or other listed closed-ended investment fund nor will the Company control the companies in which it invests in such a way as to render them subsidiary undertakings until it has obtained approval as a VCT from HMRC.
- Foresight is responsible for the determination and calculation of the net asset value of the Company. The net asset value of the Company will be determined quarterly and published on a regulatory information service. In accordance with the International Private Equity and Venture Capital Association ("IPEVC") valuation guidelines, the value of investments will be determined according to their listing status. Quoted securities will be valued at bid price unless the investment is subject to restrictions or the holding is significant in relation to the share capital of a small quoted company, in which case a discount may be appropriate as per the IPEVC guidelines. Unquoted investments will normally be valued on a cost basis in the first year and reviewed subsequently on the basis of the progression of the business. The net asset value of the Company will be communicated to investors through a Regulatory Information Service provider at the same frequency as the determinations. In the event of any suspension valuations are held at the suspended price and a view is taken with consideration to best market practice and information from advisers.
- 4.7 Foresight may retain for its own benefit and without liability to account to the Company (subject to full disclosure having been made to the Board) any arrangement fees and directors' or monitoring fees which it receives in connection with any investments made by the Company. The Company will not be liable for legal, accounting and any other fees incurred on potential investments which do not proceed to completion.
- 4.8 The Company does not intend to appoint an external custodian and its assets (other than the non-Qualifying Investments) will be held in certificated form.
- 4.9 The Directors do not anticipate any circumstances arising under which the calculation of the net asset value may be suspended. Should the determination of net asset value differ from that set out above then this will be communicated to investors in the Company through a Regulatory Information Service provider.
- 4.10 The Company will not conduct any significant trading activity.
- 4.11 The Company has and will continue to have custody of its own assets:
  - the Company's monetary assets will be held in bank accounts and/or money market accounts in the Company's own name; and
  - the Company's investments in both quoted and unquoted investments and the corresponding share certificates will also be held in the Company's own name.
- 4.12 Where the circumstances are appropriate, the Directors propose that an appropriate and reasonable

proportion of the management expenses of the Company, to be determined after consultation with the Company's auditors, but not to exceed 75%, will be charged to capital.

- 4.13 At the date of this document, the Company complies with the principles of the UK Code of Corporate Governance (the "**Code**") save that:
  - there is no formal induction programme for directors; and
  - the Company has not appointed a chief executive officer, deputy chairman or a senior independent nonexecutive director as recommended by Code and the provisions which relate to the division of responsibilities between a chairman and a chief executive officer are, accordingly, not applicable to the Company.
- 4.15 The Company has no employees (other than the Directors). The Company has an Audit Committee, composed of the Directors who are independent of Foresight Group, which meets at least twice each year and is responsible for making recommendations to the Board on the appointment of the auditors and the audit fee, for reviewing the conduct and control of the annual audit and for reviewing the operation of the internal financial controls. It also has responsibility for the proper reporting of the financial performance of the Company and for reviewing financial statements prior to publication.
- 4.16 The Company has a Nomination Committee, comprising Carol Thompson, Tim Dowlen and Ernie Richardson which intends to meet at least annually to consider the composition and balance of skills, knowledge and experience of the Board and to make nominations to the Board in the event of a vacancy. New Directors are required to resign at the annual general meeting following appointment and then every three years by rotation.
- 4.17 The Company's Management Engagement & Remuneration Committee (which has responsibility for reviewing the remuneration of the Directors) comprises Carol Thompson, Tim Dowlen and Ernie Richardson and meets at least annually to consider the levels of remuneration of the Directors, specifically reflecting the time commitment and responsibilities of the role. The Management Engagement & Remuneration committee also undertakes external comparisons and reviews to ensure that the levels of remuneration paid are broadly in line with industry standards. The Management Engagement & Remuneration Committee also reviews the appointment and terms of engagement of the Manager.
- 4.18 The Board must be able to demonstrate that it will act independently of the Manager. In particular, a majority of the Board (including the Chairman) must not be:
  - (a) directors, employees, partners, officers or professional advisers of or to Foresight Group or any other company in the Foresight Group;
  - (b) directors, employees or professional advisers of or to any other VCT managed by Foresight Group or any other company in the Foresight Group. Any Director who falls within (a) above or (b) is subject to annual re-election by Shareholders.
- 4.19 The Company does not assume responsibility for the withholding of tax at source.
- 4.20 The Company confirms that it has taken all reasonable steps to ensure that its auditors, Deloitte LLP, being a member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales, are independent of it and has obtained written confirmation from the auditors that they comply with the guidelines on independence issued by their national accounting and auditing bodies.
- 4.21 Definitive share certificates for the FWT Shares to be allotted under the FWT Share Offer will be issued in registered form and are to be dispatched to Shareholders within ten Business Days of allotment. FWT Shares may also be held in CREST as a participating security. Shareholders who are direct or sponsored members of Euroclear will be able to dematerialise their FWT Shares in accordance with the rules and practices instituted by Euroclear. The Company will not issue temporary documents of title.
- 4.22 The results of the Offer will be announced through a regulatory information service.
- 4.23 Save as mentioned above, as at the date of this document, there are believed to be no governmental, economic, monetary, political or fiscal policies and factors which have or could materially affect the Company's

operations.

4.24 For the period covered by the financial information set out in Part Two (C) and up to the date of this document, save as mentioned in paragraph 7 below, there have been no related party transactions.

## 5 Material Contracts

The following contracts, not being contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business, are all of the contracts which have been entered into by the Company in the last two years and/or which are, or may be, material, or have been entered into by the Company and contain provisions under which the Company has obligations or entitlements which are material to it at the date of this document.

