



AIM QUARTERLY REVIEW

As at 30 June 2026

A stark contrast in performance over Q2 compared to Q1, with markets recovering strongly after the sell-off in March caused by the conflict in the Middle East. Our median portfolio rose c18.8% compared to the peer group average which rose just 11.2%. The opportunity set in companies with a market cap below £200m remains plentiful and continues to be a key reason our performance is relatively strong.

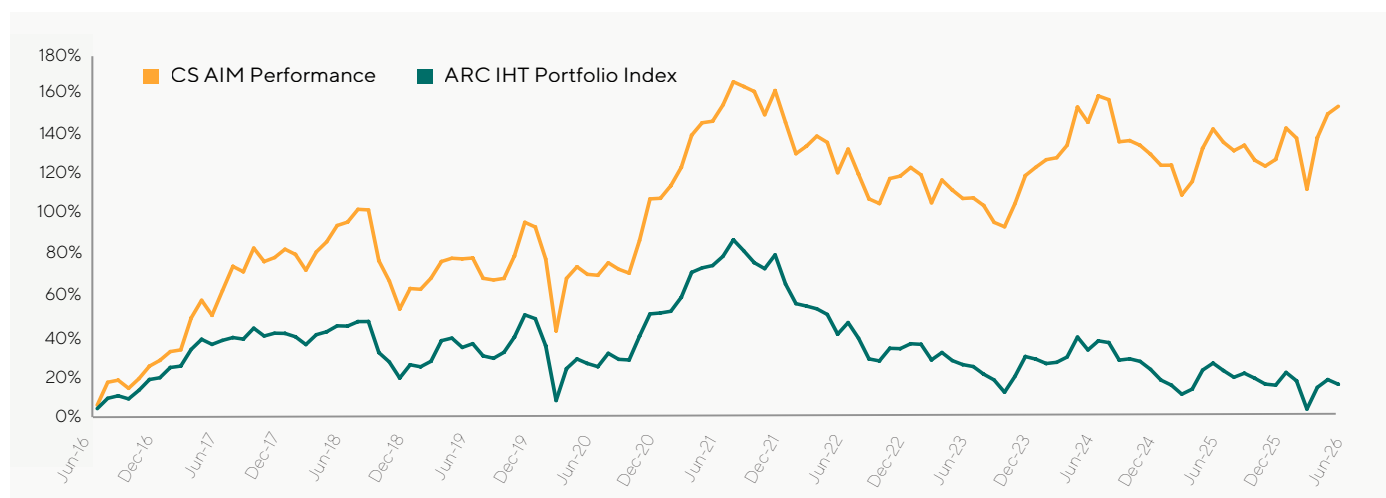
We saw strong performance from names like ActiveOps (+52.6%) Solid State (+43.9%) Beeks Financial Cloud (+32.7%) and Volex (+24.3%), who announced a move to the main list and a positive update to the market. We sold our position in the latter after taking part in the post-earnings uplift, but importantly, were able to exit our full position before the stock peaked and fell back as the quarter drew to a close.

In addition, it was our two top holdings as at the end of Q1 who contributed most, both of which are not common holdings among our peers. Firstly, Filtronic was boosted by two factors; the first being the IPO of SpaceX which brought attention to Filtronic given their close link. The second, and arguably the more powerful driver of the two, was the decision from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in the US who unanimously adopted a Report and Order, modernising satellite spectrum-

sharing rules. This brought significant interest from US investors who bid up the stock through derivatives. While the month of June brought significant volatility in the share price, we took the opportunity to trim our position at around £3.70 after the stock reached a double digit % position across portfolios.

Secondly, Ramsdens, the pawnbroker, followed their competitor H&T by recommending a bid from First Cash LTD (US pawnbroker) at a 35% premium to the pre-announcement price. While arguably the bid does not fully price Ramsdens' future growth nor is it at the same metrics as the bid for H&T, Ramsdens' earnings are more sensitive to the gold price and the bid somewhat reflects this. We did see a modest increase to the offer price post quarter end. Given prior to the bid, Ramsden's market cap was around £140m and was approx. 7% of our service, this gave meaningful relative performance.

Charlotte Square Investment Managers AIM Discretionary Clients Performance Over 10 Years (net of fees)



Source: CS Managers Ltd and ARC Research as at 30/06/2026

	CHARLOTTE SQUARE DISCRETIONARY AIM CLIENTS	ARC IHT PORTFOLIO INDEX
Monthly volatility	5.3%	4.6%

TOTAL RETURN	CHARLOTTE SQUARE DISCRETIONARY AIM CLIENTS	ARC IHT PORTFOLIO INDEX
3 Months	18.9%	11.2%
1 Year	4.5%	-8.0%
3 Years	21.2%	-7.4%
5 Years	2.7%	-32.8%
10 Years	150.6%	17.1%

Source: CS Managers Ltd and ARC Research as at 30/06/26

Asset Allocation

Top 10 Holdings	%	Sector	Overall Sector Breakdown
Hargreaves Services	6.89%	Industrials	
Sigmaroc Plc	6.48%	Materials	
Avingtrans Plc	5.83%	Industrials	
Filtronic Plc	5.63%	Information Technology	
Renew Holdings Plc	5.53%	Industrials	
Ramsdens Holdings	5.31%	Financials	
Jet2 Plc	4.75%	Industrials	
Beeks Financial Cloud	4.05%	Information Technology	
BTG Consulting	3.93%	Industrials	
Restore Plc	3.76%	Industrials	

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Performance from 31 March 2015 – 30 Sept 2022 is drawn from stylised aggregate portfolios constructed from the discretionary portfolios managed by Charlotte Square Investment Managers. The figures were calculated on a monthly basis, net of fees and other charges and adjusted for contributions and withdrawals. From 1 October 2022, performance figures are drawn from a composite group of non-constrained discretionary portfolios managed by Charlotte Square Investment Managers under an AIM investment strategy. These figures have been calculated net of fees and dealing costs and adjusted for contributions and withdrawals. Performance of individual portfolios may vary due to factors such as the portfolio size, stock selection and timing of investment transactions.

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