

# Mercia Asset Management PLC

Preliminary Results 2019

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# Mercia Asset Management PLC

A proactive specialist asset manager with c.£500m in AuM via balance sheet capital alongside third-party equity and debt funds

We combine regional presence with operational insight and investment expertise, to create a sustainable competitive advantage

Our strategy is to leverage that advantage to deliver a profitable asset management business combined with balance sheet cash exits



#### The team: a track record of value creation



Dr Mark Payton CEO





Martin Glanfield CFO







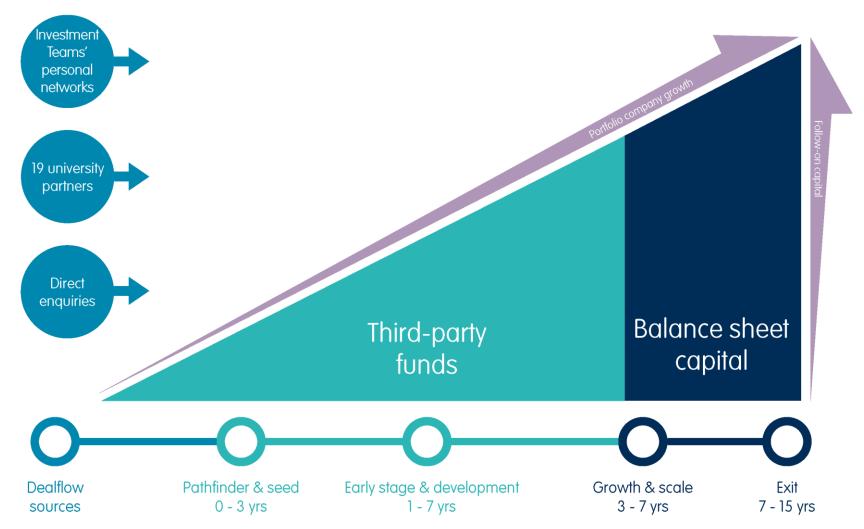


Julian Viggars CIO





#### Mercia's investment model





### Mercia's 'Complete Capital' – 31 March 2019

Venture	Private equity	Debt	Balance sheet	
Total FuM	Total FuM	Total FuM	NAV	
£224m	£61m	£96m	£126m	
Total invested 2002-2019	Total invested 2004-2019	Total invested 2002-2019	Total invested 2014-2019	
£182m	£39m	£114m	£84m	
Returns to date	Returns to date	Returns to date	Returns to date	
£104m	£28m	£44m	£14m	
Cash to invest	Cash to invest	Cash to invest	Cash to invest	
£81m	£34m	£53m	£30m	

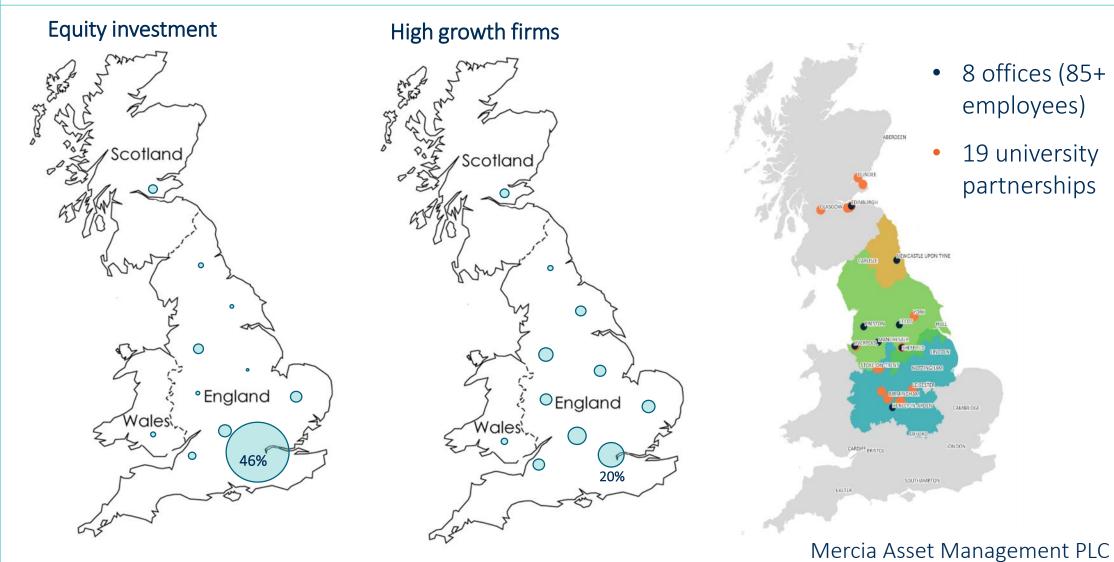


#### Our market

- Mercia invests:
  - In the UK regions
  - Venture (seed to scale up), P.E. (growth and MBO) and debt
  - Balance sheet capital for the most promising investees
  - Where Mercia has operational and/or tech expertise
  - Up to £10m per investee
- Large, addressable, growing regional market:
  - c.£1.3bn\* invested in 2018 (CAGR, c.25% over last 3 years)