- An investment management agreement dated 27 January 2020 between the Company (1) the Manager (2) and the Investment Adviser (3) whereby the Manager is appointed to act as the investment manager on a discretionary basis and the Investment Adviser as investment adviser for an initial five year period and thereafter on 12 months' notice by either side in return for an annual management fee (payable quarterly in advance) of 1.5% of the net assets of the Ordinary Share fund and 2.0% of the net assets of the FWT Share class (plus VAT in each case, if any, at the applicable rate). The Company has agreed to indemnify the Manager and the Investment Adviser against all or any actions, proceedings, losses, claims, demands and liabilities whatsoever arising out of the proper performance of the investment manager's duties. There are no value or time limits attached to the indemnity other than the statutory time limit of twelve years which applies to agreements signed as deeds. The Manager retains the right to charge arrangement, exit and syndication fees to Investee Companies, and will be responsible for all costs of an investment that does not proceed. The Manager will receive an annual fee equal to the greater of 0.3% of Net Asset Value of each of the Ordinary Shares and the FWT Shares (subject to a minimum of £60,000 per annum in each case) index-linked for the secretarial and accounting requirements of the Company.
- 5.2 A carried interest agreement dated 27 January 2020 between the Company (1) the Manager (2) and the Investment Adviser (3) pursuant to which the Manager and the Investment Adviser (in such proportions as shall be determined by the Investment Adviser) will be entitled to performance incentive payments (in cash or new Shares in the Company issued at par) to a value (i) equal to 30% of Distributions in excess of 130p per Ordinary Share, subject to an annual growth hurdle of 5% commencing from 30 June 2017 and (ii) equal to 20% of Distributions in excess of 110p per FWT Share, subject to adjustment of the hurdle in line with the retail price index. In each case, 'Distributions' shall include the offer of such a Distribution which Shareholders elect not to accept in favour of remaining invested.
- A promoter agreement dated 5 January 2022 between the Company (1) the Promoter (2) the Manager (3). The agreement contains warranties and indemnities given by the Company to the Promoter. The Promoter will receive a fee of either 2.5% or 5.5% of the amount subscribed dependent on the type of investor. The amount that may be received by the Promoter pursuant to this agreement is capped at £1.35 million. All other costs, charges and expenses of or incidental to the Offer shall be paid by the Promoter from its fees save for trail commission (where permissible) which shall be paid by the Company and initial commission and the facilitation of up-front adviser charges each of which shall be paid by the Company through the application of a pricing formula. In respect of each investor, the Promoter's fee will be reduced by loyalty and early investment discounts. The Manager has provided a guarantee to the Company in respect of the obligations of the Promoter under this agreement.
- A promoter agreement dated 10 January 2023 between the Company (1) the Promoter (2) the Manager (3). The agreement contains warranties and indemnities given by the Company to the Promoter. The Promoter will receive a fee of either 2.5% or 5.5% of the amount subscribed dependent on the type of investor. All other costs, charges and expenses of or incidental to the Offer shall be paid by the Promoter from its fees save for trail commission (where permissible) which shall be paid by the Company and initial commission and the facilitation of up-front adviser charges each of which shall be paid by the Company through the application of a pricing formula. In respect of each investor, the Promoter's fee will be reduced by loyalty and early investment discounts. The Manager has provided a guarantee to the Company in respect of the obligations of the Promoter under this agreement.

## 6.1 Investment policy

The Company's existing investment policy, which was approved by Shareholders at a General Meeting held on 27 January 2020 is shown below.

#### **INVESTMENT POLICY**

The Company will target unquoted companies which it believes will achieve the objective of producing attractive returns for Shareholders.

## **INVESTMENT SECURITIES**

The Company invests in a range of securities including, but not limited to, ordinary and preference shares, loan stock, convertible securities, and fixed-interest securities as well as cash. Unquoted investments are usually structured as a combination of ordinary shares, preference shares and loan stock. Pending investment in unquoted and AIM listed securities, cash will be primarily held in a range of interest-bearing accounts as well as a range of permitted non-qualifying investments including alternative investment funds and listed shares. The Company may invest in other funds managed by Foresight (or its associates).

#### **UK COMPANIES**

The companies in which investments are made must satisfy a number of tests set out in Part 6 of the Income Tax Act 2007 to be classed as VCT qualifying holdings, including that they have a permanent establishment in the UK

#### **ASSET MIX**

The Ordinary Share class is fully invested in unquoted companies that seek to generate solar electricity and, in most cases, benefit from long-term government-backed price guarantees.

The FWT Share class invests principally in early stage UK technology companies and funds raised by the inaugural FWT Share offer will, no later than three years following the end of the accounting period in which those shares are issued, be invested as to at least 80% in unquoted disruptive UK technology companies with 30% of such funds so invested within the first 12 months. The remainder of such funds raised will be held in cash or other permitted non-qualifying investments. Funds raised in the future will be invested in accordance with prevailing VCT rules at the time of investment.

#### RISK DIVERSIFICATION AND MAXIMUM EXPOSURES

Risk in the Ordinary Share portfolio has been spread by investing in a number of different companies which have targeted a variety of separate locations for their solar power assets. Although risk is spread across different portfolio companies, concentration risk is fairly high given that a number of these companies trade on the same UK solar parks.

Risk in the FWT Share class will be spread by investing in a number of different companies developing different technologies which are applicable to different target markets and at different levels of the value chains within those markets and with a targeted minimum of five investments.

The maximum amount invested by the Company in any one company is limited to 15% of the portfolio at the time of investment.

## **BORROWING POWERS**

The Company's Articles permit borrowing, to give a degree of investment flexibility. Under the Company's Articles no money may be borrowed without the sanction of an ordinary resolution if the principal amount outstanding of all borrowings by the Company and its subsidiary undertakings (if any), then exceeds, or would as a result of such borrowing exceed, a principal amount equal to the aggregate of the share capital and consolidated reserves of the Company and each of its subsidiary undertakings as shown in the latest available audited consolidated balance sheet. The underlying

portfolio companies in which the Company invests may utilise bank borrowing or other debt arrangements to finance asset purchases but such borrowing would be non-recourse to the Company.

