

Appointment of Director to Ventus VCT plc (the "Company")

The board of Ventus VCT plc is pleased to announce the appointment of Jo Dixon as a non-executive director of the Company with effect from 1st April 2017.

Jo is a chartered accountant with experience as a non-executive director in a number of companies in the investment trust sector. She is currently a director and audit chairman of Standard Life Equity Income Trust plc, JP Morgan European Investment Trust plc, Strategic Equity Capital Trust plc, BB Healthcare plc and F & C Global Smaller Companies plc, all of which companies are publicly quoted and listed on the London Stock Exchange. She retired as director and chair of the audit committee of Worldwide Healthcare Trust plc in September 2016 and Baring Emerging Europe plc in January 2015. She also stood down from the board of Plutus Powergen plc in June 2016.

Jo spent her early career in the City, including appointments at Shire Trust Limited and the NatWest Group. She has also worked in senior finance roles at Newcastle United plc, Serco Group plc and The Eden Project.

Given Jo's wide ranging experience in the finance sector and in particular the investment trust sector, the board believes Jo's appointment will enhance the board's mix of skills, experience, knowledge and background. The appointment was made following a formal process conducted by the Nominations Committee.