Octopus Apollo VCT plc

The issue by Octopus Apollo VCT plc of Scheme Shares in connection with the acquisition of the assets and liabilities of Octopus VCT plc

Offer for Subscription by Octopus Apollo VCT plc, for the tax years 2014/2015 and 2015/2016, to raise up to £20 million by way of an issue of Offer Shares with an over allotment facility of a further £10 million

24 October 2014

PROSPECTUS AND APPLICATION FORM

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Octopus Apollo VCT plc

(registered number 5840377)

Prospectus relating to:

the issue by Octopus Apollo VCT plc of Scheme Shares in connection with the acquisition of the assets and liabilities of Octopus VCT plc

offer for subscription by Octopus Apollo VCT plc of Offer Shares to raise up to a maximum of £20 million, with an over allotment facility of a further £10 million, payable in full in cash on application

Sponsor Howard Kennedy Corporate Services LLP

The ordinary shares of the Company in issue at the date of this document are listed on the premium segment of the Official List of the UK Listing Authority and traded on the London Stock Exchange's main market for listed securities. Application has been made to the UK Listing Authority for all of the New Shares to be listed on the premium segment of the Official List and application will be made to the London Stock Exchange for the New Shares to be admitted to trading on its main market for listed securities. It is expected that such admission will

become effective and that trading will commence in respect of the New Shares within 10 business days of their allotment. The New Shares will be issued in registered form and will be freely transferable in both certificated and uncertificated form. The Offer Shares and the existing Ordinary Shares will rank pari passu in all respects and the Scheme Shares will rank pari passu in all respects. The Offer is conditional on (i) the completion of the Scheme and (ii) the passing by the Shareholders of Resolutions 2 and 7 at the General Meeting.

The Offer is not being made, directly or indirectly, in or into the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan or the Republic of South Africa or their respective territories or possessions, and documents should not be distributed, forwarded or transmitted in or into such territories. The New Shares have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933 (as amended) and may not be offered, sold or delivered, directly or indirectly, in or into the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan or the Republic of South Africa.

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SUMMARY

Summaries are made up of disclosure requirements known as 'Elements'. The Elements are numbered in Sections A—E.

This summary contains all the Elements required to be included in a summary for this type of securities and issuer. Because some Elements are not required to be addressed there may be gaps in the numbering sequence of the Elements.

Even though an Element may be required to be inserted into the summary because of the type of securities and issuer, it is possible that no relevant information can be given regarding the Element. In this case a short description of the Element is included in the summary with the mention of 'not applicable'.

Section A - Introduction and Warnings

Element	Disclosure requirement	Disclosure
A.1	Warning	This summary should be read as an introduction to the Prospectus. Any decision to invest in the securities should be based on consideration of the Prospectus as a whole by the investor. Where a claim relating to the information contained in the Prospectus is brought before a court, the plaintiff investor might, under the national legislation of the EEA States, have to bear the costs of translating the Prospectus before the legal proceedings are initiated. 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 the other parts of the Prospectus or 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 such securities.
A.2	Consent for Use of Prospectus by financial intermediaries	The Company and the Directors consent to the use of the Prospectus, and accept responsibility for the content of the Prospectus, with respect to subsequent resale or final placement of securities by financial intermediaries, from the date of the Prospectus until the close of the Offer. The Offer is expected to close on or before 1 October 2015. The Merger is expected to complete on 28 November 2014. There are no conditions attaching to this consent. Financial intermediaries must give investors information on the terms and conditions of the Offer at the time they introduce the Offer to investors.

Schedule B - Issuer

Element	Disclosure	Disclosure
	requirement	
B.1	Legal and commercial name	Octopus Apollo VCT plc.
B.2	Domicile and	Octopus Apollo VCT plc was incorporated and registered in England and Wales on 7 June 2006

	legal form	as a public com 5840377.	pany limited by s	shares under t	he Companies	Act 1985 with	registered nun	nber
B.5	Group description	The Company is not presently part of a group.						
B.6	Major shareholders	The Company is not aware of any person or persons who have, or who following the Offer and the Merger will or could have, directly or indirectly, voting rights representing 3% or more of the issued share capital of the Company or who can, or could, following the Offer and the Merger, directly or indirectly exercise control over the Company. There are no different voting rights for any Shareholder.						
B.7	Selected financial information		Selected historical financial information relating to the Company, which has been extracted from the audited and unaudited financial statements referenced in the following tables, is set out below:					
			Year Ended 31 January 2012 (audited)	Year Ended 31 January 2013 (audited)	Year Ended 31 January 2014 (audited)	Six months ended 31 July 2013 (unaudited)	Six months ended 31 July 2014 (unaudited)	
		Net assets (£'000)	24,337	47,774	63,905	64,867	66,801	
		Net asset value per Share (p)	90.9	89.3	86.8	87.3	86.9	
		Revenue return after expenses and taxation (£'000)	1,260	223	1,751	330	2,003	
		Total Return (p)	103.4	106.8	109.3	107.3	111.9	
		Dividend paid per Share during the period (p)*	3.5	5.0	5.0	3.0	2.5	
		Total Expenses (£'000)	806	1,830	2,174	880	1,546	

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		As a percentage of average Shareholders' funds	3.3%	3.8%	3.4%	1.4%	2.3%	
		Net asset value return (p)	4.7	0.6	2.5	0.5	2.6	
		* A half-year div paid on 7 Novem Both during the significant chang	iber 2014.	referred to a	above and sinc	e 31 July 2014	there has bee	
B.8	Key pro forma financial information	The Enlarged Co (assuming the Sc as at 31 August 2 after deducting 5.0% of the amo The Enlarged Co month period to the Scheme of £0 A summary of the	cheme is completed. 2014 and the Off the expenses of unt subscribed. Impany would have 31 July 2014 of 2.4 million, assur	ted based on er, together v the Scheme of ave had a ret f approximate ming Apollo ar	the NAVs of Apvith its over all of £0.4 million urn on ordinarely £3,149,000	pollo as at 31 J otment facility and the expen ry activities be after deductir	uly 2014 and C , is fully subscr uses of the Offe fore tax for the ng the expense	VCT ibed er of
		N (6/20	0)	Six mor (unaudi	nths ended 31 ted)			
		Net assets (£'00				146,328		
		Revenue return taxation (£'000)	after expenses ar	nd		3,149		
		Total Expenses	(£'000)			2,216		
		As a percentage Shareholders' fu	-			1.5%		
		The pro forma s				•	•	

allotment facility.

Offer had taken place on 31 July 2014 and the pro forma statement of earnings is based on the assumption that the Merger and the Offer had taken place at the start of the period, 1 February 2014, and that, in each case, the Offer was fully subscribed having used the over

B.9	Profit forecast	The pro forma financial information has been prepared for illustrative purposes only and, because of its nature, addresses a hypothetical situation and, therefore, does not represent the Company's actual financial position or results. Not applicable. No profit forecast or estimate made.
B.10	Description of the nature of any qualifications in the audit report on the historical financial information	Not applicable. The audit reports on the historical financial information contained within the document are not qualified.
B.11	Insufficient working capital	Not applicable. The Company is of the opinion that the working capital available to the Companies is sufficient for the Companies' present requirements (that is, for at least the next twelve months from the date of this document).
B.34	Investment objective and policy including investment restrictions	The Company's investment policy is designed to enable the Company to comply with the VCT qualifying conditions. It is intended that the long-term disposition of the Company's assets will be not less than 80% in a portfolio of unquoted investments and up to 20% in cash or near cash investments to provide a reserve of liquidity which will maximise the Company's flexibility as to the timing of investment acquisitions and disposals, dividend payments and share buy-backs.
		Investments are structured using various unquoted investment instruments, including ordinary and preference shares, loan stocks and convertible securities, to achieve an appropriate balance of income and capital growth, having regard to the venture capital legislation. The portfolio is diversified by investing in a broad range of industry sectors and by holding investments in companies at various stages of maturity in the corporate development cycle, though investments are not generally made in early stage companies which have yet to achieve profitability and cash generation. The normal investment period is in the range from three to seven years. Any uninvested funds are typically held in cash and money market funds.
		Risk is spread by investing in a number of different businesses within different industry sectors using a variety of securities. The maximum amount invested in any one company is limited to any HMRC annual investment limits and, generally, no more than 15% of the Company's assets, at cost, are invested in the same company.
		The value of individual investments is expected to increase over time as a result of trading progress and a continuous assessment is made of investments' suitability for sale. The Company's VCT qualifying investments are held with a view to long-term capital growth as well as income and will often have limited marketability; as a result it is possible that individual holdings may grow in value to the point where they represent a significantly higher

		proportion of total assets prior to a realisation opportunity being available. Investments are normally made using shareholders' funds and it is not intended that the Company will take on any long-term borrowings.
		Where one or more of the companies managed or advised by Octopus wishes to participate in an investment opportunity, allocations will be made in accordance with Octopus' allocation policy as at the date of allocation. The policy provides that allocations should be initially offered to the Company on a basis which is pro-rata to its net asset value (or as otherwise agreed by the Board and Octopus). In the event of a conflict of interests on the part of Octopus or where co-investment is proposed to be made other than on a pro-rata basis (or as otherwise agreed by the Board and Octopus), such an investment requires the approval of those members of the Board who are independent of Octopus.
B.35	Borrowing limits	The Articles restrict borrowings to 50% of the adjusted capital and reserves. The current policy, however, is that investments will normally be made using the shareholders' funds and it is not intended that the Company will take on any long-term borrowings. As at the As at the date of this document the Company has no borrowings.
B.36	Regulatory status	The Company is authorised and regulated by the FCA as a self managed alternative investment fund.
B.37	Typical investor	The typical investor for whom investment in the Company is designed is an individual retail investor aged 18 or over who is resident and a tax payer in the UK.
B.38	Investment of 20% or more in a single underlying asset or investment company	Not applicable. The Company will not invest more than 20% in a single underlying asset or investment company.
B.39	Investment of 40% or more in a single underlying asset or investment company	Not applicable. The Company will not invest more than 40% in a single underlying asset or investment company.
B.40	Applicant's service providers	Octopus receives an annual investment management fee of an amount equal to 2% of the net assets of the Company (plus applicable VAT). Octopus also receives an annual administration and accounting fee equal to 0.3% of the net assets of the Company (plus applicable VAT) and a company secretarial fee of £20,000 (plus VAT). The annual administration and accounting fee arrangements will continue to apply to the Enlarged Company, spread across the enlarged net assets. The annual investment management fee will continue to apply in respect of the Ordinary Share Fund and the existing annual

		investment management fee arrangements in respect of OVCT will continue to apply in respect of the C Ordinary Share Fund.
		Octopus is entitled to an annual performance related incentive fee in each accounting period, subject to the total return being 100p at the end of the relevant period. The amount of the fee will be equal to 20% of the amount by which the total return at the end of the relevant period exceeds the total return as at 31 January 2012 plus cumulative Bank of England base rate or, if greater, the highest total return as at the end of the accounting period commencing on 1 February 2012 or any subsequent accounting period.
B.41	Regulatory status of the Manager/ custodian	Octopus is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.
B.42	Calculation of Net Asset Value	The NAV of a Share is calculated in accordance with the Company's accounting policies and is published quarterly through a Regulatory Information Service. The calculation of the NAV per Share would only be suspended in circumstances where the underlying data necessary to value the investments of the Company could not readily, or without undue expenditure, be obtained. Details of any suspension in making such calculations will be announced through a Regulatory Information Service.
B.43	Cross liability re umbrella collective investment undertaking	Not applicable. The Company is not an umbrella collective investment undertaking and as such there is no cross liability between classes of Shares or investment in another collective investment undertaking.
B.44	No financial statements have been made up	Not applicable. The Company has commenced operations and historical financial information is included within the document.
B.45	Portfolio	The Company's investment portfolio comprise predominantly UK unquoted companies in the renewable energy, media, healthcare, engineering and telecommunications sectors. The Company's portfolio of investments was valued at £57,438,000 as at 31 July 2014 (the date to which the most recent unaudited financial information has been drawn up).
B.46	Most recent Net Asset Value	The unaudited NAV per Ordinary Share as at 31 July 2014 was 86.9p.

${\bf Section} \; {\bf C} - {\bf Securities}$

Element	Disclosure requirement	Disclosure	
C.1	Types and class of securities	The Company will issue new C Ordinary Shares of 1p each pursuant to the Scheme and will issue new Ordinary Shares of 10p each pursuant to the Offer. The ISIN and SEDOL of the Scheme Shares are ● and ● respectively and the ISIN and SEDOL of the Offer Shares are GB00B17B3479 and B17B347 respectively.	
C.2	Currency	Sterling.	
C.3	Number of securities to be issued	The maximum number of Offer Shares to be issued pursuant to the Offer is 32,786,885 Offe Shares assuming a full subscription, using the over allotment facility and an Offer Price o 91.5p and the number of Scheme Shares to be issued pursuant to the Scheme will be equal to the number of OVCT Shares in issue at the Scheme Calculation Date.	
C.4	Description of the rights attaching to the securities	As Regards Income: The holders of the Ordinary Shares and the C Ordinary Shares as a class shall be entitled to receive such dividends as the Directors resolve to pay in respect of those share classes. As Regards Capital: On a return of capital on a winding up or any other return of capital (other than on a purchase by the Company of its shares) the surplus capital and assets attributable to the Ordinary Share Fund and the C Ordinary Share Fund shall be divided amongst the holders of Ordinary Shares and C Ordinary Shares pro rata according to the nominal capital paid up on their respective holdings of Ordinary Shares and C Ordinary Shares. As Regards Voting and General Meetings: Subject to disenfranchisement in the event of non-compliance with a statutory notice requiring disclosure as to beneficial ownership, each holder of Shares present in person or by proxy shall on a poll have one vote for each Share of which he is the holder. As Regards Redemption: The Shares are not redeemable.	
C.5	Restrictions on the free transferability of the securities	Not applicable. There are no restrictions on the free transferability of the Shares.	
C.6	Admission	Application has been made to the UK Listing Authority for the New Shares to be issued pursuant to the Scheme and the Offer to be admitted to the premium segment of the Official List and an application will be made to the London Stock Exchange for the New Shares to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's main market for listed securities. It is expected that such admissions will become effective, and that dealings in the New Shares will commence, within 10 business days of their allotment.	

C.7	Dividend policy	Generally, a VCT must distribute by way of dividend such amount as to ensure that it retains
		not more than 15% of its income from shares and securities. The Directors aim to pay tax free
		distributions to Shareholders part of which may be a return of capital.

Section D — Risks

Element	Disclosure requirement	Disclosure
D.2	Key information on the key risks specific to the issuer	 Shareholders may be adversely affected by the performance of the investments, which may restrict the ability of the Company to distribute any capital gains and revenue received on the investments. The Company's investments may be difficult, and take time, to realise. Investment in unquoted companies, which comprise most of the Company's portfolio of companies, by its nature, involves a higher degree of risk than investment in companies listed on the Official List. The Company will only pay dividends on its Shares to the extent that it has distributable reserves and cash available for that purpose. The Finance Act 2014 amends the VCT Rules in respect of VCT shares issued on or after 6 April 2014, 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 capital 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 buy-backs. The Finance Act 2014 restricts income tax relief on subscription to a VCT after 5 April 2014 where, within 6 months, the investor had disposed of shares in that VCT.
D.3	Key information on the key risks specific to the securities	 The value of the Shares may go down as well as up. Shareholders may not receive back the full amount invested and could lose part or all of their investment. There is no certainty that the market price of Shares will fully reflect their underlying NAV or that any dividends will be paid, nor should Shareholders rely upon any share buy-back policy to offer any certainty of selling their Shares at prices that reflect the underlying NAV. Although the existing Ordinary Shares have been (and it is anticipated that the New Shares will be) admitted to the premium segment of the Official List and are (or will be) traded on the London Stock Exchange's market for listed securities, the secondary market for VCT shares is generally illiquid and Shareholders may find it difficult to realise their investment.

${\bf Section} \ {\bf E} - {\bf Offer}$

Element	Disclosure requirement	Disclosure				
E.1	Net proceeds and expenses of the Issue	The Merger will not result in any proceeds being raised by the Company. The aggregate anticipated costs of undertaking the Merger are approximately £0.4 million. The aggregate net proceeds of the Offer, assuming a £30 million subscription and the maximum initial charge, will be £2.1 million. The costs and expenses (excluding VAT but including intermediary commission) relating to the Offer for the Company and the expenses charged to an investor, either directly or indirectly, will be up to 7.0% of the gross funds raised by the Company.				
E.2a	Reason for the Offer, use of proceeds and estimated net amount of the proceeds	The success to date has highlighted that the model used by Octopus is one that can lead to significant returns. The Board believes that the Company's portfolio is well positioned to continue this trend, delivering capital growth to those investors able to take a long-term view to investing in well-run UK companies. The Board also believes that the funding gap created by the banks' reluctance to invest into smaller companies, means that there are plenty of strong investment opportunities that can be accessed. The funds raised under the Offer will be invested in accordance with the Company's investment policy. Some of the funds raised will be used to invest into new portfolio companies and some will be used to further support the Company's existing portfolio. The net proceeds of the Offer, assuming a £30 million subscription and the maximum initial charge, will be £27.9 million.				
E.3	Terms and conditions of the Offer	The Offer Price will be determined by the following formula: • the most recently announced NAV per Ordinary Share of the Company, divided by 0.95 The Company announces its NAV on a quarterly basis. Where the share price for the Company has been declared ex-dividend on the London Stock Exchange, the NAV used for determining the Offer Price for the Company will be ex-dividend. In respect of the Offer, the NAV per Offer Share will be rounded up to one decimal place and the number of Offer Shares to be issued will be rounded down to the nearest whole number (fractions of Offer Shares will not be allotted). Where there is a surplus of application funds, these will be returned to applicants without interest, except where the amount is less than the Offer Price of one Offer Share in which case it will be donated to charity. The Offer will be closed on full subscription, i.e. once the full £20 million plus the over allotment facility of £10 million has been raised. The Board reserves the right to close the Offer earlier and to accept applications and issue Offer Shares at any time prior to the close of the Offer. Offer Shares issued will rank pari passu with the existing Ordinary Shares from the date of issue.				

		The Offer is conditional upon (i) the completion of the Merger and (ii) the passing by Shareholders of Resolutions 2 and 7 at the General Meeting.		
E.4	Material interests	Not applicable. No interest is material to the issue of the New Shares.		
E.5	Name of person selling securities	Not applicable. No person or entity is offering to sell the security as part of the Offer and there are no lock-up agreements.		
E.6	Amount and percentage of dilution	The existing issued Shares in the Company will represent 47.0% of the enlarged ordinary share capital of the Company immediately following completion of the Scheme and the Offer, assuming that (i) the Offer is fully subscribed at an Offer Price of 91.5p and (ii) there are 52,035,840 issued OVCT Shares immediately as at the Scheme Calculation Date and on that basis Shareholders who do not receive Offer Shares or Scheme Shares will, therefore, be diluted by 53.0%.		
		The existing issued Shares in the Company will represent 60.0% of the enlarged ordinary share capital of the Company immediately following completion of the Scheme, assuming (i) the Offer does not proceed and (ii) Scheme Shares are issued pursuant to the Merger, and on that basis the Company's Shareholders who do not receive Scheme Shares will, therefore, be diluted by 40.0%.		
E.7	Expenses charged to the investor	The anticipated cost of undertaking the Merger is approximately £0.4 million, including VAT, legal and professional fees, stamp duty and the costs of winding up OVCT. The costs of the Merger will be split proportionately between Apollo and OVCT by reference to their respective NAVs at the Scheme Calculation Date.		
		In respect of the Offer, for all investors, the Offer Price will be determined by a formula reflecting the NAV per Ordinary Share adjusted for an allowance for the majority of the costs of the Offer. The formula is: the most recently announced NAV per Ordinary Share, divided by 0.95. A more detailed explanation is set out at E3 above.		
		In consideration for the promotion and investment management that Octopus provides to the Company, the Company will pay an initial charge of 2.5% of the gross sums invested in the Offer to Octopus. This is payable in the same way on all subscriptions to the Offer. From this sum Octopus will discharge all external costs of advice and their own costs in respect of the Offer. In addition, there are then four options, which are determined by the circumstances of each investor and their explicit instructions, in respect of which payments can be made to advisers and other intermediaries. These are as follows:		
		1) A direct investment Investors who have not invested their money through a financial intermediary/adviser and have invested directly into the Company.		
		In consideration for the promotion, investment management and secretarial services that Octopus provides to the Company, if an application is made directly (not through an		

intermediary) then the Company will pay Octopus an additional initial charge of 2.5% of the investment amount and an additional annual ongoing charge of 0.5% of the investment amount's latest NAV for up to nine years, provided the investor continues to hold the Shares.

2) An advised investment where advice is received for an upfront fee with an ongoing adviser charge

Investors who have invested in the Offer through a financial intermediary/adviser and have received upfront advice and will receive ongoing advice.

The Company can facilitate a payment on behalf of an investor to an intermediary/adviser (an 'initial adviser charge') of up to 2.5% of the investment amount. If the investor has agreed with his/her intermediary/adviser to pay a lower initial adviser charge, the balance (up to a maximum of 2.5%) will be used for the issue and allotment of Offer Shares for the investor, issued at the most recently announced NAV per Ordinary Share, divided by 0.95 as described above.

The Company can also facilitate annual payments to an intermediary/adviser ('ongoing adviser charges') in respect of ongoing advisory services provided by the intermediary/adviser to the investor of up to 0.5% per annum of the investment amount's latest NAV for up to nine years, whilst the investor continues to hold the Shares. If the investor chooses to pay their adviser less than 0.5% annually, the remaining amount will be used for the issue and allotment of additional Offer Shares for the investor, at the most recently announced NAV per Ordinary Share. Any residual amount less than the cost of an Offer Share will be donated to charity.

If the investor terminates his relationship with the intermediary/adviser then the Company will not make any further payments of ongoing adviser charges to that intermediary/adviser. The Company will facilitate ongoing adviser charges if an investor changes their adviser and consents to the ongoing adviser charge.

An advised investment where advice is received for an upfront fee with no ongoing adviser charge

Investors who have invested in the Offer through a financial intermediary/adviser and have received upfront advice, including investors who are investing through intermediaries/advisers using financial platforms.

Where an investor agreed an upfront fee only, the Company can facilitate a payment of an initial adviser charge of up to 4.5% of the investment amount. If the investor chooses to pay their intermediary/adviser less than the maximum initial adviser charge, the remaining amount will be used for the issue and allotment of additional Offer Shares for the investor, issued at the most recently announced NAV per Ordinary Share, divided by 0.95 as described above. In these circumstances the Company will not facilitate ongoing annual payments.

In both cases (2) or (3), should the investor choose to pay the adviser more than 2.5% or 4.5%

respectively, the excess amount will have to be settled by the investor directly with the adviser.

4) A Non-advised investment using an intermediary

Investors who have invested their money through a financial intermediary and have not received advice.

An initial commission of 2.5% of the investment will be paid by the Company to the intermediary. An annual ongoing charge of 0.5% of the investment amount's latest NAV will be paid by the Company to the intermediary. Such commission will be available for up to nine years provided that the intermediary continues to act for the investor and the investor continues to be the beneficial owner of the Shares.

These charges may, according to the proportion of Advised Investors where advice is received for an upfront fee only, create some limited reduction of the net asset value per Ordinary Share immediately subsequent to subscriptions in the Offer being made. This effect will be mitigated, and is ultimately expected to be more than compensated, for continuing investors, by the expected benefits derived from a larger pool of investable funds and the financial benefit in subsequent periods of the absence of ongoing adviser charges in respect of such investments.

RISK FACTORS

Prospective investors should consider carefully the following risk factors in addition to the other information presented in this 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 the only known material risks the Company or the Shareholders will face. Any decision to invest under the Offer should be based on consideration of this document as a whole.

Scheme related risk factors

Completion of the Scheme is dependent upon a number of conditions precedent being fulfilled, including the approval of Shareholders and OVCT Shareholders. If the Scheme is not approved and/or effected, the expected benefits of the Scheme will not be realised and the Company will be responsible for the costs of the Proposals relating to the Scheme.

Shareholders may be adversely affected by the performance of the investments, whether acquired from OVCT or made by the Company. The performance of the investments acquired from OVCT, as well as the investments of the Company, may restrict the Company's ability following the Merger to distribute any capital gains and revenue received on the investments transferred from OVCT to Apollo (as well as the investments of Apollo). Any gains (or losses) made on the investments of the Company in the Ordinary Share Fund will, following the Scheme, be shared pro rata amongst all Ordinary Shareholders and any gains (or losses) made on the investments of the Company in the C Ordinary Share Fund will, following the Scheme, be shared pro rata amongst all C Ordinary Shareholders.

Offer related risk factors

The Offer is conditional on the completion of the Merger and the approval by Shareholders of resolutions 2 and 7 to be proposed at the General Meeting. If the Merger does not complete or these resolutions are not approved, the Offer will be withdrawn and the expected benefits of the Offer will not be realised and the Company will be responsible for the costs of the Proposals relating to the Offer.

The Finance Act 2014 restricts income tax relief on subscription to a VCT after 5 April 2014, where, within 6 months, the investor had disposed of shares in that VCT or a VCT which had merged with that VCT. A receipt of Scheme Shares pursuant to the Merger is not a subscription to the Company for these purposes, but Shareholders and OVCT Shareholders who have subscribed for shares in Apollo and OVCT since 5 April 2014 should note this.

Risk factors relating to the Company

The past performance of the Company and/or Octopus is no indication of future performance. The return received by Shareholders will be dependent on the performance of the underlying investments of the Company. The value of such investments, and the interest income and dividends they generate, may fall and adversely affect the performance of the Company.

The Company's investments may be difficult, and take time, to realise. There may also be constraints imposed on the realisation of investments in order to maintain the VCT tax status of the Company. Both of these may adversely affect the performance of the Company.

It can take a number of years for the underlying value or quality of the businesses of smaller companies, such as those in which the Company invests, to be fully reflected in their market values and their market values are often also materially affected by general market sentiment, which can be negative for prolonged periods. This may adversely affect the performance of the Company.

Investment in unquoted companies, by its nature, involves a higher degree of risk than investment in companies listed on the Official List. In particular, small companies often have limited product lines, markets or financial resources and may be dependent for their management on a small number of key individuals and may be more susceptible to political, exchange rate, taxation and other regulatory changes. In addition, the market for securities in smaller companies is usually less liquid than that for securities in larger companies, bringing with it potential difficulties in acquiring, valuing and disposing of such securities. Investment returns will, therefore, be uncertain and involve a higher degree of risk than investment in a company listed on the Official List.

