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# Agenda



#### **Presentation**

- Introduction to NetScientific (NSCI)
- Highlights of 2023
- Portfolio Highlights
- Outlook: Strategy Update
- Summary and Q&A

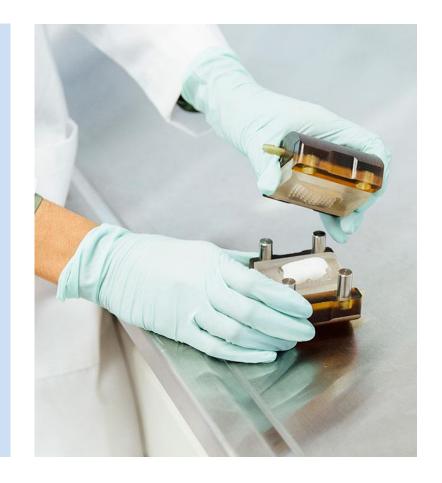


#### About NetScientific



NetScientific plc (AIM: NSCI) is a deep tech and life sciences VC investment group with an international portfolio of innovative companies.

- Identifying, investing in, and building high growth companies in the UK and internationally
- Proactive commercial management of portfolio
- Direct equity stakes in portfolio
- Selective balance sheet investments alongside EMV Capital (VC and corporate finance subsidiary) syndicated investments



### Advantages of Model



- Capital Efficient Investment Strategy: supporting portfolio companies with selective use of balance sheet
- **Proactive Portfolio Management:** opens up value opportunities, investment on advantageous conditions
- Value Creation Services: selective support to portfolio companies accelerating growth and de-risking
- Fee-Based Services: offsetting running costs
- Internationalisation: footprint and network in US and EU helping companies internationalise early
- Portfolio Synergies: accelerating growth and creating new opportunities for innovation



# Effective Board Leadership & Corporate Governance





#### Dr. Ilian Iliev, CEO

- Founder of EMV Capital acquired by NetScientific PLC in 2020
- Significant shareholder of NetScientific (15%+)
- Experienced investor, negotiator, strategist & hands-on manager
- IP commercialisation at CambridgeIP; experience in energy, industrials, medtech
- PhD Cambridge University Judge Business School



#### Dr. Charles Spicer, Non-Executive Chair

- Experienced chair and director in the medtech and life sciences industries
- Previously head of healthcare at Nomura, Numis
- Ex-Chief Executive of MDY Healthcare plc, a healthcare investor
- PhD in History from London University; MA Cambridge University



#### Ed Hooper, Executive Director and Group General Counsel

- Former Partner of a City headquartered international law firm
- 20+ years' experience as a lawyer, specialising in advising on a broad range of transactions, including fundraisings, M&A, IPOs, joint ventures and restructurings, many on an international scale
- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales



#### Dr. Jonathan Robinson, Non-Executive Director

- Experienced company director, entrepreneur and investor
- Co-founded the publicly quoted Group NBT plc, which ultimately became NetNames Group. Director and CEO of the group
- Previously non-executive director of Nominet
- PhD in Materials Engineering from University of Cape Town



#### Stephen Crowe, CFO

- Experienced finance leader with 25+ years' experience in a wide range of financial institutions from blue chip organisations (AXA) to SMEs (THB Group, R K Carvill & Co. and Towergate Partnership)
- Qualified chartered accountant
- Degree from Auckland University (NZ)

# Group Portfolio – Diversified Risk and Increased **Investment Return Opportunities**



#### 23 companies in Life Sciences, Deeptech and Sustainability segments





NASDAQ-listed













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\*Portfolio comprises of equity investments and exposure to companies through carried interest, realisable on exit

