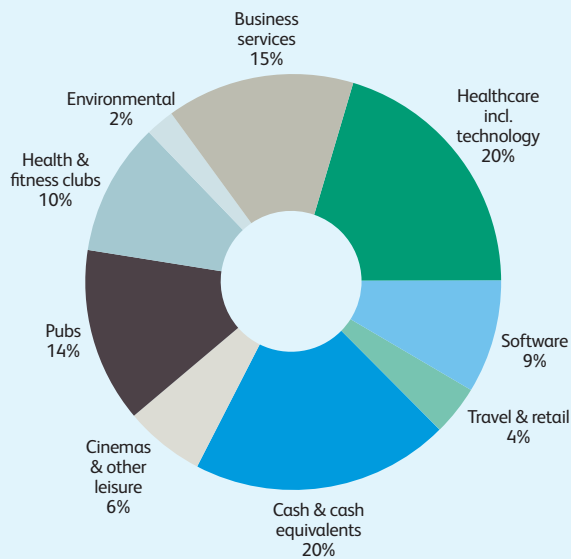


# Albion Development VCT Portfolio Update

Real Investment, in real business

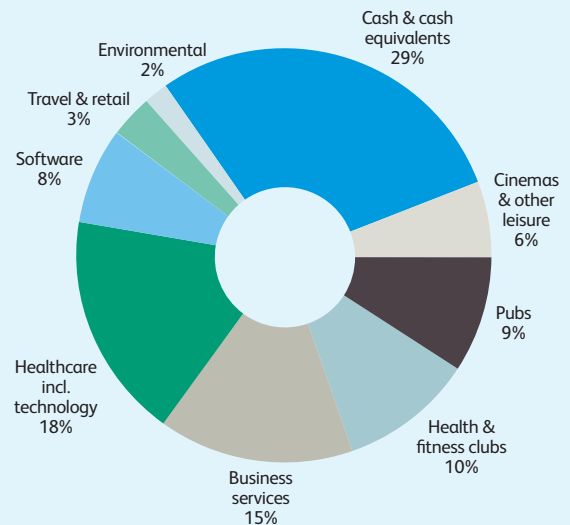
The Ordinary Share portfolio of Albion Development VCT PLC provides a diverse range of lower-risk asset backed companies and innovative, higher risk businesses. The investment policy of the new D shares aims to provide a similar spread of risk.

Split of the Ordinary Share portfolio valuation by sector as at 31 December 2009



Source: Albion Ventures LLP

Split of the Ordinary Share portfolio valuation by sector as at 30 June 2009



## Portfolio Update

Several of the diversified investee companies within the Albion Development VCT Ordinary Share portfolio have recently announced positive news, demonstrating an ability by Albion to make a difference in helping real companies to grow through a combination of financial resources and strategic advice.



### Demand for Blackbay Solutions Drives Expansion to North America

Blackbay, an Albion backed company, provides mobile data applications to businesses in the logistics and delivery sectors and have recently expanded their operations into North America. Blackbay has delivered solutions to blue chip organisations such as DHL, Royal Mail, Hermes and Dyson.

Blackbay is differentiated from its perceived competitors by how it has used its extensive industry knowledge and expertise to deliver robust, highly scalable solutions.

### One area where they have demonstrated the depth of their experience is in the postal market.

Blackbay have a strong relationship with Royal Mail, which utilises the mobile technology in 25,000 of its vehicles, enabling staff to collect proof of delivery via electronic hand-held devices. The system captures event and time stamping throughout the delivery process providing visibility to Royal Mail's operations and customers in real-time and reducing the cost of administering its services.



### Helveta wins a major contract in Africa.

Helveta has won a multi-year contract with the government of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) to implement a national traceability system. The World Bank has committed over \$60m to improving DRC's forestry sector, and a proportion of this has been set aside to improve governance, sustainability and legality in the industry. DRC is home to the

world's second largest tropical rainforest, representing 80% of Africa's rainforest cover. As is the case in many tropical timber producing nations, illegal logging is a significant threat to sustainable development of the sector as well as to DRC's economy. The national forest management project will enable DRC to meet the requirements of international agreements, such as the EU's FLEGT initiative, and prevent trade in illegal timber.

The project will utilise Helveta's unique technology to map, record inventory, and track and trace wood produced from the Congolese forestry sector; from the standing tree in the forest, through wood processing plants, and finally to the nation's export gates and local wholesale markets.



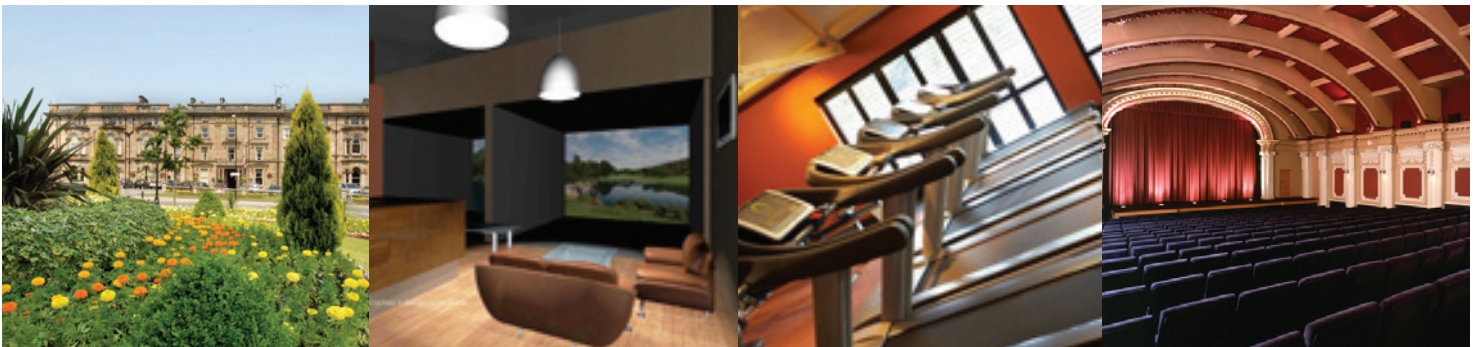
### Albion has invested £3.4million in Lowcosttravel since 2005.

Despite the credit crunch affecting the travel market worldwide, Lowcost Travel Group had seen a record month of trading in January 2010 with their business lowcostbeds.com seeing a 123% rise in business compared to January 2009.

Lowcostbeds.com offers high quality, competitively priced hotel accommodation in 3,000 hotels, apartments and villas around the world, including the Mediterranean, Carribean, Central America, USA, Middle, East, India, South East Asia and the Indian Ocean.

**The largest area of growth for the business is bookings for travel in June, July and August where lowcostbeds.com and Resorthoppa the UK's leading independent holiday transfer business, are experiencing over 200% growth year-on-year.**

## 60% of the businesses we invest in are asset based



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