Whilst it is the intention of the Board that the Company will continue to be managed so as to qualify as a VCT, there can be no guarantee that such status will be maintained. Failure to continue to meet the qualifying requirements could result in the Shareholders losing the tax reliefs available for VCT shares, resulting in adverse tax consequences including, if the holding has not been held for the relevant holding period, a requirement to repay the tax reliefs obtained. Furthermore, should the Company lose its VCT status, dividends and gains arising on the disposal of shares in the Company would become subject to tax and the Company would also lose its exemption from corporation tax on capital gains.

If a Shareholder disposes of his or her Shares within five years of issue, he or she will be subject to clawback by HMRC of any income tax reliefs originally claimed.

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 may adversely affect an investment in the Company.

Any purchaser of existing Shares in the secondary market will not qualify for the then (if any) available tax reliefs afforded only to subscribers of Offer Shares on the amount invested.

The Company will only pay dividends on Shares to the extent that it has distributable reserves and cash available for that purpose. A reduction in income from the Company's investments may adversely affect the dividends payable to Shareholders. Such a reduction could arise, for example, from lower dividends or lower rates of interest paid on the Company's investments, or lower bank interest rates than are currently available.

The Finance Act 2014 amends the VCT Rules in respect of VCT shares issued on or after 6 April 2014, 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 share capital or reserves arising from the issue of

shares 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 buy-backs.

Risk factors relating to the Shares

The value of the Shares may go down as well as up and Shareholders may not receive back the full amount invested.

The value of Shares can fluctuate and investors may not get back the amount they invested. In addition, there is no certainty that the market price of Shares will fully reflect their underlying NAV or that any dividends will be paid, nor should Shareholders rely upon any Share buy-back policy to offer any certainty of selling their Shares at prices that reflect the underlying NAV.

Although the existing Shares have been (and it is anticipated that the New Shares will be) admitted to the Official List and are (or will be) traded on the London Stock Exchange's market for listed securities, the secondary market for VCT shares is generally illiquid. Therefore, there may not be a liquid market (which may be partly attributable to the fact that initial tax reliefs are not available for VCT shares generally bought in the secondary market and because VCT shares usually trade at a discount to NAV) and Shareholders may find it difficult to realise their investment. An investment in the Company should, therefore, be considered as a long-term investment.

Tax relief on subscriptions for shares in a VCT is restricted where, within six months (before or after) that subscription, the investor had disposed of shares in the same VCT or a VCT which has merged with that VCT. Shareholders should be aware that the sale of existing Shares within these periods could, therefore, put their income tax relief relating to the Offer at risk.

EXPECTED TIMETABLE, OFFER STATISTICS AND COSTS

Expected Timetable for the Scheme

Apollo

Latest time and date for receipt of Forms of Proxy for the General Meeting	11.00 am on 19 November 2014
General Meeting	11.00 am on 21 November
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Scheme Calculation Date	after 5.00 pm on 27 November
Scheme Calculation Date	2014
Scheme Effective Date for the transfer of the assets and liabilities of OVCT to	28 November 2014
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Announcement of the results of the Scheme	28 November 2014
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Admission of, and dealings in, Scheme Shares issued to commence	1 December 2014
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CREST accounts credited (if applicable)	1 December 2014
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	Week commencing 15
Certificates for Scheme Shares despatched to OVCT Shareholders	December 2014

OVCT

Latest time for receipt of forms of proxy for the OVCT First General Meeting	11.30 am on 17 November 2014
OVCT First General Meeting	11.30 am on 19 November 2014
Latest time for receipt of forms of proxy for the OVCT Second General Meeting	11.00 am on 26 November 2014
OVCT register of members closed	11.00 am on 28 November 2014
Final expected date of trading of the OVCT Shares	27 November 2014
Scheme Record Date for OVCT Shareholders' entitlements under the Scheme	5.00 pm on 27 November 2014
Scheme Calculation Date	after 5.00 pm on 27 November 2014

Dealings in OVCT Shares suspended*	7.30 am on 28 November 2014
OVCT Second General Meeting	11.00 am on 28 November 2014
Scheme Effective Date for the transfer of the assets and liabilities of OVCT to the Company and the issue of Scheme Shares	28 November 2014
Announcement of the results of the Scheme	28 November 2014
Cancellation of the OVCT Shares' listing	8.00 am on 1 December 2014

(*The final expected date of trading of the OVCT Shares will be 27 November 2014. See the timetable for Apollo with regard to admission, CREST accounts being credited and certificates being despatched in respect of the Scheme Shares)

Expected Timetable for the Offer

Launch date of the Offer	24 October 2014
Deadline for receipt of applications for final allotment in 2014/15 tax year	12 noon on 1 April 2015
Deadline for receipt of applications for final allotment in 2015/16 tax year	12 noon on 1 October 2015
First allotments under the Offer	19 December 2014
Closing date of the Offer	1 October 2015

- The Offer will close earlier if fully subscribed. The Board reserves the right to close the Offer earlier and to accept Applications and issue Offer Shares at any time following the receipt of valid applications.
- The results of the Offer will be announced to the London Stock Exchange through a Regulatory Information Service provider authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority.
- Dealing is expected to commence in Offer Shares within ten business days of allotments and share and tax certificates are expected to be despatched within 14 business days of allotments.
- The dates set out in the expected timetable above may be adjusted by the Company, in which event details of the new dates will be notified through a Regulatory Information Service.

Offer Statistics

Costs of Offer	Up to 7.0% of gross proceeds of Offer
Initial adviser charge or intermediary commission	Up to 4.5% of gross proceeds of Offer
Ongoing adviser charge or annual ongoing	Up to 0.5% per annum of the latest NAV of gross sums invested
charge	in the Offer for up to 9 years

• The cost of the Offer is capped at 7.0%. Octopus has agreed to indemnify the Company against the costs of the Offer in excess of this amount.

Loyalty Discount

Investors who are existing, or who were previously, shareholders of any Octopus VCT will benefit from the costs of the Offer being reduced by 0.5%. This reduction will be met by Octopus through an equivalent reduction in the costs of Offer fee referred to above.

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Octopus Apollo VCT plc

20 Old Bailey London EC4M 7AN

24 October 2014

Dear Investor,

In September 2012, Shareholders of Apollo and new investors were invited to participate in an offer for subscription that closed on 28 June 2013, having successfully raised nearly £25 million. A further top-up offer was opened in December 2013 to raise a further £4.1 million, which was fully subscribed within three months of opening.

In light of the continued success and with Octopus, the investment manager, developing a robust pipeline of new investment opportunities, we are delighted to offer existing and new investors another opportunity to acquire new shares in Apollo.

The Offer will enable existing Apollo Shareholders to add to their current holding and will provide an opportunity for new investors to gain access to a mature portfolio of investee companies in a VCT that has consistently delivered on the objectives it set out to achieve.

The Offer

Apollo is seeking to raise up to £20 million, with an over allotment facility of £10 million under the Offer. Both new and existing investors can apply for Offer Shares, which will rank equally with the existing Shares. As such, investors are accessing a well-established portfolio. The Offer Price will be based on the most recently published net asset value of a Share at the date of allotment. Multiple applications are permitted.

The minimum investment is £5,000. There is no maximum investment. However, potential investors should be aware that tax relief is only available on a maximum investment of £200,000 in each tax year. A married couple, can invest up to £200,000 each in any one tax year with both individuals benefiting from the tax reliefs.

Any allotment under the Offer is conditional upon the proposed merger having taken place prior to the time of that allotment and (ii) the passing by the Shareholders of Resolutions 2 and 7 at the Company's General Meeting.

The Merger

On 29 September 2014, the Boards of Apollo and OVCT announced that they had entered into discussions to merge the Companies, each of which is managed by Octopus, and that it was also intended to raise further funds into the Company pursuant to an offer for subscription at the same time.

The Merger is expected to cost circa £0.4 million and deliver annual cost savings of circa £70,000 and will bring a number of additional benefits to existing and future Shareholders including:

- amalgamation of the Companies' portfolios, for efficient management and administration;
- participation in a larger VCT with a more diversified portfolio, thereby spreading the portfolio risk across a broader range of investments;
- efficiencies in annual running costs for the Enlarged Company compared to the separate companies;
- enhancing the ability of the Enlarged Company to raise new funds, as well as pay dividends and support buy-backs in the future; and
- streamlining communications with Shareholders.

The proposal is to merge the Companies using a scheme of reconstruction (the "Scheme") by which the assets and liabilities of OVCT will be transferred to Apollo.

The Scheme will, if effected and assuming the Offer is fully subscribed, result in an Enlarged Company with net assets of over £140 million. Post-merger, the Enlarged Company is targeting regular tax-free annual dividends of 5p per share, part of which may be a return of capital. Tax free special dividends may also be payable when investments are sold for a profit from the portfolio.

Background

Apollo was launched in July 2006 as Octopus Protected VCT plc and became part of the Apollo family of VCTs in 2008. It has been managed, with a capital preservation mandate, by the Octopus team since inception. OVCT was launched in September 2009 and has also been managed by the Octopus team since inception. Octopus was founded in March 2000.

The latest unaudited NAV of Apollo, taken from its unaudited half yearly report for the six months to 31 July 2014, published on 15 October, was 86.9p per Share, and the latest unaudited NAV of OVCT, taken from its unaudited half yearly report for the six months to 31 August 2014, was 98.8p per Share. The table below sets out the unaudited NAVs of the Companies and provides further detail on the venture capital investments in their portfolios as at these dates.

Company	Net Assets	NAV per share	Number of	Carrying value	Total
	(unaudited)	(unaudited) (p)	venture capital	of the venture	Return* (p)
	(£'000)		investments	capital	
				investments	
				(£'000)	
Apollo	66,801	86.9	25	57,438	111.9
OVCT	51,427	98.8	47	48,190	104.8

^{*} the sum of (i) the NAV per Share and (ii) all distributions per Share paid since the first admission of the Shares to the Official List Further information relating to the portfolios of the Companies is set out in Part Six of this document.

Each of the Companies has an investment objective and policy of providing Shareholders with an attractive income and capital return by investing their funds in a broad spread of unquoted UK companies which meet the relevant criteria for VCTs.

VCTs are required to be traded on a European Union/European Economic Area regulated market. The Companies are listed on the premium segment of the Official List, which involves a significant level of listing costs, as well as related fees to ensure they comply with all relevant legislation. The Enlarged Company should be better placed to spread such running costs across a larger asset base and facilitate better liquidity management and, as a result, may be able to maximise investment opportunities and sustain a higher level of dividends to Shareholders over its life.

In September 2004, the Merger Regulations were introduced allowing VCTs to be acquired by, or merge with, each other without prejudicing the VCT tax reliefs obtained by their shareholders. A number of VCTs have taken advantage of these regulations to create larger VCTs.

With the above in mind, the Boards entered into discussions with Octopus to consider a merger of the Companies to create a single, larger VCT. The aim of the Boards is to improve Shareholder value while also creating liquidity for those current investors of OVCT who wish to exit when the 5 year qualifying holding period for all OVCT shareholders has been reached,. The Boards also expect to achieve, among other things, strategic and scale benefits through the creation of an enlarged VCT.

The Scheme

The mechanism by which the Merger will be completed is as follows:

- OVCT will be placed into members' voluntary liquidation pursuant to a scheme of reconstruction under Section 110 IA 1986;
- all of the assets and liabilities of OVCT will be transferred to Apollo in consideration for the issue of Scheme Shares; and
- the assets and liabilities of OVCT transferred to the Company will constitute a separate share fund (the "C Ordinary Share Fund").

The effect of the Scheme will be that OVCT Shareholders will receive one Apollo 'C' Share for each OVCT Share held.

The Scheme is conditional upon its approval by the Apollo' Shareholders and by the OVCT Shareholders, as well as the other conditions set out in Part One of this document.

As the Companies have a similar investment objective and policy, the same investment manager and other common advisers, the proposed Merger should be achievable without major additional cost or disruption to the Companies and their combined portfolio of investments.

The aggregate anticipated cost of undertaking the Merger is approximately £0.4 million, including VAT, legal and professional fees, stamp duty and the costs of winding up OVCT. The costs of the Merger will be split proportionately between the Companies by reference to their respective NAVs at the Scheme Calculation Date.

Shareholders and investors should note that the merger by way of the Scheme will be outside the provisions of the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers.

The portfolio of assets which will be transferred from OVCT to the Company as part of the Scheme is all considered to be in keeping with the Company's investment policy. The extent of the liabilities (if any) which will be transferred from OVCT to the Company as part of the Scheme will be those which are incurred in the ordinary course of business and merger costs which remain unpaid at the time of transfer. Any such liabilities are expected to be nominal in comparison to the value of the assets.

OVCT Shareholders who do not vote in favour of the resolution to be proposed at the First General Meeting are entitled to dissent and have their shareholding purchased by the Liquidators at a price agreed between the dissenting OVCT Shareholders and the Liquidators (or by arbitration), which would be expected to be at a significant reduction to the net asset value of an OVCT Share. If the conditions of the Scheme are not satisfied, the Companies will continue in their current form and the Boards will continue to review all options available to them regarding the future of the Companies.

Clearance has been requested from HMRC that the Scheme meets the requirements of the Merger Regulations and, therefore, that the implementation of the Scheme should not affect the status of the Company as a VCT. It is the intention of the Board of the Company to continue to comply with the requirements of ITA 2007 following the Merger so that the Company continues to qualify as a VCT.

Further information regarding the terms of the Scheme is set out in Part Two of this document. Details of the risks relating to the Scheme and those generally associated with investing in a VCT are set out on pages 18 to 20 of this document.

Exit opportunity for OVCT Shareholders

The assets and liabilities of OVCT transferred to Apollo as a result of the Merger will constitute a separate C Ordinary Share Fund in Apollo. In the summer of 2015, once the five-year VCT qualifying period for the current

OVCT Shareholders has been achieved, an opportunity will be provided for the C Ordinary Shareholders to exit their investment in Apollo or, should they wish to continue their investment, to have their C Ordinary Shares converted into Ordinary Shares on a relative NAV basis in accordance with the Company's articles of association. Until this time, the Board's decisions affecting the C Ordinary Share Fund shall require the consent of James Otter, or his appointed representative, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

Tax benefits

- As venture capital trusts are Government-led investment vehicles designed to incentivise investors for supporting smaller, higher-risk companies, qualifying investors subscribing under the Offer will have access to the attractive tax benefits associated with an investment in a venture capital trust as more fully set out in Part Two of this document but including up to 30% income tax relief on the investment. For example, an investor investing £20,000 would receive £6,000 in income tax relief. This tax relief can be claimed provided you have paid that amount in tax, up to a maximum relief of £60,000 per tax year (i.e. an investment of £200,000).
- Tax-free dividends and capital gains, meaning that any growth in the portfolio value is not subject to tax.

Proven portfolio returns

Together, the Companies have an established, diversified portfolio of 56 investments across a range of sectors. Apollo began investing in 2007, meaning many of these investments have already proven their resilience despite the recent unfavourable economic environment.

As well as producing investment returns, the portfolio is also actively aiding the growth of UK smaller companies, a key factor in the government's continued support of the venture capital trust industry. Apollo's portfolio represents multiple sectors and has a broad geographic spread across the UK.

Investment opportunities

An investment under the Offer will provide individuals with exposure to a diversified portfolio of unquoted smaller companies with the aim of generating returns over the medium to long-term. New investors will benefit from immediate exposure to an existing portfolio of mature investments.

All VCTs invest in smaller companies that carry a greater risk of losing money than larger companies. But a VCT with a capital preservation aim will look to invest in the following:

- Well-managed companies operating in relatively stable industries;
- Mature, profitable businesses with established track records; and
- Companies with recurring revenues generating predictable, steady cash flows.

Apollo has a capital preservation mandate and its portfolio has performed well during the recent economic downturn. The fund is managed with a disciplined investment approach towards businesses with strong management teams, recurring revenues and solid trading performances.

Apollo VCT looks to invest in VCT-qualifying smaller companies that have:

- An established and successful management team.
- Annual profits of at least £1 million.
- A high level of repeat business.
- A broad customer base.
- A competitive advantage that reduces the risk of losing customers.

Every investment decision made by the team responsible for Apollo VCT begins with the consideration of how it can preserve capital for investors, while still having enough growth from these companies to potentially pay regular tax-free dividends.

At the point that funding is first provided most of the companies the investment team supports are already well established but require the funding to unlock growth. So whilst the team are providing much needed finance to these companies, there is less potential for volatility than there might be in earlier stage companies which are yet to develop a diverse customer base or predictable revenue streams. For example Clifford Thames Group, an automotive data services company, was founded in 1946 and has a long track record of profitability. Several of its clients have been customers for 15 years. Technical Software Consultants, a designer and manufacturer of non-destructive testing equipment, was established in 1984 and the two founders remain heavily involved in the business. Countrywide Healthcare Supplies and Vista Retail Support have been in business for over 15 years.

The investment team has a proactive approach towards seeking new opportunities via desk-based research and through contacts in the accountancy, private equity and corporate finance community. They see a large volume of potential transactions which they evaluate to see if they may suit Apollo's capital preservation mandate. They use a rigorous approach to screening opportunities, due diligence and gaining approvals to invest.

They also have a track record of providing successive rounds of funding to existing portfolio companies as required to help them continue to grow. For example, they recently invested in Clifford Thames for the fourth time since 2010 and have also provided three rounds of funding to CSL Dualcom Holdings. This approach is well suited to the capital preservation mandate of the fund because the businesses and their management teams are already known to the team. More detailed examples of investments can be found in Part Two of this document.

The Boards believe that the portfolio is well positioned to continue delivering to those investors able to take a long-term view on investing in well-run UK companies.

Expert VCT management

Apollo is managed by the Intermediate Capital team at Octopus, an award-winning investment manager that has **over £4.7 billion of funds under management for more than 50,000 UK investors.** Octopus manages more money in venture capital trusts than any other provider in the industry, raised over £100 million into venture capital trusts last tax year, is an expert investor in UK smaller companies and works in partnership with more than 3,000 financial advisers.

Details of the Intermediate Capital team came be found on page 46.

Performance

The Company targets a return of £1.20 for every £1 invested over five years. Based on the latest published information, the returns generated by the Companies are detailed in the table below. The total return figures include the regular dividends, which the Companies are already paying.

	Unaudited NAV (p)	Cumulative dividends paid (p)	Total return (p) (unaudited)*
Apollo as at 31 July 2014	86.9	25.0	111.9
OVCT as at 31 August 2014	98.8	6.0	104.8

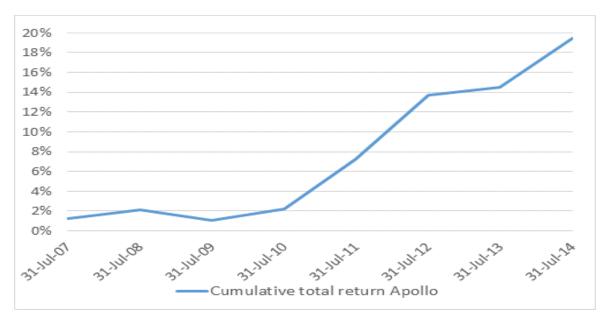
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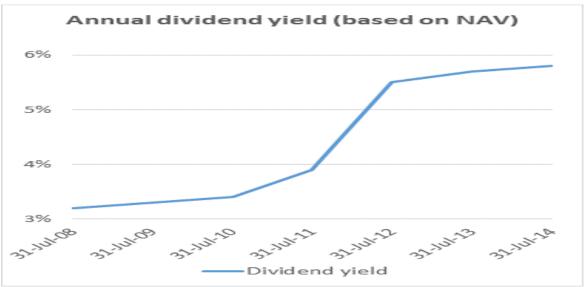
The tables below shows the annual total return of the Companies over the last five years (each year ending 31 August).

		Year to	Year to	Year to	Year to	Year to
		31 August 2014	31 August 2013	31 August 2012	31 August2011	31 August 2010
Performance	Apollo	4.3%	0.8%	6.0%	4.9%	1.2%
	OVCT	6.3%	0.8%	3.2%	(0.1%)	N/a

Source: Octopus. Date: 31 July 2014. Apollo VCT total return shown as a simple return comparison between the NAV at the beginning of the period, and the NAV at the end of the period, plus any dividends paid out, at the end of the period. Apollo's performance over its first three years was flat, as is the case with most newly launched VCTs. This is because early in its life Apollo had cash from shareholders, but had not yet made any investments to raise its total value. When new investments were made they were initially recorded at 'cost value' (the value at which they were acquired). By the third year of the VCT's life, Apollo's holdings had started to generate value. Increased valuations of the companies themselves, along with interest payments and dividend payments made to the VCT resulted in an improved total return for Apollo shareholders. Returns to investors increased further through the successful sale of some portfolio companies, including Autologic Diagnostic Systems in December 2011, Hydrobolt in March 2014 and a full repayment of the loan to Borro, also in March 2014.

Cumulative Total Return





Source: Octopus. Date: 31 July 2014. The yield per annum is calculated by dividing the dividends for the year by the NAV as at the start of the period. This is calculated to 31 January each year. Past performance is not a guide to future performance and may not be repeated. Please note the NAV per Apollo VCT share may be higher than the share price, which is the price you may get for the shares in the secondary VCT market if you were to sell them (this is explained on page 20).

Dividends and Dividend Reinvestment Scheme

Subject to the passing of Resolution 3 at the General Meeting, investors will be eligible for dividends paid by the Companies as long as they have been allotted Offer Shares by the record date (usually around four weeks before the dividend payment date).

Dividends can be paid directly to investors' bank accounts, or can be automatically reinvested into the Companies through the purchase of additional shares. By reinvesting dividends, investors are able to accelerate the capital growth of their investment and receive additional 30% income tax relief on their reinvestment amount (provided that amount has been paid in tax), on total VCT investments of up to £200,000 per tax year.

Post merger, the Enlarged Company is targeting regular tax-free annual dividends of 5p per share, part of which may be a return of capital.

Next steps

Application forms are attached at the end of this document. The Terms and Conditions of subscription for Offer Shares are set out on pages 108 to 114.

If you have any questions, you should contact your financial adviser or call Octopus on **0800 316 2295**. Please note that Octopus is not able to provide you with investment, financial or tax advice.

I look forward to welcoming you as a Shareholder and thank all existing Shareholders for their continued support.

Yours sincerely

Murray Steele Chairman **PART ONE: THE SCHEME**

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The Scheme

The mechanism by which the Merger will be completed is as follows:

- OVCT will be placed into members' voluntary liquidation pursuant to a scheme of reconstruction under Section 110 IA 1986:
- all of the assets and liabilities of OVCT will be transferred to the Company in consideration for the issue of Scheme Shares; and
- the assets and liabilities of OVCT transferred to the Company will constitute a separate share fund (the "C Ordinary Share Fund")

OVCT Shareholders will receive one Scheme Share for every OVCT Share held as at the Scheme Record Date. The C Ordinary Share Fund will be represented by the Scheme Shares.

The Scheme is conditional upon the approval by the Shareholders of Resolutions to be proposed at the General Meeting and by the OVCT Shareholders of Resolutions to be proposed at the OVCT General Meetings, as well as the other conditions set out below.

As Apollo and OVCT have a similar investment objective and policy, the same investment manager and other common advisers, the Merger should be achievable without major additional cost or disruption to Apollo and OVCT and their combined portfolio of investments.

The aggregate anticipated cost of undertaking the Merger is approximately £0.4 million, including VAT, legal and professional fees, stamp duty and the costs of winding up OVCT. The Liquidators fees are expected to be up to £11,000. The costs of the Merger will be split proportionately between Apollo and OVCT by reference to their respective NAVs at the Scheme Calculation Date.

Shareholders should note that the Merger will be outside the provisions of the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers.

As is required by CA 2006, prior to the allotment of the Scheme Shares, Apollo will be sending to Shareholders and OVCT Shareholders at their registered addresses and uploading on to Octopus' website a report on the Merger which will be prepared by Scott Moncrieff.

The portfolio of assets which will be transferred from OVCT to Apollo as part of the Scheme are all considered to be in keeping with Apollo's investment policy, particularly as a number of these are

common across the respective portfolios of Apollo and OVCT. The extent of the liabilities (if any) which will be transferred from OVCT to Apollo as part of the Scheme will be those which are incurred in the ordinary course of business and merger costs which remain unpaid at the time of transfer. Any such liabilities are expected to be nominal in comparison to the value of the assets.

Following the transfer of the assets and liabilities by OVCT to Apollo, the listing of OVCT Shares will be cancelled and OVCT will be wound up.

Conditions of the Scheme

The Scheme is conditional upon:

- the passing of Resolution 1 to be proposed at the Apollo General Meeting;
- notice of dissent not having been received from OVCT Shareholders holding more than 10% in nominal value of the entire issued share capital of OVCT under Section 111 of IA 1986;
- the passing of the Resolutions to be proposed at the OVCT General Meetings; and
- HMRC approval of the Merger on terms satisfactory to Apollo.

Subject to the above, the Scheme will become effective immediately after the passing of the Special Resolution for the winding up of OVCT, to be proposed at the OVCT Second General Meeting. If it becomes effective, the Scheme will be binding on the Shareholders and OVCT Shareholders (including dissenting OVCT Shareholders) and all persons claiming through or under them.

Terms of the Scheme

On the Scheme Effective Date, the Liquidators will receive all the cash, undertakings and other assets and liabilities of OVCT and will deliver to Apollo:

- particulars of all of the assets and liabilities of OVCT;
- a list certified by the registrars of the names and addresses of, and the number of OVCT Shares held by, each of the OVCT Shareholders on the register at 5.00 pm on the Scheme Record Date;
- an estimate of the winding-up costs of OVCT; and
- the amount estimated to be required to purchase the holdings of any dissenting OVCT Shareholders.

On the Scheme Effective Date, Apollo and the Liquidators (on behalf of OVCT) will enter into the Transfer Agreement pursuant to which the Liquidators will procure the transfer of all of the assets and liabilities of OVCT to Apollo in exchange for the issue of Scheme Shares (fully paid) to the OVCT Shareholders on the basis set out below.

In further consideration of such transfer of assets and liabilities of OVCT to Apollo, Apollo will, pursuant to the Transfer Agreement, undertake to pay all liabilities incurred by the Liquidators including, but not limited to, the implementation of the Scheme, the winding up of OVCT and the purchase for cash of any holdings of dissenting OVCT Shareholders.

Apollo will not issue the Scheme Shares until the report prepared by Scott Moncrieff under CA 2006 in respect of the Scheme has been provided to Apollo and sent to the Shareholders and the OVCT Shareholders.

One Scheme Share will be issued directly to OVCT Shareholders (save in respect of dissenting OVCT Shareholders) for every OVCT Share held, on the instruction of the Liquidators.

Share Certificates, Mandates and Listing

Where OVCT Shareholders hold their OVCT Shares in certificated form, they will receive a new certificate for the Scheme Shares issued. Where OVCT Shareholders hold their OVCT Shares in uncertificated form, their CREST accounts will be credited with the holding in Scheme Shares.