### Why does Mercia focus on the regions?





#### Strategic objectives

# FY 15-19 Establish model & prove regional value

- >96% of investments outside of London
- c.£500m AuM
- FY19 c.6% of target regional market
- 2<sup>nd</sup> most active in the North, 4<sup>th</sup> nationally
- c.95x return from Blue Prism (NW)
- c.26x return from Allinea (Midlands)

#### FY 20 – 22

In the regions, from the regions, to the regions. First choice asset manager to investees, investors & employees

- Number 1 in the UK regions
- Grow AuM to ≥£1bn
- Take c.20%+ of target regional market
- Profitable trading (from FuM fees and profit share/carried interest) excluding FVM and cash realisations
- Evergreen balance sheet



### Financials



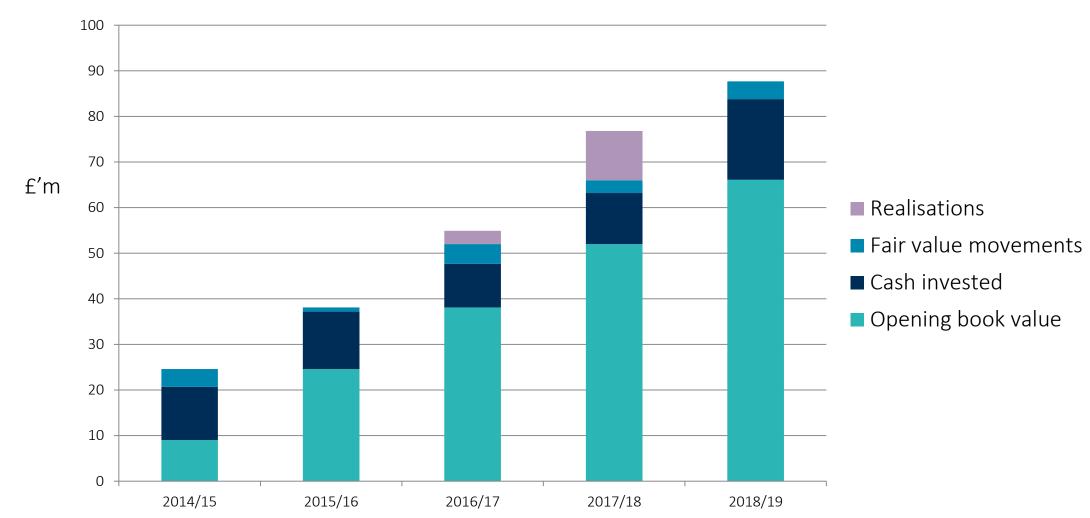


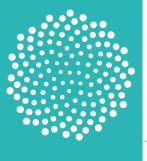
### Summary financial information

	Year ended 31 March 2019 £'000	Year ended 31 March 2018 £'000			
Income statement - key items					
Revenue	10,675	10,197			
Administrative expenses	(12,115)	(10,633)			
Net expenses	(1,440)	(436)			
Realised gains on disposal of investments	-	871			
Fair value movements in investments	3,916	2,823			
Finance income	562	274			
Profit for the financial year	2,620	1,663			
Balance sheet – key items					
Direct investment portfolio value	87,659	66,070			
Unrestricted cash and short-term liquidity investments	29,769	49,435			
Net assets	126,065	123,470			
Cash flow – key item					
Direct equity investments/loans	19,384	21,282			