### 6.2 Co-investment policy

Foresight Group currently manages other funds which may invest alongside the FWT Share class, including the FWT EIS Fund. Investment opportunities will normally be offered initially to the FWT Share class on a basis which is pro rata to the net cash raised pursuant to the Offer and any future FWT Share offer compared to the net cash raised by the other Foresight Funds, other than where investments are proposed to be made in a company where one or more Foresight Funds has a pre-existing investment, where the incumbent investor will have priority. Implementation of this policy will be subject to the availability of monies to make the investment and other portfolio considerations, such as portfolio diversity and the need to maintain VCT status.

Where the FWT Share class invests in companies in which Foresight Funds have invested or subsequently invest, conflicts of interest may arise and the Board will exercise its independent judgement to manage any such conflicts. In such circumstances, the Manager will apply Foresight Group's conflicts policy in order to reconcile the conflict in the first instance and thereafter, if required, the Board will exercise its independent judgement, so far as it is able, to protect the interests of the Company. It may not, in such circumstances, be possible to fully protect the interests of the Company.

Save for the above, there are no material potential conflicts of interests which the Manager, the Investment Adviser and the Foresight Group more widely, may have as between its duty to the Company duties owed by each to third parties and their interests.

## 6.3 Dividend Policy

Returns will be paid to investors in the form of tax free dividends, which are anticipated to be paid from year four onwards at a targeted average rate of 5% per annum of the NAV of the FWT Shares. Investors should note that this is an estimated average target over a number of years and in any given year the 5% target may not be met (or may be exceeded). This will be dependent primarily on profits generated from realisations within the portfolio and the timing of those realisations. Due to the nature and returns profile of the underlying investments, the Board anticipates irregular dividends, paid as and when exits occur, to be a significant factor in the Company's ability to achieve or exceed the average 5% annual target.

#### 6.4 Company undertakings

- i. The Company's income is intended to be derived wholly or mainly from shares or other securities, as this phrase is interpreted by HMRC.
- ii. The Company will not conduct trading activity which is significant in the context of its group as a whole.
- iii. Not more than 10% in aggregate of the value of the total assets of the Company at the time of Admission will be invested in other closed-ended investment funds.
- iv. It is the intention of the Directors that the Company will pay dividends or make distributions from revenue profits and profits realised from the sale of investments.
- v. The Company intends to direct its affairs in respect of each of its accounting periods so as to qualify as a venture capital trust. Accordingly:
  - it will not control the companies in which it invests in such a way as render them subsidiary undertakings;
  - none of the investments will represent more than 15% by VCT Value of the Company's investments; and

- not more than 20% of the Company's gross assets will at any time be invested in the securities of property companies.
- vi Foresight Group personnel have and will have sufficient and satisfactory relevant experience in advising on investments of the size and type in which the Company proposes to make. The Directors will also ensure that the board of the Company and any additional or replacement investment advisers have and will have sufficient and satisfactory experience in advising on such investments.
- vii In the event of a breach of the investment restrictions which apply to the Company as described in paragraph <u>6.1</u> above, shareholders will be informed by means of the interim and/or the annual report or through a public announcement.
- viii The Directors act and will continue to act independently of the Foresight Entities. No majority of the Directors will be directors or employees of, or former directors or employees of, or professional advisers to Foresight Entities or any other company in the same group as a Foresight Entity.
- ix. The investment policy set out above, in the absence of unforeseen circumstances, will be adhered to by the Company for at least three years following the date of close of the Offer. Any material change to the Company's investment policy in any event (in respect of the Ordinary Share Fund and/or the FWT Share Fund) will only be made with the approval of the Shareholders, and separately of the relevant class of Shareholders, of the Company by ordinary resolution.

## 7 Related Party Disclosures

- 7.1 Foresight Entities received management and administration fees, in each case plus VAT where appropriate, of £718,000 in the year ended 31 March 2020, £623,000 in the year ended 31 March 2021 and £861,000 in the year ended 31 March 2022.
  - No performance incentive payments were made during the years ended 31 March 2020, 31 March 2021, 31 March 2022 or in the current financial year to date.
- 7.2 Save for the fees paid to Directors (set out in 3.5 above), the fees paid to the Manager and the Investment Adviser (as set out in 7.1 above) and promotion fees paid to the Manager and the Promoter of £185,000 in respect of the 2020 Offer and £112,000 in respect of the 2022 Offer, there have been no related party transactions or fees paid to related parties by the Company during the years ended 31 March 2020, 31 March 2021 or 31 March 2022 or to date in the current financial year.

## 8 Overseas investors

- 8.1 No person receiving a copy of the Prospectus or accompanying application form in any territory other than the UK may treat it as constituting an offer or invitation to him to subscribe for or purchase FWT Shares in the Company.
- 8.2 No action has been taken to permit the distribution of this document in any jurisdiction outside the UK where such action is required to be taken. All applicants under the Offer will be required to warrant that they have observed all the laws of their relevant territory in connection with the Offer.

## 9 Taxation

The following paragraphs, which are intended as a general guide only and are based on current legislation and HMRC practice, summarise advice received by the Directors as to the position of the Company's Shareholders who hold Ordinary Shares or FWT Shares other than for trading purposes. Any person who is in any doubt as to his taxation position or is subject to taxation in any jurisdiction other than the UK should consult his professional advisers.

- 9.1 Taxation of dividends under current law, no tax will be withheld by the Company when dividend is paid.
- 9.2 Stamp duty and stamp duty reserve tax the Company has been advised that no stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax will be payable on the issue of the FWT Shares. The Company has been advised that the transfer of FWT Shares will, subject to any applicable exemptions, be liable to ad valorem stamp duty at the rate of 0.5%

of the consideration paid. An unconditional agreement to transfer such shares if not completed by a duly stamped stock transfer will be subject to stamp duty reserve tax generally at the rate of 0.5% of the consideration paid.

