DEVELOP

Quarterly factsheet 28 February 2023

Develop North PLC (DVNO) is an investment company listed on the LSE Main Market. It targets a 4.0p annual dividend and 5% NAV total return, through a diversified portfolio of fixed rate loans:

• Secured over land and/or property in the UK, primarily regional (i.e. loans to property developers)

• Targeted towards both residential and commercial property developments

Review of the Quarter to 28 February 2023

The first quarter of the new financial year has seen the country repeatedly avoid a recession despite forecasts to the contrary. The new PM and Chancellor have regained the markets confidence despite a wide range of labour strikes across public sector services. Inflation remains stubbornly high with the Bank of England increasing interest rates to 4.25% at the time of writing and further rises expected. The labour market has remained buoyant and there are signs of distress particularly in the construction sector with some local North-East contractors going into administration.

Within DVNO, the quarter saw one new facility being provided to fund the purchase and development of The Croft Hotel, Croft on Tees, Yorkshire. This project sees the fund supporting the principals behind well established leisure operator, The Apartment Group, and offers exposure to the wedding sector which has remained resilient during the post-Covid recovery.

There were no exits in the quarter with partial redemptions continuing across several projects. The investment adviser reports a healthy pipeline and an anticipation of further completed deals over the coming months.

1.1% NAV total return	Attributed as follows (as a % of 30 Nov 2022 NAV): • 1.2% increase in dividends paid • 0.1% decrease in NAV per share
1.0p dividends declared	Interim dividends of 1.0p for the quarter to 30 November 2022 were declared March 2023.

Key facts

Ticker DVNO

Launched 24 January 2017

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Listing LSE Main Market

Ordinary shares 26,924,063

Market cap £23.1m

Share price 81.5p

NAV per share (cum income) 81.69p

Price discount to NAV 0.23%

Forecast Yield 4.91%

Dividends 1.0p/quarter

Dividend cover 0.90

Gearing 18.2% (max. 30%)

Portfolio Manager Tier One Capital Ltd

Annual Management Fee (% of net assets) 0.25% on assets from £0m to £100m 0.50% on assets above £100m

Financial year end 30 November

Dividend payment dates Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct

OCF 2.76%

Portfolio at a glance

18

Loans

8.2%

Average coupon

£25.2m

Portfolio value

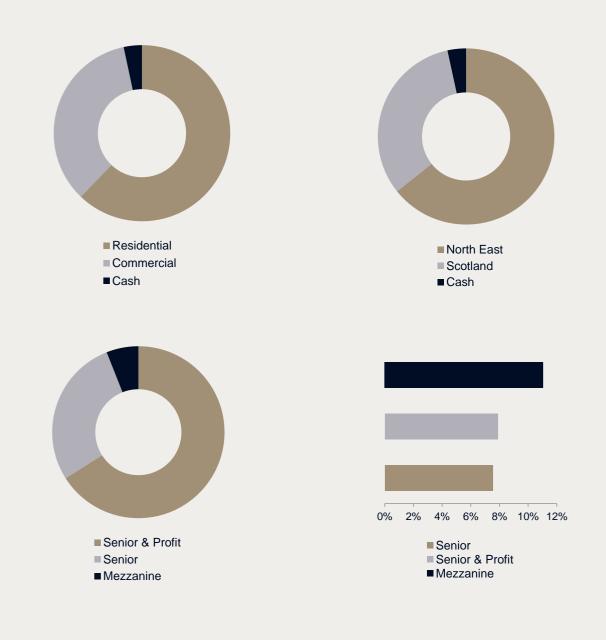
100%

Secured

£1.4m

Average loan size

67.0%





Investment risks

The value of investments and any income will fluctuate, and investors may not get back the full amount invested. When making an investment into an investment trust you are buying shares in a company that is listed on a stock exchange.

The price of the shares will be determined by supply and demand. Consequently, the share price of an investment trust may be higher or lower than the underlying net asset value of the investments in its portfolio and there can be no certainty that there will be liquidity in the shares. The investment trust may use borrowings to invest in the market. The use of borrowings may enhance total return when the investment trust's assets are rising, but it will have the opposite effect when asset values fall. The use of borrowings may increase the volatility of the share price and the net asset value per share. In certain circumstances the investment trust may be required to repay borrowings, and this could adversely affect income and capital returns.

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