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# The UK Seed Fund

Ascension is a specialist early-stage technology investor with over 7 years of tax-efficient investment experience, 6 recent exits and its maturing (S)EIS Funds trading at 300% value, before any tax relief.

The core Ascension investment team and shareholders are exited tech entrepreneurs and successful investors in their own right.

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### Venture Partner Shareholders

Ascension is backed by 14 Venture Partners with multiple hundred million/billion dollar exits between them, and include the founder of Expedia, the 2019 UKBAA Angel of the Year and Wayra / Telefonica (which hosts Ascension in its Vauxhall office)

## 298%

### EIS Fund I Performance

Ascension's inaugural EIS Fund, launched in 2017, invested in a portfolio of 8 companies and is currently valued at 298% ('Fair Value')

## 130%

### Performance Fee Hurdle

Ascension EIS Investors benefit from a market-leading performance fee hurdle of 130% and tax efficient fee structure (as default option for early-bird investors)

### Ascension Track Record Snapshot

Fund	TVPI
Ascension SEIS '15	409%
Ascension SEIS '16	510%
Ascension SEIS '17	128%
Ascension SEIS '18	148%
Ascension SEIS '19	364%
Ascension SEIS '20	145%
Ascension EIS Fund Annual Close '17	298%
Ascension EIS Fund Quarterly Close ('18; '19)	166%
Ascension EIS Fund Quarterly Close ('20+)	126%
Fair By Design ('18;'19)	264%
Fair By Design ('20+)	120%

Figures as of 28th February 2022

Past performance is not a guide to future performance

\*TVPI = Total Value to Paid-in-Capital, comprising the value of the fund including any distributions made

### Fund Information

Target return of £3.00 per £1.00 invested over 3 to 6 years, excluding tax reliefs

EIS fund with four closes/year (Jan, Apr, July, Oct), providing investors with a portfolio of 8-10 EIS Qualifying businesses over a 12 month period

Low, transparent, fully aligned and tax-efficient fee structure - 5% upfront fees and 1% annual management fees (5-year cap), payable only on realisations

Industry-leading carried interest hurdle of 130%

All investments have received EIS Advance Assurance prior to investment

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Ascension is differentiated by focusing on early stage, highly scalable technology businesses in four key sectors, and co-investing with top tier VCs...

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### Technology Sector Focus Areas

Ascension focuses on early-stage, highly-scalable technology businesses across four key sectors



New Work



eCommerce



Digital Health



Fintech



Next Gen Media



Sustainability

## 100+

### VC/Large Co-Investors

Ascension benefits from unique deal-flow from, and co-invests with, top tier VCs which has been a key driver of the valuation uplifts we've seen across our funds



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## ...with real world results

Below, a sample of Ascension's (S)EIS Fund values on the basis of each pound (£1) invested in the fund (excluding any CGT investment reliefs)



### Notes

- 100% (S)EIS tax relief achieved for each investment, impacted by successful early realisations
- Any loss relief on businesses that have closed down
- Increase in the value of Fund, less the following below:
- Pay-out to investors (shown net of any fees)

As of February 28th, 2022.

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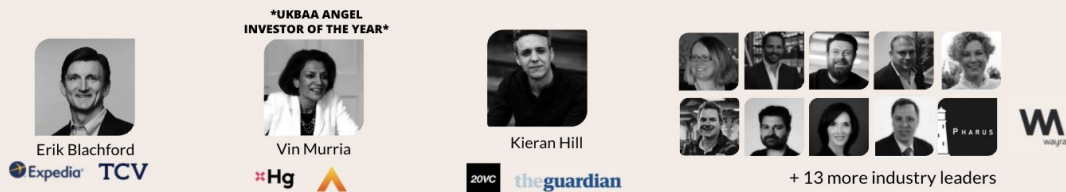
## Driven by a team with proven deep sector expertise

multiple \$100m+ & \$1bn+ exits from their own businesses and angel investments

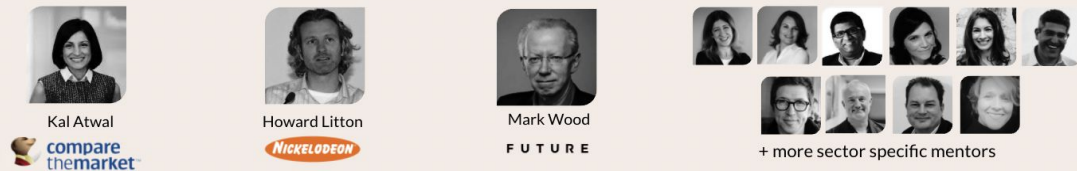
### Operating Team (14)



### Venture Partners AND 25% SHAREHOLDERS IN AV (16)



### Industry Mentors (30+)



## Subscription Details



**Evergreen Structure**  
January, April, July, October

Applications can be received at any time and invested over 12 months



**£25,000**

Minimum Subscription  
(net of IFA fees)

The exit route for successful Investments is most likely to be via trade sale (M&A), secondary exit, or an initial public offering (IPO)



**3-6 years**

Target holding period is 3-6 years for each Investment

Investors will receive distributions from the proceeds of successful realisations as they occur

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