# MATRIX INCOME & 2 GROWTH VCT PLC A VENTURE CAPITAL TRUST

# **REPORT & ACCOUNTS**



Unaudited Half-Yearly Report for the six months ended 31 October 2009



# **Investment Objective**

Matrix Income & Growth 2 VCT plc is a Venture Capital Trust ("VCT") managed by Matrix Private Equity Partners LLP ("MPEP") investing primarily in established, profitable, unquoted companies.

The Company's objective is to provide investors with a regular and growing stream of income, arising both from the income generated by the companies selected for the portfolio and from realising capital gains.

# **Financial Highlights**

Half-yearly results for the six months ended 31 October 2009

# Ordinary Shares (listed on 11 July 2000)

Initial net asset value per Ordinary Share 94.00 pence
Initial net assets £12,388,236

	31 October 2009	30 April 2009	31 October 2008
Net assets	£7,464,008	£7,772,227	£8,854,954
Net asset value per Ordinary Share	66.29 pence	69.03 pence	77.84 pence
Total dividends per Ordinary Share paid to date	26.79 pence	26.79 pence	26.79 pence
Total return to shareholders since launch per Share*	93.08 pence	95.82 pence	104.63 pence
(Loss)/earnings per Ordinary Share in the period	(2.74) pence	(22.34) pence	(13.12) pence
Total dividends per Ordinary Share paid in the period	nil pence	6.00 pence	6.00 pence

# C Shares (listed on 21 December 2005)

Initial net asset value per C Share 94.50 pence
Initial net assets £8,648,486

	31 October 2009	30 April 2009	31 October 2008
Net assets	£14,853,313	£14,546,917	£8,336,391
Net asset value per C Share	85.38 pence	86.02 pence	91.15 pence
Total dividends per C Share paid to date Total return to shareholders since	5.00 pence	4.00 pence	4.00 pence
launch per Share*	90.38 pence	90.02 pence	95.15 pence
(Loss)/earnings per C Share in the period	0.14 pence	(10.56) pence	(4.84) pence
Total dividends per C Share paid in the period	1.00 pence	2.50 pence	2.50 pence

<sup>\*</sup> Net asset value per share plus cumulative dividends per share. This compares to an original investment cost of 80 pence per share for the Ordinary Share Fund after allowing for income tax relief of 20 pence. The original investment cost for C Shares issued on or before 5 April 2006 is 60 pence per share after allowing for income tax relief of 40 pence per share. C Shares issued after 5 April 2006 have an original investment cost of 70 pence after allowing for income tax relief of 30 pence per share.

# **Investment Policy**

The VCT's policy is to invest primarily in a diverse portfolio of UK established, profitable, unquoted companies in order to generate capital gains from trade sales and flotations.

Investments are structured as part loan and part equity in order to receive regular income and to provide downside protection in the event of under-performance.

Investments are made selectively across a number of sectors, primarily in management buyout transactions (MBOs) i.e. to support incumbent management teams in acquiring the business they manage but do not own. Investments are primarily made in companies that are established and profitable.

Uninvested funds are held in cash and low risk money market funds.

# **UK Companies**

The companies in which investments are made must have no more than £15 million of gross assets at the time of investment to be classed as a VCT qualifying holding.

# **VCT** regulation

The investment policy is designed to ensure that the VCT continues to qualify and is approved as a VCT by HMRC. Amongst other conditions, the VCT may not invest more than 15% of its investments in a single company and must achieve at least 70% by value of its investments throughout the period in shares or securities in qualifying holdings, of which a minimum overall of 30% by value must be ordinary shares which carry no preferential rights. In addition, although the VCT can invest less than 30% of an investment in a specific company in ordinary shares it must have at least 10% by value of its total investments in each qualifying company in ordinary shares which carry no preferential rights.

### Asset mix

The Investment Manager aims to hold approximately 80% by value of the VCT's investments in qualifying holdings. The balance of the portfolio is held in readily realisable interest bearing investments and deposits.

# Risk diversification and maximum exposures

Risk is spread by investing in a number of different businesses across different industry sectors. To reduce the risk of high exposure to equities, each qualifying investment is structured using a significant proportion of loan stock (up to 70% of the total investment in each VCT qualifying company). Initial investments in VCT qualifying companies are generally made in amounts ranging from £200,000 to £1 million at cost. No holding in any one company will represent more than 10% of the value of the VCT's investments, based on cost, at the time of investment. Ongoing monitoring of each investment is carried out by the Manager generally through taking a seat on the Board of each VCT qualifying company.

# Co-investment

The VCT aims to invest alongside four other Income and Growth VCTs advised by the Manager with a similar investment policy. This enables the VCT to participate in combined investments by the Investment Manager of up to £5 million.

### **Borrowing**

The VCT has no borrowing and does not have any current plans for future borrowings.

# Chairman's Statement

I am pleased to enclose the Half-Yearly Report of Matrix Income & Growth 2 VCT plc (the "Company") for the period from 1 May 2009 to 31 October 2009.

### Overview

Economic conditions for smaller companies have remained tough since I lasted reported to you. Since 30 April 2009, net asset values per share for both funds have fallen, mainly because trading conditions for several investee companies have continued to be challenging.

We continue to remain cautious and to retain liquidity. No new investments were made during the period by either Share Fund. However, both Share Funds participated in a follow-on investment after the period end in British International Holdings; and one new investment was made into Iglu.com Holdings Limited, via the acquisition company Barnfield.

I am pleased to report that the Company realised its investment in PastaKing Holdings shortly after the period end, generating a good return for shareholders.

The overall performance of the portfolio remains satisfactory in the current economic circumstances. Several companies continue to produce encouraging results and secure new contracts.

Further details can be found in the Investment Manager's Review.

# **Ordinary Share Fund**

The Net Asset Value ("NAV") per Ordinary Share at 31 October 2009 was 66.29 pence, a 14.84% decrease when compared with 77.84 pence per share as at 31 October 2008. The NAV decreased by 3.97% when compared to the NAV at 30 April 2009 of 69.03 pence per share. The Fund's total return since launch is 93.08 pence per share (30 April 2009: 95.82 pence per share).

