

## **DIVIDEND PORTFOLIO**

The Dividend portfolio targets businesses paying sustainable dividends and offers investors the option of receiving a targeted income of 2% - 4% from the portfolio. The Dividend portfolio has a greater emphasis on underlying companies' ability and sustainability of dividends and, in turn, includes more mature businesses, which should subsequently offer greater protection against market volatility.

The portfolio consists of 25 to 40 stocks that have passed Unicorn's proven and rigorous selection process and have been independently assessed as to their likely suitability for Business Relief. The companies are spread across various investment sectors to provide diversification, thereby helping to ensure the portfolio is not overly exposed to either one particular company or investment sector.

# **UNICORN**

The portfolio is constructed utilising the investment research and stock selection capabilities of a third-party specialist, Unicorn Asset Management Limited (**Unicorn**). After assessing and analysing a broad number of asset managers in the AIM IHT market, we have chosen to partner with Unicorn due to their speciality, extensive expertise, and long-term track record in smaller UK, AIM listed companies.

The Unicorn investment team is well-resourced, committed and highly knowledgeable with extensive experience. Unicorn manages over £308m across open-ended funds and Venture Capital Trusts (VCTs) of which a significant proportion is in AIM listed stocks (as of May 2023).

The team's robust investment process has led to them winning numerous awards. Their approach differs from many other AIM and smaller company managers as the team conducts much of its research in-house and looks to target "best of breed" companies in established markets that are profitable at the time of investment.

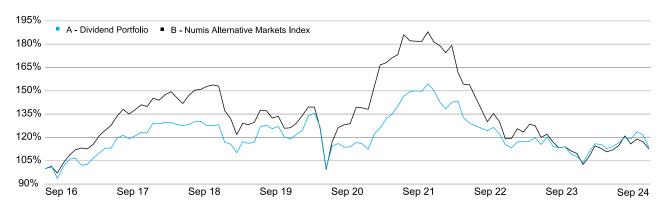
# AIM IHT INVESTMENT SELECTION TRACK RECORD

# **Performance**

%	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Dividend Portfolio	-1.9	5.6	-24.4	-4.3	13.8
Numis Alternative Markets Index	-1.6	2.9	-37.9	-10.6	12.8

The Portfolio Performance is the average weighted performance of all portfolios held within the service net of all ongoing fees

# Past Performance - Since Launch



01/04/2016 – 30/09/2024. Past performance is not a guide to future performance, performance is based on returns net of fees. Your capital is at risk, the value of investments and the income from them may go down as well as up. Investors may not get back the amount of their original investment.



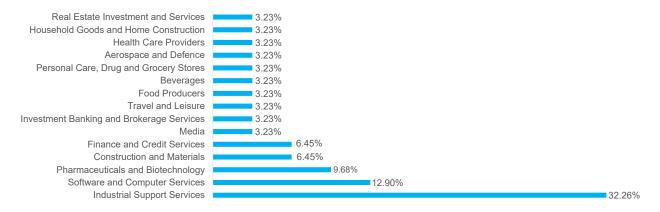
#### MANAGEMENT COMMENTARY

The AIM IHT Dividend Portfolio recorded a total return of -6.5% in September. By comparison, the benchmark Numis Alternative Markets Index registered a similar total return of -3.8% over the same period. Underlying portfolio returns for individual clients will vary depending on the timing of their investment.

The best-performing stock in September was Anpario, which registered a total return of +22.7%. Anpario's share price rose significantly following the release of a robust results for the first half of its 2024 financial year. These results highlighted an improvement in the global agricultural feed market, which led to a rebound in volumes, and coincided with a stabilisation in raw material costs. These factors contributed to a notable increase in revenue, margins, and profitability. Anpario anticipates maintaining this positive momentum into the second half of its financial year.

The worst performing stock in September was Next 15 Group, which registered a total return of -42.3%. This sharp share price decline was triggered by a disappointing trading update released during the month, which revealed the non-renewal of a key contract. Furthermore, Next 15 cautioned about ongoing challenges in its Technology division, even as its consumer-facing business continued to perform positively.

# **SECTOR ALLOCATION**



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