



AIM QUARTERLY REVIEW

As at 31st March 2025

The first quarter of 2025 saw the return of Donald Trump to the White House, making headlines - most notably for potential increases in trade tariffs with the rest of the world, which caused significant volatility across equity markets. As a result of this, we saw our portfolios return -8.7%, compared to our peer group which fell -9.6%.

Within the period, Renew Holdings detracted from performance as profits were impacted by funding delays within the rail division, Renew's other divisions continue to trade well. We also saw a pullback in Beeks Financial Cloud as we saw sales forecasts lowered as a result of future deals changing to a different revenue model, it temporarily mutes growth but creates higher quality earnings stream for the future. Team Internet Group also fell sharply in the period following a change in the dynamics for their 'AdSense for Domain's' division, with the management team reviewing possible options for the division going forward. Shares continue to appear undervalued.

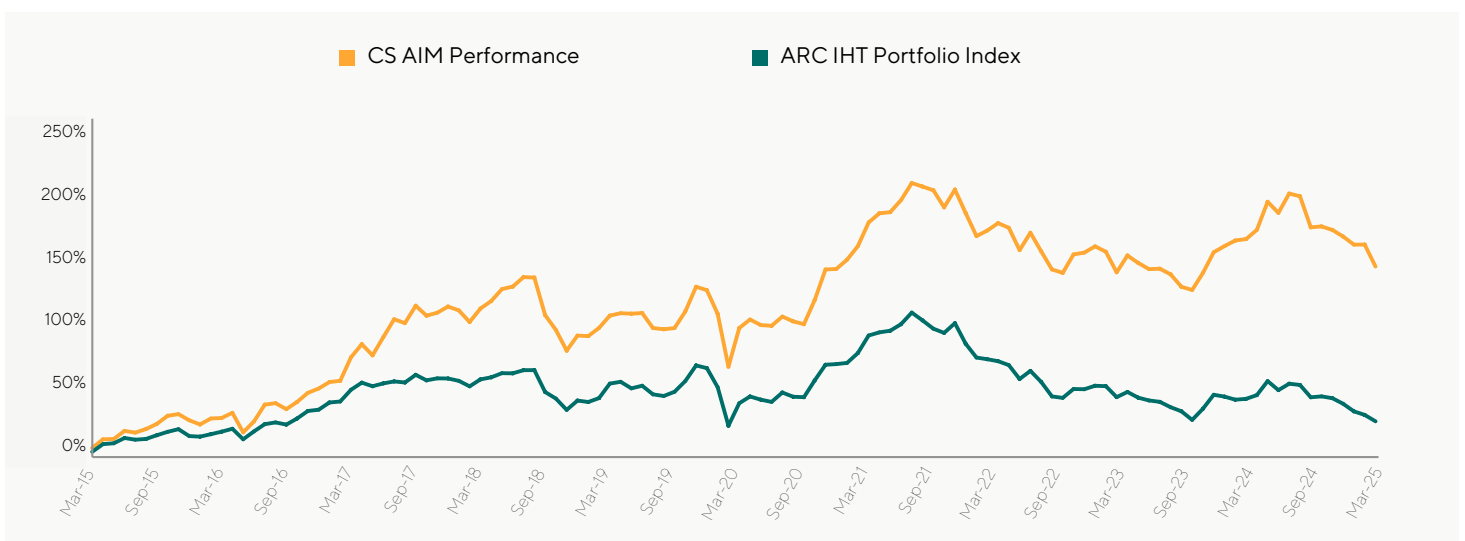
We also saw positive share price performance from SigmaRoc due to a recently approved infrastructure fund being created in Germany. Lawmakers passed a historic spending package, the bill establishes a €500bn infrastructure fund to be allocated over the next 12 years. This increased fiscal stimulus is expected to grow

demand in construction, steel, and energy sectors which SigmaRoc can benefit from, coupled with an earnings upgrade.

Solid State also contributed strongly to performance as they announced an order for a previously postponed contract, confirming the need for Solid State's technology in the current geopolitical landscape.

It is undeniable that it has been a difficult period for AIM shares this quarter following the announcement of IHT relief changes in the Autumn Budget's coupled with ongoing global macro headwinds. However, we see a key opportunity for UK AIM shares with the direction of travel clearer, interest rates are expected to fall, and valuations remain at discount to international peers, all of which could drive re-rating in the UK. We remain upbeat about the opportunity. Post quarter end we have seen recovery in AIM shares with strong performance from Ramsdens, Jet2 and good recovery in Renew Holdings.

Charlotte Square Investment Managers AIM Discretionary Clients Performance (net of fees)

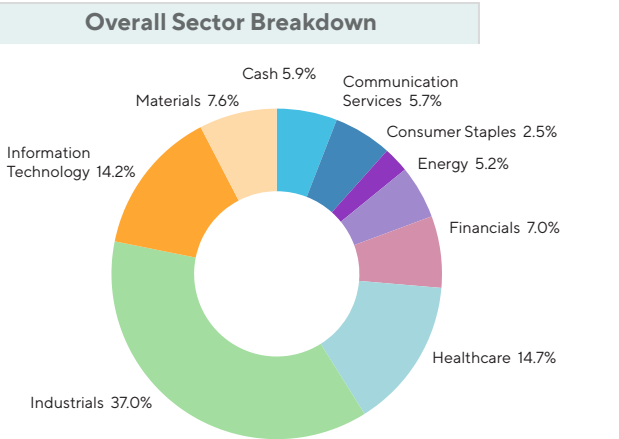


Source: CS Managers Ltd and ARC Research as at 31/03/2025

	CHARLOTTE SQUARE DISCRETIONARY AIM CLIENTS	ARC IHT PORTFOLIO INDEX
Monthly volatility	5.1%	4.4%

TOTAL RETURN	CHARLOTTE SQUARE DISCRETIONARY AIM CLIENTS	ARC IHT PORTFOLIO INDEX
3 Months	-8.7%	-9.6%
1 Year	-8.1%	-12.0%
3 Years	-10.3%	-27.4%
5 Years	45.4%	2.7%
10 Years	143.9%	39.0%

Top 10 Holdings	%	Sector
SigmaRoc	6.2%	Materials
Niox Group	5.5%	Health Care
Ashtead Technology	5.3%	Industrials
Hargreaves Services	5.2%	Energy
Beeks Financial Cloud	4.9%	Information Technology
Renew Holdings	4.8%	Industrials
Ramsdens	4.7%	Financials
Gamma Communications	4.6%	Communication Services
Begbies Traynor	4.1%	Industrials
Elixirr International	4.1%	Industrials



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