£6.5bn
Assets under management
106k
People employed
£3.6bn
Invested between 2016-2023
VCTA
Venture Capital Trust Association
Driving growth for UK SMEs

How do Venture Capital Trusts support the economy?

- Venture Capital Trusts (VCTs) are **UK listed investment companies.**
- They drive innovation and growth through **long-term investing**, a nationwide network, and decades of investment experience.
- The VCT Association (VCTA) members collectively manage **£6.5bn** in funds.
- They are uniquely positioned to providing the **long-term investment** and **hands-on support** required to overcome the **growth funding** gap of start-ups and scale-ups.
- Together, they foster an environment which encourages investment into innovative businesses, driving **economic growth, job creation, and global competitiveness** for UK PLC.

1. Providing long-term investment

£3.6bn
Invested by VCTA members since 2016

£22bn
VCTA-backed company revenues in 2023

>£500m
Capital deployed in 2023

£274m
R&D investment in 2023 by unquoted companies

2. Driving growth and productivity

106k
People employed in VCT-backed companies, earning higher than average salaries

+54%
The workforce employed by VCTA member-backed companies has grown by 54% from 2021-2023

3. Developing a thriving economy

£6.5bn
Managed by VCTs

£5.5bn
Export sales of VCTA supported companies in 2023, up 89% since 2021

£452m
In PAYE and NI contributions were made in 2023

Profile of a VCTA investee company

A typical VCTA investee company at the point of investment:

35	£2.6m	£2m
employees	in revenues (to Dec 2023)	initial investment

VCTA member firms were Board Members or Board Observers on over 95% of their unquoted portfolio companies, providing commercial and professional advice, intensive support and guidance over the long term to these companies as they develop new products, enter new markets and create new jobs.

VCTs develop and support a thriving entrepreneurial economy, and have an outside impact in terms of **innovation, productivity and job creation.** They have been instrumental in growing the UK's tech sector, now the largest in Europe and third largest globally. VCTA members invest in companies based across the length and breadth of the UK, **supporting the government's drive to level up the economy by creating local jobs and supporting communities.**

For entrepreneurs and early-stage companies

- VCTs offer more than just funding – they deliver management support, provide industry connections, make follow-on investments and help to expand future funding options.
- In 2023, VCTs invested over £500m of capital into start-ups and scale-ups.
- VCTs have a track record of stimulating well-paid jobs in innovative, fast-growing industries across the UK.
- VCTs can invest in privately owned unquoted companies and in AIM listed companies.

For potential investors into VCT funds

- VCTs provide an investment opportunity to support the UK's entrepreneurial business community. They allow shareholders to invest in high-growth private companies that are typically difficult to access.
- VCTs are a long-standing government-sponsored way to invest in a venture capital portfolio through a UK-listed company.
- To encourage private investment into SMEs, which are higher-risk investments, VCTs offer various tax benefits, including 30% upfront income tax relief, tax-free dividends and exemption from capital gains tax.

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