9.3 Close company - the Directors believe that the Company is not and expect that following completion of the Offer will not be a close company within the meaning of the Tax Act. If the Company were a close company in any accounting period, approval as a venture capital trust would be withdrawn.

## 10 Miscellaneous

- 10.1 On 5 January 2023, the Company announced the exchange of contracts for the sale of the portfolio of solar assets held in its Ordinary Share class which, subject to certain conditions, is anticipated to complete over the next two months. Should this transaction proceed to completion, it would result in a significant change in the Company's financial position to the extent that the proceeds are returned to Ordinary Shareholders after the sale as this would have the effect of commensurately reducing the overall size of the Company's asset base. Save for the foregoing, there has been no significant change in the financial position of the Company since 30 September 2022, the end of the last financial period for which unaudited financial statements of the Company have been published.
- 10.2 The Board believes that the Offer will result in a significant change to the Company, including an increase in its earnings and in the net assets of an amount equivalent to the net proceeds received under the Offer, expected to be approximately £15 million assuming full subscription, no use of the over-allotment facility, early investment or loyalty discounts and subscription entirely by investors in respect of whom commission is payable to an intermediary.
- 10.3 Foresight Group Promoter LLP is the promoter of the Offer and Foresight Group LLP is the investment manager to the Company and, save as disclosed in paragraph 7 above, no amount of cash, securities or benefits has been paid by the Company, issued or given to the promoter or the investment manager and none is intended to be paid, issued or given by the Company.
- There are no governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are or were pending or threatened of which the Company is aware) during a period covering at least the previous 12 months which may have, or have had in the recent past, significant effects on the Company's financial position or profitability.
- The issue costs payable by the Company under the Offer (including irrecoverable VAT and sales commissions) have been fixed by the Directors at 5.5% of total funds subscribed (but excluding annual trail commission in respect of applications where this is permissible and payable). The Promoter and the Manager have agreed to indemnify the Company in respect of any excess costs of the Offer over 5.5% of the gross proceeds of the issue of FWT Shares under the Offer. The net proceeds for the Company from the Offer, with the assumptions set out in 10.2 above, will therefore amount to approximately £18.9 million.
- 10.6 The issue premium for the FWT Shares will be the difference between the issue price of the FWT Shares under the Offer and their nominal value of 1 penny. The Offer is not underwritten.
- 10.7 The Company has paid dividends amounting to a total of 8.0p per Ordinary Share during the years ended 31 March 2020, 31 March 2021 and 31 March 2022 and in the current financial year to date. No dividends have yet been paid in respect of the FWT Shares.
- 10.8 The Company's capital resources are restricted insofar as they may be used only in putting into effect the investment policies described in paragraph 6 above.
- The Company does not have any major shareholders and no shareholders have different voting rights. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors, the Company is not directly controlled by any other party and at the date of the Prospectus, there are no arrangements in place that may, at a subsequent date, result in a change of control of the Company.

- 10.10 The typical investor for whom investment in the Company is designed is a retail investor who is an individual higher rate tax payer aged 18 or over, with an investment range of £5,000 and £200,000, who is capable of understanding and is comfortable with the risks of VCT investment, and who is resident in the UK.
- 10.11 Foresight Group is responsible for the determination and calculation of the Company's net asset value, which will be prepared quarterly for approval by the Directors.
- 10.12 Deloitte LLP of 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2DB were appointed as auditors to the Company following a tender process which completed in December 2020. Deloitte LLP are registered to carry on audit work and is authorised to carry on investment business by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

## (B) ANALYSIS OF THE INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

Information on the current Ordinary Shares and FWT Shares portfolio as at the date of this document is detailed below. Information on investments held and valuations in respect of investments made have been extracted from the unaudited half yearly financial report of the Company for the six months ended on 30 September 2022 and there have been no material changes to either portfolio since that date to the date of this document.

In respect of the financial information regarding the solar projects below, the interests in which are held by Investee Companies of the Ordinary Shares fund have been taken from the latest financial year end accounts published by those Investee Companies and such information is, for the purpose of this section (B), "Third Party Information". The Third Party Information has been accurately reproduced and, as far as the Company is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by those third parties, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.

## **Ordinary Shares Fund**

**Turweston Solar Farm, Northamptonshire** 

Capacity (MW)	16.4
Investment date	December 2014
Voting rights in the relevant portfolio companies	49%
Valuation	£10,328,904

Laurel Hill Solar Farm, County Down

Capacity (MW)	14.2
Investment date	September 2017
Voting rights in the relevant portfolio companies	49%
Valuation	£10,704,048

## **Hurcott Solar, Somerset**

Capacity (MW)	10
Investment date	November 2018
Voting rights in the relevant portfolio companies	49%
Valuation	£6,733,315

## Saron Solar Farm, Carmarthenshire

Capacity (MW)	6.3	
Investment date	March 2015	
Voting rights in the relevant portfolio companies	49%	
Valuation	£4,340,098	

Basin Bridge Solar Farm, Leicestershire

Capacity (MW)	5.0	
Investment date	August 2018	
Voting rights in the relevant portfolio companies	49%	
Valuation	£3,100,046	

Marchington Solar Farm, Staffordshire

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Capacity (MW)	5.0
Investment date	July 2016
Voting rights in the relevant portfolio companies	49%
Valuation	£2,536,239

# **Dove View Solar Farm, Staffordshire**

Capacity (MW)	4.5
Investment date	August 2018
Voting rights in the relevant portfolio companies	49%
Valuation	£3,743,104

# Beech Farm Solar, Wiltshire

Capacity (MW)	4.3
Investment date	August 2018
Voting rights in the relevant portfolio companies	49%
Valuation	£1,853,432

# Stables Solar Farm, Leicestershire

Capacity (MW)	2.0
Investment date	August 2018
Voting rights in the relevant portfolio companies	49%
Valuation	£1,075,008

# New Kaine Solar Farm, Kent

Capacity (MW)	1.9
Investment date	March 2015
Voting rights in the relevant portfolio companies	49%
Valuation	£869,363

## **Greenersite Solar Farm, Herefordshire**

Capacity (MW)	0.1
Investment date	March 2013
Voting rights in the relevant portfolio companies	100%
Valuation	£339,013

The valuations of the above projects result in an aggregate net asset value of the Company's holdings of approximately £45.4 million.