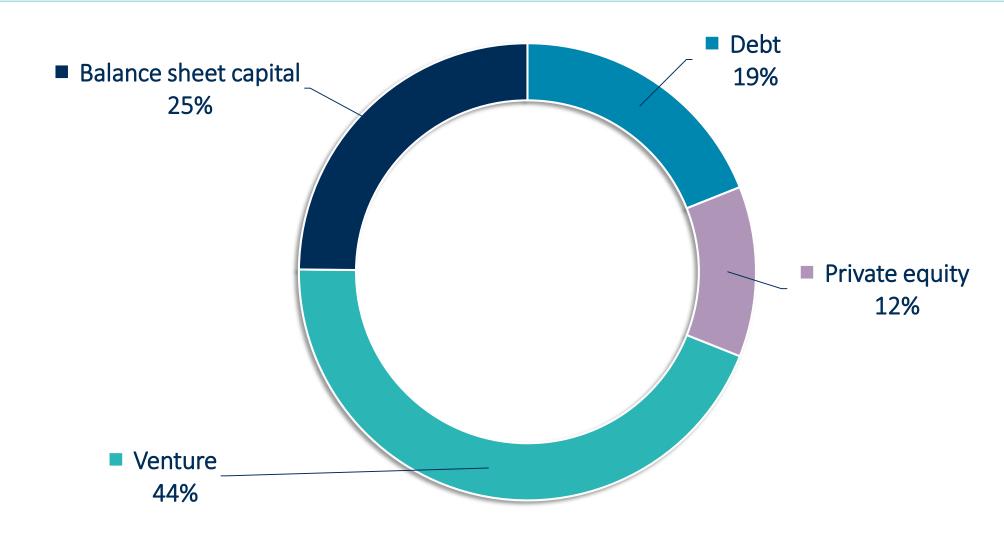


#### Direct investment progress since IPO



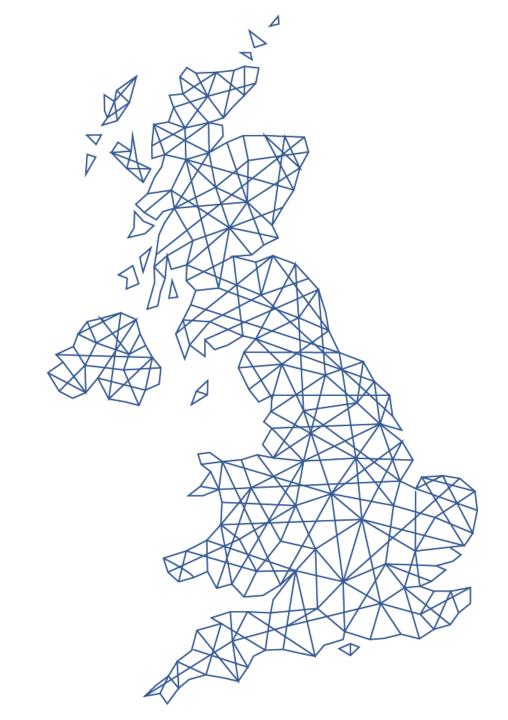


### Mercia's AuM by specialist asset class





Direct investments (balance sheet capital)



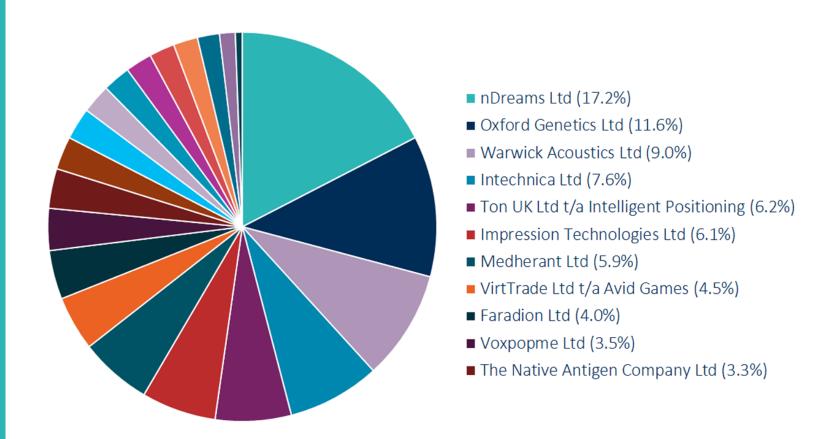


### Direct investment holdings

	Investment value As at 1 April 2018 £'000	Net cash invested Year to 31 March 2019 £'000	Fair value movement Year to 31 March 2019 £'000	Investment value As at 31 March 2019 £'000	Percentage held As at 31 March 2019 %
nDreams Ltd	12,979	1,029	1,112	15,120	45.5
Oxford Genetics Ltd	9,090	433	638	10,161	33.3
Warwick Acoustics Ltd	6,152	1,500	252	7,904	62.5
Intechnica Ltd	4,021	2,000	656	6,677	32
Ton UK Ltd t/a Intelligent Positioning	4,216	-	1,257	5,473	28.8
Impression Technologies Ltd	3,107	2,268	6	5,381	31.4
Medherant Ltd	3,453	524	1,228	5,205	31.9
VirtTrade Ltd t/a Avid Games	2,538	1,400	-	3,938	28.4
Faradion Ltd	1,299	601	1,625	3,525	18.1
Voxpopme Ltd	1,000	1,500	526	3,026	21.3
The Native Antigen Company Ltd	1,942	-	921	2,863	32.7
PsiOxus Therapeutics Ltd	2,377	-	-	2,377	1.5
Edge Case Games Ltd	2,000	300	-	2,300	21.2
Soccer Manager Ltd	1,199	500	400	2,099	31.6
W2 Global Data Solutions Ltd	-	2,000	-	2,000	17.4
LM Technologies Ltd	1,913	-	-	1,913	41.4
sureCore Ltd	1,500	334	-	1,834	24.4
Eyoto Group Ltd	1,750	4	1	1,755	18.8
Crowd Reactive Ltd	1,650	(61)	-	1,589	26.2
Concepta PLC	1,306	365	(538)	1,133	18.2
Locate Bio Ltd	-	500	-	500	6.0
Smart Antenna Technologies Ltd	2,148	1,900	(4,048)	-	n/a
Other direct investments	430	576	(120)	886	n/a
Totals	66,070	17,673	3,916	87,659	n/a



