

# Key Information Document

## PURPOSE

This document provides you with key information about this investment product. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature, risks, costs, potential gains and losses of this product and to help you compare it with other products.

## PRODUCT

**Name:** Foresight Solar & Technology VCT plc ("the Company") "O" Shares

**ISIN:** GB00B640GZ49

**Manufacturer:** Foresight Solar & Technology VCT plc

**Competent Authority:** Financial Conduct Authority (FCA No. 198020)

**Contact Details:** The Company can be contacted through its company secretary Foresight Group LLP, The Shard, 32 London Bridge Street London SE1 9SG +44 (0)20 3667 8100 [www.foresightgroup.eu](http://www.foresightgroup.eu)

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**Investment Manager:** Foresight Group LLP (Manager)

**You are about to purchase a product that is not simple and may be difficult to understand**

## WHAT IS THIS PRODUCT

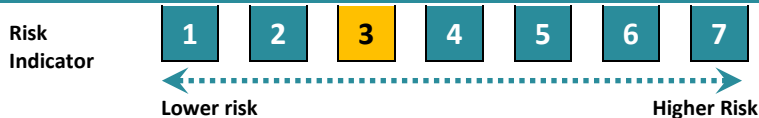
**Type:** The O ordinary shares of 1p each (Shares) of the Company, which is a venture capital trust ("VCT") and a self-managed Alternative Investment Fund ("AIF"), are listed on the premium segment of the Official List of the UKLA and admitted for trading on the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange. There is no specified maturity date or unilateral termination date.

**Objectives:** To provide high long-term tax-free returns to investors through a combination of dividend yield and capital growth, by investing primarily in smaller in unquoted companies that generate electricity from solar power systems and benefit from long-term government-related price guarantees as well as companies that generate and sell data derived from their ownership and operation of smart data assets. The value of the Shares, and income therefrom, will depend on the performance of the underlying investments.

**Intended retail investor:** Retail investors, aged 18 or over, who are higher rate UK tax-payers. VCT investing is only suitable for investors who are capable of evaluating the risks and merits of such investment and who have sufficient resources to bear any loss which might result from the investment.

**Notes:** Shares of the Company are bought and sold via markets. Typically, at any given time on any given day the price you pay for a share will be higher than the price at which you can sell it.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS AND WHAT COULD I GET IN RETURN?



The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 5 years. The actual risk can vary significantly if you cash in at an early stage and you may get back less. You may not be able to sell your product easily or you may have to sell at a price that significantly impacts on how much you get back.

The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you. We have classified this product as 3 out of 7, which is a medium-low risk class. This rates the potential losses from future performance at a medium-low level, and poor market conditions are unlikely to impact the capacity of the Company to pay you.

Capital may be at risk as the value of investments may go down as well as up and is not guaranteed and therefore investors may not get back the amount originally invested. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. This product does not include any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment. Other risks include Economic, Political, VCT Tax, Regulatory and Market risks.

Performance Scenarios	Investment £10,000 Scenarios	Investment		
		1 year	3 years	5 years (Recommended holding period)
Stress	<b>What you might get back after costs</b>	<b>£3,283</b>	<b>£5,129</b>	<b>£4,149</b>
	<i>Average return each year</i>	-67.17%	-19.95%	-16.13%
Unfavourable	<b>What you might get back after costs</b>	<b>£8,391</b>	<b>£7,057</b>	<b>£6,128</b>
	<i>Average return each year</i>	-16.09%	-10.97%	-9.33%
Moderate	<b>What you might get back after costs</b>	<b>£9,715</b>	<b>£9,045</b>	<b>£8,422</b>
	<i>Average return each year</i>	-2.85%	-3.29%	-3.38%
Favourable	<b>What you might get back after costs</b>	<b>£11,000</b>	<b>£11,339</b>	<b>£11,320</b>
	<i>Average return each year</i>	10.00%	4.28%	2.51%

**NB:** Performance has been based on share price total return with dividends reinvested.

This table shows the money you could get back over the next 5 years, under different scenarios, assuming that you invest £10,000.

The scenarios shown illustrate how your investment could perform. You can compare them with the scenarios of other products.

