



# Aberforth Geared Value & Income Trust plc

## Monthly Factsheet

28 February 2026

### 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	Peter Shaw
Rob Scott Moncrieff	Duncan MacInnes

Further information on the investment team is available at [www.aberforth.co.uk](http://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	348
Total market value	£187bn
Largest constituent	£2.8bn
Largest constituent if index rebalanced at Factsheet date	£2.9bn

### Key Fund information

Total investments	£154m
Number of investments	69
Active share	80.3%
Gearing - ZDP shares	£45m
Net gearing	40.0%
Total net assets	£110m
Ord share NAV	102.71p
Ord share price	87.00p
Ord discount/(premium)	15.3%
ZDP share NAV (Articles basis)	111.92p
ZDP share price	115.00p
ZDP discount/(premium)	(2.7)%

### Fees & charges

Management fee* (12m to 30 Jun 25)	0.75%
Performance fee	None
Ongoing charges (at 30 Jun 25 & includes Management fee)	1.40%

\* 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/>.

### Yield & dividends (Ord)

Yield	5.8%
1 <sup>st</sup> interim dividend (payable 9 Mar 26)	1.56p
2 <sup>nd</sup> interim dividend (paid 28 Aug 25)	3.50p
Special dividend (paid 28 Aug 25)	0.85p

### 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	12m	Launch
Total assets	3.5	9.8	8.6	22.2	12.8
Ord NAV	4.7	13.4	10.9	29.2	13.2
Ord price	4.8	8.7	10.0	20.7	-4.9
ZDP NAV	0.5	1.7	3.5	7.0	12.2
ZDP price	0.0	0.0	2.2	8.0	15.0
DNSCI (XIC)	1.5	6.9	11.1	22.6	23.8
FTAS	6.5	12.1	18.9	27.3	38.7

Notes: Launch = 1 Jul 24.

### Monthly investment commentary: February

February brought continued momentum in UK equity markets. Large caps were strongest, with the FTSE All-Share rising by 6.5%, ahead of the benchmark small cap index, the DNSCI (XIC), which was up by 1.5%. The Fund out-performed, rising by 3.5%. Its value style was a tailwind and out-weighed a headwind from the size factor, with smaller small companies lagging larger small companies.

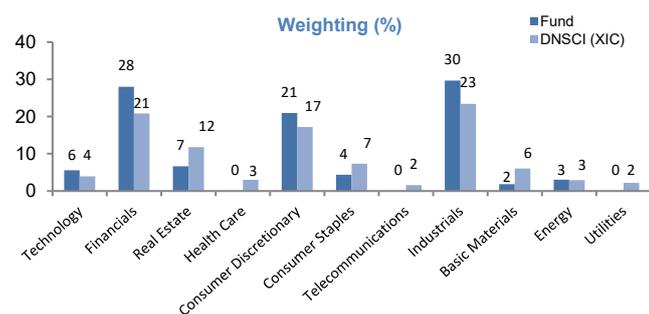
Fears about the impact of agentic AI engulfed numerous software and platform companies in February. The Fund is comparatively light in these and so its relative performance benefited overall. However, three holdings were affected. **MONY Group** fell on the announcement of an AI powered price comparison website in the US, while concerns about the effect of AI on cybersecurity profitability hit **NCC Group**. Recruitment agents are seen as vulnerable since AI is expected to reduce the demand for labour, which contributed to **PageGroup's** share price weakness.

The threat of AI to industrial and consumer facing companies is lower and holdings here helped the Fund's performance. **Vesuvius**, the supplier to the steel industry, was strong on better steel production data outside China. **Hilton Food Group**, the meatpacker, rallied after an initially poorly received year-end trading update, with sentiment helped by a significant personal share purchase in the open market by its executive chairman. **PayPoint** continued its share-price recovery this year, following a well-received trading update at the end of January, while **Conduit**, the reinsurer, issued reassuring final results.

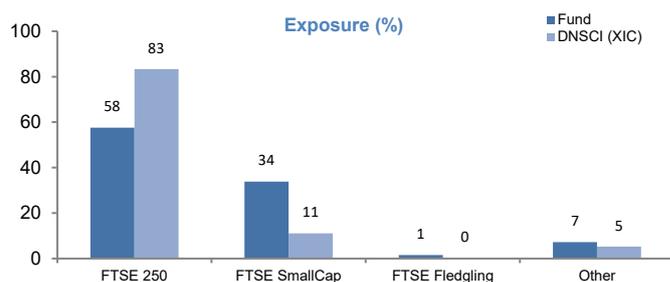
### Top 10 equity investments

Name	Activity	%
<b>Vesuvius</b>	Metal flow engineering	4.9
<b>Rathbones Group</b>	Wealth management	3.5
<b>Jupiter Fund Management</b>	Investment manager	3.4
<b>Ashmore Group</b>	Investment manager	3.1
<b>Quilter</b>	Wealth management	3.1
<b>Chesnara</b>	Life insurance	2.8
<b>Smiths News</b>	Newspaper distribution	2.7
<b>ZIGUP</b>	Van rental	2.6
<b>MONY Group</b>	Price comparison websites	2.5
<b>Morgan Advanced Materials</b>	Manufacturer of carbon and ceramic materials	2.5

## 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 <https://www.theaic.co.uk/aic/find-compare-investment-companies/zdp-analytics>.

## 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). 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: 30 Jun 31
Market value: £93m	Market value: £46m	

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