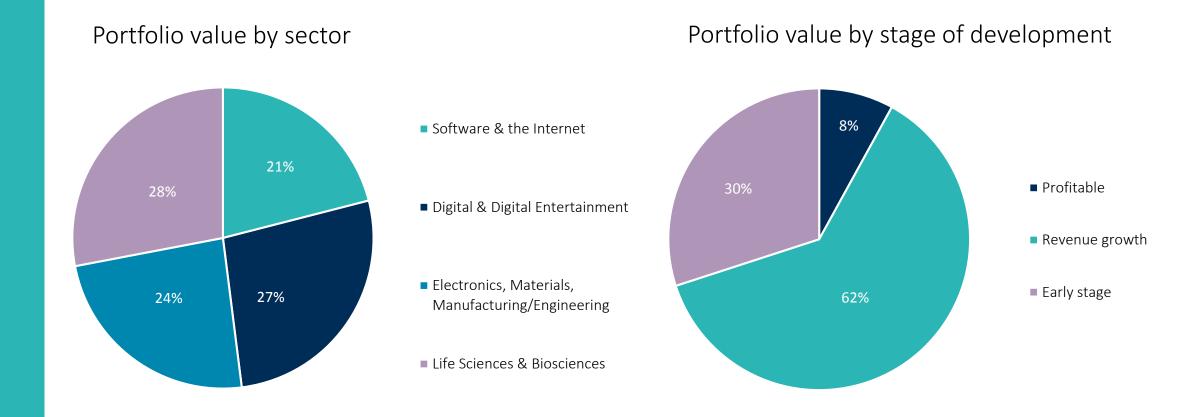
#### Direct investment portfolio - holding proportions



- PsiOxus Therapeutics Ltd (2.7%)
- Edge Case Games Ltd (2.6%)
- Soccer Manager Ltd (2.4%)
- W2 Global Data Solutions Ltd (2.3%)
- LM Technologies Ltd (2.2%)
- sureCore Ltd (2.1%)
- Eyoto Group Ltd (2.0%)
- Crowd Reactive Ltd (1.8%)
- Concepta PLC (1.3%)
- Locate Bio Ltd (0.6%)



#### Direct investment portfolio – analysis at 31 March 2019





#### Progress FY19; direct investments



2 new investments from c.400 funds' portfolio



17 companies



£19.4m invested









#### Direct investments



33.3% equity stake Holding value £10.2m



## **Dreams**

45.5% equity stake Holding value £15.1m









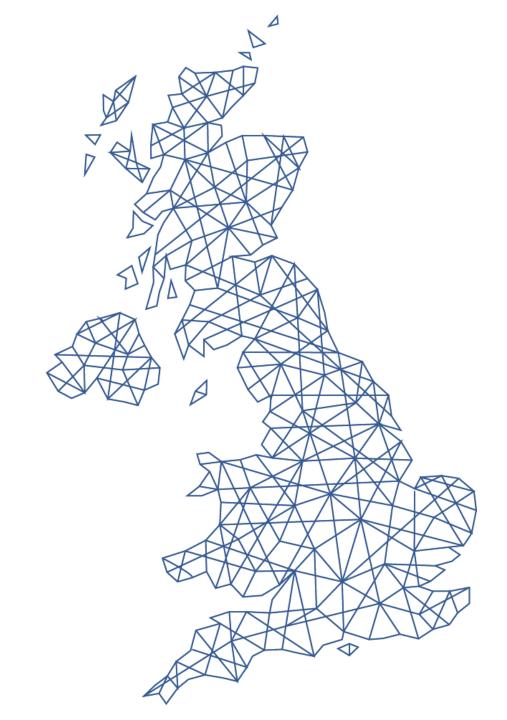
**PlayStation**.VR

Much more to come ....





Fund Management (third party FuM)





#### Progress FY19; venture







61 companies



£30.5m invested



**blue**prism

c.95x return



15% investor IRR 528% TVPI



#### Progress FY19; private equity















#### Progress FY19; debt















# Mercia Asset Management sustainable and diversified

#### To achieve this







See the best deals

NAV growth

Increase FuM

Profitable trading (before FVM & realisations)



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