Further details of the performance of the Ordinary Share Fund investments are set out in the Investment Manager's Review on page 5.

# C Share Fund

The NAV per C Share at 31 October 2009 stood at 85.38 pence, a 6.33% decrease on the NAV when compared with 91.15 pence per share as at 31 October 2008, or 5.23% after adjusting for the 1 penny dividend paid in this period. Excluding the 1 penny dividend, the NAV decreased marginally by 0.74% when compared to the NAV at 30 April 2009 of 86.02 pence per share. This stronger relative performance reflects the fact that the C Fund is not yet fully invested, so held a higher level of assets in cash. The Fund's total return since launch is 90.38 pence per share (30 April 2009: 90.02 pence per share).

Further details of the performance of the C Share Fund investments are set out in the Investment Manager's Review on page 5.

### Return to Shareholders

The results for this period are set out on the following pages and show a revenue loss (after tax) attributable to Ordinary Fund Shareholders of 0.15 pence per Ordinary Share (31 October 2008: profit of 1.09 pence). The total loss (after tax) attributable to Ordinary Fund Shareholders was 2.74 pence per Ordinary Share (31 October 2008: loss of 13.12 pence).

The revenue loss (after tax) attributable to C Fund Shareholders was 0.20 pence per C Share (31 October 2008: profit of 1.28 pence). The total profit (after tax) attributable to C Fund Shareholders was 0.14 pence per C Share (31 October 2008: loss of 4.84 pence).

Revenue returns for both Funds continue to be adversely affected by historically low levels of interest rates and by a number of investee companies being unable to pay their loan stock interest.

# **Share Buybacks**

During the period 87,825 C Shares were bought back for cancellation, at an average price of 56.8 pence per share (net of expenses). No Ordinary Shares were bought back during the period.

### Dividends

The Board's objective is, subject to the availability of sufficient reserves and liquidity, to distribute regular and consistent dividends. The Board intends to review the level of dividends to be paid at the year-end, although it is unlikely that dividends from revenue returns will be possible this year.

### Outlook

Your Board and Investment Manager continue to monitor economic conditions and continue their prudent approach to further investments, whilst remaining alert to the new opportunities that the current downturn will produce.

I would like to thank all our Shareholders for their continuing support.

# Nigel Melville

Chairman

22 December 2009

# **Directors' Responsibility Statement**

# Principal risks and uncertainties

In accordance with DTR 4.2.7, the Board considers that the principal risks and uncertainties facing the Company have not materially changed from those identified in the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 30 April 2009. The principal risks faced by the Company are:

- economic risk;
- investment and strategic risk;
- regulatory risk (including VCT status);
- financial and operating risk;
- market risk;
- asset liquidity risk;
- market liquidity risk;
- credit/counterparty risk.

A detailed explanation of the principal risks facing the Company can be found in the 2009 Annual Report and Accounts on pages 23 – 24. Copies are available from www.mig2vct.co.uk.

# **Related Party Transactions**

Details of related party transactions in accordance with Disclosure and Transparency Rule 4.2.8 can be found in Note 13 to the Accounts on page 19.

### **Responsibility Statement**

The Directors confirm that to the best of their knowledge:

the half-yearly financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement "Half-Yearly Financial

- Reports" issued by the UK Accounting Standards Board and give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and loss of the Company as at 31 October 2009, as required by DTR 4.2.4;
- the interim management report included within the Chairman's Statement and Investment Manager's Review includes a fair review of the information required by DTR 4.2.7 being an indication of important events that have occurred during the first six months of the financial year and their impact on the condensed set of financial statements;
- (c) a description of the principal risks and uncertainties facing the Company for the remaining six months is set out above, in accordance with DTR 4.2.7; and
- the financial statements include a description of the related party transactions in the first six months of the current financial year that have materially affected the financial position or performance of the Company during the period, and any material changes to the related party transactions since the last Annual Report, in accordance with DTR 4.2.8.

For and on behalf of the Board:

# Nigel Melville

Chairman

22 December 2009

# **Investment Manager's Review**

### Overview

The environment for new investment has continued to be challenging during the period. We have therefore remained cautious and selective when considering potential deals. We have avoided transactions that require significant levels of bank borrowing, believing that over-leveraged investments will be particularly vulnerable.

### **Investment Activity**

No new investments were made by the Ordinary or C Share Funds during the period. However, after the period end, two investments and one disposal were made.

In November, both Share Funds participated in a follow-on investment in British International Holdings Limited. The Ordinary Share Fund invested £133,252 and the C Share Fund £26,748 in the form of secured loan notes, as part of a £1 million working capital injection by shareholders. The investment will provide additional working capital during a time when leasing revenues have fallen through lack of demand in the oil and gas sector. British International has, however, secured a further contract to commence early in 2010, which will generate leasing revenue greater than produced in 2009.

The Company successfully realised its investment in PastaKing Holdings, the Newton Abbot based supplier of fresh pasta meals, in November for proceeds of £731,000 for the Ordinary Share Fund and £510,000 for the C Share Fund. This realisation contributed to total proceeds over the life of the investment of £891,000 for the Ordinary Share Fund and £622,000 for the C Share Fund, representing a 3.25 fold return on original investment costs of £274,624 and £191,720 respectively.

In December, the Company invested in Iglu.com Holdings Limited via Barnfield Management Investments Limited, as part of our operating partner programme. The C Share Fund's original investment of £1 million was partially refunded and the Ordinary Share Fund invested £437,309 alongside £562,691 from the C Share Fund as part of the acquisition by Matrix-advised VCTs of Iglu.com Limited, a specialist provider of cruise and ski holidays. This investment was completed without recourse to bank debt and its revenues remain resilient despite the recessionary environment. Iglu is the largest specialist independent ski travel agent in the UK and fastest growing independent specialist cruise travel agent in the UK. Its reputation for offering knowledgeable impartial advice via its website and telephone operators means it enjoys a high level of repeat or referral bookings. This value added service has enabled Iglu to increase its market share in ski holidays and provide continuing growth in cruise holidays.