## Financial and Operational Highlights 2023



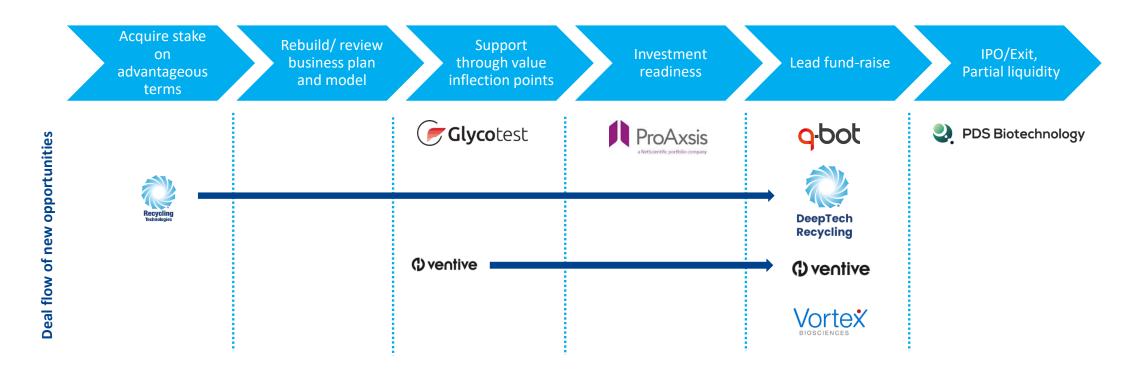
- Modest increase expected in Fair Value of the privately held assets as at 31 December 2023
- Across the Group's portfolio of 23 companies, an aggregate amount of c.£52.2 million raised through equity and venture debt by 13 companies
- Significant increase in Capital Under Advisory by £6.6 million
- A proprietary trade profit of £0.5 million in respect of the secondary sales of a £1.4 million position across two portfolio companies
- Increase in fees generated by EMV Capital, covering approximately half of the core Group's costs, whilst providing infrastructure and services to the Group
- EMV Capital received **direct FCA authorisation**, enabling it to expand and deepen its corporate finance and fund management activities

### Active Portfolio Management and Value Creation



#### **CONTINUED SUPPORT THROUGH SUCCESSIVE STAGES**

- Concentrating on a "cohort" of companies, taking deeper stakes, with a focus on value creation and investment realisations
- Selective new investments that align with our model, offer good value, and can benefit from value creation services



# Selected Portfolio Company Highlights





#### ProAxsis Ltd, UK (medtech, respiratory diagnostics, 81.9% direct, 8.7% CUA)

- Strengthened Board with appointment of Alan Markey as Chair and Professor Steven Myint as Non-Executive Director
- Intensifying the development of its Patient Point of Care product range
- Has appointed EMV Capital and an external adviser to explore options for a potential sale of the company
- Seeking a new strategic owner better placed to provide the funding, resourcing and infrastructure to scale the business to its full potential
- EMV Capital continues its mandate to procure further third-party funding for the company



## Glycotest, Inc., US (liver cancer diagnostics, 52.7% direct, 5.8% CUA)

- Secured \$1m investment from Fosun, alongside private investment of c.\$800,000 syndicated by EMV Capital
- Completed enrolment in a clinical validation study for its HCC Panel
- Positioned to move through sample assay and data analysis to demonstrate superiority of the Glycotest HCC Panel relative to AFP Tumour Market Test



## PDS Biotechnology Corp, NASDAQ: PDSB (Immuno-oncology, 3.5% direct)

- Made substantial clinical progress across its pipeline of targeted cancer immunotherapies
- Announced 75% of ICI-naïve patients alive at 36 months in the NCI-led triple Phase 2 combination trial for advanced HPV16-positive cancer patients
- Also announced two-year overall survival rate of 74% in Phase 2 trial of ICI-naïve HPV16-positive recurrent or metastatic head and neck cancer patients
- Current market cap c.\$147m (14 March 24)







# Selected Portfolio Company Highlights





# Q-Bot, UK (robotics as a service, home retrofit insulation, 14.3% direct, 32.4% CUA)

- EMV Capital lead a £3.5m fundraising for expansion in the UK, Europe, and the USA
- Strengthened its Board with a proposed new Chair (in advance stages) and Malcolm Groat as Investment Director
- Achieved 10,000 property surveys and around 4,500 installations
- Won contracts in the Registered Social Housing sector
- Commenced expansion into the Netherlands, exploring Belgium as a next market



