



Investment Case Studies

The Ventus Funds do not just invest in wind power projects. Our portfolio of investments includes energy generation from a diverse range of renewable energy technologies. Our investment team has significant experience of developing and financing all of the main established onshore generating technologies, enabling us to provide cost effective funding solutions to bring companies developing such projects to life. **From imagination to generation. We make it happen.**

Small Scale Hydro Electric Power

The Ventus Funds are active investors in the small scale hydro electric market, providing funding at both the pre-planning and post consent stages. The Ventus Funds have invested in a range of low and high head schemes across the UK.

The small scale hydro market has significant potential for growth. The Ventus Funds have invested in the first tranche of five separate projects under development by the Oxfordshire based Small Hydro Company in conjunction with British Waterways, as well as a further four projects located in Scotland with joint venture partner Osspower. In aggregate these investments are equal to approximately 10 megawatts of generation. Our investment management team has extensive experience of providing long term structured finance for such schemes by working with developers to identify the options to progress projects both commercially and financially.

"We wanted a credible investment partner who would play an active role in getting our business off the ground. The Investment Manager and the Ventus Funds have experience in the renewable energy sector and have demonstrated their ability to bring projects to fruition and be real team players, they were the natural choice of investment partner for our company". **Sean Westrope, Chief Executive, The Small Hydro Company**

"The Ventus team quickly showed a thorough understanding of the key issues and were able to structure an attractive package to share our costs up to planning. With their experience of arranging construction finance and long term financial investment, we will be able to concentrate our efforts on the task of constructing the schemes".

David Lowes, Managing Director, Osspower

Development Funding

The Ventus Funds believe there is considerable value in establishing early stage relationships with portfolio developers as well as independently owned sites. We are actively engaged in providing amounts of risk capital invested directly into a range of different technologies at the critical pre-planning stage. Our experience and detailed knowledge of the economics of renewable energy projects means that our investment team can appraise new opportunities quickly and efficiently. We have made early stage investments into well established companies, such as the wind experts EcoGen, Broadview Energy and Wind Power Renewable as well as land owners that have suitable sites, like the East Anglian based poultry farmer, Bernard Matthews.

"The Ventus Funds have been instrumental in the rapid development of our business. As a specialist small to medium sized developer, their combination of early stage capital funding and practical support in scoping and submitting our initial planning applications has been invaluable".

Andy Hilton, Wind Power Renewables

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