#### **FWT Share Class**

Since the launch of the FWT Share class on 20 December 2019, it has raised approximately £20 million. The FWT Share class provides investors with the opportunity to invest in a portfolio of early-stage companies with high growth-potential, developing innovative and occasionally transformational technologies across a range of different sectors.

As at early December 2022, the FWT Share class had made 27 new investments, a selection of which are described below.

#### Audioscenic

The FWT Share class's £360,000 investment into Audioscenic, a developer of immersive 3D audio software, was completed in October 2020. The company is a spin-out from the Institute of Sound and Vibrational Research ("ISVR") at the University of Southampton. By integrating computer vision into a speaker, its technology can monitor the location of a listener's head, beaming separate sound waves to their left and right ears. An immersive 3D audio experience can be created from a single, compact soundbar. An experience that is normally available to consumers only through headphones. The investment will support the commercialisation of the company's products and team expansion.

#### Refeyn

In November 2020, the FWT Share class invested £360,000 into Refeyn, a life sciences instrumentation company that span-out from the University of Oxford. The company is commercialising a disruptive technology ("Mass Photometry") that uses light to measure the mass of molecules (such as proteins). Identifying and characterising protein molecules through mass measurement is an integral part of life sciences research, particularly in the development of new medicines. Refeyn's instruments are easier to use, significantly faster and lower cost than existing techniques.

#### AMT

The FWT Share class's original £360,000 investment into AMT was made in October 2020 as part of a £2.5 million round alongside existing shareholders and the UK Government through its Future Fund scheme. FWT Share class invested a further £840,000 recently as part of a £9 million funding round that will enable AMT to grow its sales and distribution internationally, bring new products to market and target cashflow breakeven. AMT's technology is built around four pillars of sustainability: zero waste; better chemistries; less labour and less consumables. The company also ensures Health & Safety forms an integral part of the planning and execution of all staff activities. Moreover, by replacing a manual finishing process such as depowdering or surface smoothing of 3D printed parts, which often produces a large amount of dust, AMT's fully enclosed systems improve the quality and safety of the working environment.

## VividQ

In May 2021, the FWT Share class invested £1.1 million in holography company VividQ as part of a £2.1 million overall commitment by Foresight. Conventional methods for producing a holographic image require an exponential increase in the computational power with the resolution of the image. VividQ has developed a patented approach that breaks down the image into a series of layers, reducing the computing power required. This breakthrough should mean that holographic display systems can now be integrated into compact, wearable devices such as augmented reality ("AR") glasses. In the near-term, VividQ is also targeting the automotive Head-up Display ("HUD") market, which presents a nearer-term route to market.

## Previsico

Previsico's FloodMap Live platform predicts flood impacts, including surface water flooding, and automated alerts allow users to protect assets and minimise damage. The FWT Share class' investment in August 2021 of £600k (part of a £1.75 million overall Foresight commitment) will enable further product development, team expansion and support sales growth, in the UK and beyond.

#### Machine Discovery

Machine Discovery is commercialising a new software platform, based on a new type of algorithm developed in the University of Oxford's Department of Physics, to make machine learning simulations much faster, easier and less costly. Spun out of the University of Oxford in 2019, its initial algorithms were so successful that they were published in high-profile academic journals and attracted worldwide attention. The FWT Share class invested £200k in March 2021 as part of a £600k overall commitment.

## (C) FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Audited financial information on the Company published in its annual report and accounts for the last three financial years as set out below.

The annual report and accounts were all prepared in accordance with UK generally accepted accounting practice (GAAP) including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", the fair value rules of the CA 2006 and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Financial Statements of Investment Trust Companies and Venture Capital Trusts" issued in November 2014 and updated in February 2018.

KPMG LLP, registered auditor of 15 Canada Square, London E14 5GL reported without qualification and without statements under section 498 of the CA 2006 in respect of the statutory accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020 (2020 Annual Report). KPMG LLP were replaced as the Company's auditor by Deloitte LLP following a tender process which completed in December 2020. Deloitte LLP, whose registered office is 1 New Street Square, London, United Kingdom, EC4A 3BZ has reported without qualification and without statements under section 498 of the CA 2006 in respect of the statutory accounts for the years ended 31 March 2021 (2021 Annual Report) and 31 March 2022 (2022 Annual Report).

The annual report and accounts include the information set out below on the pages specified in the tables below, which are being incorporated into the document by reference can be accessed at the Foresight website https://www.foresightgroup.eu/products/foresight-solar-and-technology-vct-plc-fwt-shares and are also available for inspection at the National Storage Mechanism which can be accessed at https://data.fca.org.uk/#/nsm/nationalstoragemechanism It should be noted that other sections of such documents that are not incorporated herein by reference are either not relevant to investors and others or are covered elsewhere in the Prospectus.

Where these documents make reference to other documents, such other documents are not incorporated into and do not form part of the Prospectus.

