



Baronsmead Venture Trust plc



This document verifies that *Baronsmead Venture Trust plc* has successfully completed our independent investment evaluation process, having passed through all stages of the governance process in the run-up to the report's publication on the date listed below. It has therefore been awarded the MJ Hudson Cornerstone Trustmark. The full rating report is available upon request.

Gresham House plc

PUBLICATION DATE: 7 OCTOBER 2019

The information in this report is based off the full published MJ Hudson Allenbridge report.

Overview:

Gresham House plc ("Gresham House" or "the Manager") is seeking to raise up to £40 million with an over-allotment facility to raise up to a further £10 million in aggregate (before any costs associated with the raise) for Baronsmead Venture Trust plc ("BVT") and Baronsmead Second Venture Trust plc ("BSVT"). BVT and BSVT (collectively the "VCTs"), will invest using the same strategy, and will typically invest alongside each other into both quoted and unquoted investee companies. This review will focus on the Baronsmead Venture Trust plc. The Offer will open to existing and new shareholders on 4th October 2019, and shares will be issued over three allotments. Subscriptions for the first allotment will close on 21 November 2019, the second on 10th January 2020, and the final allotment on the 28th February 2020, or earlier in either instance if fully subscribed.



Investment Details:

Investment Type	VCT
Structure	Evergreen
VCT Strategy	Generalist
Launch Date	4th October 2019
Share Class AUM (Pre-offer)	£153 million
Minimum Subscription	£3,000
Manager AUM	£2.45 billion

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Best Performing Factors:



QUALITY GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT TEAM



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INVESTMENT TEAM

The factors identified above are those elements of the offer that we deem to be the Manager's strongest, relative to the other factors that we rated during their review. For more on how these factors rate compared to the wider market, please see our rankings in MJ Hudson's AdvantageIQ system.

Please be aware that the Manager mentioned in this report purchased the rights to distribute this Rating Certificate as a marketing document only. This should not be relied upon as due diligence in making an investment recommendation. To access full research services, including further tax-advantaged investment research reports and the full rating report upon which this document is based, and which can be used for giving investment advice, please visit advantageIQ.co.uk where both individual reports and subscriptions are available for purchase.

The MJ Hudson Allenbridge Investment Evaluation Process

This product has undergone MJ Hudson Allenbridge's independent investment evaluation process, which is outlined below. All products must pass through a rigorous process of qualitative and quantitative data analysis and are benchmarked against other products in their peer group, as well as undergoing a full investment committee process where scores for each rating factor are awarded. The full report examines each of the ratings factors outlined below in detail, while each element is considered in depth as part of MJ Hudson Allenbridge's 9-stage process, culminating in the report being published and the Cornerstone Trustmark being awarded.

1	Initial information request through AdvantageIQ		4	Preliminary report drafted		7	Manager sent draft to review factual accuracy	
2	"IQ process" completed. Data audited and verified		5	Investment Committee and Compliance review process		8	Report finalised and published	
3	Due diligence analysis and meetings		6	Reviewing draft completed		9	Cornestone Trustmark awarded	

Factors Overview*

MANAGER			
<p>MANAGER PROFILE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manager's reputation and positioning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality of management • Servicing investment/investors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraising ability 	<p>FINANCIAL & BUSINESS STABILITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial stability • Business stability 	<p>QUALITY GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT TEAM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision making • Process and policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oversight 	
PRODUCT			
<p>INVESTMENT TEAM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depth of experience • Collaboration/cohesion and culture oversight <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alignment • Breadth of capability 	<p>INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY & STRATEGY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philosophy • Strategy • Unique selling proposition 	<p>INVESTMENT PROCESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversity of origination channels • Due diligence & deal selection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment governance & decision-making • Conflicts 	<p>PIPELINE & PORTFOLIO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alignment to the strategy (Return Profile & Portfolio Characteristics) • Depth of the pipeline
<p>RISK MANAGEMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification • Active engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring • Risk controls 	<p>FEES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level and extent of fees • Quantum of investee company fees and charges • Transparency provided to investors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alignment with investors 	<p>PERFORMANCE & PEER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio investment income • Realised portfolio return • Unrealised portfolio value 	<div style="border: 2px solid #0070C0; padding: 10px;"> <p>DATA INTEGRITY & TRANSPARENCY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a rating adjustment applicable across both Manager and Product </div>

*For full in-depth information about these factors please refer to our published methodology available on our website.

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