### **Ordinary Share Fund Portfolio Highlights**

As at 31 October 2009, the Ordinary Share Fund comprised investments in 15 companies at cost of £7.41 million and current valuation of £5.10 million; on a like for like basis the portfolio

shows a 4.37% fall compared with the valuations prevailing at 30 April 2009. Over the same period the FTSE All Share and FTSE SmallCap indices have risen by 18.94% and 26.19% respectively.

Those companies in the portfolio with either direct or indirect exposure to the construction and housebuilding sectors have continued to suffer from weakness in their markets. These include Youngman, PXP and Plastic Surgeon, all of whom continue to underperform their budgeted performance. We have worked closely with management in each case to reduce costs significantly and ensure that they are able to withstand the fall in demand in their markets.

A number of portfolio companies have, however, continued to perform strongly; DiGiCo Europe continues to grow rapidly and new product launches have led to rising profit growth. A partial loan repayment of £137,552 was made in May 2009. ATG Media is experiencing increasing interest in its online auction platform and VSI remains on track to meet its forecasts. Campden Media has seen a return to profitability as it enters its traditionally strong last quarter and Blaze Signs has successfully cut costs and is beginning to see increased demand for its services. Vectair is trading ahead of budget and making further progress in export markets including the Middle East and India. Racoon's profitability is also ahead of budget, albeit well below preinvestment expectations.

# C Share Fund Portfolio Highlights

The C Share Fund now holds investments in 13 companies at a total cost of £6.24 million and a current valuation of £5.51 million. On a like for like basis the portfolio shows a 3.37% increase compared with the valuations prevailing at 30 April 2009.

Most of the C Share Fund's investments were made alongside the Ordinary Share Fund. In addition to these, the C Share Fund holds investments in two other companies. Monsal has recovered from a difficult period since its MBO and met its forecast for its year to 30 September. Monsal has a strong order book for 2010 and several other opportunities are being explored. Focus Pharma continues to trade well, is growing profits and has good visibility of further profit growth in 2009-2010.

### Outlook

The economic outlook will continue to be difficult over the next six months, especially for small companies where recessionary pressures are greatest. We continue to monitor portfolio companies to ensure they maximise their liquidity and are well placed to take advantage of the opportunities they are presented.

Both Share Funds retain liquidity to support deserving portfolio companies where required. The recent increase in new investment opportunities now coming forward, as shown by the MBO of Iglu, bodes well for a more active year ahead.

# Matrix Private Equity Partners LLP

22 December 2009

# **Investment Portfolio Summary – Ordinary Share Fund**

as at 31 October 2009

Qualifying investments	Date of first investment	Total book cost £	Valuation £	% of net assets by value
AiM/PLUS quoted investments				
Legion Group plc (formerly SectorGuard plc) Provision of manned guarding, mobile patrolling and alarm response services	August 2005	150,000	64,286	0.9%
Vphase plc (formerly Flightstore Group plc)  Development of energy saving devices for domestic use	March 2001	254,586	5,386	0.1%
Award International Holdings plc Sales promotion activities	March 2004	250,000	-	0.0%
		654,586	69,672	1.0%
DiGiCo Europe Limited  Design and manufacture of audio mixing desks	July 2007	460,867	1,093,276	14.6%
VSI Limited Developer and marketer of 3D software	April 2006	231,020	751,392	10.1%
PastaKing Holdings Limited Supplier to the educational and food service market	June 2006	274,624	731,301	9.8%
Youngman Group Limited Manufacturer of ladders and access towers	October 2005	1,000,052	699,966	9.4%
British International Holdings Limited Supplier of helicopter services	June 2006	832,827	527,348	7.1%
ATG Media Holdings Limited Antiques publication	October 2008	508,736	487,268	6.4%
Vectair Holdings Limited A provider of air care and sanitary washroom products	January 2006	243,784	358,905	4.8%
Campden Media Limited  Magazine publisher and conference organiser	January 2006	975,000	150,717	2.0%
Racoon International Holdings Limited Supplier of hair extensions, hair care products and training	December 2006	517,350	94,616	1.3%
Blaze Signs Holdings Limited Sign writer	April 2006	791,608	71,690	0.9%
The Plastic Surgeon Holdings Limited Snagging and finishing of domestic and commercial properties	April 2008	230,986	57,747	0.8%
PXP Holdings Limited (Pinewood Structures)  Designer, manufacturer and supplier of timber frames for housing	December 2006	685,131	-	0.0%
		6,751,985	5,024,226	67.2%
Total qualifying investments		7,406,571	5,093,898	68.2%1

Non-qualifying investments	Book cost £	Valuation £	% of net assets by value
Money market funds <sup>2</sup>	2,121,693	2,121,693	28.4%
Cash	27,981	27,981	0.4%
Legion Group plc (formerly SectorGuard plc)	106	37	0.0%
Total non-qualifying investments	2,149,780	2,149,711	28.8%
Debtors		276,176	3.7%
Creditors		(55,777)	(0.7%)
Net assets		7,464,008	100.0%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As at 31 October 2009, the Company (comprising both share classes) held more than 70% of its total investments in qualifying holdings, and therefore complied with the VCT Investment test. For the purposes of the VCT Investment tests, the Company is permitted to disregard disposals of investments for six months from the date of disposal

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Disclosed within Current assets as Investments at fair value in the Balance Sheet.

