



Aberforth Geared Value & Income Trust plc

Monthly Factsheet

30 June 2025

Fund structure

The Fund is a closed ended investment company with a planned life to 30 June 2031. Its Ordinary shares (Ord) and Zero Dividend Preference shares (ZDP) are listed on the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange.

Manager: Aberforth Partners

The Fund is managed by Aberforth's investment team of six fund managers:

Sam Ford	Jeremy Hall
Euan Macdonald	Rowan Marron
Rob Scott Moncrieff	Peter Shaw

Further information on the investment team is available at www.aberforth.co.uk.

Investment universe: DNSCI (XIC)

The Fund's primary investment universe is the Deutsche Numis Smaller Companies Index (excluding Investment Companies). This index is rebalanced every January and its profile at the date of this Factsheet was:

Number of companies	343
Total market value	£161bn
Largest constituent	£2.6bn
Largest constituent if index rebalanced at Factsheet date	£2.1bn

Key Fund information

Total investments	£148m
Number of investments	68
Gearing - ZDP shares	£43m
Net gearing	38.4%
Total net assets	£107m
Ord share NAV	99.62p
Ord share price	83.50p
Ord discount/(premium)	16.2%
ZDP share NAV (Articles basis)	107.00p
ZDP share price	108.00p
ZDP discount/(premium)	(1.7)%

Fees & charges

Management fee*	0.75%
Performance fee	None
Ongoing charges	N/A
(less than 12m since launch on 1 Jul 24)	

* Further details of the Management fee are available at <https://www.aberforth.co.uk/trusts-and-funds/aberforth-geared-value-income-trust-plc/fees-charges/>.

Investment objective

The Fund's objective is to provide Ordinary (Ord) shareholders with high total returns incorporating an attractive level of income, and to provide Zero Dividend Preference (ZDP) shareholders with a pre-determined final capital entitlement of 160.58p on the planned winding up of the Company expected to occur on 30 June 2031.

Investment style: Value

Aberforth are value investors who buy shares in companies that they calculate to be selling below their intrinsic value. This is determined through detailed financial and industrial analysis, combined with a valuation approach that focuses on both stockmarket and corporate worth.

Investment performance

Growth (%)	1m	3m	6m	Launch
Total assets	3.2	14.9	5.0	4.4
Ord NAV	4.3	21.1	5.7	3.3
Ord share price	0.0	11.6	2.6	-14.8
ZDP NAV	0.6	1.7	3.5	7.2
ZDP share price	0.5	1.4	1.4	8.0
DNSCI (XIC)	3.1	14.3	7.0	11.1

Notes: Launch = 1 Jul 24.

Monthly investment commentary: June

Equities continued their recovery as fears sparked by Donald Trump's "Liberation Day" announcements faded further. Concerns about the Israeli and American attacks on Iran were trumped by the prospect of fiscal and monetary stimulus in the US. The FTSE All-Share rose by 0.5%. With the DNSCI (XIC) up by 3.1%, smaller companies reduced some of the year-to-date under-performance against large. The Fund's portfolio return, or total assets total return, was 3.2%, which was helped by the value style and by a stronger performance from the smaller companies within the DNSCI (XIC).

Small UK quoted companies continue to attract M&A interest. In June, one of the Fund's biggest winners was engineering consultant **Ricardo**, which agreed an all-cash takeover by its Canadian peer, WSP. That brings the number of agreed bids for holdings to three so far in 2025. Performance was, though, hit by **Kenmare** after a private equity approach did not develop into a formal bid.

The other main influence on the Fund's performance in June were results announcements. On the positive side were **FirstGroup** and **Paypoint**. The former's final results revealed a further improvement in trading and reinforced the board's record of good capital allocation. Meanwhile, **Paypoint**, the payment and retail services business, continues to grow strongly and announced a further tranche of share buy-backs.

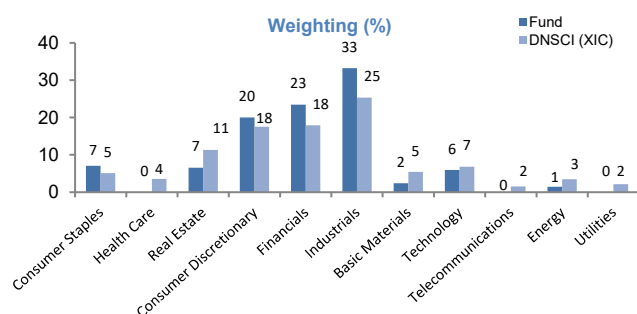
The market took others sets of results less positively. **CMC Markets** continues to invest in its spread betting and online trading platforms, but this puts pressure on the near term profit outlook. Meanwhile, the turnaround in **NCC's** cyber consulting business is proceeding more slowly than hoped, though the group's value seems underpinned by the software escrow business.