Apollo will, subject to the passing of Resolution 3 to be proposed at the General Meeting, operate a dividend reinvestment scheme (the "DRIS"). If you wish to participate in the DRIS in respect of your holding of Scheme Shares, please sign and return the mandate form at the end of this document to Capita Asset Services, The Registry, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4TU no later than 15 Business Days before the payment of a dividend by the Company. The DRIS will apply to a Shareholder's entire holding of New Shares and participation in the DRIS can be cancelled at any time with written authority from the Shareholder. The terms and conditions of the DRIS are also set out at the end of this document.

An application has been made to the UKLA for the Scheme Shares to be issued pursuant to the Scheme to be listed on the premium segment of the Official List and will be made to the London Stock Exchange for such Scheme Shares to be admitted to trading on its market for listed securities. From the date of issue, the Scheme Shares will rank pari passu with each other.

Taxation

The following paragraphs apply to Apollo and to persons holding Shares as an investment in Apollo who are the absolute beneficial owners of such Shares and are resident in the UK. They may not apply to certain classes of persons, such as dealers in securities. The following information is based on current UK law and practice, is subject to changes therein, is given by way of general summary and does not constitute legal or tax advice.

If you are in any doubt about your position, or if you may be subject to tax in a jurisdiction other than the UK, you should consult your independent financial adviser.

Apollo and Shareholders

The implementation of the Scheme should not affect the VCT reliefs obtained by Shareholders on subscription for existing Shares. The implementation of the Scheme should not affect the status of Apollo as a VCT. It is the intention of the Board to continue to comply with the requirements of ITA 2007 so as to continue to qualify as a VCT.

OVCT Shareholders

The receipt by OVCT Shareholders of Scheme Shares should not constitute a disposal of their OVCT Shares for UK tax purposes. OVCT Shareholders should, for UK tax purposes, effectively be able to treat the Scheme Shares received as if they had been acquired at the same cost and on the same date as the original OVCT Shares from which they derive (but allocated proportionately between such resulting Scheme Shares). Any initial income tax relief obtained and attaching to the original OVCT Shares will not, therefore, be subject to clawback, but instead will then attach to the Scheme Shares. As Apollo is also a VCT, the usual VCT tax reliefs should continue to apply.

As a result, qualifying Shareholders should continue to receive tax-free dividends and should not be subject to UK taxation on any capital gains on the disposal of Scheme Shares.

For OVCT Shareholders holding (together with their associates) more than 5% of the OVCT Shares in issue, clearance has been requested from HMRC in terms of Section 138 of TCGA 1992 that the tax treatment described above for persons who (together with their associates) own less than 5% of the OVCT Shares should also apply to them.

OVCT Shareholders who do not vote in favour of the Resolution to be proposed at the OVCT First General Meeting are entitled to dissent and have their shareholding purchased by the Liquidators at a price agreed between the dissenting OVCT Shareholders and the Liquidators (or by arbitration), which is expected to be at a significant reduction to the net asset value of an OVCT Share. In addition, OVCT Shareholders should note that a purchase of OVCT Shares by the Liquidators from a dissenting OVCT Shareholder will be regarded as a disposal of such OVCT Shares for tax purposes, thereby triggering the repayment of any income tax rebate on OVCT Shares subscribed for in the five years prior to purchase. The break value received may not be sufficient to cover the amount of payment due.

Although Apollo will be required to pay UK stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax on the transfer to it of the assets and liabilities of OVCT (which form part of the merger costs), no UK stamp duty will be payable directly by Shareholders as a result of the implementation of the Scheme.

Clearance has been requested from HMRC in respect of the Scheme under Section 701 ITA 2007 in order to confirm that the receipt of Scheme Shares should not, except in the case of dealers, be regarded as an income receipt for the purposes of UK taxation.

Clearance has also been requested from HMRC to confirm that the Scheme meets the requirements of the Merger Regulations and that, as such, the receipt by OVCT Shareholders of Scheme Shares should not prejudice tax reliefs obtained by those OVCT Shareholders on existing OVCT Shares and should not be regarded as a disposal.

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Introduction to the Offer

VCTs were introduced by the UK Government in 1995 to encourage individuals to invest in UK smaller companies. According to the Association of Investment Companies (AIC), almost £436 million was invested in VCTs in the 2013/2014 tax year, and the total amount invested in VCTs currently stands at an impressive £3.2 billion.

An investment under the Offer will provide individuals with exposure to a diversified portfolio of unquoted smaller companies with the aim of generating returns over the medium to long-term. The net proceeds of the Offer will be invested in accordance with the Company's investment policy, as set out below.

The Company is seeking to raise £20 million under the Offer, with an over allotment facility of a further £10 million. The Offer is conditional upon (i) the Merger completing and (ii) the passing by Shareholders of Resolutions 2 and 7 at the General Meeting.

Terms of the Offer

The Offer Price will be determined by the following formula:

the most recently announced NAV per Ordinary Share, divided by 0.95

The application of the above formula will be adjusted for investors who are existing, or who were previously, shareholders of any Octopus VCT, who will benefit from the costs of the Offer being reduced by 0.5%.

Where the Ordinary Share price of the Company has been declared ex-dividend on the London Stock Exchange, the NAV used for determining the Offer Price will be ex-dividend. For the purpose of determining the Offer Price, the NAV per Ordinary Share will be rounded up to one decimal place and the number of Offer Shares to be issued will be rounded down to the nearest whole number (fractions of Offer Shares will not be allotted). Where there is a surplus of application funds, these will be returned to applicants, without interest, except where the amount is less than the Offer Price of one Offer Share, as above, in which case it will be donated to charity.

The Offer will remain open until 1 October 2015 unless fully subscribed at an earlier date and the Board reserves the right to close the Offer earlier and to accept applications and issue Offer Shares at any time following the receipt of valid applications. Offer Shares issued will rank pari passu with the existing Ordinary Shares from the date of issue.

Example

On the assumption that an investor does not receive any advice in respect of their Application, an illustration of the pricing formula for an aggregate investment of £10,000 under the Offer (using the most recently published NAV of Apollo as at the date of this document) is set out below:

Unaudited NAV as at 31 July 2014 (p)	Offer Price (p)	Application (£)	Number of Offer Shares to be allotted
86.9	91.5	£10,000	10,928

The Offer Price may vary between allotments based on the movement in the published NAV of the Ordinary Shares.

The full terms and conditions applicable to the Offer are set out on pages 108 to 114.

Use of funds

The success to date has highlighted that the model used by Octopus is one that can lead to significant returns. The Board believes that the Company's portfolio is well positioned to continue this trend, delivering capital growth to those investors able to take a long-term view to investing in well-run UK companies. The Board also believes that the funding gap created by the banks' reluctance to invest into smaller companies means that there are plenty of strong investment opportunities that can be accessed.

The funds raised under the Offer will be invested in accordance with the Company's investment policy. Some of the funds raised will be used to invest into new portfolio companies and some will be used to further support the Company's existing portfolio.

The aggregate net proceeds of the Offer, assuming a £30 million subscription and the maximum initial charge, will be £27.9 million.

Intermediary Charges

There are four options, which are determined by the circumstances of each investor and their explicit instructions, in respect of which payments can be made to advisers and other intermediaries. Investors are required to give explicit authority and direction for transparent methods of adviser remuneration. Investors will fall into one of four categories:

- 1. Investors who have not invested their money through a financial intermediary and have invested directly into the Company (Direct investors)
- 2. Investors who have invested their money through a financial intermediary and have received advice for an upfront fee and will pay an ongoing annual charge (Advised Investors)
- 3. Investors who have invested their money through a financial intermediary and have received advice for an upfront fee and will not pay an ongoing annual charge (Advised Investors)
- 4. Investors who have invested their money through a financial intermediary and have not received advice (Non-advised investors)

Details of the adviser remuneration for each of the categories set out above is included in the Terms and Conditions of the Offer on pages 108 to 114. The category applicable to the investor will determine the options available to them to remunerate their financial intermediary. The Board encourages investors to read carefully the Application Form and complete the sections that are relevant to their circumstances and choices. If anything is unclear, the investor should speak to a financial adviser or call Octopus on **0800 316 2295**. Please note that Octopus cannot advise in respect of an investment under the Offer.

For all investors, the Offer Price will be determined by a formula reflecting the NAV per Ordinary Share adjusted for an allowance for the majority of the costs of the Offer. The formula is:

the most recently announced NAV per Ordinary Share, divided by 0.95

As stated on page 23, the application of the above formula will be adjusted for those investors who are existing, or who were previously, shareholders of any Octopus VCT.

Investment Policy

The Company's investment policy is designed to enable the Company to comply with the VCT qualifying conditions. It is intended that the long-term disposition of the Company's assets will be not less than 80% in a portfolio of unquoted investments and up to 20% in cash or near cash investments to provide a reserve of liquidity which will maximise the Company's flexibility as to the timing of investment acquisitions and disposals, dividend payments and share buy-backs.

Investments are structured using various unquoted investment instruments, including ordinary and preference shares, loan stocks and convertible securities, to achieve an appropriate balance of income and capital growth, having regard to the venture capital legislation. The portfolio is diversified by investing in a broad range of industry sectors and by holding investments in companies at various stages of maturity in the corporate

development cycle, though investments are not generally made in early stage companies which have yet to achieve profitability and cash generation. The normal investment period is in the range from three to seven years. Any uninvested funds are typically held in cash and money market funds.

Where one or more of the companies managed or advised by Octopus wishes to participate in an investment opportunity, allocations will be made in accordance with Octopus' allocation policy as at the date of allocation. The policy provides that allocations should be initially offered to the Company on a basis which is pro-rata to its net asset value (or as otherwise agreed by the Board and Octopus). In the event of a conflict of interests on the part of Octopus or where co-investment is proposed to be made other than on a pro-rata basis (or as otherwise agreed by the Board and Octopus), such an investment requires the approval of those members of the Board who are independent of Octopus.

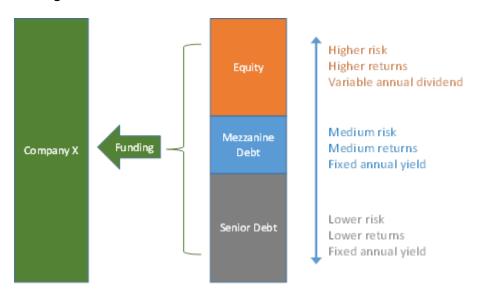
Risk is spread by investing in a number of different businesses within different industry sectors using a variety of securities. The maximum amount invested in any one company is limited to any HMRC annual investment limits and, generally, no more than 15% of the Company's assets, at cost, are invested in the same company.

The value of individual investments is expected to increase over time as a result of trading progress and a continuous assessment is made of investments' suitability for sale. The Company's VCT qualifying investments are held with a view to long-term capital growth as well as income and will often have limited marketability; as a result it is possible that individual holdings may grow in value to the point where they represent a significantly higher proportion of total assets prior to a realisation opportunity being available. Investments are normally made using shareholders' funds and it is not intended that the Company will take on any long-term borrowings.

Investment Process

The investment team uses a rigorous screening and due diligence process, including commissioning independent advisory firms to supplement the research undertaken by the team. The process also requires the approval of various independent committees within Octopus, including the Investment Committee and, if appropriate, the Conflicts Committee. All deals also require confirmation from the Board of Directors of Apollo VCT plc. The investment team usually takes a seat on the board of the companies it invests in, either as a board director or observer. This helps it to monitor the investment, and the progress made by the company, closely.

Funding structure



Conflicts of interest

Octopus may receive fees from the companies Apollo invests in. Such fees do not typically exceed 1.5% of the total amount invested by all Octopus managed funds (including Apollo) per annum, assuming an investment of £5 million and a holding period of five years. The costs of deals that do not proceed to completion are borne by Octopus.

Having a board seat or board observer rights means that Octopus is able to monitor closely investments made on behalf of investors. Attending monthly board meetings and having directors' rights to information is a key part of the responsibilities of portfolio managers.

Octopus is also sometimes paid fees by Apollo investee companies, either directly or indirectly. These fees do not relate to Apollo's investment but to investments (or loans) made by other parts of Octopus or other Octopus-managed funds. For example, Apollo has invested in a number of solar companies. The solar companies' assets are operated and maintained by Lightsource Renewable Energy Limited (Lightsource), a company that's partly owned by Octopus. In return for providing these services, the solar companies pay Lightsource fees. Octopus will benefit from these fees as a result of its part ownership of Lightsource. Another example would be these same solar companies paying fees to Octopus in relation to investments made by other Octopus-managed funds, which are totally separate from any funding provided by Apollo.

Octopus' partnership with Lightsource gives it access to a team of industry-leading experts that can source, construct and operate profitable solar businesses for investors. The ability of Apollo to invest in companies that also receive investment from other Octopus-managed funds increases the range of attractive investment

opportunities available. Octopus' seat on the board of Lightsource enable it to exert influence and ensure the company operates in a way that will maximise the chances of the target returns being met for Apollo investors.

Sometimes Octopus may have what is believed to be a good investment opportunity, but is unable to invest as much money as it would like due to restraints such as the size of company or amount of equity available. In these instances, investors from different Octopus vehicles may be limited in the amounts they can invest and therefore different vehicles will co-invest alongside each other. All such transactions require approval from an internal Conflicts Committee, which is comprised of senior members Octopus's compliance team and members of the management committee.

There are a number of controls in place to manage conflicts, as follows:

"Arm's Length Terms"

Transactions between Apollo investees and other companies that are managed, owned or controlled by Octopus are carried out on an arm's length basis. This means that the price and terms of each transaction will be set as if the two parties involved are operating completely independently of each other. In many instances this will involve us benchmarking the prices and terms on which transactions are carried out against similar transactions that take place in the market.

Investment Committee Representatives

The Octopus Investment Committee is responsible for reviewing all potential Apollo investments and ensuring that all investments are made in the best interests of its investors.

The Octopus Conflicts Committee

The Octopus Conflicts Committee considers proposals that could give rise to conflicts of interest. It decides whether, in light of the conflicts, the proposals are being negotiated on a fully arm's length basis.

Independent Directors

The majority of the directors on the Board are independent of Octopus. They are charged with safeguarding the interests of the investors.

Tax Benefits for Investors

Qualifying investors into VCTs will benefit from the following tax advantages:

- Up to 30% of the amount invested deducted from their income tax liability;
- Tax free dividends; and
- Tax free capital gains.

Octopus

Apollo and OVCT are managed by the Intermediate Capital team at Octopus. Octopus is an award winning investment manager that has over £4.7 billion under management. It manages more VCT funds than any other provider in the industry and is an expert in investing in UK smaller companies across a range of funds, tax structures and risk/return mandates.

Octopus has more than 300 staff, including over 70 investment professionals, and has twice been voted as one of the 'Top 100 Small and Medium-Sized Companies to Work For' in the Sunday Times survey. Financial advisers have voted Octopus 'Best VCT Provider of the Year' at the Professional Adviser awards four years in a row. Octopus is one of only two investment managers to have ever received an AAA rating for customer service from Citywire, and currently holds a 5 Star rating for customer service from Financial Adviser magazine.

Dividend Policy and Dividend Reinvestment Scheme

VCTs are able to distribute realised capital profits from the sale of underlying investments and income. These distributions are not subject to any further tax to Qualifying Subscribers. In order to qualify as a VCT, the Company may not retain more than 15% of the income it receives from shares and securities.

The amount of these dividends depends, amongst other things, on the amount raised by the Offer, the performance of the non-Qualifying Investments and the level of income and capital returns generated by the Qualifying Investments. In the medium to long-term the size of dividends paid to Shareholders will depend largely on the level of profits realised from the disposal of investments.

There are a number of ways Shareholders can make money from an investment in the Company e.g. by regular dividends. Apollo is paying regular dividends of 5p per annum. Additionally, OVCT is paying regular dividends of 2p per annum.

Share value

The NAV of Shares may go up over the years, so Shareholders could make a profit when they eventually sell them and Shareholders won't have any capital gains tax to pay.

Dividends for potential income or growth

Shareholders don't have to pay income tax on the potential dividends they receive from the Company, so they could use their investment as a way to supplement their other income.

Subject to the passing of Resolution 3 at the General Meeting, the Company will adopt a Dividend Reinvestment Scheme under which Shareholders are given the opportunity to reinvest future dividend payments by way of subscription for new Shares.

Subject to a Shareholder's personal circumstances, Shares subscribed for under the Dividend Reinvestment Scheme should obtain the usual VCT tax advantages as set out above.

New investors under the Offer may elect to participate in the Dividend Reinvestment Scheme by completing the dividend reinvestment section of the Application Form on page 126, and should be aware that it will apply to their entire holding of Offer Shares. Participation in the Dividend Reinvestment Scheme by a Shareholder can be cancelled at any time with written authority from the Shareholder.

Buy-back Policy

The Board also intends to continue to consider repurchasing Shares following the merger up to 14.99% of its enlarged share capital for the purposes of the general buy-back policy. The Board believes that it is in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders to make occasional market purchases of the Shares, to allow any Shareholders who need to sell their Shares to do so and to reduce to a degree any discount to NAV in the current market price than might otherwise prevail. The Board will agree the discount to NAV at which Shares will be bought back and regularly reviews the buy-back policy.

Any future repurchases will be made in accordance with guidelines established by the Board from time to time and will be subject to having the appropriate authorities from Shareholders and sufficient funds available for this purpose. Share buy-backs will also be subject to the Listing Rules and any applicable law at the relevant time. Shares bought back in the market will ordinarily be cancelled.

The Board

The Board comprises four directors, three of whom are independent of Octopus. The Directors operate in a non-executive capacity and are responsible for overseeing the investment strategy of the Company. The Board has wide experience of investment in both smaller growing companies and larger quoted companies.

Murray Steele (Chairman)

Murray was appointed as Director and Chairman on completion of the merger of Octopus Apollo VCT 1 plc, Octopus Apollo VCT 2 plc and Octopus Apollo VCT 4 plc with the Company. Murray has had a broad range of experience as a Director of a number of companies. At present he is Chairman of Surface Generation Limited, a hi-tech engineering company, and a -non-executive director of James Walker Group, an international engineering group with revenues of £200 million, and E–Energija, an energy company in Lithuania. Murray has Bachelor's and Master's degrees in mechanical engineering from the University of Glasgow, an MBA from Cranfield School of Management and holds an accounting qualification. Murray was formerly a director of Octopus Apollo VCT 4 plc which was placed into Members Voluntary Liquidation on 28 September 2012 following the merger of the Apollo VCTs and was dissolved on 15 April 2014.

Tony Morgan

Tony was Chairman of the Company until completion of the merger on 28 September 2012. Tony spent eight years as Chairman and Chief Executive of a highly successful and multi-national company, Purle Bros, until its merger with Redland in 1971 when he joined their main board. He became a Governor of the BBC in the same year. He was later to become Deputy Chairman and shareholder in a joint venture with Wimpey Construction, developing their substantial environmental business. In 1992 he was appointed Chief Executive of The Industrial Society and he has been Chairman of the charity Youth at Risk since 1996. Tony has had more than ten year's specific VCT experience.

Christopher Powles

Chris was appointed as a Director on 28 September 2012 upon the merger of Octopus Apollo VCT 1 plc, Octopus Apollo VCT 2 plc and Octopus Apollo VCT 4 plc with the Company. Chris has extensive experience in the UK smaller companies sector. He was the principal founder of *Pi* Capital, a private client fund management company that specialises in investing in smaller unquoted companies. Prior to selling his stake in *Pi* Capital in 2002 he led the investment of more than £25 million into 14 companies. Subsequently he was the finance director of an AIM-traded company, as well as a non-executive director of both listed and private companies. Currently he is involved in renewable energy, being a director of three companies in that sector. Chris is a chartered accountant, having qualified at what is now part of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, and has a BA Hons degree from Oxford University. Chris was formerly a director of Octopus Apollo VCT 4 plc which was placed into Members Voluntary Liquidation on 28 September 2012 following the merger of the Apollo VCTs and was dissolved on 15 April 2014.

Matthew Cooper

Matt is the chairman of Octopus. Prior to joining Octopus, Matt was the Principal Managing Director of Capital One Bank (Europe) plc where he was responsible for all aspects of the company's strategic direction and day-to-day operations in Europe. He led the UK portion of the business from start-up to two million customers, generating revenues of over £275 million and employing over 2,000 people. Matt is also chairman of Imaginatik plc and a non-executive director of 10Duke Software Limited, MyDish Limited and three other Octopus VCTs.

Following completion of the Merger, the Board will consist of the following directors, three of whom are independent of Octopus:

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Christopher Powles

See above

James Otter

James is currently Chairman of OVCT and also Hygea VCT plc, which specialises in investing in early stage bioscience companies. He had led several Hygea investees as CEO. He is currently working on projects in the growing area of health IT. Previous positions include being a main board director of Spectris plc, working on a turnaround project in Denmark, and a director of Glide Pharmaceutical Technologies Limited. The bulk of his career was spent in international commercial roles with Zeneca Agrochemicals (formerly ICI and now Syngenta). James has an MBA from INSEAD and a degree in Natural Sciences from Cambridge.

Matt Cooper

See above

The Investment Team

The Intermediate Capital Investment team of Octopus comprises:

Grant Paul-Florence, Investment Director

Grant has nearly ten years of experience in private equity and venture capital investing across a wide range of industry sectors. He has held a variety of non-executive directorships and currently sits on the boards of Clifford Thames Group and CSL Dualcom Holdings. Grant has operational experience, having previously been head of corporate development of a specialist logistics business. He is a chartered accountant and worked in the corporate finance team at PricewaterhouseCoopers in London.

Hugh Costello, Investment Manager

Hugh has eight years of experience in private equity investing and mezzanine lending. He has led a number of transactions and currently sits on the boards of Technical Software Consultants and Vista Retail Support. Before joining Octopus in 2011, Hugh invested into private equity funds in Africa and worked as a strategy consultant for Oliver Wyman in New York. He is a CFA charterholder.

Joe Hartman, Investment Manager

Joe has broad investment experience across a variety of sectors including healthcare, renewables, financial services and business services. He has held a number of non-executive directorships and current board seats include Callstream Group, Tristar Worldwide and Countrywide Healthcare Supplies. Before joining Octopus four years ago, Joe worked in lead advisory at BDO Stoy Hayward corporate finance. He holds a Corporate Finance Diploma from the ICAEW.

Jason King, Investment Manager

Jason is responsible for making new investments and monitoring portfolio companies. He has 13 years' experience in lending and prior to joining Octopus, he worked in Barclays corporate debt finance team where he originated, structured and executed corporate and acquisition debt deals. He also has eight years treasury and securitisation experience with Macquarie.

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Edward Keelan, Investment Manager

Edward joined Octopus in 2008 and is responsible for making new investments, monitoring portfolio companies and fundraising for the Intermediate Capital team. He has non-executive director experience in the power industry and distribution sector and currently sits on the board of Countrywide Healthcare Supplies. Prior to Octopus Edward was with KorteQ, a small business consultancy spun out of Rolls-Royce.

Charles Street, Investment Analyst

Charles is responsible for identifying and screening investment opportunities and supporting the team with deal execution and portfolio management. Charles joined Octopus from Cambridge University Business School and has previously worked at HSBC Investment Bank.

Management Remuneration

Ordinary Shares

Octopus is entitled to an annual performance related incentive fee in each accounting period, subject to the Total Return being 100p at the end of the relevant period. The amount of the fee will be equal to 20% of the amount by which the Total Return as at the end of the relevant period exceeds the Overall Hurdle Return (and payable in respect of each Ordinary Share in issue at the end of the relevant period).

For these purposes, Total Return means NAV per Ordinary Share plus dividends paid per Ordinary Share since launch and the Overall Hurdle Return means the greater of the:

Base Rate Hurdle Return - which means the Total Return as at 31 January 2012 increased by the cumulative annual weighted average of the Bank of England base rate (measured daily) to the end of the relevant accounting period; and

High Watermark Hurdle Return - which means the highest level of Total Return as at the end of the accounting period commencing on 1 February 2012 or any subsequent accounting period.

The performance related incentive fee will be calculated and payable annually.

C Ordinary Shares

Pursuant to the IMA Deed of Variation, the IMA will be varied, subject to the approval of Shareholders and to the Merger proceeding, in order that Octopus' existing management fee and performance incentive fee arrangements in respect of OVCT are mirrored in respect of the C Ordinary Share Fund. Under the terms of the investment management agreement between Octopus and OVCT (the "OVCT IMA"), Octopus is entitled to an annual management fee of 2.0% of OVCT's net assets. However, in order to ensure the alignment of interests between Octopus and the OVCT Shareholders, the annual management fee will be rolled up (without interest) and will only be paid to Octopus once OVCT shareholders have received dividends and distributions during the life of OVCT totalling or exceeding 105p per OVCT Share. Under the OVCT IMA, Octopus is also entitled to a

performance incentive fee equal to 20% on returns to OVCT Shareholders in excess of 105p per OVCT Share calculated from their respective date of issue, to be based wholly on the payment of cash proceeds to OVCT Shareholders and which would not have been paid until after the annual general meeting of OVCT to be held in 2015.

Example Investments

CLIFFORD THAMES GROUP LIMITED

Clifford Thames is a market leading provider of software, consultancy and business outsourcing services for the automotive industry, and is a key partner to most of the world's leading car manufacturers including Ford, GM Europe, Jaguar Land Rover, Mercedes-Benz and Renault. The company has offices in eight countries and its data is used in over 160 countries.

It is a well-established, customer-focused business, with strong recurring revenues and has a solid history spanning over 60 years, which is reflected in its client retention record. The company has offices in eight countries and its data is used in over 160 countries.

TECHNICAL SOFTWARE CONSULTANTS LIMITED

Founded in 1984, Technical Software Consultants (TSC) uses its electromagnetic technique to detect cracks in metals, especially in situations where if a structure or component fails it could result in significant loss of life or risks to the environment.

Thanks to its unique technology, the company has a well-established reputation in a niche market, providing services to a number of 'blue chip' clients, primarily on offshore oil and gas platforms. The company's strong earnings make it attractive for the Company's capital preservation mandate and to share in the growth of the business through its equity stake.

COUNTRYWIDE HEALTHCARE SUPPLIES ("COUNTRYWIDE")

Countrywide was established 17 years ago and specialises in supplying healthcare and cleaning products as well as furniture and bedding, to the care home industry. The business was established 17 years ago by four former NHS work colleagues, is based in South Yorkshire and employs 62 staff. It is a customer service focused business with high levels of customer retention and repeat business, and supplies essential products to many of the biggest names in the UK care home industry.

VISTA RETAIL SUPPORT ("VISTA")

Vista provides support services to high street retailers. It provides maintenance for electronic point of sale ("EPOS") equipment such as tills, chip & pin devices and all in store technology used by retailers both on and off the shop floor. Vista was established in 1995 and a workforce of more than 170 staff, supporting brands like Superdrug, Lloyds Pharmacy and BHS.