The scenarios presented are an estimate of future performance based on evidence from the past on how the value of this investment varies, and are not an exact indicator. What you get will vary depending on how the market performs and how long you keep the investment. The stress scenario shows what you might get back in extreme market circumstances, and it does not take into account the situation where we are not able to pay you.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS AND WHAT COULD I GET IN RETURN?

This product cannot be easily cashed in. This means it is difficult to estimate how much you would get back if you cash in before the end of the recommended holding period. You will either be unable to cash in early or you will have to pay high costs or make a large loss if you do so. Your maximum loss would be that you will lose all your investment.

The figures shown include all the costs of the product itself, but may not include all the costs that you pay to your advisor or distributor. The figures do not take into account your personal tax situation or any initial VCT income tax relief, which may also affect how much you get back. The tax legislation of your home Member State may have an impact on your actual pay-out.

**Market developments in the future cannot be accurately predicted. The scenarios shown are only an indication of some of the possible outcomes based on recent returns. Actual returns could be lower.**

## WHAT HAPPENS IF FORESIGHT SOLAR & TECHNOLOGY VCT PLC IS UNABLE TO PAY OUT?

As a shareholder in the Company you would not be able to make a claim to the Financial Services Compensation Scheme about the Company in the event that the Company is unable to pay out. You may face a financial loss should the Company default on its obligations. There is no compensation or guarantee scheme in place which may offset all, or any, of this loss.

## WHAT ARE THE COSTS?

**Table 1: Costs over Time**

The Reduction in Yield (RIY) shows what impact the total costs you pay will have on the investment return you might get. The total costs take into account one-off, ongoing and incidental costs. The amounts shown here are the cumulative costs of the product itself, for three different holding periods. They include potential early exit penalties. The figures assume you invest £10,000. The figures are estimates and may change in the future.

The person selling you or advising you about this product may charge you other costs. If so, this person will provide you with information about these costs, and show you the impact that all costs will have on your investment over time.

Investment £10,000 Scenarios	If you cash in after 1 year	If you cash in after 3 years	If you cash in after 5 years
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>£320</b>	<b>£836</b>	<b>£1,324</b>
Impact of return (RIY) per year	3.20%	2.87%	2.80%

**Table 2: Composition of Costs**

The table below shows:

- the impact each year of the different types of costs on the investment return you might get at the end of the recommended holding period;
- the meaning of the different cost categories.

### This table shows the impact on return per year

<b>One off costs</b>	<b>Entry Costs</b>		The impact of the costs you pay when entering your investment. This is the most you will pay, and you could pay less.
	<b>Stamp Duty</b>	0.5%	Not included are any adviser charges you may separately agree with your financial adviser.
<b>Ongoing costs</b>	<b>Portfolio transaction costs</b>	n/a	The impact of the costs of the Manager buying and selling underlying investments within the VCT i.e. investee companies.
	<b>Other ongoing costs</b>	2.9%	The impact of the costs that we take each year for managing your investment, including fees paid to the Manager. Please note that annual ongoing costs are capped at an amount equal to 3.60% of net assets of the Company.
<b>Incidental costs</b>	<b>Performance Incentive fees</b>	1.5%	Foresight will become entitled for a performance incentive fee of 30% once distributions exceed a Total Return Threshold of 130p increasing by a simple 5% per annum.
	<b>Carried interest</b>	n/a	n/a

Depending on how you buy these shares you may incur other costs, including broker commission platform fees and stamp duty. The distributor will provide you with additional documents where necessary. The Company aims, but is not committed, to offer liquidity to shareholders through ongoing buybacks, subject to cash availability, at a target discount of 2-5% to net asset value. Distribution costs may arise.

## HOW LONG SHOULD I HOLD IT AND CAN I TAKE MONEY OUT EARLY?

### RECOMMENDED MINIMUM HOLDING PERIOD: 5 YEARS

You should be prepared to hold your shares for a minimum of 5 years as VCTs are intended to have a long investment horizon. If you sell your shares earlier, you will be required to repay any initial income tax relief you claimed. It is recommended that you hold your shares for more than 5 years, as VCTs are intended to have a long investment horizon. An investment in the Company should be considered as a long-term investment.