AGVIT's annual report and accounts will be published later in July and will contain a full review of performance over the twelve months since launch.

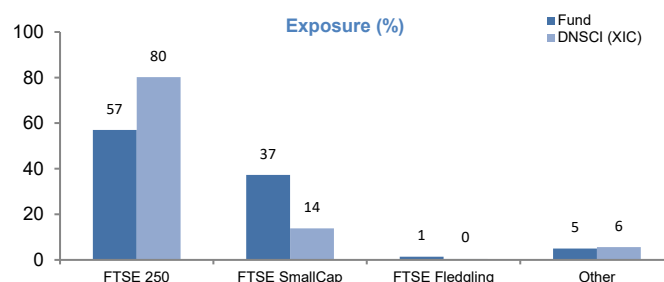
Top 10 equity investments

Name	Activity	%
Vesuvius	Metal flow engineering	4.0
Bakkavor Group	Food manufacturer	3.4
FirstGroup	Bus & rail operator	2.9
PayPoint	Alternative payment services	2.8
Rathbones Group	Wealth management	2.8
MONEY Group	Price comparison websites	2.7
Quilter	Wealth management	2.6
Smiths News	Newspaper distribution	2.5
Morgan Advanced Materials	Manufacturer of carbon & ceramic materials	2.3
Jupiter Fund Management	Investment manager	2.3

Sector exposure



Size exposure



Gearing

The Fund's Ord shares are geared by the capital entitlement of the ZDP shares which will rise continuously until the planned winding up date of 30 June 2031. The net gearing figure shown in the Key Fund information section is the percentage by which the total value of investments exceeds the total net assets.

Hurdle rates & redemption yields

The Fund's latest hurdle rates and redemption yields are available from the ZDP Analytics section of the AIC website at www.theaic.co.uk.

Data sources & calculations

All data supplied by Aberforth, except DnSCI (XIC) data (from Deutsche Numis/Paul Marsh and Elroy Dimson – London Business School) and FTSE data (from FTSE International Limited).

Performance returns are total returns after all expenses and assume reinvestment of dividends. Yield is based on the Fund's trailing 12 months' dividends (excluding Specials). Active share is a measure of how the Fund's portfolio differs from the DnSCI (XIC). Small companies are represented by the DnSCI (XIC). Large companies are represented by the FTAS.

Risk warnings

Capital may be at risk as the value of investments may go down as well as up and is not guaranteed; therefore investors may not get back the amount originally invested. Past performance is not a guide to future performance, nor a reliable indicator of future results or performance.

Investments in shares of smaller companies are generally considered to carry a higher degree of risk as the market for their shares may be less liquid than that for shares of larger companies, making shares of smaller companies more difficult to buy and sell.

The performance of shares of smaller companies may be more volatile than the shares of larger companies over short time periods; therefore investors should regard such investments as long term.

There can be no guarantee that the investment objective of the Fund will be achieved or provide the dividends and returns sought by the Fund.

An investment in the Fund is only suitable for investors who are capable of evaluating the merits and risks of such an investment and who have sufficient resources to be able to bear any losses which may arise from such an investment (which may be equal to the whole amount invested). Such an investment should be regarded as long term in nature and complementary to existing investments in a range of other financial assets and should not form a major part of an investment portfolio.

An investment trust is a public limited company, the shares of which are traded on the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange. Accordingly, the ability of shareholders to sell their shares will be dependent on the market price of the shares. The shares may trade at a discount or premium to their net asset value.

Investment trusts may borrow money in order to make further investments. This is known as gearing. The effect of gearing can enhance returns to shareholders in rising markets but will have the opposite effect on returns in falling markets.

The Fund's Ordinary shares (Ords) are geared by the Zero Dividend Preference shares (ZDPs) and rank for repayment of capital after the ZDPs and any creditors of the Fund. A positive net asset value for the Ords will be dependent upon the Fund's assets being sufficient to meet the prior capital entitlements of the holders of the ZDPs. The Ords should therefore be regarded as carrying above average risk. The ZDPs are not a protected or guaranteed investment. In particular, should the Fund be wound up prior to its planned winding up date, holders of ZDPs would only receive their accrued capital entitlement to the date of winding up - which would be less than the final anticipated capital entitlement of the ZDPs.

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Security codes & other information

Ord shares	ZDP shares	Other information
SEDOL: BPJMQ25	SEDOL: BPJMQ36	Launched: 1 Jul 24
ISIN: GB00BPJMQ253	ISIN: GB00BPJMQ360	Next year-end: 30 Jun 26
TIDM: AGVI	TIDM: AGZI	LEI: 2138006A8FCYYWSIKE32
Shares in issue: 107,331,000	Shares in issue: 40,249,000	Planned winding-up: 1 Jul 31
Market value: £90m	Market value: £43m	

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