PART THREE: TAX POSITION OF SHAREHOLDERS, OVCT SHAREHOLDERS AND INVESTORS UNDER THE OFFER

General

The following paragraphs apply to the Company and to individuals holding Shares as an investment who are the absolute beneficial owners of such Shares and who are resident in the UK. They may not apply to certain classes of individuals, such as dealers in securities. The following information is based on current UK law and practice, is subject to changes therein, is given by way of general summary and does not constitute legal or tax advice.

If you are in any doubt about your position, or if you may be subject to tax in a jurisdiction other than the UK, you should consult your financial adviser.

The tax reliefs set out below are available to individuals aged 18 or over who receive Offer Shares under the Offer and where the Offer Shares acquired are within the investor's annual £200,000 limit. The reliefs are not available for investments in excess of £200,000 per tax year.

The Company has obtained approval as a VCT under Chapter 3 of Part 6 ITA 2007.

The Board considers that the Company has conducted its affairs, and will continue to do so, to enable it to qualify as a VCT.

The Scheme

Clearance has been requested from HMRC in respect of the Scheme under Section 701 ITA 2007 in order to confirm that the receipt of Scheme Shares should not, except in the case of dealers, be regarded as an income receipt for the purposes of UK taxation.

Clearance has also been requested from HMRC to confirm that the Scheme meets the requirements of the Merger Regulations and as such the receipt by OVCT Shareholders of Scheme Shares should not prejudice tax reliefs obtained by the OVCT Shareholders on existing OVCT Shares and should not be regarded as a disposal.

The implementation of the Scheme should not affect the VCT reliefs obtained by Shareholders on subscription for existing Shares. The implementation of the Scheme should not affect the status of the Company as a VCT. It is the intention of the Board to continue to comply with the requirements of ITA 2007 so as to continue to qualify as a VCT.

Shareholders not resident in the UK

Shareholders not resident in the UK should seek their own professional advice as to the consequences of making and holding an investment in the Company, as they may be subject to tax in other jurisdictions as well as in the UK.

Tax Position of OVCT Shareholders

The receipt by OVCT Shareholders of Scheme Shares should not constitute a disposal of their OVCT Shares for UK tax purposes. OVCT Shareholders should, for UK tax purposes, effectively be able to treat the Scheme Shares received pursuant to the Scheme as if they had been acquired at the same cost and on the same date as the

original OVCT Shares from which they derive (but allocated proportionately between such resulting Scheme Shares). Any initial income tax relief obtained and attaching to the original OVCT Shares will not, therefore, be subject to clawback, but instead will then attach to the Scheme Shares. As Apollo is also a VCT, the usual VCT tax reliefs should continue to apply. As a result, qualifying Shareholders should continue to receive tax-free dividends and should not be subject to UK taxation on any capital gains on the disposal of Scheme Shares.

For OVCT Shareholders holding (together with their associates) more than 5% of the OVCT Shares in issue, clearance has been requested from HMRC in terms of Section 138 of TCGA 1992 that the tax treatment described above for persons who (together with their associates) own less than 5% of the OVCT Shares should also apply to them.

OVCT Shareholders who do not vote in favour of the Resolution to be proposed at the OVCT First General Meeting are entitled to dissent and have their shareholding purchased by the Liquidators at a price agreed between the dissenting OVCT Shareholders and the Liquidators (or by arbitration), which is expected to be at a significant reduction to the net asset value of an OVCT Share. In addition, OVCT Shareholders should note that a purchase of OVCT Shares by the Liquidators from dissenting OVCT Shareholders will be regarded as a disposal of such OVCT Shares for tax purposes, thereby triggering the repayment of any income tax relief on OVCT Shares subscribed for in the five years prior to purchase. The break value received may not be sufficient to cover the amount of payment due.

Although Apollo will be required to pay UK stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax on the transfer to it of the assets and liabilities of OVCT (which form part of the merger costs), no UK stamp duty will be payable directly by Shareholders as a result of the implementation of the Scheme.

OVCT Shareholders not resident in the UK

OVCT Shareholders not resident in the UK should seek their own professional advice as to the consequences of making and holding an investment in Apollo, as they may be subject to tax in other jurisdictions as well as in the UK.

Tax Position of Investors under the Offer

The tax reliefs set out below are those currently available to individuals aged 18 or over who subscribe for Offer Shares under the Offer and will be dependent on personal circumstance. 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. Qualifying investors who intend to invest more than £200,000 in VCTs in any one tax year should consult their professional advisers.

Tax Benefits for VCT investors

1. Income Tax

1.1 Initial Income Tax relief

An investor can acquire Offer Shares of up to a maximum of £200,000 under the Offer in each of 2014/15 and 2015/16 tax years. The relief is subject to an amount which reduces the investor's income tax liability for the tax

year to nil. Each application creates an entitlement to income tax relief of 30% of the amount invested. To retain that relief the Offer Shares have to be held for 5 years.

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 income tax relief available can reduce the effective cost of an investment of £10,000 in a VCT to only £7,000, by a qualifying investor subscribing for VCT shares:

	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

Tax relief on subscriptions for shares in a VCT is restricted where, within six months (before or after) that subscription, the investor had disposed of shares in the same VCT or a VCT which has merged with that VCT. Existing Shareholders should be aware that the sale of existing Shares within these periods could, therefore, put their income tax relief relating to the Offer at risk.

1.2 Dividend relief

Dividends paid on ordinary shares in a VCT are free of income tax. 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. Dividends paid from realised profits may be made without loss of VCT status.

1.3 Withdrawal of relief

Relief from income tax on a subscription for VCT shares will be withdrawn if the VCT shares are disposed of (other than between spouses) within five years of issue or if the VCT loses its approval within this period. Dividend relief is not available for dividends paid in an accounting period during which the VCT loses its approval.

2. Capital Gains Tax

2.1 Relief from capital gains tax on the disposal of VCT shares

Disposing of a VCT share at a profit does not create a chargeable gain for the purposes of UK Capital Gains Tax. Similarly, disposing at a loss does not create an allowable loss for UK Capital Gains Tax.

3. Withdrawal of approval

If a company which has been granted approval as a VCT subsequently fails to comply with the conditions for approval as a VCT, approval may be withdrawn or treated as never having been given. In these circumstances, reliefs from income tax on the initial investment are 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 an accounting period during or after which VCT status has been lost. 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.

4. Other tax considerations

4.1 Obtaining initial tax reliefs

The Company will provide each investor with a tax certificate which the investor may use to claim income tax relief. To do this, an investor must either obtain a tax coding adjustment from HMRC under the PAYE system, or wait until the end of the tax year and use their self assessment tax return to claim relief.

4.2 Shareholders not resident in the UK

Shareholders not resident in the UK should seek their own professional advice as to the consequences of making and holding an investment in the Company, as they may be subject to tax in other jurisdictions as well as in the

5. Tax Position of the Company

A VCT has to satisfy a number of tests to qualify as a venture capital trust. A summary of these tests is set out below.

5.1 Qualification as a VCT

To qualify as a venture capital trust, a company must be approved as such by HMRC. To maintain approval, the conditions summarised below must continue to be satisfied throughout the life of the VCT:

- (i) the VCT's income must have been derived wholly or mainly from shares and securities (in the case of securities issued by a company, meaning loans with a five-year or greater maturity period);
- (ii) no holding in a company (other than a VCT or a company which would, if its shares were listed, qualify as a VCT) by the VCT may represent more than 15%, by value, of the VCT's total investments at the time of investment;
- (iii) the VCT must not have retained more than 15% of the income derived from shares or securities in any accounting period;
- (iv) the VCT must not be a close company. Its ordinary share capital must be listed on a regulated European market by no later than the beginning of the accounting period following that in which the application for approval is made;
- (v) at least 70%, by value, of its investments is represented by shares or securities comprising Qualifying Investments;
- (vi) for funds raised before 6 April 2011, have at least 30%, by value, of its Qualifying Investments represented by holdings of ordinary shares which carry no present or future preferential rights to dividends, return of capital or any redemption rights;

- (vii) for funds raised after 5 April 2011, have at least 70%, by value, of the VCT's Qualifying Investments in "eligible shares", that is ordinary shares which carry no preferential rights to assets on a winding up and no rights to be redeemed although they may have certain preferential rights to dividends so long as that right is non- cumulative and is not subject to discretion;
- (viii) not make an investment in a company which causes that company to receive more than £5 million of State Aid investment in the 12 months ended on the date of the investment;
- (ix) not return capital to shareholders before the third anniversary of the end of the accounting period during which the subscription for shares occurs.

"Qualifying investments" comprise shares or securities (including loans with a five-year or greater maturity period but excluding guaranteed loans and securities) issued by unquoted trading companies which exist wholly or mainly for the purpose of carrying on one or more qualifying trades. The trade must be carried on by, or be intended to be carried on by, the investee company or a qualifying subsidiary at the time of the issue of the shares or securities to the VCT (and by such company or by any other subsidiary in which the investee company has not less than a 90% interest at all times thereafter). 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 and continue it thereafter. The definition of a qualifying trade excludes dealing in property, shares, securities, commodities or futures. It also excludes banking, insurance, receiving royalties or licence fees in certain circumstances, leasing, the provision of legal and accounting services, farming and market gardening, forestry and timber production, property development, shipbuilding, coal and steel production and operating or managing hotels, guest houses, generation of electricity from solar or wind power from which feed-in tariffs are derived, nursing and residential care homes. The funds raised by the investment must be used for the purposes of the qualifying trade within certain time limits.

A qualifying investment can also be made in a company which is a parent company of a trading group where the activities of the group, taken as a whole, consist of carrying on one or more qualifying trades. Investee companies must have a permanent establishment in the UK. The investee company cannot receive more than £5 million from VCTs or other State Aid investment sources during the 12 month period which ends on the date of the VCT's investment. The investee company's gross assets must not exceed £15 million immediately prior to the investment and £16 million immediately thereafter. The investee company must have fewer than 250 employees. Neither the VCT nor any other company may control the investee company. At least 10% of the VCT's total investment in the investee company must be in eligible shares, as described above.

Companies whose shares are traded on AIM are treated as unquoted companies for the purposes of calculating qualifying investments. Shares in an unquoted company which subsequently becomes listed

may still be regarded as a qualifying investment for a further five years following listing, provided all other conditions are met.

5.2 Taxation of a VCT

VCTs are exempt from corporation tax on chargeable gains. There is no restriction on the distribution of realised capital gains by a VCT, subject to the requirements of company law. VCTs will be subject to corporation tax on their income (excluding dividends received from UK companies) after deduction of attributable expenses.

PART FOUR: PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON THE PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Directors 24 October 2014

Octopus Apollo VCT PLC 20 Old Bailey

London Our Ref: SMD/KCT

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Howard Kennedy Corporate Services LLP 179 Great Portland Street London W1W 5LS

Dear Sirs

Octopus Apollo VCT PLC ("the Company")

Pro forma financial information

We report on the pro forma financial information ("the pro forma financial information") set out in Part Four of the prospectus dated 24 October 2014 ("the Prospectus"), which has been prepared on the basis described, for illustrative purposes only, to provide information about how the Merger and the Offer (as defined in the Prospectus) might have affected the financial information presented on the basis of the accounting policies adopted by the Company in preparing the interim financial statements for the six months ended 31 July 2014.

This report is required by paragraph 20.2 of Annex I of the Commission Regulation (EC) No. 809/2004 (the "PD Regulation") and is given for the purpose of complying with that item and for no other purpose.

Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the directors of the Company to prepare the pro forma financial information in accordance with item 20.2 of Annex I of the PD Regulation.

It is our responsibility to form an opinion, as required by item 7 of Annex II of the PD Regulation, as to the proper compilation of the pro forma financial information and to report that opinion to you.

Save for any responsibility arising under Prospectus Rule 5.5.3R(2)(f) to any person as and to the extent there provided, to the fullest extent permitted by law we do not assume any responsibility and will not accept any liability to any other person for any loss suffered by any such other person as a result of, arising out of, or in connection with this report or our statement, required by and given solely for the purposes of complying with item 23.1 of Annex I to the PD Regulation, consenting to its inclusion in the Prospectus.

In providing this opinion we are not updating or refreshing any reports or opinions previously made by us on any financial information used in the compilation of the pro forma financial information, nor do we accept responsibility for such reports or opinions beyond that owed to those to whom those reports or opinions were addressed by us at the dates of their issue.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our work in accordance with the Standards for Investment Reporting issued by the Auditing Practices Board in the United Kingdom. The work that we performed for the purpose of making this report, which involved no independent examination of any of the underlying financial information, consisted primarily of comparing the unadjusted financial information with the source documents, considering the evidence supporting the adjustments and discussing the pro forma financial information with the directors of the Company.

We planned and performed our work so as to obtain the information and explanations we considered necessary in order to provide us with reasonable assurance that the pro forma financial information has been properly compiled on the basis stated and that such basis is consistent with the accounting policies of the Company.

Our work has not been carried out in accordance with auditing or other standards and practices generally accepted in other jurisdictions and accordingly should not be relied upon as if it had been carried out in accordance with those standards and practices.

Opinion

In our opinion:

- the pro forma financial information has been properly compiled on the basis stated; and
- such basis is consistent with the accounting policies of the Company.

Declaration

For the purposes of Prospectus Rule 5.5.3R(2)(f) we are responsible for this report as part of the Prospectus and declare that we have taken all reasonable care to ensure that the information contained in this report is, to the best of our knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import. This declaration is included in the prospectus in compliance with item 1.2 of Annex I of the PD Regulation.

Yours faithfully

Scott-Moncrieff

UNAUDITED PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF THE ENLARGED COMPANY

Part A – Unaudited pro forma statement of earnings

The following unaudited pro forma statement of earnings of the Enlarged Company has been prepared to illustrate the effect of the Merger and the Offer on the earnings of Apollo for the six months ended 31 July 2014 as if the Merger and the Offer had occurred at the start of the period, 1 February 2014. The six month earnings for OVCT are for the period ended 31 August 2014.

The unaudited pro forma statement of earnings has been prepared for illustrative purposes only and, because of its nature, addresses a hypothetical situation and does not, therefore, represent Apollo's actual financial position or results nor is it indicative of the results that may or may not be expected to be achieved in the future.

The unaudited pro forma statement of earnings is based on the earnings of Apollo for the six months ended 31 July 2014, as set out in the unaudited half-yearly report of the Company for the six months ended 31 July 2014 which is incorporated by reference in Part Five of this document and has been prepared in a manner consistent with the accounting policies adopted by Apollo in preparing such information and on the basis set out in the notes set out below.

Unaudited pro forma statement of earnings

	-	Adjustments		
	Octopus Apollo VCT Plc (Note 1) £'000	Octopus VCT Plc (Note 2) £'000	Fund raising costs (Note 3) £'000	Proforma total £'000
Realised gain on disposal of fixed asset investments	104	-	-	104
Fixed asset investment holdings gain	2,064	1,257	-	3,321
Current asset investment holding gains	-	-	-	-
Investment income	1,381	559	-	1,940
Investment management fees	(937)	-	-	(937)
Other expenses	(609)	(270)	(400)	(1,279)
Return on ordinary activities before tax	2,003	1,546	(400)	3,149
Taxation on return of ordinary activities	-	-	-	
Return on ordinary activities after tax	2,003	1,546	(400)	3,149

Notes

1. The earnings of Apollo for the six months ended 31 July 2014 have been extracted without material adjustment from the unaudited half-yearly report of the Company for the six months ended 31 July 2014 which is incorporated by reference in Part Five of this document.

Adjustments

- 2. The earnings of OVCT for the six months ended 31 August 2014 have been extracted without material adjustment from the unaudited half-yearly reports of OVCT for the six months ended 31 August 2014 which is incorporated by reference in Part Five of this document. This adjustment is expected to have a continuing impact on the earnings of the Company.
- 3. An adjustment has been made to reflect the proportion of transaction costs relating to the Offer which are to be expensed. The balance of transaction costs, being commission on the gross proceeds of the Offer, will be set of against the share premium account within Shareholders' equity. No account has been taken of any potential irrecoverable VAT. This adjustment will not have a continuing impact on the earnings of the Company.
- 4. No account has been taken of the effects of any synergies, and of the costs for measures taken to achieve those synergies, that may have arisen had the Merger occurred on 1 February 2014 and that may subsequently have affected the results of the Company in the six months ended 31 July 2014.
- 5. No account has been taken of the trading performance of Apollo since 31 July 2014 or the trading performance of OVCT since 31 August 2014 nor of any other event save as disclosed above.

Part B – Unaudited pro forma statement of net assets

The following unaudited pro forma statement of net assets of the Enlarged Company has been prepared to illustrate the effect on the net assets of Apollo as if the Merger and the Offer had taken place on 1 February 2014. The net assets of OVCT are stated as at 31 August 2014.

The unaudited pro forma statement of net assets has been prepared for illustrative purposes only and, because of its nature, addresses a hypothetical situation and does not, therefore, represent Apollo's actual financial position or results.

The unaudited pro forma statement of net assets is based on the net assets of Apollo as at 31 July 2014, as set out in the unaudited half-yearly report of the Company for the six months ended 31 July 2014 which is incorporated by reference in Part Five of this document and has been prepared in a manner consistent with the accounting policies adopted by Apollo in preparing such information and on the basis set out in the notes set out below.

Unaudited pro forma statement of net assets

	_		Adjustments	
	Octopus Apollo VCT Plc	Octopus VCT Plc	Fund raising	
	(Note 1)	(Note 2)	(Note 3)	Proforma total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Fixed asset investments	57,438	48,190	-	105,628
Current assets:				-
Money market funds	4,262	5	-	4,267
Debtors	1,716	499	-	2,215
Cash at bank	4,392	2,975	28,100	35,467
	10,370	3,479	28,100	41,949
Creditors	(1,007)	(242)	-	(1,249)
Net current assets	9,363	3,237	28,100	40,700
Net assets	66,801	51,427	28,100	146,328

Notes

1. The net assets of Apollo as at 31 July 2014 have been extracted without material adjustment from the unaudited half-yearly report of the Company for the six months ended 31 July 2014 which is incorporated by reference in Part Five of this document.

Adjustments

- 2. The net assets of Octopus VCT Plc as at 31 August 2014 have been extracted without material adjustment from the unaudited half-yearly report of OVCT for the six months ended 30 August 2014 which is incorporated by reference in Part Five of this document.
- 3. The Offer is estimated to raise net proceeds of £28.5 million (£30.0 million gross proceeds less estimated expenses of £1.5 million). The merger costs have also been accounted for.
- 4. No account has been taken of the financial performance of Apollo since 31 July 2014 or the trading performance of OVCT since 31 August 2014 nor of any other event save as disclosed above.

PART FIVE: FINANCIAL INFORMATION ON APOLLO AND OVCT

Audited financial information on Apollo is published in the annual reports for the years ended 31 January 2012, 31 January 2013 and 31 January 2014 and unaudited information in the half-year reports for the six month periods ended 31 July 2013 and 31 July 2014. Audited financial information on OVCT is published in the annual reports for the years ended 29 February 2012, 28 February 2013 and 28 February 2014 and unaudited information in the half-year reports for the six month periods ended 31 August 2013 and 31 August 2014.

The annual reports referred to above were audited by Grant Thornton UK LLP of 3140 Rowan Place, John Smith Drive, Oxford Business Park South, Oxford OX4 2WB. All reports were without qualification and contained no statements under section 498(2) or (3) of the CA 2006. All reports were prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), the fair value rules of the CA 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Financial Statements of Investment Trust Companies'. The annual reports contain a description of Apollo's and OVCT's financial condition, changes in financial condition and results of operation for each relevant financial year and the pages of these referred to below, together with the half-year reports referred to above, are being incorporated by reference and can be accessed at the following website:

www.octopusinvestments.com

Where these documents make reference to other documents, such other documents, together with those pages of the annual and half-year reports that are not referred to below, are not relevant to investors and are not incorporated into and do not form part of this document.

Such information includes the following:

Apollo

Description	31 January 2012 <u>Annual</u> <u>Report</u>	31 January 2013 <u>Annual</u> <u>Report</u>	31 January 2014 <u>Annual</u> <u>Report</u>	31 July 2013 Half Year Report	31 July 2014 Half Year Report
Balance Sheet	Page 40	Page 43	Page 49	Page 15	Page 13
Income Statement (or equivalent)	Page 37	Page 40	Page 46	Page 12	Page 11

Statement showing all changes in equity (or equivalent note)	Page 39	Page 42	Page 48	Page 14	Page 12
Cash Flow Statement	Page 41	Page 44	Page 50	Page 16	Page 14
Accounting Policies and Notes	Page 43	Page 46	Page 52	Page 18	Page 16
Auditor's Report	Page 35	Page 38	Page 42	N/a	N/a

The information in the annual reports has been prepared in a form consistent with that which will be adopted in Apollo'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:

	31 January 2012	31 January 2013	31 January 2014	31 July 2013	31 July 2014
Description	Annual Report	Annual Report	<u>Annual</u> <u>Report</u>	<u>Half Year</u> <u>Report</u>	<u>Half Year</u> <u>Report</u>
Performance Summary	Page 4	Page 4	Page 1	Page 5	Page 5
Results and Dividends	Page 5	Page 5	Page 7	Page 6	Page 6
Investment Policy	Page 7	Page 7	Page 5	N/a	N/a

Outlook	Page 6	Page 6	Page 8	Page 7	Page 7
Manager's Review	Page 7	Page 7	Page 14	N/a	N/a
Portfolio Summary	Page 9	Page 9	Page 16	Page 8	Page 8
Business Review	Page 18	Page 20	Page 9	N/a	N/a
Valuation Policy	Page 9	Page 9	Page 15	N/a	N/a

As at 31 July 2014, the date to which the most recent unaudited financial information on Apollo has been drawn up, Apollo had unaudited net assets of £66.8 million.

OVCT

Description	29 February 2012 <u>Annual</u> <u>Report</u>	28 February 2013 <u>Annual</u> <u>Report</u>	28 February 2014 <u>Annual</u> <u>Report</u>	31 August 2013 <u>Half Year</u> <u>Report</u>	31 August 2014 <u>Half Year</u> <u>Report</u>
Balance Sheet	Page 38	Page 40	Page 49	Page 15	Page 15
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Cash Flow Statement	Page 39	Page 41	Page 50	Page 16	Page 16
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The information in the annual reports has been prepared in a form consistent with that which would have been adopted in OVCT'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	29 February 2012 <u>Annual Report</u>	28 February 2013 <u>Annual Report</u>	28 February 2014 <u>Annual</u> <u>Report</u>	31 August 2013 Half Year Report	31 August 2014 Half Year Report
Performance Summary	Page 1	Page 1	Page 2	Page 5	Page 5
Results and Dividends	Page 2	Page 2	Page 9	Page 6	Page 6
Investment Policy	Page 4	Page 4	Page 15	N/a	N/a
Outlook	Page 3	Page 3	Page 10	Page 7	Page 7
Manager's Review	Page 4	Page 4	Page 15	N/a	N/a
Portfolio Summary	Page 6	Page 6	Page 18	Page 8	Page 8

Business Review	Page 17	Page 18	Page 11	N/a	N/a
Valuation Policy	Page 7	Page 7	Page 17	N/a	N/a

As at 31 August 2014, the date to which the most recent unaudited financial information on OVCT has been drawn up, OVCT had unaudited net assets of £51.4 million.

PART SIX: INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO OF APOLLO AND OVCT

APOLLO

The investment portfolio of Apollo as at the date of this document is as follows (the valuations being the unaudited valuations as at 31 July 2014 and representing UK companies and more than 50% of the NAV of Apollo):

	Sector	Cost as at 31 July 2014 £'000	Movement in valuation £'000	Valuation as at 31 July 2014 £'000
Terido LLP *	Asset backed lending	15,222	-	15,222
Clifford Thames Group Limited	Automotive software & data	7,197	1,095	8,292
CSL DualCom Holdings Limited	Security devices	6,911	84	6,995
Vista Retail Support Limited	Retail support services	3,758	-	3,758
Countrywide Healthcare Supplies Limited	Healthcare	2,675	-	2,675
Healthcare Services and Technology Limited	Healthcare	2,500	-	2,500
Mablaw 555 Limited (Technical Software Consultants)	Engineering	2,000	345	2,345
Shakti Power Holdings Limited (100% owner of Shakti Power Limited)	Solar	1,825	446	2,271
Erie Heat Limited	Anaerobic digestion	2,000	-	2,000
Winnipeg Heat Limited	Anaerobic digestion	2,000	-	2,000
Resilient Corporate Services Limited	Solar	2,000	(54)	1,946
Callstream Limited	Telecommunications	1,462	423	1,885
Project Tristar Limited	Chauffeur services	798	673	1,471
Jutta Solar Limited (100% owner of Aashman Power Limited)	Solar	950	232	1,182
Hedwig Solar Limited (100% owner of Kala Power Limited)	Solar	709	173	882
Atlantic Screen International Limited	Media	600	34	634
Gretel Solar Limited (100% owner of Donoma Power Limited)	Solar	500	122	622
Klara Solar Limited (100% owner of Tonatiuh Trading 1 Limited)	Solar	420	103	523
3AM Music Limited	Media	500	-	500

Sula Power Limited	Solar	162	25	187
British Country Inns plc	Restaurants & bars	44	(24)	20
Total fixed asset investments		54,233	3,677	57,910
Current asset investments				4,499
Cash				4,392
Total assets				66,801

^{*}Participation in trading partner representing 8% of the LLP at 31 January 2014

Since 31 July 2014, Apollo received £472,000 from Terido LLP which it reinvested. There were no other changes since 31 July 2014.