# **Investment Portfolio Summary – C Share Fund**

as at 31 October 2009

Qualifying investments	Date of first investment	Total book cost £	Valuation £	% of net assets by value
Unquoted investments				
Barnfield Management Investments Limited Company seeking to acquire businesses in the food manufacturing, distribution or brand management sectors	July 2008	1,000,000	1,000,000	6.7%
Vanir Consultants Limited Company seeking to acquire businesses in the database management, mapping or data mapping sectors	October 2008	1,000,000	1,000,000	6.7%
<b>DiGiCo Europe Limited</b> Design and manufacture of audio mixing desks	July 2007	321,741	763,238	5.1%
Monsal Holdings Limited Engineering services to water and waste sectors	December 2007	854,450	723,261	4.9%
Focus Pharma Holdings Limited Licensing and distribution of generic pharmaceuticals	October 2007	660,238	656,472	4.4%
PastaKing Holdings Limited Supplier to the educational and food service market	June 2006	191,720	510,472	3.5%
ATG Media Holdings Limited Antiques publication	October 2008	355,159	340,172	2.3%
VSI Limited Developer and marketer of 3D software	April 2006	77,623	252,470	1.7%
British International Holdings Limited Supplier of helicopter services	June 2006	167,173	105,854	0.7%
Racoon International Holdings Limited Supplier of hair extensions, hair care products and training	December 2006	361,177	66,054	0.4%
Blaze Signs Holdings Limited Sign writer	April 2006	606,890	54,961	0.4%
The Plastic Surgeon Holdings Limited Snagging and finishing of domestic and commercial properties	April 2008	161,278	40,320	0.3%
PXP Holdings Limited (Pinewood Structures)  Designer, manufacturer and supplier of timber frames for housing	December 2006	478,305	-	0.0%
		6,235,754	5,513,274	37.1%
Total qualifying investments		6,235,754	5,513,274	37.1%1
Non-qualifying investments		Book cost £	Valuation £	% of net assets by value
Money market funds <sup>2</sup> Cash		9,543,467 27,678	9,543,467 27,678	64.2% 0.2%
Total non-qualifying investments		9,571,145	9,571,145	64.4%
Debtors Creditors			25,727 (256,833)	0.2% (1.7%)
Net assets			14,853,313	100.0%

<sup>1</sup> At 31 October 2009, the Company (comprising of both share classes) held more than 70% of its total investments in qualifying holdings, and therefore complied with the VCT Investment test. For the purposes of the VCT Investment tests, the Company is permitted to disregard disposals of investments for 6 months from the date of disposal

The other Funds managed by MPEP include Matrix Income & Growth VCT plc (MIG VCT), Matrix Income & Growth 3 VCT plc (MIG3), Matrix Income & Growth 4 VCT plc (MIG4) and The Income and Growth VCT plc (I&G). All of these Funds have co-invested alongside the Company in Blaze Signs Holdings Limited, British International Holdings Limited, DiGiCo Europe Limited, Focus Pharma Holdings Limited, Monsal Holdings Limited, PastaKing Holdings Limited, PXP Holdings Limited, Racoon International Holdings Limited, The Plastic Surgeon Holdings Limited, and VSI Limited. All of these Funds with the exception of MIG3 have also co-invested alongside the Company in Campden Media Limited, Legion Group plc (formerly SectorGuard plc), Vectair Holdings Limited and Youngman Group Limited. MIG VCT and MIG3 have coinvested alongside the Company in Barnfield Management Investments Ltd and MIG3 has also co-invested in Vanir Consultants Limited.

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  Disclosed within Current assets as Investments at fair value in the Balance Sheet.

# Unaudited non-statutory analysis between the Ordinary Share and C Share Funds

# Unaudited Income Statement for the six months ended 31 October 2009

	Notes	Ordinary Share Fund			C Share Fund			
		Revenue £	Capital £	Total £	Revenue £	Capital £	Total £	
Unrealised (losses)/profit on investments held at fair value Realised gains on investments held at fair value Income Recoverable VAT Investment management expense	3 4 5	- 68,655 2,074 (19,649)	(248,485) 9,533 – 6,223 (58,946)	(248,485) 9,533 68,655 8,297 (78,595)	- 111,950 1,225 (38,164)	176,182 6,655 – 3,674 (114,491)	176,182 6,655 111,950 4,899 (152,655)	
Other expenses (Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation		(67,624)	(291,675)	(308,219)	(42,366)	72,020	(117,377) 29,654	
Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities	6	_	_	_	_	_	_	
(Loss)/profit attributable to equity shareholders		(16,544)	(291,675)	(308,219)	(42,366)	72,020	29,654	
Basic and diluted earnings per share	7	(0.15)p	(2.59)p	(2.74)p	(0.20)p	0.34p	0.14p	
Average number of shares in issue				11,259,333			20,875,823	

# Unaudited Balance Sheet for each Fund as at 31 October 2009

	Notes	Ordinary Share Fund		C Sh	are Fund
		£	£	£	£
Non-current assets Assets held at fair value through profit and loss investments	10		5,093,935		5,513,274
Current assets Debtors and prepayments Investments at fair value Cash at bank		276,176 2,121,693 27,981		25,727 9,543,467 27,678	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		2,425,850 (55,777)		9,596,872 (256,833)	
Net current assets			2,370,073		9,340,039
Net assets			7,464,008		14,853,313
Capital and reserves Called up share capital Capital redemption reserve Share premium account Revaluation reserve Special distributable reserve Profit and loss account			112,593 19,213 - (2,062,743) 2,356,473 7,038,472		173,963 878 7,208,326 (722,480) 8,041,666 150,960
Equity shareholders' funds			7,464,008		14,853,313
Number of shares in issue			11,259,333		17,396,263
Net asset value per share	8		66.29 p		85.38 p

Note: The adjustment above nets off the inter-fund debtor and creditor balances, so that the "Total of both funds" balance sheet agrees to the interim Balance Sheet on page 12.