Description	Unaudited Half-Year report for the period ended 30 September 2022 (page number)	2022 Annual Report (page number)	Unaudited Half-Year report for the period ended 30 September 2021 (page number)	2021 Annual Report (page number)	2020 Annual Report (page number)
Balance Sheet	31	72	29	66	58
Income Statement (or equivalent)	30	70	28	64	56
Statement showing all changes in equity (or equivalent)	31	71	29	65	57
Cash Flow Statement	32	73	30	67	59
Accounting Policies and Notes	33	74	31	68	60
Auditor's Report	-	62	-	56	51

This information has been prepared in a form consistent with that which will be adopted in the Company's next published annual financial statements having regard to accounting standards and policies and legislation applicable to those financial statements.

Such information also includes operating/financial reviews as follows:

Description	Unaudited Half-Year report for the period ended 30 September 2022 (page number)	2022 Annual Report (page number)	Unaudited Half-Year report for the period ended 30 September 2021 (page number)	2021 Annual Report (page number)	2020 Annual Report (page number)
Financial Highlights	2	2	2	2	2
Results & Dividend	2	3	2	3	2
Portfolio review	6	9	8	12	6
Valuation Policy	33	42	27	36	33
Outlook	5, 8	6, 10	5, 9, 10	6, 11	6, 12
Investment Summary	9, 19	9 - 34	20	18, 22	22

Certain financial information on the Company is also set out below:

	Unaudited Half-Year report for the period ended 30 September 2022	2022 Annual Report	Unaudited Half-Year report for the period ended 30 September 2021	2021 Annual Report	2020 Annual Report
Investment income	£214,000	£901,000	£558,000	£17,667,000	£3,385,000
Profit/(loss) before taxation	£9,321,000	£13,594,000	£5,563,000	£(836,000)	£(6,870,000)
Profit/(loss) per Ordinary Share	23.9p	38.3p	16.4p	(1.8)p	(16.0)p
Profit/(loss) per FWT Share	5.6p	1.8p	(1.5)p	(5.0)p	(0.8)p
Dividends per Ordinary Share	-	-	-	2.0p	6.0p
Dividends per FWT Share	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets	£64,702,000	£53,733,000	£42,355,000	£33,996,000	£26,923,000
NAV per Ordinary Share	131.2p	107.3p	85.4p	68.9p	72.7p
NAV per FWT Share	102.9p	97.4p	97.0p	98.0p	99.1p

As at 30 September 2022, the unaudited net asset value per Ordinary Shares was 131.2p and the unaudited net asset value per FWT Share was 102.9p.

## **Effect of the Offer**

As at 30 September 2022, the date to which the most recent unaudited half-yearly report and accounts of the Company have been drawn up, the Company had net assets of approximately £64.7 million. The Company is now seeking to raise up to £15 million (with an over-allotment facility of up to an additional £10 million) through the Offer for which the associated expenses will not exceed 5.5% of the gross proceeds. The impact of the Offer on the Company's earnings should be accretive in the medium term. The net assets of the Company will be increased by the net proceeds of the Offer.

# PART THREE DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

Copies of the following documents will be available for inspection during usual business hours on weekdays (Saturdays and public holidays excepted), at the offices of Foresight Group LLP, The Shard, 32 London Bridge Street, London SE1 9SG and at <a href="https://www.foresightgroup.eu/products/foresight-solar-and-technology-vct-plc-fwt-shares">https://www.foresightgroup.eu/products/foresight-solar-and-technology-vct-plc-fwt-shares</a> while the Offer is open:

- the Memorandum and Articles of the Company;
- the annual reports and accounts of the Company for the years ended 31 March 2022, 31 March 2021 and 31 March 2020;
- the half-yearly reports for the periods ended 30 September 2022 and 30 September 2021;
- this Registration Document;
- the Securities Note; and
- the Summary.

10 January 2023

FORESIGHT SOLAR & TECHNOLOGY VCT PLC SUMMARY

**SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION** 

This summary document forms part of a prospectus dated 10 January 2023 (the "**Prospectus**") issued by Foresight Solar & Technology VCT plc (the "**Company**") and which has been approved, on that date, by the Financial Conduct Authority (the "**FCA**"), the competent authority under Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018. The Prospectus is constituted of this summary, a registration document and securities note published by the Company.

The Prospectus describes a public offer by the Company to raise up to £15 million (with an over-allotment facility for up to a further £10 million) (the "Offer"). The securities being offered pursuant to the Offer are FWT Shares of 1 penny each (ISIN: GB00BKF2JH04) ("FWT Shares").

The FCA may be contacted at: Financial Conduct Authority 12 Endeavour Square London E20 1JN

The Issuer's contact details are:

Address: The Shard, 32 London Bridge Street, London SE1 9SG

Email: investorrelations@foresightgroup.eu

Website: www.foresightgroup.eu/products/foresight-solar-and-technology-vct-plc-fwt-shares

Telephone: 020 3667 8181 LEI: 21380013CXOR8N6OD977

**Warning**: This summary should be read as an introduction to the Prospectus. Any decision to invest in the securities described herein should be based on a consideration of the prospectus as a whole by the prospective investor. Investors could lose all or part of the invested capital. Civil liability attaches only to those persons who have tabled the Summary including any translation thereof, but only if the Summary is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent when read together with other parts of the Prospectus or where it does not provide, when read together with other parts of the Prospectus, key information in order to aid Investors when considering whether to invest in the FWT Shares.

**SECTION 2: KEY INFORMATION ON THE ISSUER** 

Who is the Issuer of the securities?

The issuer of the securities which are the subject of the Prospectus is Foresight Solar & Technology VCT plc (the "Company").

The Company is a public limited liability company which is registered in England and Wales with registered number 07289280. Its Legal Entity Identifier is 21380013CXOR8N6OD977. The Company is approved by HMRC as a venture capital trust (VCT) in accordance with the VCT Rules. It is intended that the business of the Company be carried on so as to maintain its VCT status.