OVCT

The investment portfolio of OVCT as at the date of this document is as follows (the valuations being the unaudited valuations as at 31 August 2014 and representing UK companies and more than 50% of the NAV of OVCT):

	Sector	Cost as at 31 August 2014 £000	Movement in valuation £000	Valuation as at 31 August 2014 £000
Clifford Thames Group Limited	Automotive software & data	4,616	1,494	6,110
CSL Dualcom (formerly GreenCo Services)	Security devices	3,839	57	3,896
Healthcare Services and Technology Limited	Healthcare	2,500	-	2,500
Erie Heat Limited	Anaerobic digestion	2,000	-	2,000
GreenCo Services 2	Solar	1,600	-	1,600
Donoma Power	Solar	1,220	298	1,518
3AM Music Limited	Media	1,500	-	1,500
Sula Power	Solar	1,000	245	1,245
Technical Software Consultants Limited	Engineering	1,000	172	1,172
Atlantic Screen International	Media	1,000	57	1,057
Huitzilopochtli Ltd	Solar	1,000	-	1,000
Superior Heat Limited	Ground source heat	1,000	-	1,000
Winnipeg Heat Limited	Anaerobic	1,000	-	1,000

	digestion			
Healthcare Education Business Services	Solar	1,000	(8)	992
Horrebow Energy Ltd	Solar	1,000	(27)	973
Mallina Power Ltd	Solar	1,000	(27)	973
MediaCo Business Services	Solar	1,000	(27)	973
Misae Power Ltd	Solar	1,000	(27)	973
Paivatar Power Ltd	Solar	1,000	(27)	973
Personnel Advisory Services	Solar	1,000	(27)	973
Resilient Corporate Services	Solar	1,000	(27)	973
Saas Business Services	Solar	1,000	(27)	973
Jokim Ltd	Solar	1,000	(48)	952
5AM Music Limited	Media	1,000	(150)	850
Acquire Your Business Ltd	Business services	882	(40)	842
Howbery Solar	Solar	600	107	707
Aashman Power	Solar	500	122	622
Kala Power	Solar	500	122	622
Meri Power Limited	Solar	500	122	622
Tonatiuh Trading 1	Solar	500	122	622
Gnowee Power	Solar	500	114	614
Nima Power	Solar	500	114	614
Palk Power	Solar	500	114	614
Tuwale Power	Solar	500	114	614
Helaku Power	Solar	527	82	609
EKF Diagnostics plc	Healthcare	378	212	590
Michabo Power Limited	Solar	263	-	263
Cyrah Power	Solar	500	-	500
Evaki Power	Solar	500	-	500
Grian Power	Solar	500	-	500
Intina Power	Solar	500	-	500
Teruko Power	Solar	500	-	500
Tonatiuh Power 2	Solar	500	-	500
Yata Power	Solar	500	-	500
PTB Films	Media	249	(27)	222
Quickfire 2	Media	247	(67)	180
Quickfire	Media	246	(89)	157

Total assets		_	51,427
Cash			2,975
Current asset investments			262
Total fixed asset investments	45,167	3,023	48,190

Enlarged Company

The investment portfolio of the Enlarged Company as at the date this document is as follows, assuming Apollo acquired OVCT as at 31 July 2014 (the valuations being the unaudited valuations as at 31 July 2014 for Apollo and 31 August 2014 for OVCT):

	Sector	Cost as at 31 July 2014 £000	Movement in valuation £000	Valuation as at 31 July 2014 £000
Terido LLP *	Asset backed lending	15,222	-	15,222
3AM Music Limited	Media	2,000	-	2,000
5AM Music Limited	Media	1,000	(150)	850
Acquire Your Business Ltd	Business services	882	(40)	842
Atlantic Screen International	Media	1,600	91	1,691
British Country Inns plc	Restaurants & bars	44	(24)	20
Callstream Limited	Telecommunications	1,462	423	1,885
Clifford Thames Group Limited	Automotive software & data	11,813	2,589	14,402
Countrywide Healthcare Supplies Limited	Healthcare	2,675	-	2,675
CSL DualCom Holdings Limited	Security devices	10,750	141	10,891
Cyrah Power	Solar	500	-	500
EKF Diagnostics plc	Healthcare	378	212	590
Erie Heat Limited	Anaerobic digestion	4,000	-	4,000
Gretel Solar Limited (100% owner of Donoma Power Limited)	Solar	1,720	420	2,140
Evaki Power	Solar	500	-	500
Gnowee Power	Solar	500	114	614
GreenCo Services 2	Solar	1,600	-	1,600
Grian Power	Solar	500	-	500
Healthcare Education Business	Solar	1,000	(8)	992

Services				
Healthcare Services and Technology Limited	Healthcare	5,000	-	5,000
Helaku Power	Solar	527	82	609
Horrebow Energy Ltd	Solar	1,000	(27)	973
Howbery Solar	Solar	600	107	707
Huitzilopochtli Ltd	Solar	1,000	-	1,000
Intina Power	Solar	500	-	500
Jokim Ltd	Solar	1,000	(48)	952
Hedwig Solar Limited (100% owner of Kala Power Limited)	Solar	709	173	882
Jutta Solar Limited (100% owner of Aashman Power Limited)	Solar	1,450	354	1,804
Kala Power	Solar	500	122	622
Klara Solar Limited (100% owner of Tonatiuh Trading 1 Limited)	Solar	920	225	1,145
Mablaw 555 Limited (Technical Software Consultants)	Engineering	3,000	517	3,517
Mallina Power Ltd	Solar	1,000	(27)	973
MediaCo Business Services	Solar	1,000	(27)	973
Meri Power Limited	Solar	500	122	622
Michabo Power Limited	Solar	263	-	263
Misae Power Ltd	Solar	1,000	(27)	973
Nima Power	Solar	500	114	614
Paivatar Power Ltd	Solar	1,000	(27)	973
Palk Power	Solar	500	114	614
Personnel Advisory Services	Solar	1,000	(27)	973
Project Tristar Limited	Chauffeur services	798	673	1,471
PTB Films	Media	249	(27)	222
Resilient Corporate Services Limited	Solar	2,000	(54)	1,946
Quickfire	Media	246	(89)	157
Quickfire 2	Media	247	(67)	180
Resilient Corporate Services	Solar	1,000	(27)	973
Saas Business Services Shakti Power Holdings Limited	Solar	1,000	(27)	973
(100% owner of Shakti Power Limited)	Solar	1,825	446	2,271
Sula Power	Solar	1,162	270	1,432

Total assets				118.228
Cash				7,367
Current asset investments				4,761
Total fixed asset investments		99,400	6,700	106,100
Yata Power	Solar	500	-	500
Winnipeg Heat Limited	Anaerobic digestion	3,000	-	3,000
Vista Retail Support Limited	Retail support services	3,758	-	3,758
Tuwale Power	Solar	500	114	614
Tonatiuh Power 2	Solar	500	-	500
Teruko Power	Solar	500	-	500
Superior Heat Limited	Ground source heat	1,000	-	1,000

PART SEVEN: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON APOLLO

1 INCORPORATION

- 1.1 Apollo was incorporated and registered in England and Wales on 7 June 2006 under the CA 1985 with registered number 5840377 as a public company limited by shares.
- 1.2 On 14 July 2006, the Registrar of Companies issued Apollo with a certificate under Section 117 of the CA 1985 entitling it to commence business.
- 1.3 Octopus was incorporated and registered in England and Wales on 8 March 2000 under the CA 1985 with registered number 3942880 as a private company limited by shares. The address and telephone number of Octopus' registered office is at 20 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7AN and its telephone number is 0800 316 2295. The principal legislation under which Octopus operates is the Acts and regulations made thereunder. Octopus is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

2 REGISTERED OFFICE AND PRINCIPAL LEGISLATION

- 2.1 The registered office of Apollo is at 20 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7AN and its telephone number is 0800 316 2295.
- 2.2 The Company is authorised and regulated by the FCA as a self managed alternative investment fund.
- 2.3 The principal legislation under which Apollo operates and which governs its shares is the Acts and regulations made thereunder.

3 SHARE AND LOAN CAPITAL

- 3.1 On the incorporation of Apollo, two ordinary shares were issued nil paid to the subscribers to the memorandum of Apollo, SDG Registrars Limited and SDG Secretaries Limited.
- 3.2 By ordinary and special resolutions passed by Apollo on 8 July 2014, the Directors were authorised in accordance with Section 551 of the CA 2006 to allot up to 7,362,000 shares (representing approximately 10% of the issued Ordinary Share capital at 31 January 2014), for a period expiring at the later of the conclusion of Apollo's next annual general meeting and 15 months from the passing of the resolution (unless previously revoked, varied or extended by Apollo in general meeting) and disapplied the preemption provisions of Section 561 of the CA 2006 in respect of any such allotment, for a period expiring at the earlier of the conclusion of Apollo's next annual general meeting and 15 months from the passing of the resolution (unless previously revoked, varied or extended by Apollo in general meeting).

- 3.3 The following Resolutions will be proposed at the General Meeting:
 - 1. THAT, subject to the Scheme (as defined in the circular issued to the Company's shareholders dated 24 October 2014 (the "Circular") becoming unconditional:
 - the acquisition of the assets and liabilities of OVCT (as defined in the Circular) on the terms set out in the Circular be and hereby is approved; and
 - the directors of the Company be and hereby are generally and unconditionally authorised in accordance with Section 551 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "Act") to exercise all the powers of the Company to allot C Ordinary Shares in the Company up to an aggregate nominal amount of £600,000 in connection with the Scheme (representing 7.8% of the issued share capital of the Company as at 23 October 2014, this being the latest practicable date prior to the date of this notice), provided that the authority conferred by this paragraph 1.2 shall expire on the date falling 18 months from the date of the passing of this resolution (unless renewed, varied or revoked by the Company in general meeting);
 - 2. THAT, in addition to (i) existing authorities and (ii) the authorities conferred by Resolution 1 set out in this notice:
 - the directors of the Company be and hereby are generally and unconditionally authorised in accordance with Section 551 of the Act to exercise all the powers of the Company to allot Shares in the Company and to grant rights to subscribe for or to convert any security into Shares in the Company up to an aggregate nominal amount of £6,000,000 (representing 78.4% of the issued share capital of the Company as at 23 October 2014, this being the latest practicable date prior to the date of this notice), provided that the authority conferred by this paragraph 2.1 shall expire on the date falling 18 months from the date of the passing of this resolution (unless renewed, varied or revoked by the Company in general meeting) but so that this authority shall allow the Company to make before the expiry of this authority offers or agreements which would or might require Shares to be allotted or rights to be granted after such expiry;
 - the directors of the Company be and hereby are empowered pursuant to Sections 570 and 573 of the Act to allot or make offers or agreements to allot equity securities (which expression shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 560(1) of the Act) for cash pursuant to the authority given pursuant to paragraph 2.1 of this resolution or by way of a sale of treasury shares, as if Section 561(1) of the Act did not apply to such allotment, provided that the power provided by this paragraph 2.2 shall expire on the date falling 18 months from the date of the passing of this resolution (unless renewed, varied or revoked by the Company in general meeting) and provided further that this power shall be limited to:
 - (a) the allotment and issue of Shares up to an aggregate nominal value of £6,000,000 pursuant to offer(s) for subscription; and
 - (b) the allotment and issue of Shares up to an aggregate nominal value representing 10% of the issued Share capital, from time to time,

where the proceeds may in whole or part be used to purchase Shares in the Company; and

- 3. THAT, in addition to (i) existing authorities and (ii) the authorities conferred by Resolution 1 and 2 set out in this notice:
- in accordance with article 147 of the Company's articles of association, the directors of the Company be and hereby are authorised to offer holders of Shares the right to elect to receive Shares, created as fully paid, instead of the whole of any dividend declared in the period commencing on the date of this resolution and ending on the fifth anniversary of this resolution pursuant to the Company's dividend reinvestment scheme;
- the directors of the Company be and hereby are generally and unconditionally authorised in accordance with Section 551 of the Act to exercise all the powers of the Company to allot Shares in the Company and to grant rights to subscribe for or to convert any security into Shares in the Company up to an aggregate nominal amount of £600,000 in connection with the Company's dividend reinvestment scheme (representing 7.8% of the issued share capital of the Company as at 23 October 2014, this being the latest practicable date prior to the date of this notice), provided that the authority conferred by this paragraph 3.2 shall expire on the date falling 18 months from the date of the passing of this resolution (unless renewed, varied or revoked by the Company in general meeting) but so that this authority shall allow the Company to make before the expiry of this authority offers or agreements which would or might require Shares to be allotted or rights to be granted after such expiry;
- 3.3 the directors of the Company be and hereby are empowered pursuant to Sections 570 and 573 of the Act to allot or make offers or agreements to allot equity securities (which expression shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 560(1) of the Act) for cash pursuant to the authority given pursuant to paragraph 3.2 of this resolution or by way of a sale of treasury shares, as if Section 561(1) of the Act did not apply to such allotment, provided that the power provided by this paragraph 3.3 shall expire on the date falling 18 months from the date of the passing of this resolution (unless renewed, varied or revoked by the Company in general meeting) and provided further that this power shall be limited to the allotment and issue of Shares up to an aggregate nominal value of £600,000 in connection with the Company's dividend reinvestment scheme.
- 4. THAT the Company be and hereby is empowered to make one or more market purchases within the meaning of Section 693(4) of the Act of its own Shares (either for cancellation or for the retention as treasury shares for future re-issue or transfer) provided that:
 - (a) the aggregate number of Ordinary Shares and C Ordinary Shares which may be purchased shall not exceed 16,392,996 Ordinary Shares and 2,601,792 C Ordinary Shares;
 - (b) the minimum price which may be paid per Ordinary Share and C Ordinary Share is the nominal value thereof;

- (c) the maximum price which may be paid per Ordinary Share and C Ordinary Share is an amount equal to the higher of (i) 105% of the average of the middle market quotation per Share of the relevant class taken from the London Stock Exchange daily official list for the five business days immediately preceding the day on which such Share is to be purchased and (ii) the amount stipulated by Article 5(1) of the Buy Back and Stabilisation Regulation 2003;
- (d) the authority conferred by this resolution shall expire on the date falling 18 months from the date of the passing of this resolution (unless renewed, varied or revoked by the Company in general meeting); and
- (e) the Company may make a contract to purchase 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.
- 5. THAT, the articles of association produced to the meeting, and for the purposes of identification initialled by the Chairman, be adopted as the articles of association of the Company;
- 6. THAT, the IMA Deed of Variation relating to the proposals to vary the investment management and performance incentive fees payable to Octopus Investments Limited and to extend the IMA, details of which are set out in Part II of the Circular, be approved; and
- 7. THAT, the Offer Agreement dated 24 October 2014 between the Company (1), the directors of the Company (2), Octopus (3) and Howard Kennedy (4), details of which are set out in Part II of the Circular, be approved.

For the purposes of these resolutions, words and expressions defined in the Circular shall have the same meanings in this notice, save where the context requires otherwise.

3.4 At the date of this document the issued fully paid share capital of Apollo is:

Class of shares	Nominal value	Issued (fully paid)		
		£	no	
Ordinary Shares	£0.10	7,657,266	76,572,663	

3.5 The issued fully paid share capital of Apollo immediately after the Offer has closed (assuming (i) the Offer is fully subscribed and using the over allotment facility, (ii) that the Offer Price is 91.5p and (iii) that 52,035,840 Scheme Shares are issued pursuant to the Merger) will be as follows:

Class of shares	Nominal value	Issued (fully paid)	
		£	no
Ordinary Shares	£0.10	10,935,955	109,359,548
C Ordinary Shares	£0.01	5,203,584	52,035,840

3.6 The following allotments and repurchases of Apollo Shares have taken place since 1 February 2011:

Allotment date	Shares issued	Issue price (p)
27 September 2012	28,901,401	91.00
27 December 2012	3,156,668	94.50
15 February 2013	18,043,313	94.50
20 March 2013	4,855,005	94.50
3 April 2013	7,758,249	94.50
5 April 2013	5,012,898	94.50
30 April 2013	961,319	94.00
3 June 2013	1,490,277	91.40
28 June 2013	3,100,553	91.80
21 February 2014	4,552,069	89.70
27 August 2014	15,563	86.90
Buy-back date	Shares bought	Price (p)

	(h)	
3 June 2011	26,658	78.90
2 September 2011	39,501	81.00
20 October 2011	56,460	79.20
9 November 2011	95,520	79.50
23 December 2011	89,835	79.50

31 January 2012	73,959	79.50
25 July 2012	900,000	79.10
31 July 2012	815,025	79.50
5 October 2012	150,000	81.80
17 October 2012	1,649,411	79.80
27 November 2012	30,000	80.80
11 December 2012	500,000	80.80
19 December 2012	500,000	80.80
25 January 2013	498,915	80.80
28 January 2013	213,767	80.80
31 January 2013	70,000	80.80
15 February 2013	18,868,091	89.70
29 April 2013	150,000	84.75
3 May 2013	788,540	84.75
28 May 2013	184,200	82.25
31 July 2013	414,397	82.75
30 September 2013	270,849	82.75
18 November 2013	169,387	80.50
22 January 2014	257,907	80.75
29 May 2014	613,406	82.50
30 May 2014	225,000	82.50
25 June 2014	110,000	80.00
31 July 2014	340,721	80.00
1 October 2014	160,000	82.50
7 October 2014	166,745	82.50

^{3.7} Other than the issue of Offer Shares, Scheme Shares and, subject to the approval of Resolution 3 at the General Meeting, Shares under its Dividend Reinvestment Scheme, Apollo has no present intention to issue any Shares.

^{3.8} Apollo does not have in issue any securities not representing share capital.

- 3.9 The provisions of Section 561(1) of CA2006 (to the extent not disapplied subject to Sections 570 or 571 of the CA 2006) confer on shareholders certain rights of pre-emption in respect of the allotment of equity securities (as defined in Section 560(1) of the CA 2006) which are, or are to be, paid up in cash and will apply to Apollo, except to the extent disapplied by Apollo in general meeting. Subject to certain limited exceptions, unless the approval of Apollo's Shareholders in a general meeting is obtained, Apollo must normally offer shares to be issued for cash to holders on a pro rata basis.
- 3.10 No shares of Apollo are currently in issue with a fixed date on which entitlement to a dividend arises and there are no arrangements in force whereby future dividends are waived or agreed to be waived.
- 3.11 No share or loan capital of Apollo is under option or has been agreed, conditionally or unconditionally, to be put under option.
- 3.12 Except for commissions paid to authorised introducers in respect of previous offers for subscription of Shares, no commissions, discounts, brokerages or other special terms have been granted by Apollo in connection with the issue or sale of any share or loan capital of Apollo since 1 February 2011.
- 3.13 Other than pursuant to the Offer and the Scheme, none of the New Shares have been sold or are available in whole or in part to the public in conjunction with the application for the New Shares to be admitted to the Official List.
- 3.14 The New Shares will be in registered form. No temporary documents of title will be issued and prior to the issue of definitive certificates, transfers will be certified against the register. It is expected that definitive share certificates for the New Shares not to be held through CREST will be posted to allottees as soon as practicable following allotment of the relevant shares. New Shares to be held through CREST will be credited to CREST accounts on Admission. CREST is a paperless settlement procedure enabling securities to be evidenced otherwise than by a certificate and otherwise than by a written instrument. The Articles of Apollo permit the holding of shares in CREST.
- 3.15 The ISIN and SEDOL Codes of the Ordinary Shares are GB00B17B3479 and B17B347 respectively. The ISIN and SEDOL Codes of the C Ordinary Shares are and respectively.

4 DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

4.1 As at the date of this document the Directors and their immediate families have the following interests in the issued share capital of Apollo:

Director	Number of Ordinary Shares	% of Issued Ordinary Share
		Capital
Murray Steele	11,255	0.01%
Tony Morgan	4,747	0.01%
Christopher Powles	5,699	0.01%
Matt Cooper	20,410	0.03%

4.2 Assuming that (i) the Offer is fully subscribed at an Offer Price of 91.5p and (ii) that 52,035,840 Scheme Shares are issued pursuant to the Merger, the interests of the Directors and their immediate families in the issued share capital of the Company immediately following the Offer and the Merger will be:

Director	Number and Class of Shares	% and Class of Issued Share
		Capital
Murray Steele	16,719 Ordinary Shares	0.02% Ordinary Shares
James Otter	5,275 C Ordinary Shares	0.01% C Ordinary Shares
Christopher Powles	5,699 Ordinary Shares	0.01% Ordinary Shares
Matt Cooper	20,410 Ordinary Shares	0.02% Ordinary Shares

- 4.3 At the date of this document, Apollo is not aware of any person who has or will hold (after the Scheme has completed and/or the Offer has closed) directly or indirectly, voting rights representing 3% or more of the issued share capital of Apollo to which voting rights are attached (assuming that (i) the Offer is fully subscribed, including the over allotment facility at an Offer Price of 91.5p and (ii) 52,035,840 Scheme Shares are issued pursuant to the Merger) or who could, directly or indirectly, jointly or severally, exercise control over Apollo.
- 4.4 The persons, including the Directors, referred to in paragraphs 4.1 to 4.2 above, do not have voting rights in respect of the share capital of Apollo (issued or to be issued) which differ from any other Shareholder.
- 4.5 Apollo and the Directors are not aware of any arrangements, the operation of which may at a subsequent date result in a change of control of Apollo.
- 4.6 No Director has any interest in any transactions which are or were unusual in their nature or conditions or which are or were significant to the business of Apollo and which were effected by Apollo in the current or immediately preceding financial year or which were effected during an earlier financial year and which remain in any respect outstanding or unperformed.
- 4.7 In addition to their directorships of Apollo, the Directors currently hold, and have during the five years preceding the date of this document held, the following directorships, partnerships or been a member of the senior management:

Name	Position	Name of company/partnership	Position still held (Y/N)
Murray Steele	Director	Surface Generation Limited	Υ
	Director	WMB Steele (2009) & Co. Limited	Υ

	Director	JWPS Trustees Limited	Υ
	Director	JWSEMPP Trustees Limited	Υ
	Director	James Walker Trustees Limited	Υ
	Director	James Walker Group Limited	Υ
	Director	CBG Holdings Limited (Dissolved)*	N
	Director	Nhfa Limited	N
	Director	Ringmount Limited	N
	Director	W M B Steele & Co Limited	N
	Director	Ringmount (2009) Limited	N
Tony Morgan	Director	YAR Trading Limited	Υ
	Trustee	Youth at Risk	Υ
	Director	Octopus Phoenix VCT Plc	N
	Director	Quickheart Limited	N
	Director	Reenergy Group Plc	N
Christopher Powles	Director	Little Sutton Energy Company Limited	Υ
	Director	Susenco Management Limited	Υ
	Director	Flights Mill Community Hydro Power Limited	Υ
	Director	Bicester Energy Company Limited	Υ

	Director	Litho Supplies Plc (Dissolved)**	N
Matthew Cooper	Director	Imaginatik plc	Υ
	Director	Imaginatik (Goswell) Limited	Υ
	Director	Which? Financial Services Limited	Υ
	Director	Accesso Technology Group Plc (formerly LO-Q plc)	Υ
	Director	Clearly So Limited	Υ
	Director	Vouchedfor Ltd	Υ
	Director	RNM Financial Ltd	Υ
	Director	Ultimate Finance Group plc	Υ
	Director	Inspired Capital PLC (formerly Renovo Group plc)	Υ
	Director	My Dish Limited	N
	Director	10Duke Software Ltd	N
	Director	The Mental Health Foundation	N
	Director	Knowledge & Merchandising Inc. Limited	N
	Member	Carbon Leadership LLP	Υ
	Director	PPL Realisations 2011 Limited (formerly Perfect Pizza Limited) (In Liquidation)	N
	Director	Tern plc (formerly Silvermere Energy plc)	N

Director	Activ8 Intelligence Limited	Ν
Director	Octopus Investments Limited	Υ
Director	Octopus Capital Limited	Υ
Director	Octopus Eclipse VCT plc	Υ
Director	Octopus Apollo VCT plc	Υ
Director	Octopus Eclipse VCT 2 plc (Dissolved)*	N
Director	Octopus Eclipse VCT 3 plc (Dissolved)*	N
Director	Octopus Eclipse VCT 4 plc (Dissolved)*	N
Director	Octopus Apollo VCT 1 plc (Dissolved)*	N
Director	Octopus Apollo VCT 2 plc (Dissolved)*	N
Limited Partner	Octopus Zenith Founder Partner LP	Υ
Director	Carbon Search Limited	N
Director	Sadler's Wells Limited	N
Director	Octopus Phoenix VCT plc (dissolved)*	N

^{*} In members voluntary liquidation prior to being dissolved

The business address of all the Directors is 20 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7AN.

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4.8 Save as set out below, none of the Directors has at any time within the last five years:

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I: 14.1(d)

4.8.1 had any convictions (whether spent or unspent) in relation to offences involving fraud or dishonesty;

I: 14.1(c)

4.8.2 been the subject of any official public incrimination and/or sanctions by statutory or regulatory authorities (including designated recognised professional bodies) or been disqualified by a court from

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^{**} In administration prior to being dissolved

acting as a director of a company or from acting in the management or conduct of the affairs of any company;

- 4.8.3 been a director or senior manager of a company which has been put into receivership, compulsory liquidation, administration, company voluntary arrangement or any composition or arrangement with its creditors generally or any class of its creditors, save as set out in paragraph 4.7 above; or
- 4.8.4 been the subject of any bankruptcy or been subject to an individual voluntary arrangement or a bankruptcy restrictions order.

Tern plc (formerly Silvermere Energy Plc) has been in a company voluntary arrangement and, prior to being dissolved, Octopus Phoenix VCT plc was in liquidation. Octopus Eclipse VCT 2 plc, Octopus Eclipse VCT 3 plc, Octopus Eclipse VCT 4 plc, Octopus Apollo VCT 1 plc, Octopus Apollo VCT 2 plc and Octopus Apollo VCT 4 plc, were all in voluntary liquidation prior to being dissolved.

- 4.9 There are no arrangements or understandings with major shareholders, customers, suppliers or others, subject to which any Director was selected as a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies or member of senior management.
- 4.10 There are no outstanding loans or guarantees provided by Apollo for the benefit of any of the Directors nor are there any loans or any guarantees provided by any of the Directors for Apollo.
- 4.11 The Directors and directors of Octopus do not have any conflicts of interest between their duties to Apollo and their private interests or other duties except for Matt Cooper who is the chairman of Octopus which is a party to the agreements referred to in paragraphs 7 and 8 below.

5 DIRECTORS' LETTERS OF APPOINTMENT

Murray Steele and Christopher Powles were appointed as Directors on 28 September 2012 and Tony Morgan and Matt Cooper were appointed as Directors on 17 July 2006. The Directors' appointments are terminable on three months' notice and no arrangements have been entered into by the Company entitling the Directors to compensation for loss of office nor have amounts been set aside to provide pension, retirement or similar benefits. Murray Steele, as Chairman of Apollo, is entitled to annual remuneration of £21,000, while the annual remuneration receivable by the other Directors is £16,000. None of the Directors has a service contract with the Company and no such contract is proposed. In respect of the year ended 31 January 2014, Murray Steele received £21,000 and Tony Morgan, Christopher Powles and Matt Cooper each received £16,000.

In the event that the Merger proceeds, Tony Morgan will stand down from the Board and James Otter will join the Board. With effect from the Scheme Effective Date the annual remuneration of Murray Steele will be £25,000 and James Otter, Christopher Powles and Matt Cooper will receive £20,000 each.

6 APOLLO AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES

Apollo does not have any subsidiaries.

7 OFFER AGREEMENT

An agreement dated 24 October 2014, between Apollo (1), the Directors of Apollo (2), Octopus (3) and Howard Kennedy (4) pursuant to which Howard Kennedy agreed to act as sponsor to Apollo in respect of the Offer and the Scheme and Octopus agreed to use reasonable endeavours to procure subscribers for Offer Shares under the Offer. Under the agreement Octopus is paid, subject to the passing of Resolution 7 at the General Meeting, an initial fee of up to 5.0% of the funds received under the Offer and an ongoing fee of 0.5% per annum of the NAV of the investment amounts received from investors under the Offer who have invested directly into Apollo and not through a financial intermediary for up to nine years and has agreed to discharge all external costs of advice and their own costs in respect of the Offer. Under this agreement certain warranties have been given by Apollo, the Directors and Octopus to the other parties. Apollo has also agreed to indemnify Howard Kennedy in respect of its role as sponsor. The warranties and indemnity are in usual form for a contract of this type. The agreement can be terminated if any statement in the Prospectus is untrue, any material omission from the Prospectus arises or any breach of warranty occurs.

