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**Albion announces
Albion VCTs Linked
Top Up Offer 2011/12**



Albion launches second Linked Top Up Offer

▶ Following the success of the 2010/11 Linked Top Up Offer which raised just under £12 million, we are pleased to announce that we are now launching the Albion VCTs Linked Top Up offer 2011/12, once again giving shareholders access to the range of 7 existing Albion VCTs (excluding the two Kings Arms Yard VCTs).

The offer gives a potential regular income stream of over 5% per annum (equivalent to 7.1% of net cost after tax relief). Investors will benefit from at least one tax free dividend per month and all Albion VCTs operate dividend reinvestment schemes giving shareholders the option to receive their dividends in shares, which provides additional 30% income tax relief on dividends received.

The portfolio is balanced between asset-based investments that provide a strong income stream, making up over 50% of the portfolio, combined with investment in a lesser portfolio of higher risk companies with greater growth prospects. Over the last twelve months, we have been focusing on a number of investment opportunities in the healthcare and environmental sectors as we seek to grow our exposure in these areas.

Early bird discount

1% extra shares for applications received for the first £2.5 million of subscriptions.

If you would like to receive an offer document, please send your contact details (including name, address and email) to info@albion-ventures.co.uk or ring us free of charge on 0808 1871680. Alternatively, please register online at our website www.albion-ventures.co.uk

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Two Albion investments ranked in the Sunday Times Tech Track 100

► We are pleased to announce that two of Albion Ventures' investee companies, Memstar and Opta, were ranked in the Sunday Times Tech Track 100 list of fastest growing companies.

Memstar designs and produces equipment for manufacturing silicon chips while OPTA provides sporting statistics on 60,000 fixtures per year. Over the past ten years Albion Ventures has built a strong track record of supporting fast-growing technology companies. For details of the full portfolio of Albion investments, please visit www.albion-ventures.co.uk

Shareholder
seminars 2011

All shareholders will have received an invitation to attend our shareholder events on Thursday 3rd November in London or on Monday

7th November in Harrogate. If you would like to attend, please ensure you register to reserve your place.

Case studies

Journalists frequently contact us looking for shareholders who are willing to act as 'case studies' for media articles on VCTs. If this is something that you would be able to assist us with, please email info@albion-ventures.co.uk. Any shareholder who features as a case study will receive an iPod nano™ or an Amazon Kindle.

Albion Ventures LLP (formerly Close Ventures) is a leading venture capital investor which has been managing investments since 1996.

The Bell Hotel, Sandwich

▶ Albion Ventures is pleased to announce the successful sale of The Place Sandwich, owner and operator of the 37-bedroom Bell Hotel in the medieval Cinque Port town of Sandwich, to Shepherd Neame, Britain's oldest brewer, for £3.6 million.



Funds managed or advised by Albion Ventures backed the acquisition of the historic hotel in January 2005, with a total of £3.1 million being invested. Since acquisition, all the bedrooms and public areas were subject to a substantial refurbishment, with additional bedrooms created. The Bell was recently the headquarters hotel for the R&A during the 2011 Open Golf Championship.

As a result of the sale, Albion Venture Capital Trust and Albion Prime VCT have received a return of approximately 1.6x their investment.



Infinite Energy

▶ Albion Ventures has invested £1.5 million in partnership with Welsh based consultancy, Infinite Energy, to fund the development of a single mast, 500kWp Wind Turbine on a brownfield site near Ebbw Vale in Wales.

The site in Wales will benefit from the Feed-in Tariff regime and is expecting to generate its first electricity in January 2012. The installation is expected to create enough clean energy to power 325 households. Under agreement, most of the energy will be used onsite by a tile manufacturer, offsetting up to 740,000 tonnes of CO² per year.

This investment is Albion's eighth investment into the environmental sector and continues Albion's strategy of expanding into the renewable energy sector. In the last 12 months, Albion has made two Solar PV investments and an investment in a waste-to-energy Anaerobic Waste Digestion plant in the Scotland.



Abcodia

► Albion Ventures has invested £750,000 in partnership with UCL Business PLC in Abcodia, a disease diagnostics and screening company.

Abcodia is engaged in the validation and discovery of molecular biomarkers for disease diagnosis and screening.