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The Company has no parent company and is owned by individuals, none of whom owns more than 3% of its ordinary share capital. The Company has three non-executive Directors – Ernie Richardson, Tim Dowlen and Carol Thompson.

The Company has three wholly owned subsidiaries, Youtan Limited (company number 09834432), Adriou Limited (company number 09834637) and Foresight VCT (Lux) 1 Sarl, each of which has the same registered office as the Company save for Foresight VCT (Lux) 1 Sarl whose registered office is 68-70 Boulevard de la Petrusse, L-2320 Luxembourg.

The Company's auditors are Deloitte LLP of 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2DB.

# What is the key financial information regarding the Issuer?

Certain key historical information of the Company is set out below:

	Unaudited half year ended 30 September 2022	Audited year ended 31 March 2022	Unaudited half year ended 30 September 2021	Audited year ended 31 March 2021	Audited year ended 31 March 2020
Net Assets	£64,702,000	£53,736,000	£42,355,000	£33,996,000	£26,923,000
Number of shares in issue	34,593,623 Ordinary Shares 18,776,656 FWT Shares	34,593,623 Ordinary Shares 17,058,716 FWT Shares	34,593,623 Ordinary Shares 13,220,546 FWT Shares	35,109,032 Ordinary Shares 10,021,408 FWT Shares	35,460,961 Ordinary Shares 1,145,927 FWT Shares
Net asset value per Share	131.2p per Ordinary Shares 102.9p per FWT Share	107.3p per Ordinary Shares 97.4p per FWT Share	85.4p per Ordinary Share 97.0p per FWT Share	68.9p per Ordinary Share 98.0p per FWT Share	72.7p per Ordinary Share 99.1p per FWT Share
Dividends paid per Share in the period	Nil	Nil	Nil	2.0p per Ordinary Share	6.0p per Ordinary Share

## Income statement

year ended 30 ended 31 March year ended 30 ended 31 March September 2022 2022 September 2021 202	ited year Audited year end to 31 March 2020 (£ '000)
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Investment holding gains/(losses)	9,848	14,966	6,734	(17,500)	(7,881)
Realised losses on investments	Nil	(1,121)	(1,121)	-	(941)
Net Profit / (Loss) after taxation	9,321	13,594	5,563	(836)	(6,870)
Investment management fees	(489)	(692)	(316)	(454)	(587)
Other expenses	(252)	(461)	(292)	(478)	(449)
Profit / (Loss) per Share	23.9p per Ordinary Share	38.3p per Ordinary Share	16.4p per Ordinary Share	(1.8)p per Ordinary Share	(16.0)p per Ordinary Share
	5.6p per FWT Share	1.8p per FWT Share	(1.5)p per FWT Share	(5.0)p per FWT Share	(0.8)p per FWT Share

# **Balance Sheet**

	Unaudited half year ended 30 September 2022 (£ '000)	Audited year ended 31 March 2022 (£ '000)	Unaudited half year ended 30 September 2021 (£ '000)	Audited year ended 31 March 2021 (£ '000)	Audited year end to 31 March 2020 (£ '000)
Fixed assets Investments held at fair value through profit or loss	60,679	46,231	34,575	25,352	42,170
Current assets Debtors	569	442	402	1,057	293
Cash	3,592	7,214	7,996	8,076	1,802
Creditors Amounts falling due within one year	(138)	(154)	(618)	(489)	(17,342)
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	534	517	478	451	365
Share premium account	15,633	13,998	10,683	7,515	8,101
Capital redemption reserve	208	208	208	203	200

Distributable reserve	37,948	38,112	30,038	38,255	12,845
Capital reserve	(14,574)	(14,207)	(13,925)	(12,567)	(12,227)
Revaluation reserve	24,953	15,105	6,873	139	17,639
Equity Shareholders' Funds (Ordinary Shares)	45,378	37,111	29,528	24,178	25,787
Equity Shareholders' Funds (FWT Shares)	19,324	16,622	12,827	9,818	1,136
Net asset value per Ordinary Share	131.2p	107.3p	85.4p	68.9p	72.7p
Net asset value per FWT Share	102.9p	97.4p	97.0p	98.0p	99.1p

The Company's NAV per Ordinary Share as at 30 September 2022 was 131.2p. To date, dividends of 46.0p per share have been paid in respect of the Ordinary Shares (with 20.0p per share paid in respect of the former C Shares which were merged with the Ordinary Shares on 29 June 2018).

The Company's NAV per FWT Share as at 30 September 2022 was 102.9p. No dividends have been paid to date in respect of the FWT Shares.

## What are the key risks that are specific to the Issuer?

- The value of FWT Shares may fall as well as rise and an investor may not receive back the full amount invested. The past performance of investments made by the Company, Foresight Group and other funds managed or advised by Foresight Group and its related entities is not a reliable guide to future performance and the value of an investment in the Company.
- Investments made by the Company will be in companies which have a higher risk profile than larger "blue chip" companies and whose securities are not readily marketable and therefore may be difficult to realise.
- VCT legislation now requires VCTs to invest in younger, higher risk companies than has historically been the case and requires invested capital to be at risk to an extent greater than the post-tax relief return.
- The tax rules, or their interpretation, in relation to an investment in the Company and/or the rates of tax may change during the life of the Company and may apply retrospectively which could affect tax reliefs obtained by Shareholders and the VCT status of the Company.
- There can be no guarantee that the Company will retain its status as a VCT, the loss of which could lead to adverse tax consequences for investors, including a requirement to repay the 30% income tax relief.
- Although the Company may receive customary venture capital rights in connection with its investments, as a minority investor it will not be in a position to protect its interests fully.

#### **SECTION 3: KEY INFORMATION ON THE SECURITIES**

## What are the main features of the securities?

The securities being offered pursuant to the Offer are FWT Shares of 1 penny each (ISIN: GB00BKF2JH04).