8 MATERIAL CONTRACTS

The following are the only contracts (not being contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business) which have been entered into by Apollo in the two years immediately preceding the date of this document or which are expected to be entered into prior to Admission and which are, or may be, material or which have been entered into at any time by Apollo and which contain any provision under which Apollo has any obligation or entitlement which is, or may be, material to Apollo as at the date of this document:

- 8.1 The Offer Agreement, details of which are set out in paragraph 7 above.
- 8.2 The letters of appointment of the Directors, details of which are set out in paragraph 5 above.
- 8.3 An investment management agreement dated 27 July 2006, as varied by deeds of variation dated 16 August 2012, 28 April 2014 and 24 October 2014 (the "IMA") between the Company (1) and Octopus (2) pursuant to which Octopus provides discretionary investment management and administration services to the Company. The appointment of Octopus is terminable by either party on not less than 12 months' notice in writing and may also be terminated in circumstances of material breach by either of these

parties. Octopus receives an annual management fee of an amount equal to 2% of the net assets of the Company, calculated on a daily basis from 31 January and payable quarterly in advance, together with any applicable VAT thereon in respect of investment management services. Octopus also receives an annual administration and accounting fee of an amount equal to 0.3% of the net assets of the Company, calculated at annual intervals as at 31 January and payable quarterly (plus VAT) and an annual company secretarial fee of £20,000 (plus VAT) per annum payable annually or quarterly.

Pursuant to the IMA, Octopus is entitled to an annual performance related incentive fee in each accounting period, subject to the total return being 100p at the end of the relevant period. The amount of the fee will be equal to 20% of the amount by which the total return as at the end of the relevant period exceeds the total return as at 31 January 2012 plus cumulative Bank of England base rate or, if greater, the highest total return as at the end of the accounting period commencing on 1 February 2012 or any subsequent accounting period.

Pursuant to the IMA Deed of Variation, the IMA will be varied, subject to the approval of Shareholders and to the Merger proceeding, in order that Octopus' existing management fee and performance incentive fee arrangements in respect of OVCT are mirrored in respect of the C Ordinary Share Fund. Under the terms of the OVCT IMA, Octopus is entitled to an annual management fee of 2.0% of OVCT's net assets. However, in order to ensure the alignment of interests between Octopus and the OVCT Shareholders, the annual management fee will be rolled up (without interest) and will only be paid to Octopus once OVCT shareholders have received dividends and distributions during the life of OVCT totalling or exceeding 105p per OVCT Share. Under the OVCT IMA, Octopus is also entitled to a performance incentive fee equal to 20% on returns to OVCT Shareholders in excess of 105p per OVCT Share calculated from their respective date of issue, to be based wholly on the payment of cash proceeds to OVCT Shareholders and which would not have been paid until after the annual general meeting of OVCT to be held in 2015.

The normal annual expenses of the Company under the IMA are capped each year at an amount agreed between the Company and Octopus. For the current year the normal annual expenses are capped at an amount equal to 3.3% of the Company's net assets, this being the amount set on launch of the Company. Any excess over this amount will be borne by Octopus. Normal annual expenses means the annual expenses of the Company incurred in its ordinary course of business and includes the annual investment management, administration, and secretarial fees, directors' remuneration, normal fees payable to the Company's registrars, stockbroker, auditors, solicitors and VCT status advisers, and irrecoverable VAT thereon. It does not include any exceptional items or annual trail commission.

Octopus also retains the right pursuant to the agreement to charge transaction, directors', monitoring, consultancy, corporate finance, introductory, syndication fees, commissions and refunds of commissions in respect of the management of the Company's investment portfolio. Such fees do not typically exceed 1.5% of the total amount invested by all Octopus managed funds (including the Company) per annum, assuming an investment of £5 million and a holding period of five years. The costs of all deals that do not

proceed to completion will be borne by Octopus.

The agreement includes indemnities given by the Company to Octopus which are usual for this type of agreement.

The following contracts will be entered into subject, inter alia, to the approval by Shareholders of Resolution 1 to be proposed at the General Meeting:

- 8.4 A transfer agreement between Apollo and OVCT (acting through the Liquidators) pursuant to which all of the assets and liabilities of OVCT will be transferred to Apollo (subject only to the consent required to transfer such assets and liabilities) in consideration for Scheme Shares, as described in Part One of this document. The Liquidators will agree under this agreement that all sale proceeds and/or dividends received in respect of the underlying assets of OVCT will be transferred on receipt to Apollo as part of the Scheme.
- 8.5 A Deed of Indemnity from Apollo to the Liquidators pursuant to which Apollo will indemnify the Liquidators for expenses and costs incurred by them in connection with the Scheme.

9 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Save for the fees paid to the Directors as detailed in paragraph 5 above, the fees paid under the investment management agreement detailed in paragraph 8.3 above, the promoter's fee of £1.13 million paid to Octopus in respect of the Company's offer for subscription that was launched on 1 October 2012, the promoter's fee of £0.14 million paid to Octopus in respect of the top-up offer launched on 2 December 2013 and the promoter's fee payable in respect of the Offer Agreement, there were no other related party transactions or fees paid by the Company during the years ended 31 January 2012, 31 January 2013 and 31 January 2014 or for the period from 31 January 2014 to the date of this document.

10 WORKING CAPITAL

The Company is of the opinion that the working capital of the Companies is sufficient for the Companies' present requirements, that is, for at least the period of twelve months from the date of this document.

11 CAPITALISATION AND INDEBTEDNESS

11.1 The capitalisation and indebtedness of the Company as at 31 July 2014 was as follows:

<u>Capital and reserves</u>	£000
Called up Equity Share Capital	7,688
Share Premium	-
Special Distributable Reserve	55,522
Capital Redemption Reserve	2,005

Total Equity Shareholders' Funds	66,801
Revenue Reserve:	636
Capital Reserve Unrealised:	4,096
Capital Reserve Realised	(3,146)

11.2 Since incorporation, the Company has incurred no indebtedness. The Company has power to borrow under the Articles, details of which are set out in the paragraph entitled "Borrowing powers" in paragraph 14.1.13 below.

12. AUDIT, REMUNERATION AND NOMINATION COMMITTEES

Audit Committee

- 12.1 The audit committee of the Company comprises the Board (with the exception of Matt Cooper), is chaired by Christopher Powles and meets twice a year and on an ad hoc basis as necessary. The committee has direct access to Grant Thornton UK LLP, 3140 Rowan Place, John Smith Drive, Oxford Business Park South, Oxford OX4 2WB, the Company's external auditor. The duties of the audit committee are, inter alia:
 - 12.1.1 to review and approve the half yearly and annual results of the Company and the statutory accounts before submission to the Board;
 - 12.1.2 to review and approve the external auditor's terms of engagement and remuneration; and
 - 12.1.3 to review the appropriateness of the Company's accounting policies, to consider matters of corporate governance as may generally be applicable to the Company and to make recommendations to the Board in connection therewith as appropriate.

Nomination and Remuneration Committees

12.1.4 A nomination committee consisting of Tony Morgan and Christopher Powles has been established to consider recommendations for the re-election of Directors. To date no remuneration committee has been established and matters relating to remuneration of the Directors are considered by the Board and any Director is excluded from meetings the purpose of which is the setting of his own remuneration.

13. LITIGATION

There have been no governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which the Company is aware) since the Company's incorporation

which may have, or have had in the recent past, a significant effect on the Company's financial position or profitability.

14. ARTICLES OF THE COMPANY

14.1 The articles of association of the Company (the "Articles"), contain, inter alia, the following provisions.

14.1.1 Voting Rights

Subject to any disenfranchisement as provided in paragraph 14.1.5 below the Shares shall carry the right to receive notice of or to attend or vote at any general meeting of the Company and on a show of hands every holder of Shares present in person (or being a corporation, present by authorised representative) shall have one vote and, on a poll, every holder of Shares who is present in person or by proxy shall have one vote for every Share of which he is the holder. The Shares shall rank pari passu as to rights to attend and vote at any general meeting of the Company.

14.1.2 Transfer of Shares

The Shares are in registered form and will be freely transferable free of all liens. All transfers of Shares must be effected by a transfer in writing in any usual form or any other form approved by the Directors. The instrument of transfer of a Share shall be executed by or on behalf of the transferor and, in the case of a partly paid Share by or on behalf of the transferee. The Directors 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 and may also refuse to register any instrument of transfer unless:

- 14.1.3 (i) it is duly stamped (if so required), is lodged with the Company's registrars or at such other place as the Directors may appoint and is accompanied by the certificate for the shares to which it relates and such other evidence as the Directors may reasonably require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer;
 - (ii) it is in respect of only one class of share; and
 - (iii) the transferees do not exceed four in number.

14.1.4 Dividends

The Company may in general meeting by ordinary resolution declare dividends to be paid to members in accordance with the Articles, provided that no dividend shall be payable in excess of the amount recommended by the Directors. The Directors may pay such half-year dividends as appear to them to be justified. No dividend or other monies payable in respect of a share shall bear interest as against the Company. There are no fixed dates on which entitlement to a dividend arises. All dividends unclaimed for a period of twelve years after being declared or becoming due for payment shall be forfeited and shall revert to the Company.

The Shares shall entitle their holders to receive such dividends as the Directors may resolve to pay out of the net assets attributable to the Shares and from income received and accrued which is attributable to the Shares.

The Directors may, with the prior sanction of an ordinary resolution of the Company, offer Shareholders the right to elect to receive in respect of all or part of their holding of Shares, additional Shares credited as fully paid instead of cash in respect of all or part of such dividend or dividends and (subject as hereinafter provided) upon such terms and conditions and in such manner as may be specified in such ordinary resolution. The ordinary resolution shall confer the said power on the Directors in respect of all or part of a particular dividend or in respect of all or any dividends (or any part of such dividends) declared or paid within a specified period but such period may not end later than the date of the annual general meeting next following the date of the general meeting at which such ordinary resolution is passed.

14.1.5 Disclosure of Interest in Shares

If any Shareholder or other person appearing to be interested in Shares is in default in supplying within 14 days after the date of service of a notice requiring such member or other person to supply to the Company in writing all or any such information as is referred to in Section 793 of the CA 2006, the Directors may, for such period as the default shall continue, impose restrictions upon the relevant Shares.

The restrictions available are the suspension of voting or other rights conferred by membership in relation to meetings of the Company in respect of the relevant Shares and additionally in the case of a Shareholder representing at least 0.25 % by nominal value of any class of Shares of the Company then in issue, the withholding of payment of any dividends on, and the restriction of transfer of, the relevant Shares.

14.1.6 Distribution of Assets on Liquidation

On a winding-up any surplus assets will be divided amongst the holders of each class of shares in the Company according to the respective numbers of shares held by them and in accordance with the provisions of the Act, subject to the rights of any shares which may be issued with special rights or privileges.

The Articles provide that the liquidator may, with the sanction of a special resolution and any other sanction required by the Act, divide amongst the members in specie the whole or any part of the assets of the Company in such manner as he may determine.

14.1.7 Changes in Share Capital

- (i) Without prejudice to any rights attaching to any existing shares, any share may be issued with such rights or restrictions as the Company may by ordinary resolution determine or in the absence of such determination, as the Directors may determine. Subject to the Act, the Company may issue shares, which are, or at the option of the Company or the holder are, liable to be redeemed.
- (ii) The Company may by ordinary resolution increase its share capital, consolidate and divide all or any of its share capital into shares of larger amount, sub-divide its shares or any of them into shares of smaller amounts, or cancel or reduce the nominal value of any shares which have not been taken or agreed to be taken by any person and diminish the amount of its share capital by the amount so cancelled or the amount of the reduction.
- (iii) Subject to the CA 2006, the Company may by special resolution reduce its share capital, any capital redemption reserve and any share premium account, and may also, subject to the Act, purchase its own shares.
- (iv) The Company may by ordinary resolution convert any fully paid up shares into stock of the same class as the shares which shall be so converted, and reconvert such stock into fully paid up shares of the same class and of any denomination.

14.1.8 Variation of Rights

Whenever the capital of the Company is divided into different classes of shares, the rights attached to any class may (unless otherwise provided by the terms of issue of that class) be varied or abrogated either with the consent in writing of the holders of not less than three-fourths of the nominal amount of the issued shares of the class or with the sanction of a resolution passed at a separate meeting of such holders.

14.1.9 Directors

Unless and until otherwise determined by an ordinary resolution of the Company, the number of Directors shall not be fewer than two nor more than ten. The continuing Directors may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their body, provided that if the number of the Directors be fewer than the prescribed minimum the remaining Director or Directors shall forthwith appoint an additional Director or additional Directors to make up such minimum or shall convene a general meeting of the Company for the purpose of making such appointment.

Any Director may in writing under his hand appoint (a) any other Director, or (b) any other person who is approved by the Board as hereinafter provided, to be his alternate. A Director may at any time revoke the appointment of an alternate appointed by him. Every person acting as an alternate Director of the Company shall be an officer of the Company, and shall alone be responsible to the Company for his own acts and defaults, and he shall not be deemed to be the agent of or for the Director appointing him.

Subject to the provisions of the Statutes (as defined in the Company's articles of association), the Directors may from time to time appoint one or more of their body to be managing director or joint managing directors of the Company or to hold such other executive office in relation to the management of the business of the Company as they may decide.

A Director may continue to be or become a director or other officer, servant or member of any company promoted by the Company or in which they may be interested as a vendor, shareholder, or otherwise, and no such Director shall be accountable for any remuneration or other benefits derived as Director or other officer, servant or member of such company.

The Directors may from time to time appoint a chairman of the Company (who need not be a Director of the Company) and may determine his duties and remuneration and the period for which he is to hold office.

The Directors may from time to time provide for the management and transaction of the affairs of the Company in any specified locality, whether at home or abroad, in such manner as they think fit.

14.1.10 Directors' Interests

14.1.10.1 A Director who is in any way, directly or indirectly, interested in a transaction or arrangement with the Company shall, at a meeting of the Directors, declare, in accordance with the Act, the nature of his interest.

- 14.1.10.2. Provided that he has declared his interest in accordance with paragraph 14.1.10.1, a Director may be a party to or otherwise interested in any transaction or arrangement with the Company or in which the Company is otherwise interested and may be a director or other officer or otherwise interested in any body corporate promoted by the Company or in which the Company is otherwise interested. No Director so interested shall be accountable to the Company, by reason of his being a Director, for any benefit that he derives from such office or interest or any such transaction or arrangement.
- 14.1.10.3 A Director shall not vote nor be counted in the quorum at a meeting of the Directors in respect of a matter in which he has any material interest otherwise than by virtue of his interest in shares, debentures or other securities of, or otherwise in or through the Company, unless his interest arises only because the case falls within one or more of the following paragraphs:
 - (a) the giving to him of any guarantee, security or indemnity in respect of money lent or an obligation incurred by him at the request of or for the benefit of the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings;
 - (b) the giving to a third party of any guarantee, security or indemnity in respect of a debt or an obligation of the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings for which he has assumed responsibility in whole or in part under a guarantee or indemnity or by the giving of security;
 - (c) any proposal concerning the subscription by him of shares, debentures or other securities of the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings or by virtue of his participating in the underwriting or sub-underwriting of an offer of such shares, debentures or other securities;
 - (d) any proposal concerning any other company in which he is interested, directly or indirectly, whether as an officer or shareholder or otherwise, provided that he and any persons connected with him do not to his knowledge hold an interest in shares representing one % or more of any class of the equity share capital of such company or of the voting rights available to members of the relevant company;

- (e) any proposal relating to an arrangement for the benefit of the employees of the Company or any subsidiary undertaking which does not award to any Director as such any privilege or advantage not generally awarded to the employees to whom such arrangement relates; and
- (f) any arrangement for purchasing or maintaining for any officer or auditor of the Company or any of its subsidiaries insurance against any liability which by virtue of any rule of law would otherwise attach to him in respect of any negligence, breach of duty or breach of trust for which he may be guilty in relation to the Company or any of its subsidiaries of which he is a Director, officer or auditor.
- 14.1.10.4 When proposals are under consideration concerning the appointment of two or more Directors to offices or employment with the Company or any company in which the Company is interested the proposals may be divided and considered in relation to each Director separately and (if not otherwise precluded from voting) each of the Directors concerned shall be entitled to vote and be counted in the quorum in respect of each resolution except that concerning his own appointment.

14.1.11 Remuneration of Directors

- 14.1.11.1 The ordinary remuneration of the Directors shall be such amount as the Directors shall from time to time determine (provided that unless otherwise approved by the Company in general meeting the aggregate ordinary remuneration of such Directors, including fees, shall not exceed £75,000 per year) to be divided among them in such proportion and manner as the Directors may determine. The Directors shall also be paid by the Company all reasonable travelling, hotel and other expenses they may incur in attending meetings of the Directors or general meetings or otherwise in connection with the discharge of their duties.
- 14.1.11.2 Any Director who, by request of the Directors, performs special services for any purposes of the Company may be paid such reasonable extra remuneration as the Directors may determine.
- 14.1.11.3 The emoluments and benefits of any executive Director for his services as such shall be determined by the Directors and may be of any description, including membership of any pension or life assurance scheme for employees or their dependants or, apart from membership of any such scheme, the payment of a pension or other benefits to him or his dependants on or after retirement or death.

14.1.12 Retirement of Directors

At the annual general meeting of the Company next following the appointment of a Director he shall retire from office. A Director shall also retire from office at or before the third annual general meeting following the annual general meeting at which he last retired and was re-elected. A retiring Director shall be eligible for re-election. A Director shall be capable of being appointed or reappointed despite having attained any particular age and shall not be required to retire by reason of his having attained any particular age, subject to the provisions of the Act.

14.1.13 Borrowing Powers

Subject as provided below, the Directors may exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow money and to mortgage or charge its undertaking, property and uncalled capital.

The Company's articles permit borrowings of amounts up to 50% of the aggregate of (i) the amount paid up (or credited as paid up) on the allotted or issued share capital of the Company and (ii) the amount standing to the credit of the reserves, whether or not distributable, after adding or deducting any balance standing to the credit or debit of the profit and loss account, as adjusted in accordance with the Company's articles of association.

14.1.14 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 ("a Relevant Period") the distribution of the Company's capital profits shall be prohibited. The Board 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 or other dealing with any capital asset in excess of the book value thereof and all other monies which are considered by the Board to be in the nature of accretion to capital shall be credited to the capital reserve. Subject to the Act, the Board 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 or other dealing with investments, or other capital losses, and, subject to the Act, any expenses, loss or liability (or provision therefore) which the Board considers to relate to a capital item or which the Board otherwise considers 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 any revenue reserve are applicable except and provided that 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 or applied in paying dividends on any shares in the Company. In periods 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 or applied in paying dividends on any shares in the Company.

14.1.15 Duration of Company

- (i) The Directors shall procure that at the fifteenth annual general meeting of the Company (and thereafter at five yearly intervals) an ordinary resolution will be proposed to the effect that the Company shall continue in being. If such resolution is not passed the board shall within four months of that meeting convene a general meeting to propose either or both of the following:
 - (a) a special resolution for the reorganisation or reconstruction of the Company; or
 - (b) a special resolution to wind up the Company voluntarily.
- (ii) On any voluntary winding-up of the Company, the liquidator may, with the sanction of an special resolution and any other sanctions required by law, divide amongst the members in specie the whole or any part of the assets of the Company in such manner as he may determine.

14.1.16 General Meetings

The Directors may, whenever they think fit, convene a general meeting of the Company. If within fifteen minutes (or such longer time not exceeding one hour as the chairman of the meeting may decide to wait) from the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened on the requisition of members, shall be dissolved and, in any other case, shall stand adjourned to such day (being not less than ten clear days) and at such time and place as the Board may determine. If at any such adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within fifteen minutes from the time appointed for the meeting, a member present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote shall be a quorum.

The chairman may, with the consent of the meeting (and shall, if so directed by the meeting) adjourn any meeting from time to time and from place to place. No business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.

14.2 CREST

CREST is a paperless settlement procedure enabling securities to be evidenced otherwise than by a certificate and transferred otherwise than by a written instrument. The Company's articles of association are consistent with CREST membership and allow for the holding and transfer of shares in uncertificated form subject to the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001. The New Shares have been made eligible for settlement in CREST.

15. SPECIFIC DISCLOSURES IN RESPECT OF CLOSED ENDED FUNDS

- 15.1 Octopus intends to use the proceeds of the Offer in accordance with the Company's object of spreading investment risk and in accordance with the Company's investment policy. This investment policy is in line with the VCT rules and the Company will not deviate from them. Further, in accordance with the VCT rules, the Company will invest in ordinary shares, in some cases in a small number of preference shares where applicable, and always in accordance with such rules.
- 15.2 The Company is authorised and regulated by the FCA as a self managed alternative investment fund.

 VCTs need to meet a number of conditions set out in tax legislation in order for the VCT tax reliefs to apply, and comply with the rules and regulations of the UK Listing Authority.
- 15.3 The Company is regulated by the VCT rules in respect of the investments they make as described in Part Three of this document. The Company has appointed PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP of 1 Embankment Place, London WC2N 6RH ("PwC") as its VCT status monitor. PwC will report to the Company as a part of its annual reporting obligations. In respect of any breach of the VCT rules, the Company, together with PwC, will report directly and immediately to HMRC to rectify the breach and announce the same immediately to the Shareholders via a Regulatory News Service provider.
- 15.4 The Company will not invest more than 15% of its gross assets in any single company, in accordance with the VCT legislation, 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.
- 15.5 The Company will not conduct any trading activity which is significant in the context of its group (if any) as a whole. No more than 10%, in aggregate, of the value of the total assets of the Company at the time an investment is made may be invested in other listed closed-ended investment funds, except where those funds themselves have published investment policies which permit them to invest no more than 15% of their total assets in other listed closed-ended investment funds.
- 15.6 The Board must be able to demonstrate that it will act independently of Octopus. A majority of the Board (including the Chairman) must not be directors, employees, partners, officers, or professional advisers of or to, Octopus or any company in Octopus's group or any other investment entity which they manage.
- 15.7 The Company will not invest directly in physical commodities.
- 15.8 The Company will not invest in any property collective investment undertaking.
- Other than as provided for under its investment policy, the Company will not invest in any derivatives, financial instruments, money market instruments or currencies other than for the purposes of efficient portfolio management (i.e. solely for the purpose of reducing, transferring or eliminating investment risk in the underlying investments of the collective investment undertaking, including any technique or instrument used to provide protection against exchange and credit risks).

- 15.10 Octopus is responsible for the determination and calculation of the NAV of the Company on a quarterly basis.
- 15.11 The net asset value of the Company's investments will be determined by Octopus at least quarterly in accordance with the British Venture Capital Association's recommendations as set out in the BVCA notes of guidance. The value of investments will be determined on a fair value basis. In the case of quoted securities, fair value is established by reference to the closing bid price on the relevant date or the last traded price, depending on convention of the exchange on which the investment is quoted. In the case of unquoted investments, fair value is established by using measures of value such as the price of recent transactions, earnings multiple and net assets. This is consistent with International Private Equity and Venture Capital valuation guidelines.
- 15.12 The Directors do not anticipate any circumstances arising under which the valuations may be suspended. Should the determination of net asset value differ from that set out above then this will be communicated to Shareholders through a Regulatory News Service provider.

16. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The UK Corporate Governance Code published by the Financial Reporting Council in September 2012 and September 2014 (the "Code") applies to the Company. The Directors acknowledge the section headed "Comply or Explain" in the preamble to the Code which acknowledges that some provisions may have less relevance for investment companies and, in particular, consider some areas inappropriate due to the size and nature of the business of the Company. Accordingly, the provisions of the Code are complied with save that (i) the Company does not have a chief executive officer or a senior independent director (the Board does not consider this necessary for the size of the Company), (ii) the Company conducts a formal review as to whether there is a need for an internal audit function, however the Directors do not consider that an internal audit would be an appropriate control for a VCT (iii) the Company does not have a remuneration committee given the size of the Company and as such the Board as a whole deals with any matters of this nature and (iv) as the Company has no major shareholders, the Shareholders are not given the opportunity to meet any non-executive Directors at a specific meeting other than the annual general meeting.

17. TAKEOVERS AND MERGERS

17.1 Mandatory takeover bids

The City Code on Takeovers and Mergers (the "Takeover Code") applies to all takeover and merger transactions in relation to the Company, and operates principally to ensure that shareholders are treated fairly and are not denied an opportunity to decide on the merits of a takeover, and that shareholders of the same class are afforded equivalent treatment. The Takeover Code provides an orderly framework within which takeovers are conducted and the Panel on Takeovers and Mergers (the "Panel") has now been placed on a statutory footing. The Takeovers Directive was implemented in the UK in May 2006 and since 6 April 2007 has effect through the CA 2006. The Directive applies to

takeovers of companies registered in an EU member state and admitted to trading on a regulated market in the EU or EEA.

The Takeover Code is based upon a number of General Principles which are essentially statements of standards of commercial behaviour. General Principle One states that all holders of securities of an offeree company of the same class must be afforded equivalent treatment and if a person acquires control of a company the other holders of securities must be protected. This is reinforced by Rule 9 of the Takeover Code which requires a person, together with persons acting in concert with him, who acquires shares carrying voting rights which amount to 30% or more of the voting rights to make a general offer. "Voting rights" for these purposes means all the voting rights attributable to the share capital of a company which are currently exercisable at a general meeting. A general offer will also be required where a person who, together with persons acting in concert with him, holds not less than 30% but not more than 50% of the voting rights, acquires additional shares which increase his percentage of the voting rights. Unless the Panel consents, the offer must be made to all other shareholders, be in cash (or have a cash alternative) and cannot be conditional on anything other than the securing of acceptances which will result in the offeror and persons acting in concert with him holding shares carrying more than 50% of the voting rights.

There are not in existence any current mandatory takeover bids in relation to the Company.

17.2 Squeeze out

Section 979 of the CA 2006 provides that if, within certain time limits, an offer is made for the share capital of the Company, the offeror is entitled to acquire compulsorily any remaining shares if it has, by virtue of acceptances of the offer, acquired or unconditionally contracted to acquire not less than 90% in value of the shares to which the offer relates and in a case where the shares to which the offer relates are voting shares, not less than 90% of the voting rights carried by those shares. The offeror would effect the compulsory acquisition by sending a notice to outstanding shareholders telling them that it will compulsorily acquire their shares and then, six weeks from the date of the notice, pay the consideration for the shares to the relevant Company to hold on trust for the outstanding shareholders. The consideration offered to shareholders whose shares are compulsorily acquired under the CA 2006 must, in general, be the same as the consideration available under the takeover offer.