Total of both Funds (per Half-Yearly Income Statement) Revenue Capital Total £ £ £		
-	(72,303)	(72,303)
- 180,605 3,299 (57,813) (185,001)	16,188 - 9,897 (173,437) -	16,188 180,605 13,196 (231,250) (185,001)
(58,910)	(219,655)	(278,565)
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(58,910)	(219,655)	(278,565)

Adjustments (see note below) £	Total of bo (per Half-Yearly £	th Funds Balance Sheet) £	
		10,607,209	
(238,779)	63,124 11,665,160 55,659		
(238,779)	11,783,943		
238,779	(73,831)	11,710,112	
-		22,317,321 286,556 20,091 7,208,326 (2,785,223) 10,398,139 7,189,432 22,317,321	

# **Unaudited Income Statement**

for the six months ended 31 October 2009

		Six months	Six months ended 31 October 2009 (unaudited)			Year ended 30 April 2009 (audited)			
	Notes	Revenue £	Capital £	Total £	Revenue £	Capital £	Total £		
Unrealised losses on investments held at fair value Realised gains/(losses) on		-	(72,303)	(72,303)	-	(3,778,380)	(3,778,380)		
investments held at fair value Income Recoverable VAT	3 4	- 180,605 3,299	16,188 - 9,897	16,188 180,605 13,196	- 735,597 22,618	(29) 108,375 67,854	(29) 843,972 90,472		
Investment management expense Other expenses	5	(57,813) (185,001)	(173,437)	(231,250) (185,001)	(93,039) (351,173)	(279,115)	(372,154) (351,173)		
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation		(58,910)	(219,655)	(278,565)	314,003	(3,881,295)	(3,567,292)		
Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities		-	-	_	(43,586)	43,586	-		
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities after taxation		(58,910)	(219,655)	(278,565)	270,417	(3,837,709)	(3,567,292)		
Basic and diluted earnings per share Ordinary Shares C Shares	7 7	(0.15)p (0.20)p	(2.59)p 0.34p	(2.74)p 0.14p	1.29p 1.27p	(23.63)p (11.83)p	(22.34)p (10.56)p		

The notes to the unaudited financial statements on pages 14 – 19 form part of these Half-Yearly financial statements.

The total column of this statement is the profit and loss account of the Company. All revenue and capital items in the above statement derive from continuing operations. There were no other recognised gains or losses in the period.

Other than revaluation movements arising on investments held at fair value through profit and loss, there were no differences between the profit/(loss) as stated above and at historical cost.

Six months ended 31 October 2008 (unaudited)				
Revenue £	Capital £	Total £		
-	(2,207,313)	(2,207,313)		
- 464611	(29)	(29)		
464,611 28,736	86,208	464,611 114,944		
(34,336) (182,832)	(103,011)	(137,347) (182,832)		
		(.02,002)		
276,179	(2,224,145)	(1,947,966)		
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(34,582)	34,582	_		
241,597	(2,189,563)	(1,947,966)		
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1.09p	(14.21)p	(13.12)p		
1.28p	(6.12)p	(4.84)p		

# **Unaudited Balance Sheet**

as at 31 October 2009

	Notes	31 October 2009 (unaudited) £	30 April 2009 (audited) £	31 October 2008 (unaudited) £
Non-current assets Assets held at fair value through profit and loss – investments	10	10,607,209	10,896,904	12,219,085
Current assets Debtors and prepayments Investments at fair value Cash at bank	11	63,124 11,665,160 55,659 11,783,943	273,662 11,198,762 61,346 11,533,770	303,814 4,694,360 49,291 5,047,465
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year  Net current assets		(73,831) 11,710,112	(111,530) 11,422,240	(75,205) 4,972,260
Net assets  Capital and reserves  Called up share capital  Capital redemption reserve  Share premium account  Capital reserve – unrealised  Special distributable reserve  Profit and loss account	12	22,317,321 286,556 20,091 7,208,326 (2,785,223) 10,398,139 7,189,432	281,697 19,213 6,712,239 (2,712,919) 10,611,920 7,406,994	205,215 18,051 - (1,141,852) 10,727,749 7,382,182
Net asset value per share Ordinary Shares C Shares	8	22,317,321 66.29p 85.38p	22,319,144 69.03p 86.02p	17,191,345 77.84p 91.15p

These accounts are unaudited and are not the Company's statutory accounts.

# **Unaudited Reconciliation of Movements in Shareholders' Funds**

for the six months ended 31 October 2009

	Notes	Six months ended 31 October 2009 (unaudited) £	Year ended 30 April 2009 (audited) £	Six months ended 31 October 2008 (unaudited) £
Opening shareholders' funds Net share capital issued in the year (net of expenses) Net share capital bought back Loss for the year Dividends paid in year	9	22,319,144 501,824 (50,241) (278,565) (174,841)	20,142,891 6,789,883 (128,228) (3,567,292) (918,110)	20,142,891 - (85,470) (1,947,966) (918,110)
Closing shareholders' funds		22,317,321	22,319,144	17,191,345

# **Unaudited Cash Flow Statement**

for the six months ended 31 October 2009

	Six months ended 31 October 2009 (unaudited) £	Year ended 30 April 2009 (audited) £	Six months ended 31 October 2008 (unaudited) £
Operating activities			
Investment income received	185,626	935,111	521,393
VAT received	120,068	-	-
Investment management fees paid	(234,308)	(373,826)	(213,765)
Other cash payments	(212,861)	(377,434)	(233,858)
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities	(141,475)	183,851	73,770
Investing activities Acquisition of investments	<del>-</del>	(3,758,017)	(3,509,131)
Disposal of investments	233,580	757,966	757,966
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities	233,580	(3,000,051)	(2,751,165)
<b>Dividends</b> Dividends paid	(174,841)	(918,110)	(918,110)
Net cash outflow before liquid resource management and financing	(82,736)	(3,734,310)	(3,595,505)
Movement in money market and other deposits	(466,398)	(2,840,588)	3,663,814
Financing			
Purchase of own shares	(50,241)	(151,530)	(108,772)
Share capital raised (net of expenses)	593,688	6,698,020	_
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing	543,447	6,546,490	(108,772)
Decrease in cash	(5,687)	(28,408)	(40,463)

# Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds

	Six months ended 31 October 2009 (unaudited) £	Year ended 30 April 2009 (audited) £	Six months ended 31 October 2008 (unaudited) £
Net funds at start of period	61,346	89,754	89,754
Decrease in cash for the period	(5,687)	(28,408)	(40,463)
Net funds at the end of the period	55,659	61,346	49,291

# Reconciliation of loss on ordinary activities before taxation to net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities

	Six months ended 31 October 2009 (unaudited) £	Year ended 30 April 2009 (audited) £	Six months ended 31 October 2008 (unaudited) £
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	(278,565)	(3,567,292)	(1,947,966)
Net unrealised losses on investments	72,303	29	2,207,313
Net (gains)/losses on realisations of investments	(16,188)	3,778,380	-
Transaction costs	_	_	29
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	54,480	(114,664)	(138,647)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors and accruals	26,495	87,398	(46,959)
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities	(141,475)	183,851	73,770

The notes to the unaudited financial statements on pages 14 – 19 form part of these Half-Yearly financial statements.

# Notes to the unaudited financial statements

# 1. Principal accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the period. Full details of principal accounting policies will be disclosed in the Annual Report.

# a) Basis of accounting

The unaudited results cover the six months to 31 October 2009 and have been prepared under UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK GAAP), consistent with the accounting policies set out in the statutory accounts for the year ended 30 April 2009 and the 2009 Statement of Recommended Practice, 'Financial Statements of Investment Trust Companies and Venture Capital Trusts' ("the SORP").

The Half-Yearly Report has not been audited, nor has it been reviewed by the auditors pursuant to the Auditing Practices Board (APB)'s quidance on Review of Interim Financial Information.

# b) Presentation of the Income Statement

In order to better reflect the activities of a VCT and in accordance with the SORP, supplementary information which analyses the Income Statement between items of a revenue and capital nature has been presented alongside the Income Statement. The revenue column of profit attributable to equity shareholders is the measure the Directors believe appropriate in assessing the Company's compliance with certain requirements set out in Section 274 Income Tax Act 2007.

### c) Investments

All investments held by the Company are classified as "fair value through profit and loss" in accordance with International Private Equity and Venture Capital Valuation ("IPEVCV") guidelines, as updated in September 2009, which have not materially changed the results reported last year. This classification is followed as the Company's business is to invest in financial assets with a view to profiting from their total return in the form of capital growth and income.

For investments actively traded in organised markets, fair value is generally determined by reference to Stock Exchange market quoted bid prices at the close of business on the balance sheet date. Purchases and sales of AiM quoted investments are recognised on the trade date where a contract of sale exists whose terms require delivery within a time frame determined by the relevant market. Purchases and sales of unlisted investments are recognised when the contract for acquisition or sale becomes unconditional.

Unquoted investments are stated at fair value by the Directors in accordance with the following rules, which are consistent with the IPEVCV guidelines:

All investments are held at the price of a recent investment for an appropriate period where there is considered to have been no change in fair value. Where such a basis is no longer considered appropriate, the following factors are considered:

- (i) Where a value is indicated by a material arms-length transaction by an independent third party in the shares of a company, this value will be used.
- (ii) In the absence of i), and depending upon both the subsequent trading performance and investment structure of an investee company, the valuation basis will usually move to either:
  - a) an earnings multiple basis. The shares may be valued by applying a suitable price-earnings ratio to that company's historic, current or forecast post-tax earnings before interest and amortisation (the ratio used being based upon a comparable sector but the resulting value being adjusted to reflect points of difference identified by the Investment Manager compared to the sector including, inter alia, a lack of marketability).

or:-

- b) where a company's underperformance against plan indicates a diminution in the value of the investment, provision against cost is made, as appropriate. Where the value of an investment has fallen permanently below cost, the loss is treated as a permanent impairment and as a realised loss, even though the investment is still held. The Board assesses the portfolio for such investments and, after agreement with the Investment Manager, will agree the values that represent the extent to which an investment loss has become realised. This is based upon an assessment of objective evidence of that investment's future prospects, to determine whether there is potential for the investment to recover in value.
- (iii) Premiums on loan stock investments are accrued at fair value when the Company receives the right to the premium and when considered recoverable.

(iv) Where an earnings multiple or cost less impairment basis is not appropriate and overriding factors apply, discounted cashflow or net asset valuation bases may be applied.

# d) Capital gains and losses

Capital gains and losses on investments, whether realised or unrealised, are dealt with in the profit and loss and revaluation reserves and movements in the period are shown in the Income Statement.

2. The Company revoked its status as an investment company on 7 September 2005, so that it can regard realised capital profits as part of the profits available for distribution.

### 3. Income

	Six months ended 31 October 2009 (unaudited) £	Year ended 30 April 2009 (unaudited) £	Six months ended 31 October 2008 (unaudited) £
Income from investments Dividends Money-market funds Loan stock interest Bank deposit and other interest Interest received on VAT	2,945 45,406 116,005 82 16,167	214,825 236,292 391,124 1,731	90,682 184,995 188,052 882
Total income	180,605	843,972	464,611

# 4. VAT recoverable

At 30 April 2009, the Directors considered it reasonably certain that the Company would obtain a repayment of VAT of not less than £112,000. This estimate was based upon information supplied by the Company's Investment Manager and discussions with the Company's professional advisors as a result of the European Court of Justice ruling and subsequent HMRC briefing that management fees be exempt for VAT purposes. During this period £125,196 of recoverable VAT was actually received. The excess of £13,196 has been credited to the Income Statement, allocated 25% to revenue and 75% to capital return and is in the same proportion as that in which the irrecoverable VAT was originally charged.

# 5. Investment management expense

In accordance with the policy statement published under "Management and Administration" in the Company's prospectus dated 10 May 2000, the Directors have charged 75% of the investment management expenses to the capital account. This is in line with the Board's expectation of the long-term split of returns from the investment portfolio of the Company.

# 6. Taxation

There is no tax charge in the period, as there were taxable losses in the period.

