## , DEVELOP NORTH

# Quarterly factsheet 29 February 2024

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 29 Feb 2024

The first quarter of the new financial year has seen the base rate remain at 5.25% at the time of writing (April 2024). CPI inflation for March 2024 fell to 3.2% and is expected to fall below the 2% target in April 2024. The latest annual house price inflation was -0.2% for the year to February 2024 (source: ONS), suggesting that the market has stabilised. The North-East housing market saw the highest annual percentage increase of all English regions in the 12 months to February 2024 at 2.9%.

Within DVNO, this quarter year saw one new facility being provided in the north-east of England. In addition two of the existing projects were extended and repriced.

There were no exits in the quarter but post quarter end, there was another exit bringing the total number of exits to nineteen since inception. The investment adviser reports a healthy pipeline and an anticipation of further completed deals over the coming months.

In November and December 2023 1,256,207 shares were bought back by the company. In April 2024, a further 689,655 shares were bought back by the company.

1.56% NAV total return for the first three quarters of this financial year	Attributed as follows (as a % of 30 Nov 2023 NAV): • 1.27% increase in dividends paid • 0.29% increase in NAV per share
1.0p dividends declared	Interim dividends of 1.0p for the quarter to 30 Nov 2023 were declared March 2023.

### Key facts

Ticker DVNO

Launched 24 January 2017

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Listing LSE Main Market

Ordinary shares 24,978,201

Market cap £21.0m

Share price 78p

NAV per share (cum income) 79.15p

Price discount to NAV 1.45%

Forecast Yield 5.13%

Dividends 1.0p/quarter

Dividend cover 1.06

Gearing 8% (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** 2.8%

## Portfolio at a glance

18

Loans

9.1%

Average coupon

£21.8m

Portfolio value

100%

Secured

## £1.2m

Average loan size

75% LTV

Residential North East Commercial Scotland Cash Cash 0% 2% 4% 6% 8% 10% 12% Senior & Profit Senior Senior & Profit Senior Mezzanine Mezzanine



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