## Sofant Technologies, UK (semiconductors satellite comms, 1.4% direct, 25% CUA)

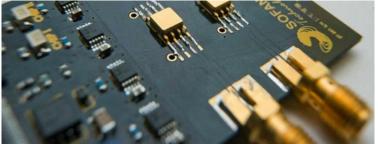
- Made significant progress on product commercialisation, targeting product launch in 2024
- Advance orders with Inmarsat (now part of Viasat), with the European Space Agency and a global aerospace company
- Claims up to 70% energy efficiency advantage and cost savings due to modular design
- Previously completed a £1.2m investment round, led by EMV Capital

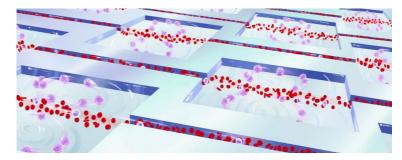


### Vortex, US-UK (liquid biopsy, oncology, 22.1% direct, 15.4% CUA)

- EMV Capital led and syndicated a £3.2m fundraise
- Expanded its lab facilities at the London Cancer Hub's Innovation Gateway
- Focused on generating studies with leading researchers including Imperial College London and University of Cambridge to highlight evidence of the technology
- Appointed Paul Reeves as Chief Technology Officer







# Selected Portfolio Company Highlights





## Ventive Limited, UK (heat pumps and passive air ventilation, 10.9% direct, 24.9% CUA)

- Secured c.£900,000 investment led by EMV Capital, nondilutive funding from the £1.5m DESNZ grant, and a £100,000 UK Government grant for 'net zero HVAC' systems
- Scaling its team with strategic senior hires
- Completing the design, test phase and factory build for its modular heat pumps
- Undergoing further enhancements to its passive air ventilation product range



## Deeptech Recycling Limited, UK (recycling, 30% direct)

- Secured a first investment of £1m in ASA funding, led by EMV Capital
- Commercialising its patented technology and developing commercial opportunities focused on scalable chemical recycling technology
- Progressing its commercial operations with a transition into new premises and key strategic hires

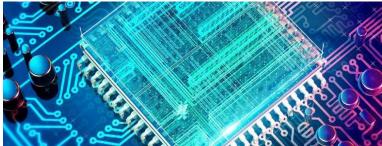


## Martlet Capital, UK (early-stage deep tech and life sciences investor, 1% direct, 5.9% CUA)

- Our strategic investment in Martlet Capital was focused on obtaining options on investments coming from the Cambridge high-tech cluster
- Martlet continued to grow its investment portfolio, including participation in funding rounds for Nu Quantum, Spotta, OctaiPipe and Xampla
- the relationship between the two firms, expected to result in future projects and co-investments







## **Outlook: Strategy Update**



#### **Grow the value of the NSCI stakes in portfolio companies:**

- Capital efficient investment in core companies
- Active management
- Provision of Value Creation Services

#### **Progress fund management practice:**

- Annual recurring revenue (management fees)
- Carried interest potential
- Potential liquidity events and scaled funding capacity

#### **Create effective routes to exit for portfolio companies:**

- Increased balance sheet strength, allowing to pursue 'evergreen' investment strategy
- Exit strategies being mapped for several portfolio companies



## **Outlook: Strategy Update**



#### **Build a resilient, high-performance firm:**

- Developing team and operating platform
- Scaling investment and fund management opportunities

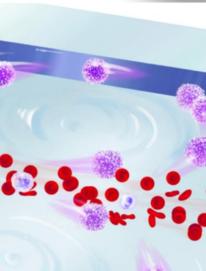
#### **Achieve financial sustainability:**

- Moving to cover core operating costs through
  - operational income (corporate finance fees, value creation services fees, and fund management fees) and
  - secondary trading income (through the profitable exits of full or partial holdings in portfolio companies)









# Summary - Q&A





#### **Advancing a Robust and Sustainable Business Model**

- Positioned to take advantage of the VC industry shift
- Exploring opportunities to take on the management of two existing funds
- Exit strategies being mapped for several portfolio companies
- Align underlying asset value with market cap

Thank you! Q&A

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