# Notes to the unaudited financial statements

# 7. Basic and diluted earnings per share

	Six month	s ended 31 Octo (unaudited)	ber 2009	Year ended 30 April 2009 (audited)			
	Ordinary Share Fund £	C Share Fund £	Total £	Ordinary Share Fund £	C Share Fund £	Total £	
Total earnings after taxation  Basic and diluted earnings per share (note a)	(308,219) <b>(2.74)</b> p	29,654 <b>0.14p</b>	(278,565)	(2,545,615) (22.34)p	(1,021,677) (10.56)p	(3,567,292)	
Revenue (loss)/profit from ordinary activities after taxation  Basic and diluted revenue earnings per share (note b)	(16,544) <b>(0.15)</b> p	(42,366) (0.20)p	(58,910)	147,005 1. <b>29</b> p	123,412 <b>1.27</b> p	270,417	
Net realised capital gains/(losses) on investments Net (losses)/gains on realisations of investments Dividends treated as capital VAT recoverable Capital management fees less taxation	9,533 (248,485) – 6,223 (58,946)	6,655 176,182 - 3,674 (114,491)	16,188 (72,303) - 9,897 (173,437)	(29) (2,671,234) 63,825 37,650 (122,832)	- (1,107,146) 44,550 30,204 (112,697)	(29) (3,778,380) 108,375 67,854 (235,529)	
Total capital (losses)/profit on ordinary activities after taxation  Basic and diluted capital earnings per share (note c)	(291,675) (2.59)p	72,020 <b>0.34</b> p	(219,655)	(2,692,620) (23.63)p	(1,145,089) (11.83)p	(3,837,709)	
Weighted average number of shares in issue in the year	11,259,333	20,875,823		11,394,390	9,677,798		

### Notes

- a) Basic and diluted earnings per share is total earnings after taxation divided by the weighted average number of shares in issue.
- b) Basic and diluted revenue earnings per share is revenue earnings after taxation divided by the weighted average number of shares in issue.
- c) Basic and diluted capital earnings per share is total capital earnings divided by the weighted average number of shares in issue.

# 8. Net asset value per share

		tober 2009 dited)	As at 30 A	•	As at 31 October 2008 (unaudited)		
	Ordinary Share Fund £	C Share Fund £	Ordinary Share Fund £	C Share Fund £	Ordinary Share Fund £	C Share Fund £	
Net assets	7,464,008	14,853,313	7,772,227	14,546,917	8,854,954	8,336,391	
Number of shares in issue	11,259,333	17,396,263	11,259,333	16,910,386	11,375,533	9,145,990	
Net asset value per Share (pence)	66.29p	85.38p	69.03p	86.02p	77.84p	91.15p	

Six mont	hs ended 31 Octo (unaudited)	ber 2008
Ordinary Share Fund £	C Share Fund £	Total £
(1,505,646) <b>(13.12)p</b>	(442,320) (4.84)p	(1,947,966)
124,694	116,903	241,597
1.09p	1.28p	
(29) (1,644,871)	_ (562,442)	(29) (2,207,313)
54,177 (39,617)	32,031 (28,812)	86,208 (68,429)
(1,630,340)	(559,223)	(2,189,563)
(14.21)p	(6.12)p	
11,473,436	9,145,990	

# Notes to the unaudited financial statements

# 9. Dividends

	Six months to 31 October 2009 (unaudited) £	Year ended 30 April 2009 (audited) £	Six months to 31 October 2008 (unaudited) £
Ordinary Share Fund Dividends paid in period – nil (30 April 2009: 6 pence; 31 October 2008: 6 pence)	-	689,460	689,460
C Share Fund Dividends paid in period – 1 pence per share (30 April 2009: 2.5 pence; 31 October 2008: 2.5 pence)	174,841	228,650	228,650
Total	174,841	918,110	918,110

# 10. Summary of non-current asset investments at fair value during the period

	Traded on AIM or OFEX £	Unquoted Ordinary shares £	Preference shares £	Qualifying loans	Total £
Cost at 1 May 2009 Unrealised (losses)/gains at 1 May 2009 Permanent impairment at 1 May 2009	654,692 (322,044) (250,000)	4,813,279 393,852 (1,000,000)	42,576 (35,046) –	9,349,276 (2,749,681) –	14,859,823 (2,712,919) (1,250,000)
Value at 1 May 2009 Purchases at cost Sale proceeds Increase in unrealised (losses)/gains Realised gains	82,648 - - (12,939) -	4,207,131 - - 116,262 -	7,530 - - (1,000) -	6,599,595 - (233,580) (174,626) 16,188	10,896,904 - (233,580) (72,303) 16,188
Valuation at 31 October 2009	69,709	4,323,393	6,530	6,207,577	10,607,209
Book cost at 31 October 2009 Unrealised (losses)/gains at 31 October 2009	654,692 (584,983)	3,813,279 510,114	42,576 (36,046)	9,131,884 (2,924,307)	13,642,431 (3,035,222)
Valuation at 31 October 2009	69,709	4,323,393	6,530	6,207,577	10,607,209
Unrealised (losses)/gains at 1 May 2009	(322,044)	393,852	(35,046)	(2,749,681)	(2,712,919)
Net movement in unrealised (depreciation)/appreciation in the period Permanent impairment at 31 October 2009 Realisation of previously unrealised losses	(12,939) (250,000) –	116,262 (1,000,000) 1,000,000	(1,000) - -	(174,626) - -	(72,303) (1,250,000) 1,000,000
(Losses)/gains on investments at 31 October 2009	(584,983)	510,114	(36,046)	(2,924,307)	(3,035,222)

# 11. Investments at fair value

These comprise investments in five OEIC money market funds (four Dublin based and one London based), managed by Barclays Global Investors (two funds), Royal Bank of Scotland, Prime Rate Capital Management, Scotlish Widows Investment Partnership and Blackrock. £11,664,255 (30 April 2009: £11,197,873; 31 October 2008: £4,655,274) of this sum is subject to same day access, while £905 (30 April 2009: £889; 31 October 2008: £39,086) is subject to two day access.

