

Investment Review / Investment Manager’s Review continued

Outlook



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KEY FACTS

Total assets*
£1,049m**

Launch date
1 July 1889

Average annualised NAV total return*
+11.7%**

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Since the year end, markets have continued to be volatile as most of the challenges and issues that surfaced during the year continue to be unresolved. This has meant that discounts in general have remained wide as many of our stocks are overlooked and thus mispriced.

Japan has been a bright spot from a low base, having been a major laggard for most of the year. But it is a useful reminder of how markets can bounce back from extremely oversold levels. There have been other positives within the closed-end fund portfolio, where corporate catalysts at JPEL Private Equity highlight how idiosyncratic events can generate returns from discount elimination.

Your Company’s portfolio is rich with potential. Discounts are close to distressed levels and, in many cases, we, along with the management teams of our portfolio companies, are continually looking for ways to create value. Whilst the broad macroeconomic and political environment is extremely uncertain, we are excited by the fundamentally attractive investment opportunities we are seeing across our investment universe.

All of us at Asset Value Investors thank shareholders for their continued support.

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* Refer to Glossary on pages 89 to 92.

** As at 30 September 2019.

*** From 30 June 1985 to 30 September 2019.