This investment builds on Albion's established reputation as an investor in the healthcare sector, including previous investments in diagnostic technologies. The Abcodia investment compliments previous asset-backed investments such as Oakland Care Home made last year, to create a diversified healthcare portfolio balancing high return investments with low risk asset-backed investments.

Abcodia benefits from having access to a unique serum library of 5 million samples from a nationwide, 10 year screening programme for ovarian cancer. It is licensed from University College London (UCL), one of the world's leading research-led universities and through global partnerships. Abcodia aims to make ground-breaking discoveries and improve the diagnosis of many common life-threatening and debilitating diseases, including the major cancers – colon, lung, pancreatic – as well as other conditions such as diabetes, osteoporosis and rheumatoid arthritis.

Imagesound

► Imagesound- Early exit success for Kings Arms Yard VCTs (formerly SPARK VCTs)

Albion is pleased to announce its first exit for the two Kings Arms Yards VCTs, being the recent sale of Imagesound to Vespa Private Equity. The sale realised £2.7 million for the VCTs and is in line with our strategy to convert the existing portfolio of the Kings Arms Yards VCTs to a more balanced investment profile, in line with the other Albion Ventures' VCTs.

Recent investments include participation in Abcodia and Infinite Energy. In the meantime the two Kings Arms Yard VCTs have now merged, with each shareholder in Kings Arms Yard 2 VCT PLC receiving 1.2806 shares in Kings Arms Yard VCT PLC for each share in Kings Arms Yard 2. This will provide cost savings over the coming years.

Albion Ventures continues to pay a regular stream of income tax free dividends to their VCT investors. For details on recent dividends, fund share prices and latest Manager's Report, please visit the Our Funds section of the Albion website. www.albion-ventures.co.uk. Dates of forthcoming AGMs can also be found on our website.

Performance of VCTs managed by Albion Ventures LLP

Fund	Launch date	Total return since launch†	Mid-market share price††	Last dividend paid/declared per share
Albion Venture Capital Trust PLC – Ordinary Shares*	Apr 1996	195.7p	66.0p	2.5p paid on 29/7/11
Albion Venture Capital Trust PLC – C Shares	1997	184.1p		
Albion Prime VCT PLC formerly Albion Protected VCT PLC	Apr 1997	115.2p	60.5p	1.5p paid on 31/8/11
Albion Development VCT PLC – Ordinary Shares*	Jan 1999	135.1p	63.5p	2.5p paid on 31/5/11
Albion Development VCT PLC – D shares****	Dec 2009	93.9p	92.0p	1.25p paid on 31/5/11
Albion Technology & General VCT PLC – Ordinary Shares**	Jan 2001	151.4p	78.0p	2.5p paid on 28/4/11
Albion Technology & General VCT PLC – C Shares	Jan 2006	81.8p		
Albion Income & Growth VCT PLC	Oct 2004	84.6p	59.0p	1.75p paid on 30/6/11
Albion Enterprise VCT PLC	Apr 2007	94.8p	76.0p	1.5p paid 31/8/11
Kings Arms Yard VCT PLC (formerly SPARK VCT plc) †††	Apr 1996	75.3p	7.8p	0.67p paid 24/6/11
Kings Arms Yard VCT 2 PLC (formerly SPARK VCT 2 plc) †††	Dec 2001	30.0p former Spark VCT 3 shareholders 37.3p	11.0p	1.0p paid 24/6/11
Crown Place VCT PLC***	April 1998	72.2p	30.0p	1.25p paid 31/3/11

Source: Albion Ventures. All data is prepared as at 14 September 2011, using the last published net asset value of the relevant fund.

*The Albion VCT PLC C shares were converted to Ordinary shares at a rate of 1 Ordinary share for each C share and the Albion Development VCT PLC C shares were converted to Ordinary shares at a rate of 1.0715 Ordinary shares for each C share.

**The Albion Technology & General C shares were converted to Ordinary shares at a rate of 0.7779 Ordinary shares for each C share on 31 Mar 2011

***Albion Ventures took over the management of this VCT in April 2005.

****The Albion Development VCT PLC D shares were issued at 100 pence each. The total return since launch of 93.75 pence is after deducting

fundraising costs of 5.5 pence per share.

† Dividends paid/declared plus NAV. Please note: the above excludes all tax reliefs.

†† 16 June 2011.

††† Albion Ventures took over the management of these VCTs in January 2011.

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