17.3 Sell out

Section 983 of the CA 2006 permits a minority shareholder to require an offeror to acquire its shares if the offeror has acquired or contracted to acquire shares in a company which amount to not less than 90%, in value of all the voting shares in the company and carry not less than 90% of the voting rights. Certain time limits apply to this entitlement. If a shareholder exercises its rights under these provisions, the offeror is bound to acquire those shares on the terms of the offer or on such other terms as may be agreed.

18. NOTIFICATIONS OF SHAREHOLDINGS

The provisions of DTR 5 will apply to the Company and its Shareholders. DTR 5 sets out the notification requirements for Shareholders and the Company where the voting rights of a Shareholder exceed, reach or fall below the threshold of 3% and each 1% thereafter up to 100%. DTR 5 provides that disclosure by a Shareholder to the Company must be made within two trading days of the event giving rise to the notification requirement and the Company must release details to a regulatory information service as soon as possible following receipt of a notification and by no later than the end of the trading day following such receipt.

19. GENERAL

- The estimated costs and expenses relating to the Offer, assuming full subscription and use of the over allotment facility, all investors being Advised Investors, and all choosing to pay their advisors a 2.5% upfront fee, payable by the Company is estimated to amount to approximately £1.5 million in aggregate (excluding VAT). On the above assumptions, the aggregate total net proceeds of the Offer, after all fees, is expected to be £28.5 million. The Merger will not result in any proceeds being raised by the Company. The aggregate anticipated costs of undertaking the Merger are approximately £0.4 million.
- 19.2 Grant Thornton UK LLP, chartered accountants of 3140 Rowan Place, John Smith Drive, Oxford Business Park South, Oxford OX4 2WB have been the auditor of the Company since its incorporation. Grant Thornton UK LLP have given unqualified audit reports on the statutory accounts of the Company for all of the financial years set out in Part Five within the meaning of Section 495 of the CA 2006. None of those reports contained any statements under Section 237(2) or (3) of the CA 2006. The statutory accounts set out in Part Five have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies in England and Wales subject to Section 242 of the CA 2006. The half-yearly financial reports and the statutory accounts of the Company set out in Part Five have been prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), the fair value rules of the CA 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Financial Statements of Investment Trust Companies'.
- 19.3 The Company shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that its auditors are independent of it and will obtain written confirmation from its auditors that it complies with guidelines on independence issued by its national accountancy and auditing bodies.
- 19.4 Howard Kennedy's office address is at 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9BG. Howard Kennedy is regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and is acting in the capacity as Sponsor to the Company.
- 19.5 Howard Kennedy has given and has not withdrawn its written consent to the issue of this document with the inclusion of its name and references to it in the form and context in which they appear.
- 19.6 The statements attributed to Octopus in this document have been included in the form and context in which they appear with the consent and authorisation of Octopus. Octopus accepts responsibility for

those statements and to the best of the knowledge and belief of Octopus, which has taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, those statements are in accordance with the facts and do not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

- 19.7 There are no patents or other intellectual property rights, licences, industrial, commercial or financial contracts or new manufacturing processes which are material to the Company's business or profitability.
- 19.8 The Company does not assume responsibility for the withholding of tax at source.
- 19.9 There has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of the Company since 31 July 2014, the date to which the latest unaudited half-year financial information has been published, to the date of this document.
- 19.10 There have been no significant factors, whether governmental, economic, fiscal, monetary or political, including unusual or infrequent events or new developments nor any known trends, uncertainties, demands, commitments or events that are reasonably likely to have an effect on the Company's prospects or which have materially affected the Company's income from operations so far as the Company and the Directors are aware.
- 19.11 Shareholders will be informed, by means of the half-year and/or annual report or through a Regulatory Information Service announcement if the investment restrictions which apply to the Company as a VCT detailed in this document are breached.
- 19.12 The Company's capital resources are restricted insofar as they may be used only in putting into effect the Company's investment policy, as set out in this document. There are no firm commitments in respect of any of the Company's principal future investments. As at 31 July 2014, the Company had £4,392,000 of uninvested cash which has been retained for working capital and follow-on or new investments.
- 19.13 All Shareholders have the same voting rights in respect of the share capital of the Company. The Company is not aware of any person who, directly or indirectly, exercises or could exercise control over the Company, nor of any arrangements, the operation of which, may at a subsequent date result in a change of control of the Company.
- 19.14 The Company has no employees.
- 19.15 The typical investor for whom investment in the Company is designed is an individual retail investor aged 18 or over who is resident and a tax payer in the UK.
- 19.16 The Company does not have any major shareholders with different voting rights.
- 19.17 Application has been made for the admission of the New Shares to be listed on the Official List and application will be made for the New Shares to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's market for listed securities. The New Shares will be in registered form. If, following issue, recipients of New Shares wish to hold their New Shares in uncertificated form they should contact the Company's

registrar.

- 19.18 All third party information in this Prospectus has been identified as such by reference to its source and in each instance has been accurately reproduced and, so far as the Company is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by the relevant party, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.
- 19.19 Octopus will provide safe custody to the Company in respect of the un-invested cash, general investment and dealing services on a discretionary basis and other related facilities which may include the following investments: shares in investee companies, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units, notes, certificates of deposit, commercial paper or other debt instruments, municipal and corporate issues, depository receipts, cash term deposits, money market securities, unit trusts, mutual funds, OEICs, investment funds and similar funds and schemes in the United Kingdom or elsewhere. These services exclude any transaction in relation to futures and options or other derivative type instruments or commodity (or derivative thereof) by Octopus.
- 19.20 The existing issued Shares in the Company will represent 47.0% of the enlarged ordinary share capital of the Company immediately following completion of the Scheme and the Offer, assuming (i) the Offer is fully subscribed in the Company, including the over allotment facility, at an Offer Price of 91.5p and (ii) 52,035,840 Scheme Shares are issued pursuant to the Merger, and on that basis the Company's Shareholders who do not receive Offer Shares or Scheme Shares will, therefore, be diluted by 53.0%.
- 19.21 The existing issued Shares in the Company will represent 60.0% of the enlarged ordinary share capital of the Company immediately following completion of the Scheme, assuming (i) the Offer does not proceed and (ii) 52,035,840 Scheme Shares are issued pursuant to the Merger, and on that basis the Company's Shareholders who do not receive Scheme Shares will, therefore, be diluted by 40.0%.
- 19.22 The Company and the Directors consent to the use of the Prospectus, and accept responsibility for the content of the Prospectus, with respect to subsequent resale or final placement of securities by financial intermediaries, from the date of the Prospectus until the close of the Offer. The Offer is expected to close on or before 1 October 2015. There are no conditions attaching to this consent. Financial intermediaries may use the Prospectus only in the UK.
- 19.23 Information on the terms and conditions of the Offer will be given to investors by financial intermediaries at the time that the Offer is introduced to investors. Any financial intermediary using the Prospectus must state on its website that it is using the Prospectus in accordance with the consent set out in paragraph 19.22 above.

20. DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

Copies of the following documents will be available for inspection during normal business hours on any weekday (Saturdays and public holidays excepted) at the registered offices of the Company and Howard Kennedy whilst the Offer remains open:

20.1 the Article

- 20.2 the material contracts referred to in paragraph 8 of Part Seven above;
- 20.3 the half year reports of the Company for the 6 month periods ending 31 July 2013 and 31 July 2014 and the annual accounts for the periods ending 31 January 2012, 31 January 2013 and 31 January 2014;
- 20.4 the half year reports of OVCT for the 6 month periods ending 31 August 2013 and 31 August 2014 and the annual accounts for the periods ending 29 February 2012, 28 February 2013 and 28 February 2014;
- 20.5 the Circular and the OVCT Circular; and
- this document.

24 October 2014

DEFINITIONS

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

((A - L - !!	CA 4005 I CA 2006
"Acts"	CA 1985 and CA 2006
"Admission"	the admission of New Shares to trading on the London Stock Exchange's
	main market for listed securities
"Advised Investors"	investors under the Offer who receive advice from their financial
Advised investors	intermediaries
	intermedianes
"Applicant"	a person applying for Offer Shares using the Application Form
"Application"	an application for Offer Shares under the Offer
"Application Form"	the application form attached to the end of this document
"Articles"	the articles of association of the Company
"Board"	the board of directors of the Company
"Boards"	the Board and the OVCT Board
Boards	the Board and the OVC1 Board
"C Ordinary Shares"	C Ordinary shares of 1p each in the capital of the Company
"C Ordinary Shareholder"	a holder of C Ordinary Shares (and each a "C Ordinary Shareholder")
"C Ordinary Share Fund"	the net assets of the Company represented by the C Ordinary Shares
"CA 1985"	Companies Act 1985
"CA 2006"	Companies Act 2006
"Capita Asset Services"	a trading division of Capita Registrars Limited
"Circular"	the circular to Shareholders dated 24 October 2014
"Companies"	Octopus Apollo VCT plc and Octopus VCT plc
"Company" or "Apollo"	Octopus Apollo VCT plc
"Directors"	the directors of the Company (and each a "Director")
"Dividend Reinvestment Scheme"	the dividend reinvestment scheme that the Company is proposing to
or "DRIS"	implement, details of which are set out in Part Two
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"Enlarged Company"	Apollo following implementation of the Scheme
"FCA"	the Financial Conduct Authority
"FSMA"	the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended
"General Meeting"	the general meeting of Apollo to be held on 21 November 2014 (or any adjournment thereof)
"General Meetings"	the General Meeting and the OVCT General Meetings
"HMRC"	HM Revenue and Customs
"Howard Kennedy"	Howard Kennedy Corporate Services LLP
"IA 1986"	The Insolvency Act 1986, as amended
"IMA"	the investment management agreement between the Company and Octopus dated 27 July 2006 as varied by a deeds of variation dated 16 August 2012, 28 April 2014 and 24 October 2014
"IMA Deed of Variation"	the deed of variation to the IMA dated 24 October 2014 between the Company and Octopus, details of which are set out in Part Two
"ITA 2007"	Income Tax Act 2007, as amended
"Liquidators"	William Duncan and Adrian Allen of Baker Tilly Restructuring and Recovery LLP, being the proposed liquidators for OVCT
"Listing Rules"	the listing rules of the UKLA
"London Stock Exchange"	London Stock Exchange plc
"Merger Regulations"	Venture Capital Trusts (Winding-up and Mergers) (Tax) Regulations 2004
"NAV"	net asset value
"New Shares"	the Scheme Shares and the Offer Shares (and each a "New Share")
"Octopus", the "Manager" or the "Receiving Agents"	Octopus Investments Limited
"Octopus VCT"	any venture capital trust (whether it still exists or not) which is, or was at any time, managed by Octopus

"Offer"	the offer for subscription by the Company for Offer Shares in respect of the tax years 2014/15 and 2015/16 contained in this document
"Offer Agreement"	The offer agreement dated 24 October 2014 between the Company, the Directors, the Manager and Howard Kennedy, details of which are set out in Part Two
"Offer Price"	the price per Offer Share, as set out in Part Two
"Offer Shares"	Shares being offered under the Offer (and each an "Offer Share")
"Official List"	the official list maintained by the UK Listing Authority
"Ordinary Shares"	ordinary shares of 10p each in the capital of the Company
"Ordinary Shareholder"	a holder of Ordinary Shares (and each an "Ordinary Shareholder")
"Ordinary Share Fund"	the net assets of the Company represented by the Ordinary Shares
"OVCT"	Octopus VCT plc
"OVCT Board"	the board of directors of OVCT
"OVCT Circular"	the circular to OVCT Shareholders dated 24 October 2014
"OVCT Directors"	the directors of OVCT
"OVCT First General Meeting"	the general meeting of OVCT to be held on 19 November 2014 (or any adjournment thereof)
"OVCT General Meetings"	the OVCT First General Meeting and the OVCT Second General Meeting
"OVCT IMA"	the investment management agreement between OVCT and Octopus dated 16 September 2009
"OVCT Second General Meeting"	the general meeting of OVCT to be held on 28 November 2014 (or any adjournment thereof)
"OVCT Shares"	ordinary shares of 1p each in the capital of OVCT
"OVCT Shareholders"	holders of OVCT Shares (and each an "OVCT Shareholder")
"Proposals"	the proposals to effect the Scheme and the Offer, and to approve the Resolutions

"Proposed Directors"	the Directors following the Merger (and each a "Proposed Director")
"Prospectus"	this document
"Prospectus Rules"	the prospectus rules made in accordance with the EU Prospectus Directive 2003/71/EC
"Qualifying Company"	a company satisfying the requirements of Chapter 4 of Part 6 of ITA 2007
"Qualifying Investments"	shares in, or securities of, a Qualifying Company held by a VCT which meets the requirements described in chapter 4 of Part 6 ITA 2007
"Qualifying Subscriber"	an individual who subscribes for New Shares and is aged 18 or over and satisfies the conditions of eligibility for tax relief available to investors in a VCT
"Regulatory Information Service"	a regulatory information service that is on the list of regulatory information services maintained by the FCA
"Resolutions"	the resolutions to be proposed at the General Meetings (and each a "Resolution")
"Scheme" or "Merger"	the proposed merger of Apollo with OVCT by means of placing OVCT into members' voluntary liquidation pursuant to Section 110 of IA 1986 and the acquisition by Apollo of all of the assets and liabilities of OVCT in consideration for Scheme Shares, further details of which are set out in Part One of this document
"Scheme Calculation Date"	the date on which the number of Scheme Shares to be issued pursuant to the Scheme will be calculated, anticipated as being after the close of business on 27 November 2014
"Scheme Effective Date"	the date on which the Scheme will be completed, anticipated as being 28 November 2014
"Scheme Record Date"	the record date to which entitlements will be allocated pursuant to the Scheme, anticipated as being 27 November 2014
"Scheme Shares"	the C Ordinary Shares being issued subject to the Scheme (and each a "Scheme Share")
"Shareholders"	Ordinary Shareholders and/or C Ordinary Shareholders, as the context permits (and each a "Shareholder")

"Shares"	Ordinary Shares and C Ordinary Shares in the capital of the Company as
	the context permits (and each a "Share")
"TCGA 1992"	Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992
"Terms and Conditions"	the terms and conditions of Application, contained in this document on
	pages 108 to 114
"Transfer Agreement"	the agreement between OVCT (acting through the Liquidators) and
	Apollo for the transfer of all of the assets and liabilities of OVCT by the
	Liquidators to Apollo pursuant to the Scheme
"UKLA"	the UK Listing Authority, being the Financial Conduct Authority acting in
	its capacity as the competent authority for the purposes of Part VI of the
	Financial Services and Market Act 2000
"VCT Value"	the value of an investment calculated in accordance with Section 278 of
	the ITA 2007
"venture capital trust" or "VCTs"	a company which is, for the time being, approved as a venture capital
	trust under Section 259 of the ITA 2007
"VCT Rules"	Part 6 ITA 2007 and every other statute (including any orders,
	regulations or other subordinate legislation made under them) for the
	time being in force concerning VCTs

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The following terms and conditions apply to the Offer. The section headed "Application Procedure" as set out below also forms part of these terms and conditions of Application.

- 1. The maximum amount to be raised by the Company is £20 million in aggregate with an over allotment facility of a further £10 million in aggregate. The Offer is conditional upon (i) the completion of the Scheme and (ii) the passing by Shareholders of Resolutions 2 and 7 at the General Meeting. The Offer will close earlier if fully subscribed. The Board reserves the right to close the Offer earlier and to accept Applications and issue Offer Shares at any time following the receipt of valid applications.
- 2. The contract created with the Company by the acceptance of an Application (or any proportion of it) under the Offer will be conditional on acceptance being given by the Receiving Agents and admission of the Offer Shares allotted in the Company subject to the Offer to the Official List (save as otherwise resolved by the Board).
- 3. The right is reserved by the Company to present all cheques and banker's drafts for payment on receipt and to retain share certificates and Application monies pending clearance of successful Applicants' cheques and bankers' 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 Company. If any Application is not accepted in full or if any contract created by acceptance does not become unconditional, the Application monies or, as the case may be, the balance thereof (save where the amount if less than the Offer Price of one Share will be donated to charity) will be returned (without interest) by returning each relevant Applicant's cheque or banker's draft or by crossed cheque in favour of the Applicant, through the post at the risk of the person(s) entitled thereto. In the meantime, Application monies will be retained by the Receiving Agents in a separate account.
- **4.** By completing and delivering an Application Form, you:
 - I. irrevocably offer to subscribe for Offer Shares in the Company under the Offer in the monetary amount specified in your Application Form (or such lesser amount for which your Application is accepted), which shall be used to purchase the Offer Shares at the Offer Price, determined by dividing the most recently announced NAV per Ordinary Share of the Company by 0.95 to allow for issue costs, on the terms of and subject to this document and subject to the memorandum and articles of association of the Company. Where the Share price for the Company has been declared ex-dividend on the London Stock Exchange, the NAV used for pricing under the Offer will be ex-dividend. In respect of the Offer, the NAV per Share will be rounded up to one decimal place and the number of Offer Shares to be issued will be rounded down to the nearest whole number (fractional of Offer Shares will not be allotted);
 - II. agree that your Application may not be revoked and that this paragraph shall constitute a collateral contract between you and the Company which will become binding upon despatch by post to, or (in the case of delivery by hand) on receipt by, the Receiving Agents of your Application Form;

- III. agree and warrant that your cheque or banker's draft may be presented for payment on receipt and will be honoured on first presentation and agree that if it is not so honoured you will not be entitled to receive certificates in respect of the Offer Shares allotted to you until you make payment in cleared funds for such Offer Shares and such payment is accepted by the Company in its absolute discretion (which acceptance shall be on the basis that you indemnify it and the Receiving Agents 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 you agree that, at any time prior to the unconditional acceptance by the Company of such late payment, the Company may (without prejudice to their other rights) rescind the agreement to subscribe such Offer Shares and may issue such Offer Shares to some other person, in which case you will not be entitled to any payment in respect of such Offer Shares, other than the refund to you, at your risk, of the proceeds (if any) of the cheque or banker's draft accompanying your Application, without interest;
- IV. agree that, in respect of those Offer Shares for which your Application is received and is not rejected, your Application may be accepted at the election of the Company either by notification to the London Stock Exchange of the basis of allocation and allotment, or by notification of acceptance thereof to the Receiving Agents;
- V. agree that any monies refundable to you by the Company may be retained by the Receiving Agents pending clearance of your remittance and any verification of identity which is, or which the Company or the Receiving Agents may consider to be, required for the purposes of the Money Laundering Regulations 2007 and that such monies will not bear interest;
- VI. authorise the Receiving Agents to send share certificates in respect of the number of Offer Shares for which your Application is accepted and/or a crossed cheque for any monies returnable, by post, without interest, to your address set out in the Application Form and to procure that your name is placed on the register of members of the Company in respect of such New Shares;
- VII. agree that all Applications, acceptances of Applications and contracts resulting therefrom shall be governed in accordance with English law, and that you submit to the jurisdiction of the English courts and agree that nothing shall limit the right of the Company or Octopus 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 any court of competent jurisdiction;
- VIII. confirm that, in making such Application, you are not relying on any information or representation in relation to the Company other than the information contained in this document and accordingly you agree that no person responsible solely or jointly for this document, the cover correspondence or any part thereof or involved in the preparation thereof shall have any liability for such information or representation (save for fraudulent misrepresentation or wilful deceit);
- IX. irrevocably authorise the Receiving Agents to do all things necessary to effect registration of any Offer Shares subscribed by or issued to you into your name and authorise any representative of the Receiving Agents to execute any document required therefore;

- X. agree that, having had the opportunity to read this document, you shall be deemed to have had notice of all information and statements concerning the Company and the Offer contained therein;
- XI. confirm that you have reviewed the restrictions contained in paragraph 6 below and warrant that you are not a "US Person" as defined in the United States Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act") (as amended), nor a resident of Canada and that you are not applying for any Shares with a view to their offer, sale or delivery to or for the benefit of any US Person or a resident of Canada;
- XII. declare that you are an individual aged 18 or over;
- XIII. agree that all documents and cheques sent by post to, by or on behalf of either the Company or the Receiving Agents, will be sent at the risk of the person entitled thereto;
- XIV. agree, on request by the Company or Octopus, to disclose promptly in writing to Octopus, any information which Octopus may reasonably request in connection with your Application including, without limitation, satisfactory evidence of identity to ensure compliance with the Money Laundering Regulations and authorise the Company or Octopus to disclose any information relating to your Application as the Company or Octopus consider appropriate;
- XV. agree that Octopus will not treat you as its customer by virtue of your Application being accepted or owe you any duties or responsibilities concerning the price of the Offer Shares subject to the Offer or the suitability for you of an investment in Offer Shares subject to the Offer or be responsible to you for providing the protections afforded to its customers;
- XVI. where applicable, authorise the Company to make on your behalf any claim to relief from income tax in respect of any dividends paid by the Company;
- XVII. declare that the Application Form has been completed to the best of your knowledge;
- XVIII. undertake that you will notify the Company if you are not or cease to be either a VCT qualifying subscriber or beneficially entitled to the Offer Shares;
- XIX. declare that a loan has not been made to you or any associate, which would not have been made or would not have been made on the same terms, but for you offering to subscribe for, or acquiring, Offer Shares under the Offer and that such Offer Shares are being acquired for bona fide commercial purposes and not as part of a scheme or arrangement, the main purpose of which is the avoidance of tax; and
- XX. agree that information provided on the Application Form may be provided to the registrars and Receiving Agents to process shareholdings details and send notifications to you.
- 5. No person receiving a copy of this document, covering correspondence or an Application Form in any territory other than the UK, 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 regulations or other legal requirements. It is the responsibility of any person outside the UK wishing to make an Application 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 requiring to be observed in such territory and paying any issue, transfer or other taxes required to be paid by such territory.

- 6. The Offer 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 of America, its territories or possessions or other areas subject to its jurisdiction (the "USA"). In addition, the Offer Shares have not been and will not be registered under the United States Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. Octopus will not be registered under the United States Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended. No Application will be accepted if it bears an address in the USA.
- 7. The basis of allocation will be determined by the Company (after consultation with Octopus) in their absolute discretion. The right is reserved by the Board to reject in whole or in part and scale down and/or ballot any Application or any part thereof including, without limitation, Applications in respect of which any verification of identity which the Company or Octopus consider may be required for the purposes of the Money Laundering Regulations has not been satisfactorily supplied. Dealings prior to the issue of certificates for Offer Shares 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.
- 8. Money Laundering Regulations

Investors should be aware of the following requirements in respect of the above law.

Under the Money Laundering Regulations, Octopus is required to check the identity of clients who invest over £10,000 or who invest using third party cheques. Octopus may therefore undertake an electronic search for the purposes of verifying your identity. To do so Octopus may check the details you supply against your particulars on any database (public or other) to which Octopus has access. Octopus may also use your details in the future to assist other companies for verification purposes. A record of this search will be retained. If Octopus cannot verify your identity it may ask for a recent, original utility bill and an original HMRC Tax Notification or a copy of your passport certified by a bank, solicitor or accountant from you or a Client Verification Certificate from your IFA.

If within a reasonable period of time following a request for verification of identity, and in any case by no later than 3.00 pm on the relevant date of allotment, Octopus has not received evidence satisfactory to it as aforesaid, Octopus, at its absolute discretion, may reject any such Application in which event the remittance submitted in respect of that Application will be returned to the Applicant (without prejudice to the rights of the Company to undertake proceedings to recover any loss suffered by them as a result of the failure to produce satisfactory evidence of identity).

Your cheque or bankers' draft must be drawn in sterling on an account at a branch (which must be in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man) of a bank which is either a member of the

Cheque and Credit Clearing Company Limited or the CHAPS Clearing Company Limited, a member of the Scottish Clearing Banks Committee or the Belfast Clearing Committee or which has arranged for its cheques or bankers' drafts to be cleared through facilities provided for by members of any of those companies or associations and must bear the appropriate sorting code in the top right hand corner. The right is reserved to reject any Application Form in respect of which the cheque or bankers' draft has not been cleared on first presentation.

9. Costs of the Offer

For all investors, the Offer Price per Share will be determined by a formula reflecting the NAV per Ordinary Share adjusted for an allowance for the majority of the costs of the Offer. The formula is: the most recently announced NAV per Ordinary Share, divided by 0.95. Investors who are existing, or who were previously, shareholders of any Octopus VCT will benefit from the costs of the Offer being reduced by 0.5%.

In consideration for the promotion and investment management services that Octopus provides to the Company, the Company will pay an initial charge of 2.5% of the gross sums invested in the Offer to Octopus. This is payable in the same way on all subscriptions to the Offer. From this sum Octopus will discharge all external costs of advice and their own costs in respect of the Offer. In addition, there are then four categories of options, which are determined by the circumstances of each investor and their explicit instructions, in respect of which payments can be made to advisers and other intermediaries. These are as follows:

1) A direct investment

Investors who have not invested their money through a financial intermediary/adviser and have invested directly into the Company.

In consideration for the promotion, investment management and secretarial services that Octopus provides to the Company, if an application is made directly (not through an intermediary) then the Company will pay Octopus an additional initial charge of 2.5% of the investment amount and an additional annual ongoing charge of 0.5% of the investment amount's latest NAV for up to nine years, provided the investor continues to hold the Shares.

2) An advised investment where advice is received for an upfront fee with an ongoing adviser charge

Investors who have invested in the Offer through a financial intermediary/adviser and have received upfront advice and will receive ongoing advice.

The Company can facilitate a payment on behalf of an investor to an intermediary/adviser (an 'initial adviser charge') of up to 2.5% of the investment amount. If the investor has agreed with his/her intermediary/adviser to pay a lower initial adviser charge, the balance (up to a maximum of 2.5%) will be used for the issue and allotment of Offer Shares for the investor, issued at the most recently announced NAV per Ordinary Share, divided by 0.95 as described in Part Two.

The Company can also facilitate annual payments to an intermediary/adviser ('ongoing adviser charges') in respect of ongoing advisory services provided by the intermediary/adviser to the investor of up to 0.5% per annum of the investment amount's latest NAV for up to nine years whilst the investor continues to hold the Offer Shares. If the investor chooses to pay their adviser less than 0.5% annually, the remaining amount will be used for the issue and allotment of additional Offer Shares for the investor, at the then most recently announced NAV per Share. Any residual amount less than the cost of an Offer Share will be donated to charity.

If the investor terminates their relationship with the intermediary/adviser then the Company will not make any further payments of ongoing adviser charges to that intermediary/adviser.

An advised investment where advice is received for an upfront fee with no ongoing adviser charge

Investors who have invested in the Offer through a financial intermediary/adviser and have received upfront advice including investors who are investing through intermediaries/advisers using financial platforms.