The Company does not have a fixed winding up date and therefore, unless shareholders voted to wind-up the Company, Shareholders will only be able to realise their investment through the market. You may sell your investments within the recommended holding period without penalty fee.

The Company's share prices are quoted on the London Stock Exchange so, provided there is a willing buyer, you may realise your investment through a stockbroker or share dealing account. Previously owned VCT shares do not qualify for initial income tax relief and there is, therefore, a limited market for secondary VCT shares. The price you receive on the open market may therefore not reflect the underlying net asset value of the shares. The Company aims, but is not committed, to offer liquidity to shareholders through an ongoing share buyback policy, subject to cash availability, at a target discount of 0% to net asset value. In line with regulation governing public companies, there are specific periods when buybacks are prohibited, such as when the Company is preparing its annual and half-yearly reports and accounts.

The secondary market for VCT shares is generally illiquid and Shareholders may find it difficult to realise their investment.

## HOW CAN I COMPLAIN?

As a shareholder of the Company you do not have the right to complain to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS) about the management of the Company. The Manager has established procedures in accordance with the FCA Rules for consideration of complaints. Details of these procedures are available from it on request. Should an investor have a complaint about the product or this KID, he should contact the Manager at Foresight Group LLP, The Shard, 32 London Bridge Street London SE1 9SG; +44 (0)20 3667 8100; [www.foresightgroup.eu](http://www.foresightgroup.eu). Where the Investor is categorised by the Manager as an eligible complainant, if for any reason the investor is dissatisfied with the Manager's final response, the Investor is entitled to refer its complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service. A leaflet detailing the procedure involved will be provided in the Manager's final response.

## OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION?

The cost, performance and risk calculations included in this key information document follow the methodology prescribed by EU rules.

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Certain tax reliefs are available to shareholders and new investors as below.

### Tax relief

#### (a) Income tax

##### (i) Relief from income tax on investment

A qualifying investor subscribing for new Shares will be entitled to claim income tax relief on amounts subscribed up to a maximum of £200,000 invested in VCTs in any tax year. The relief is given at the rate of 30% on the amount subscribed for VCT shares regardless of whether the qualifying investor is a higher rate, additional rate or basic rate tax payer, provided that the relief is limited to the amount which reduces the qualifying investor's income tax liability to nil. Investments to be used as security for or financed by loans may not qualify for relief, depending on the circumstances.

##### (ii) Dividend relief

A qualifying investor, who acquires shares in VCTs in any tax year costing up to a maximum of £200,000, will not be liable to income tax on dividends paid on those shares and there is no withholding tax thereon.

##### (iii) Purchases in the market

A qualifying investor who purchases existing shares in the market will be entitled to claim dividend relief (as described in paragraph (a)(ii) above) but not relief from income tax on investment (as described in paragraph (a)(i) above).

##### (iv) Withdrawal of relief

Relief from income tax on a subscription for VCT shares will be withdrawn if the VCT shares are disposed of (other than between spouses or on death) within five years of issue or if the VCT loses its approval within this period as detailed below. Dividend relief ceases to be available if the VCT loses its approval within this period, as detailed below, or if shares are no longer owned by a qualifying investor.

#### (b) Capital gains tax

(i) Relief from capital gains tax on the disposal of VCT shares. A disposal by a qualifying investor of VCT shares will give rise to neither a chargeable gain nor an allowable loss for the purposes of UK capital gains tax. The relief is limited to the disposal of VCT shares acquired within the limit of £200,000 for any tax year and does not apply where VCT shares were issued after 5 April 2014 and are repurchased by the VCT directly from the shareholder within three years of issue.

##### (ii) Purchases in the market

An individual purchaser of existing VCT shares in the market will be entitled to claim relief from capital gains tax on disposal (as described in paragraph b(i) above)

The latest annual report and accounts of the Company can be found at <http://www.foresightgroup.eu/retail-investors/vct/foresight-solar-technology-vct-plc/reports-and-accounts/>. Please contact Foresight Group LLP for further information.