The FWT Shares will rank equally in all respects with each other and with the existing FWT Shares. The holders of FWT Shares will have the exclusive right to distributions from the assets within the FWT Share class but not from the assets attributable to the Ordinary Shares save at the Board's determination, acting in the interests of the Company as a whole. Equally the holders of other shares will continue to have the exclusive right to distributions from assets attributable to such shares but not from assets attributable to FWT Shares. No change may be made to the rights attaching to FWT Shares without the approval of the holders of FWT Shares.

Returns will be paid to investors in the form of tax free dividends, which are anticipated to be paid from year four onwards at a targeted average rate of 5% per annum of the NAV of the FWT Shares. Investors should note that this is an estimated average target over a number of years and in any given year the 5% target may not be met (or may be exceeded). This will be dependent primarily on profits generated from realisations within the portfolio and the timing of those realisations. Due to the nature and returns profile of the underlying investments, the Board anticipates irregular dividends, paid as and when exits occur, to be a significant factor in the Company's ability to achieve or exceed the average 5% annual target.

FWT Shareholders will be entitled to receive certificates in respect of their FWT Shares and will also be eligible for electronic settlement.

The FWT Shares will be listed on the premium segment of the Official List and will be freely transferable.

## Where will the securities be traded?

Applications will be made to the FCA for the FWT Shares offered for subscription pursuant to the Prospectus to be admitted to the premium segment of the Official List of the FCA. Application will also be made to the London Stock Exchange for such FWT Shares to be admitted to trading on its main market for listed securities. It is expected that admission will become effective and that trading in the FWT Shares will commence three business days following allotment.

#### Is there a guarantee attached to the securities?

There is no guarantee attached to the FWT Shares.

#### What are the key risks that are specific to the securities?

- Investors may find it difficult to realise their investment and the price at which Shares are traded may not reflect their net asset value.
- If an investor who subscribes for Shares disposes of those Shares within five years, the investor is likely to be subject to clawback by HMRC of any income tax relief originally obtained on subscription.
- Although the FWT Share class will be managed and accounted for separately from the Ordinary Share
  class, a number of company regulations and VCT requirements are assessed at company level and,
  therefore, the performance of one fund may impact adversely on the other fund and restrict the ability
  to make distributions, realise investments and/or meet requirements to meet VCT status.

- Although the existing FWT Shares issued by the Company have been admitted to the Official List of the
  FCA and traded on the London Stock Exchange's main market for listed securities and it is expected that
  the FWT Shares issued pursuant to the Offer will likewise be so listed and admitted to trading, it is
  unlikely that there will be a liquid market as there is a limited secondary market for VCT shares and
  investors may find it difficult to realise their investments. The market price of the Shares may not fully
  reflect, and will tend to be at a discount to, their underlying net asset value.
- VCTs are prohibited from returning capital to investors within three years of the end of the accounting
  period in which the relevant shares were issued and this, as well as other factors, may affect the
  availability of dividends in the early years of the FWT Share fund.

#### SECTION 4: KEY INFORMATION ON THE OFFER OF SECURITIES TO THE PUBLIC

## Under which conditions and timetable can I invest in this security?

The Offer opens on the date of the Prospectus and will close on 22 December 2023 (or earlier at the discretion of the Directors or if full subscription is reached). Investors must be over 18 years old.

Application has been made to the FCA for the FWT Shares offered for subscription pursuant to the Prospectus to be admitted to the Official List of the FCA. Application will also be made to the London Stock Exchange for such FWT Shares to be admitted to trading on its market for listed securities. It is expected that Admission will become effective and that trading in the FWT Shares will commence three business days following allotment.

FWT Shares issued under the Offer will be at an offer price determined by the following pricing formula (rounded down to the nearest whole Share):

# Price = NAV/X

where:

NAV = the latest announced net asset value per FWT Share

X = 1 - Total Net Fees

Total Net Fees = Promoter's fee plus up-front adviser charge or commission; less early bird and/or loyalty discount as applicable to each Investor.

The costs of the Promoter's fees and any applicable up-front intermediary commissions and adviser charges applicable to a particular investor will be borne by that Investor through the application of the Pricing Formula. The number of Offer Shares to be allotted will be determined by dividing the amount subscribed by an Investor by the price given by the above formula.

The Company and the Directors consent to the use of the Prospectus by financial intermediaries and accepts responsibility for the information contained in this document in respect of any final placement of FWT Shares by any financial intermediary which has been given consent to use this document. The offer period within which subsequent resale or final placement of securities by financial intermediaries can be made and for which consent to use the Prospectus is given commences 10 January 2023 and closes on 22 December 2023. Information on the terms and conditions of the Offer by any financial intermediary is to be provided at the time of the Offer by that financial intermediary. Financial intermediaries may use the Prospectus in the UK.

Any financial intermediary that uses the Prospectus must state on its website that it uses the Prospectus in accordance with the consent and conditions attached thereto. Financial intermediaries are required to provide the terms and conditions of the Offer to any prospective investor who has expressed an interest in participating in the Offer to such financial intermediary. No financial intermediary will act as principal in relation to the Offer.

## Why is this prospectus being produced?

The Offer is being made, and its proceeds will be used, to enable the Company to invest in a portfolio of qualifying companies selected by the Company's manager, Foresight Group LLP, in accordance with its investment policy. The FWT Share class invests principally in early stage UK technology companies and funds raised by the Offer will, no later than three years following the end of the accounting period in which those shares are issued, be invested as to at least 80% in unquoted disruptive UK technology companies with 30% of such funds so invested within the first 12 months. The remainder of such funds raised will be held in cash or other permitted non-qualifying investments. Funds raised in the future will be invested in accordance with prevailing VCT rules at the time of investment.

The Offer is not underwritten.

As far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the issue of the FWT Shares has an interest material to the Offer and there are no conflicts of interest which are material to the Offer.