Where an investor agreed to an upfront fee only, the Company can facilitate a payment of an initial adviser charge of up to 4.5% of the investment amount. If the investor chooses to pay their intermediary/adviser less than the maximum initial adviser charge, the remaining amount will be used for the issue and allotment of additional Offer Shares for the investor, issued at the most recently announced NAV per Ordinary Share, divided by 0.95 as described above. In these circumstances the Company will not facilitate ongoing annual payments.

In both cases (2) or (3), should the investor choose to pay the adviser more than 2.5% or 4.5% respectively, the excess amount will have to be settled by the investor directly with the adviser.

4) A non-advised investment using an intermediary

Investors who have invested their money through a financial intermediary and have not received advice.

An initial commission of 2.5% of the investment will be paid by the Company to the intermediary. An annual ongoing charge of 0.5% of the investment amount's latest NAV will be paid by the Company to the intermediary. Such commission will be available for up to nine years provided that the intermediary continues to act for the investor and the investor continues to be the beneficial owner of the Offer Shares.

These charges may, according to the proportion of Advised Investors where advice is received for an upfront fee only, create some limited reduction of the NAV per Ordinary Share immediately subsequent to subscriptions in the Offer being made. This effect will be mitigated and is ultimately expected to be more than compensated, for continuing investors, by the expected benefits derived from a larger pool of investable funds and the financial benefit in subsequent periods of the absence of ongoing adviser charges in respect of such investments.

The reinvestment arrangements relating to ongoing adviser charges which are described above will only operate for so long as an investor remains the holder of the Offer Shares. Any purchaser of those shares will not benefit from the reinvestment arrangements set out above irrespective of the adviser charges which they have agreed with their adviser. This therefore means that any purchaser of Offer Shares will not benefit from the issue or allotment of any additional Offer Shares under the arrangements set out above.

Any additional Offer Shares which are issued under the arrangements which are described above will be issued in full and final satisfaction of any cash sums which would otherwise be due to the investor. The Company does not hereby accept or assume or undertake any liability or obligation of any nature whatsoever to any adviser as regards the payment of any adviser charges (whether such charges are initial adviser charges or ongoing adviser charges). The role of the Company is simply to facilitate such payments to the extent permitted by applicable rules and regulations.

The above payments are subject to any future changes in the applicable rules and regulations.

ANNEX I

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT SCHEME (THE "DRIS") OF OCTOPUS APOLLO VCT PLC

- 1. Elections to participate in the DRIS should be addressed to the DRIS Administrator, Capita Asset Services ("DRIS Administrator") in accordance with condition 12 and will only be effective for dividends to be paid 15 days following receipt of the election by the DRIS Administrator.
- 2. (a) The Company, acting through the DRIS Administrator, shall have absolute discretion to accept or reject elections. An applicant shall become a member of the DRIS upon acceptance of his or her election by the DRIS Administrator on the Company's behalf ("Participants"). The DRIS Administrator will provide written notification if an election is rejected. Only registered shareholders of the Company ("Shareholders") may join the DRIS.
 - (b) The Company shall apply dividends to be paid to Participants on ordinary shares of 10p each ("Shares") in the Company in respect of which an election has been made in the allotment of further Shares. The DRIS Administrator shall not have the discretion, and Participants may not instruct the DRIS Administrator, to apply those dividends ("funds") towards any investments other than investment in Shares as set out in this condition 2(b).
 - (c) Participants who are Shareholders may only participate in the DRIS if all Shares registered in their name are mandated to the DRIS.
 - (d) By joining the DRIS, Participants instruct the DRIS Administrator that the mandate will apply to the full number of Shares held by them in respect of which the election is made, as entered onto the share register of the Company from time to time.
 - (e) In relation to new Shares to be allotted in relation to a dividend such Shares will only allotted to the registered shareholder and not any beneficial holder. Nominee Participants shall not be entitled to instruct the DRIS Administrator to allot Shares to a beneficial holder (and Participants are advised to read condition 15 in respect of the consequences for VCT Tax reliefs).
- 3. (a) On or as soon as practicable after a day on which a dividend on the Shares is due to be paid to a Participant or, if such day is not a dealing day on the London Stock Exchange, the dealing day thereafter ("Payment Date"), the Participant's funds held by the Company shall, subject to conditions 9, 10 and 19 overleaf and the Company having the requisite shareholder authorities to allot Shares, be applied on behalf of that Participant to subscribe for the maximum number of whole new Shares which can be allotted with the funds.
 - (b) The number of Shares to be allotted to a Participant pursuant to condition 3(a) above shall be calculated by dividing the Participant's funds by the greater of (i) the last published net asset value per existing Ordinary Share or (ii) the mid market price per Ordinary Share as quoted on

- the London Stock Exchange at the close of business on the 10th business day preceding the date of issue of such Shares. Shares will not be allotted at less than their nominal value.
- (c) Fractional entitlements will not be allotted and any residual cash balance of less than the amount required to subscribe for a further new Ordinary Share, as set out in 3(b) above, will be donated to a registered charity at the discretion of the Company.
- (d) The Company shall not be obliged to allot Ordinary Shares under the DRIS to the extent that the total number of Shares allotted by the Company pursuant to the DRIS in any financial year would exceed 10% of the aggregate number of Shares on the first day of such financial year.
- (e) The Company shall immediately after the subscription of Shares in accordance with the condition at 3(a) above take all necessary steps to ensure that those Shares shall be admitted to the Official List and to trading on the premium segment of the main market of the London Stock Exchange, provided that, at the time of such subscription, the existing Shares in issue are so admitted to the Official List and to trading on the premium segment of the main market of the London Stock Exchange.
- 4. The DRIS Administrator shall as soon as practicable after the allotment of Shares in accordance with condition 3 procure (i) that the Participants are entered onto the Share Register of the Company as the registered holders of those Shares (ii) that share certificates (unless such Shares are to be uncertified) and, where applicable, income tax vouchers ("Tax Vouchers") are sent to Participants at their own risk and (iii) that Participants receive a statement detailing:
 - (a) the total number of Shares held at the record date for which a valid election was made;
 - (b) the number of Shares allotted;
 - (c) the price per Ordinary Share allotted;
 - (d) the cash equivalent of the Shares allotted; and
 - (e) the date of allotment of the Shares.
- 5. All costs and expenses incurred by the DRIS Administrator in administering the DRIS will be borne by the Company.
- 6. Each Participant warrants to the DRIS Administrator that all information set out in the application form (including any electronic election) on which the election to participate in the DRIS is contained is correct and to the extent any of the information changes he or she will notify the changes to the DRIS Administrator and that during the continuance of his or her participation in the DRIS he or she will comply with the provisions of condition 7 below.
- 7. The right to participate in the DRIS will not be available to any person who is a citizen, resident or national of, or who has a registered address in, any jurisdiction outside the UK unless such right could

properly be made available to such person. No such person receiving a copy of the DRIS documents may treat them as offering such a right unless an offer could properly be made to such person. It is the responsibility of any Shareholder wishing to participate in the DRI Scheme to be satisfied as to the full observance of the laws of the relevant jurisdiction(s) in connection therewith, including obtaining any governmental or other consents which may be required and observing any other formalities needing to be observed in any such jurisdiction(s).

- 8. Participants acknowledge that the DRIS Administrator is not providing a discretionary management service. Neither the DRIS Administrator nor the Company shall be responsible for any loss or damage to Participants as a result of their participation in the DRIS unless due to the negligence or wilful default of the DRIS Administrator or the Company or their respective employees and agents.
- 9. Participants may:
 - (a) at any time by notice to the DRIS Administrator terminate their participation in the DRIS and withdraw any funds held by the Company on their behalf; and
 - (b) in respect of Shares they hold as nominee and subject to condition 2(f), give notice to the DRIS Administrator that, in respect of a forthcoming Payment Date, their election to receive Shares is only to apply to a specified amount due to the Participant as set out in such notice.

Such notices shall not be effective in respect of the next forthcoming Payment Date unless it is received by the DRIS Administrator at least 15 days prior to such Payment Date. In respect of notices under (a) above, such notice will be deemed to have been served where the Participant ceases to hold any Shares. Upon receipt of notice of termination, all funds held by the Company on the Participant's behalf shall be returned to the Participant as soon as reasonably practical at the address set out in register of members, subject to any deductions which the Company may be entitled or bound to make hereunder.

- 10. The Company shall be entitled at its absolute discretion, at any time and from time to time to:
 - (a) suspend the operation of the DRIS;
 - (b) terminate the DRIS without notice to the Participants; and/or
 - (c) resolve to pay dividends to Participants partly by way of cash and partly by way of new Shares pursuant to the DRIS.
- 11. Participants who wish to participate in the DRIS in respect of new Shares to be issued pursuant to a prospectus or top-up offer document may tick the relevant box on the applicable application form.

Participants who wish to participate in the DRIS and who already have Shares issued to them held in certificated form, i.e. not in CREST, should complete and sign a Mandate Form and return it no later than 15 days prior to the dividend payment date to Capita Asset Services, The Registry, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4TU. Personalised Mandate Forms can be obtained from Capita Asset

Services at the address above or by telephoning 0871 664 0300 (Calls cost 10p per minute plus network extras. Lines are open 9:00am – 5.30pm Monday to Friday. If calling from overseas please ring +44 208 639 2157).

Participants who wish to participate in the DRIS and who already have Shares issued to them held in uncertificated form in CREST (and were in uncertificated form as at the relevant record date), the Participants can only elect to receive a dividend in the form of new Shares by means of the CREST procedure to effect such an election. No other method of election will be permitted under the DRIS and will be rejected. By doing so, such Shareholders confirm their election to participate in the DRS Scheme and their acceptance of the DRIS terms and conditions. If a Participant is a CREST sponsored member, they should consult their CREST sponsor, who will be able to take appropriate action on their behalf. All elections made via the CREST system should be submitted using the Dividend Election Input Message in accordance with the procedures as stated in the CREST Reference Manual. The Dividend Election Input Message submitted must contain the number of Shares on which the election is being made. If the relevant field is left blank or completed with zero, the election will be rejected. If a Participant enters a number of Shares greater than the holder in CREST on the relevant record date for dividend the system will automatically amend the number down to the record date holding. When inputting the election, a 'single drip' election should be selected (the Corporation Action Number for this can be found on the CREST GUI). Evergreen elections will not be permitted. Participants who wish to receive new Shares instead of cash in respect of future dividends, must complete a Dividend Election Input Message on each occasion otherwise they will receive the dividend in cash. Elections via CREST should be received by CREST no later than 5.00 pm on such date that is at least 15 days before the dividend payment date for the relevant dividend in respect of which you wish to make an election. Once an election is made using the CREST Dividend Election Input Message it cannot be amended. Therefore, if a CREST Shareholder wishes to change their election, the previous election would have to be cancelled.

- 12. A written mandate form will remain valid for all dividends paid to the Participant by the Company until such time as the Participant gives notice in writing to Capita Asset Services that he no longer wishes to participate in the DRIS.
- 13. The Company shall be entitled to amend the DRIS Terms and Conditions on giving one month's notice in writing to all Participants. If such amendments have arisen as a result of any change in statutory or other regulatory requirements, notice of such amendment will not be given to Participants unless in the Company's opinion the change materially affects the interests of the Participants. Amendments to the DRIS Terms and Conditions which are of a formal, minor or technical nature or made to correct a manifest error and which do not adversely affect the interests of Participants may be effected without notice.
- 14. By ticking the relevant election box and completing and delivering the application form or submitting the election electronically, the Participant:

- (a) agrees to provide the Company with any information which it may request in connection with such application and to comply with legislation relating to venture capital trusts or other relevant legislation (as the same may be amended from time to time); and
- (b) declares that a loan has not been made to the Participant on whose behalf the Shares are held or any associate of either of them, which would not have been made or not have been made on the same terms but for the Participant electing to receive new Shares and that the Shares are being acquired for bona fide investment purposes and not as part of a DRIS or arrangement the main purposes of which is the avoidance of tax.
- 15. Elections by individuals for Shares should attract applicable VCT tax reliefs (depending on the particular circumstances of an individual) for the tax year in which the Shares are allotted provided that the issue of Ordinary Shares under the DRIS is within the investor's annual £200,000 limit. Participants and beneficial owners are responsible for ascertaining their own tax status and liabilities and neither the DRIS Administrator nor the Company accepts any liability in the event that tax reliefs are not obtained. Beneficial owners of shares held through nominees should obtain tax advice in relation to their own particular circumstances. The Tax Voucher can be used to claim any relevant income tax relief either by obtaining from the HM Revenue & Customs an adjustment to the Participant's tax coding under the PAYE system or by waiting until the end of the year and using the Self Assessment Tax Return.
- 16. The Company will subject to conditions 9, 10 and 19, issue Shares in respect of the whole of any dividend payable (for the avoidance of doubt irrespective of whether the amount of allotment is greater than any maximum limits imposed from time to time to be able to benefit from any applicable VCT tax reliefs) unless the DRIS Administrator has been notified to the contrary in writing at least 15 days before a Payment Date.
- 17. Shareholders electing to receive Shares rather than a cash dividend will be treated as having received a normal dividend. Shareholders qualifying for VCT tax reliefs should not be liable to income tax on shares allotted in respect of dividends from qualifying VCT shares.
- 18. For capital gains tax purposes, Shareholders who elect to receive Shares instead of a cash dividend are not treated as having made a capital disposal of their existing Shares. The new Shares will be treated as a separate asset for capital gains purposes.
- 19. The Company shall not be obliged to accept any application or issue Shares hereunder if the Directors so decide in their absolute discretion. The Company may do or refrain from doing anything which, in the reasonable opinion of the Directors, is necessary to comply with the law of any jurisdiction or any rules, regulations or requirements of any regulatory authority or other body, which is binding upon the Company or the DRIS Administrator.
- 20. The amount of any claim or claims a Participant has against the Company or the DRIS Administrator shall not exceed the value of such Participant's Shares in the DRIS. Nothing in these DRIS Terms and Conditions shall exclude the Company or the DRIS Administrator from any liability caused by fraud, wilful default or negligence. Neither the Company nor the DRIS Administrator will be responsible for:

- (a) acting or failing to act in accordance with a court order of which the DRIS Administrator has not been notified (whatever jurisdiction may govern the court order); or
- (b) forged or fraudulent instructions and will be entitled to assume that instructions received purporting to be from an Shareholder (or, where relevant, a nominee) are genuine; or
- (c) losses, costs, damages or expenses sustained or incurred by an Shareholder (or, where relevant, a nominee) by reason of industrial action or any cause beyond the control of the Company or the DRIS Administrator, including (without limitation) any failure, interruption or delay in performance of the obligations pursuant to these DRIS Terms and Conditions resulting from the breakdown, failure or malfunction of any telecommunications or computer service or electronic payment system or CREST; or
- (d) any indirect or consequential loss.
- 21. These DRIS Terms and Conditions are for the benefit of a Participant only and shall not confer any benefits on, or be enforceable by, a third party and the rights and/or benefits a third party may have pursuant to the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 are excluded to the fullest possible extent.
- 22. All notices and instructions to be given to the DRIS Administrator shall be in writing and delivered or posted to Capita Asset Services, The Registry, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4TU.
- 23. These DRIS Terms and Conditions shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, English law and each Participant submits to the jurisdiction of the English courts and agrees that nothing shall limit the right of the Company to bring any action, suit or proceeding arising out of or in connection with the DRIS in any other manner permitted by law or in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Shareholders who are in any doubt about their tax position should consult their independent financial adviser.

ANNEX II

OCTOPUS APOLLO VCT PLC

DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT SCHEME MANDATE FORM

If you wish to participate in the dividend reinvestment scheme (the "Scheme") in respect of your holding of Ordinary Shares in Octopus Apollo VCT plc, please sign and return this form to, Capita Asset Services ("Capita" or "the Scheme Administrator"), The Registry, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4TU no later than 15 Business Days before the payment of a dividend by the Company. All enquiries concerning this form should be made to Capita Asset Services, New Issues, The Registry, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4TU or by telephoning 0871 664 0324 (Calls cost 10p per minute plus network extras. Lines are open 9:30 am – 5.30 pm Monday to Friday. If calling from overseas please ring +44 20 3170 0187).

If your Ordinary Shares are held in more than one account you must complete a separate form for each account. You may obtain further copies of this form from the Scheme Administrator.

If you decide to participate in the Scheme you will be deemed to have agreed that any mandate which you have given for the payment of cash dividends directly to your Bank or Building Society account shall be suspended for so long as you remain a participant in the Scheme.

Shareholders in any doubt about the tax position should consult their independent professional adviser.

In the case of joint holders all holders must sign. In the case of a corporation/nominee company this form must be executed under its common seal or be signed by a duly authorised official, whose capacity should be stated in accordance with Section 44 of the Companies Act 2006.

If this form is not completed to the satisfaction of the DRIS Administrator it will not be processed and will be returned to you for completion.

You can also register to reinvest dividends in Octopus Apollo VCT plc electronically by visiting the Capita website at: www.capitashareportal.com. Alternatively you can call Octopus on 0800 316 2295 who will be happy to send you an Application Form, write to request a copy from Octopus Investments Limited, 20 Old Bailey, London, EC4M 7AN or visit the Investor/Document Library section of the Octopus website at: www.octopusinvestments.com

You will need to send your dividend reinvestment instructions to Capita at least 15 days prior to the dividend payment date to be able to participate and reinvest your dividend on the dividend payment date.

You can revoke a dividend reinvestment election in Octopus Apollo VCT plc by contacting the DRIS Administrator.

To: the DRIS Administrator and the Company

I/We, the undersigned, confirm that I/we have read and understood the terms and conditions of the DRIS and that I/we wish to participate in that DRIS for each future dividend paid on the Ordinary Shares of Octopus Apollo VCT plc indicated below and to which the scheme is applied. I/We agree that future dividends paid on Ordinary Shares will be reinvested in Ordinary Shares.

Tick Here to reinvest	
Octopus Apollo VCT plc	
Shareholder Name (1) Shareholder Name (2) Shareholder Name (3) Shareholder Name (4)
Address:	
All shareholders named above must sign here.	
Signature (1)	Date
Signature (2)	Date
Signature (3)	Date
Signature (5)	Date
Signature (4)	Date
Daytime telephone number	
National Insurance number or Investor Code number (which can be found on your share certificate)	
Email address	

List of Advisers to the Company

Investment Manager and	Octopus Investments Limited		
Administrator and	20 Old Bailey		
Receiving Agents	London		
Receiving Agents	EC4M 7AN		
	LCHIVI /AIN		
Company Secretary	Nicola Board ACIS		
Auditor	Grant Thornton UK LLP		
	3140 Rowan Place		
	John Smith Drive		
	Oxford Business Park South		
	Oxford		
	OX4 2WB		
Solicitor	HowardKennedyFsi LLP		
	1 London Bridge		
	London SE1 9BG		
Sponsor	Howard Kennedy Corporate Services LLP		
	1 London Bridge		
	London SE1 9BG		
Tax adviser	PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP		
	1 Embankment Place		
	London		
	WC2N 6RH		
Registrars	Capita Asset Services		
_	The Registry		
	34 Beckenham Road		
	Beckenham		
	Kent		
	BR3 4TU		
Reporting Accountant	Scott-Moncrieff		
-	Exchange Place 3		
	Semple Street		
	Edinburgh		
	EH3 8BL		
	E115 ODE		



Offer Application Form

This form allows you to invest in Octopus Apollo VCT PLC.

The form has 6 sections:

- I. Your details
- 2. Subscription details
- 3. Dividend reinvestment or payment
- 4. Adviser/intermediary payment
- 5. Adviser/intermediary details (to be completed by your adviser/intermediary)
- 6. Investor declaration

How to complete the form

- Any decision to invest should be made on the basis of the information contained in the prospectus, which can be found at octopusinvestments.com/apollo. You can also request a copy by calling 0800 316 2295 or emailing us at info@octopusinvestments.com.
- Please make sure you answer all the questions marked with an '*'.
- Tick the boxes that apply, like this:
- Leave boxes blank where they don't apply to you.

What happens next?

- We will send you an acknowledgement that we have received your application, and your funds will be invested as quickly as possible.
- Once your funds have been invested we will send regular performance updates, to you or your elected nominee if you invested through one.

When you have completed the form, tick the following to confirm:

Your decision to invest has been made on the basis of the information contained in the prospectus. The prospectus can be found at octopusinvestments.com/apollo. You can also request a copy by calling **0800 316 2295** or emailing us at **info@octopusinvestments.com**.

You've answered all the questions that apply to you.

You've enclosed the necessary verification of identity documentation which must be certified by a regulated individual (eg financial adviser, solicitor or accountant):

- an Identity Verification Certificate or one each of the following;
- a certified copy of identification (your passport or driving licence) plus;
- a certified copy of proof of address (driving licence, bank statement or recent utility bill (not mobile phone))

The original signature should be on each page of the document (not a photocopy).

If you are paying by cheque, you've enclosed your cheque from your personal account, made payable to 'Octopus Apollo VCT PLC – Applications'. We do not accept cheques from business accounts, third parties (including your spouse) or post-dated cheques. Banker's drafts or building society cheques must specifically mention the investor's name.

Or, if you are paying via CHAPS/BACS, please send us your completed application form before transferring your investment to the following account making sure that you reference the payment with your name:

Account name:	Octopus Apollo VCT PLC – Applications	Bank:	HSBC
Sort code:	40-03-28	Branch:	Holborn
Account number:	82721546		

Payments need to come from your personal account (we do not accept payments from business accounts or third parties (including your spouse)).

You've signed and dated where indicated in Section 6.



Return your completed form and documents to:

Octopus Investments Limited PO Box 10847 Chelmsford CM99 2BU

Got a question?



Please speak to your adviser or call the Octopus team on

0800 316 2295



Email: info@octopusinvestments.com

We can't give investment advice, but we're happy to answer questions about anything else.

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Before completing this Offer Application Form you should read the prospectus dated 24 October 2014 which includes the Terms and Conditions of the Offer. The Offer will close at 12 noon on 1 October 2015 unless it is fully subscribed prior to that date or closed earlier.

Section 1 – Your details		
*Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other)		
* First name(s)		
* Last name		
* Are you an existing investor in any of the Octopus VCTs?	Yes No	
* Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)		
* National Insurance number		
* Telephone numbers	Home:	Work:
	Mobile:	
* Address	Postcode	
* Email		
* Do you want to receive paper or electronic investment reports?	Paper Email	
*Would you like to be updated on future investment opportunities? (Tick one box only)	Yes No	
Section 2 – Subscription of	details	
* How much are you investing?	The minimum investment per applicant is £5,000. There available on a maximum £200,000 in each tax year.	e is no maximum investment, however tax relief is only
	2014/15 £	2015/16 £
* Cheque/banker's draft or bank transfer? (Tick one box only)	Cheque/banker's draft Please enclose a cheque from your personal account, made payable to 'Octopus Apollo VCT PLC – Applications'. We do not accept cheques from business accounts or third parties (including your spouse). Banker's drafts and building society cheques must specifically mention the investor's name.	Bank transfer Please transfer your funds to the following account after first sending in your completed application form, making sure that you reference the payment with your surname and initials: Account name: Octopus Apollo VCT PLC – Applications Sort code: 40-03-28 Bank: HSBC Account number: 82721546 Branch: Holborn Payments need to come from your personal account. We do not accept payments from business accounts or third parties (including your spouse).

Section 3 - Dividend reinvestment or payment

Any dividends paid by the VCT can be reinvested in additional VCT shares, or received as cash payments into your bank account or by cheque. Please select your preferred option. If you select the dividend payment option please complete the bank details section as well.

* Dividend reinvestment or payment?

Reinvest dividends

Pay out dividends

(You must select one of the two options)

By completing this section you confirm that you've read and understood the terms and conditions of the Dividend Reinvestment Scheme as set out in Annex I of the prospectus or in the circular.

Please give us details of the bank account you would like future dividends to be paid into (bank account must be in your name)

Account Holder Name

Account number

Sort code

Please note that this instruction overrides any previous dividend instructions you have given.

Section 4 - Adviser/intermediary payment

The Octopus initial charges are outlined on pages 15 to 17 and the Octopus yearly management fee on page 49 of the prospectus. The VCT can also facilitate payments to your financial adviser/intermediary. Please read the following text and then complete either 4.1 or 4.2 or 4.3 or 4.4. Failure to complete this section correctly could result in delays to your investment. If you have any questions please call us on 0800 316 2295.

What type of investment is this?
(Complete one section only)

- If you are submitting this application yourself with no adviser or intermediary, please complete section 4.1.
- If you have received financial advice for this investment and have agreed with your adviser to pay ongoing charges, please complete section 4.2.
- If you have received financial advice for this investment and have agreed with your adviser to pay no ongoing charges, please complete section 4.3.
- If you have used an intermediary but you have not received financial advice, please complete **section 4.4**. Any commission due will be paid by Octopus.

4.1 This is a direct investment

If an application is made directly then the total initial fee paid to Octopus is 5.0% with a total annual fee of 2.5%. If you have any questions on this, please call us on 0800 316 2295.

4.2 This is an advised investment with an initial adviser charge and an ongoing adviser charge

Please indicate the level of initial adviser charge and/or ongoing charges you have agreed with your adviser. If you have agreed that Octopus will facilitate no charges to your adviser then please insert 'nil' in the 'To my adviser' box and insert the full remaining amount in the box titled 'To me as additional shares'.

Initial:

To my adviser

To me as additional shares

% + % = 2.5%

Ongoing: % + % = 0.5%

This is an advised investment with an initial adviser charge and no ongoing adviser charge

Please indicate the level of initial adviser charge you have agreed with your adviser. If you have agreed that Octopus will facilitate no charge to your adviser then please insert 'nil' in the 'To my adviser' box and insert the full remaining amount in the box titled 'To me as additional shares'.

To my adviser

To me as additional shares

Initial:

To me as additional shares

4.5%

This is a non-advised investment through an intermediary

Initial Commission % Ongoing Commission 0.5%

Standard terms will apply if left blank. Commission should not exceed our standard terms (given in the Octopus Apollo VCT PLC brochure), otherwise this form may be rejected.

Section 5 – Adviser/inter	mediary details (to be completed by your adviser/intermediary)	101-
Company		CAM01161-01-VCT-1014
Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other)		0-191
		AMOI
First name(s)		O
Last name		
Telephone		
Address		
	Postcode	
Email		
FCA number		
Are you part of a network/service provider?	No	
network/service provider:	Yes – please give us the network/service provider name	
Special instructions		
Section 6 – Investor decla	aration	
* Investor declaration	By Signing this form I HEREBY DECLARE THAT:	
	I. My decision to invest has been made on the basis of the information contained in the prospectus.	
	2. I have provided accurate information, to the best of my knowledge.	
	3. I consent to Octopus facilitating my adviser's fees and charges as set out in Section 4.	
* Investor name		
* Investor signature		
* Date signed (dd/mm/yyyy)		