# 12. Capital and reserves for the six months ended 31 October 2009

	Called up share capital £	Capital redemption reserve	Share premium reserve £	Capital reserve (unrealised) £	Special distributable reserve £	Profit and Loss Account £	Total £
At 1 May 2009	281,697	19,213	6,712,239	(2,712,919)	10,611,920	7,406,994	22,319,144
Issue of shares	5,737	_	524,306		_	_	530,043
Expenses of share offer	_	_	(28,219)	_	_	_	(28,219)
Shares bought back	(878)	878	_	_	(50,241)	_	(50,241)
Transfer of realised capital losses from							
Cancelled Share Premium account							
(see note below)	_	_	_	_	(163,540)	163,540	_
Dividends paid	_	_	_	_	-	(174,841)	(174,841)
Loss for the year	_	_	_	(72,304)	_	(206,261)	(278,565)
At 31 October 2009	286,556	20,091	7,208,326	(2,785,223)	10,398,139	7,189,432	22,317,321

The cancelled share premium account for each Fund provides the Company with a special reserve out of which it can fund buybacks of each Fund's Shares as and when it is considered by the Board to be in the interests of the Shareholders, and to absorb any existing and future realised losses. Under Resolution 7 of the Annual General Meeting held on 10 September 2009, each class of Shareholders authorised the Company to purchase its own shares pursuant to section 166 of the Companies Act 1985. The authority is limited to a maximum of 14.99 per cent of the issued Ordinary Share capital of the Company or, as the case maybe, 14.99 per cent of the C Share capital, and will unless previously revoked or renewed expire on the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held in 2010.

The maximum price that may be paid for Ordinary Shares and C Shares will be an amount equal to 105 per cent of the average of the middle market quotation as taken from the London Stock Exchange daily official list for the five business days immediately preceding the day on which that Ordinary Share or, as the case maybe, C Share, is purchased. The minimum price that may be paid for Ordinary Shares and C Shares is 1 penny per share. The authority provides that the Company may make a contract to purchase Ordinary Shares or, as the case maybe, C Shares under the authority conferred by this resolution prior to the expiry of such authority which will or may be executed wholly or partly after the expiration of such authority and may make a purchase of Ordinary Shares or C Shares pursuant to such contract.

# 13. Related party transactions

Kenneth Vere Nicoll is a director and shareholder of Matrix Group Limited, which owns Matrix-Securities Limited, MPE Partners Limited and has a controlling interest in Prime Rate Capital Management LLP. MPE Partners Limited has a 50% interest in Matrix Private Equity Partners LLP, the Company's Investment Manager. He is also a director of Matrix-Securities Limited who act as promoter to the Company but received no fees for any of the periods under review, and provided accountancy and company secretarial services to the Company for which it received payment of £60,695 (year ended 30 April 2009: £95,318; six months ended 31 October 2008: £46,180). Matrix Private Equity Partners LLP is the Company's Investment Manager in respect of venture capital investments and earned fees of £231,250 (year ended 30 April 2009: £372,154; six months ended 31 October 2008: £137,347), for the period. The Company has invested £2,827,853 in a liquidity fund managed by Prime Rate Capital Management LLP, and earned income of £11,325 from this fund in the period.

Details of co-investments by other Funds managed by MPEP can be found in the Investment Portfolio Summary on pages 6 – 7.

- 14. The financial information set out in this half-yearly financial report does not constitute statutory accounts as defined in section 434 of the Companies Act 2006. The information for the year ended 30 April 2009 has been extracted from the latest published audited financial statements, which have been filed with the Registrar of Companies. The auditors have reported on these financial statements and that report was unqualified and did not contain a statement under section 498 (2) or (3) of the Companies Act 2006.
- 15. Copies of this statement are being sent to all Shareholders. Further copies are available free of charge from the Company's registered office, One Vine Street, London, W1J OAH or can be downloaded via the Company's website at www.miq2vct.co.uk.

# **Shareholder Information**

Shareholders wishing to follow the Company's progress can visit the Company's website at www.mig2vct.co.uk which contains publicly available information or links to information about our largest investments, the latest NAV and the share price. The London Stock Exchange's website at www.londonstockexchange.com/en-gb/pricesnews provides up to the minute details of the share price and latest NAV announcements, etc. A number of commentators such as Allenbridge at www.taxshelterreport.co.uk provide comparative performance figures for the VCT sector as a whole. The share price is also quoted in the Financial Times.

The Company circulates a bi-annual newsletter to Shareholders in the quarters in which it does not publish annual or half-yearly accounts. The next edition will be distributed in March 2010.

# Net asset value per share

The Company's NAV per share as at 31 October 2009 was 66.29 pence per Ordinary Share and 85.38 pence per C Share. The Company announces its unaudited NAV on a quarterly basis.

### Dividend

The Board is not recommending the payment of an interim dividend in respect of the six months ended 31 October 2009 to either Ordinary Shareholders or C Shareholders. The Directors will consider the payment of final dividends in respect of the year-ending 30 April 2010 when they review the full year results.

Shareholders who wish to have future dividends paid directly into their bank account rather than sent by cheque to their registered address can complete a mandate for this purpose. Mandates can be obtained by contacting the Company's Registrars, Capita Registrars, at the address below.

## Shareholder enquiries

For enquiries concerning the investment portfolio, please contact the Investment Manager, Matrix Private Equity Partners LLP, on 020 3206 7266 or by e-mail to info@matrixpep.co.uk.

For information on your holding, to notify the Company of a change of address or to request a dividend mandate form (should you wish to have future dividends paid directly into your bank account) please contact the Company's Registrars, Capita Registrars, on 0871 664 0300, (calls cost 10p per minute plus network extras, lines are open 8.30 am – 5.30 pm Mon-Fri. If calling from overseas please dial +44 208 639 3399) or write to them at Northern House, Woodsome Park, Fennay Bridge, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, HD8 0LA. Alternatively you can contact them via their web site at www.capitaregistrars.com.

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