Q1 2026 | Factsheet

for the three months to 31 March 2026

LITERACY CAPITAL

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Helping to build great businesses

Our purpose is to invest in and support UK companies and help their management teams to achieve long-term success. Our closed-ended, permanent capital structure means we can be a long-term, highly ambitious partner.

We are focused on smaller businesses, where our expertise can greatly enhance the size and value of these companies, contributing to superior returns for BOOK shareholders.

We are also proud to have a charitable mission helping disadvantaged children in the UK learn to read. Donations equivalent to 0.5% of NAV are made each year. Donations since the set up of Literacy Capital in 2017 now amount to £13.1 million.

481.3p
NAV per ord. share[1]

£3.7m
Capital invested

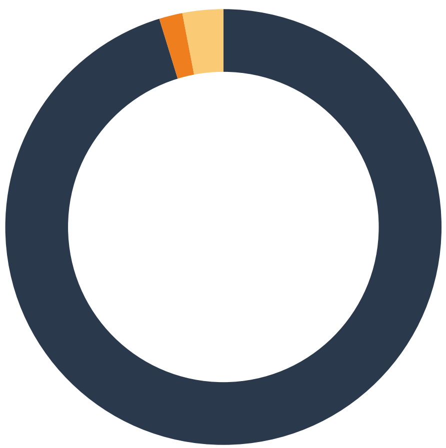
(0.6)%
Q1 NAV per share

£16.0m
Proceeds received

(4.0)%
Change in NAV per Share[2] in last 12 months

£364k
Q1 charitable donation provision

Breakdown of gross assets[3] by asset type



- Buyout: **£292.6m**, 95.3%
- Growth Capital: **£5.3m**, 1.7%
- 3rd Party Funds: **£9.3m**, 3.0%

Performance to 31 March 2026

% total return	3 months	1 year	3 years	Since Admission[4]	Since Inception[5]
BOOK net assets per share[2]	**(0.6)%**	**(4.0)%**	**+5.1%**	**+205.9%**	**+391.3%**
BOOK total shareholder return	**(14.8)%**	**(22.6)%**	**(16.7)%**	**+109.4%**	**n/a**
FTSE investment company index	(3.7)%	+16.1%	+29.4%	+12.5%	+66.7%
FTSE all-share index	+2.4%	+21.5%	+45.6%	+58.3%	+74.9%

Key facts on 31 March 2026

Net assets[1]	£289.6 million
Net assets per ord. share[1]	481.3p
Share price (mid-price)	325.0p
Premium / (discount)	(32.9)%
Management fee	1.5%
Trading on	Specialist Fund Segment (SFS) of the LSE
Ticker	BOOK
Ordinary shares in issue[6]	60,175,000
ISIN	GB00BMF1L080

[1] Net assets per share calculated post dilution from the warrants in issue, which is calculated on a straight-line basis over the vesting period. This allows a single NAV figure to be reported (rather than diluted & undiluted figures).

[2] The figures presented are the diluted NAV per share inclusive of the cash returned to shareholders.

[3] Gross assets of £307.2m, before borrowings, compared to net assets of £289.6m. All figures and percentages rounded to one decimal place.

[4] BOOK was admitted to the London Stock Exchange on 25 June 2021.

[5] Inception date treated as 30 April 2018. £54 million of capital raised.

[6] Excludes warrants in issue (597,500 allotted on 31 March 2026).

A message from the CEO of BOOK's Investment Manager

"It has been a reasonably eventful start to the year, although there has been relatively little change in the value of individual portfolio companies, and the portfolio overall.

The highlight was the sale of two holdings, with £31.0m of cash proceeds received by early April. This put Literacy's balance sheet in a net cash position for the first time since 2021, giving BOOK greater financial flexibility and reducing financing costs.

Externally, there has been significant turbulence in equity markets, driven by the conflicts in Iran and the Middle East, as well as fears of widespread value destruction caused by artificial intelligence ("AI").

Importantly, these factors have had limited direct impact on the underlying performance and fundamentals of BOOK's portfolio companies.

Despite this, BOOK has not been immune to the sell-off and currently sits on its widest ever discount to net asset value. A series of marketing and investor education initiatives are taking place over the next few weeks to broaden awareness, as we actively look to address and reduce this discount."

Richard Pindar

CEO of the Investment Manager and Director

Literacy Capital plc

Summary of Q1 performance

On 31 March 2026, net asset value (NAV) was £289.6m, or 481.3p per share. Overall, despite a modest valuation uplift across the portfolio, NAV per share decreased by 0.6% in the quarter (after all expenses and donations).

Bright Ventures contributed the most meaningful NAV uplift, with Q1 seasonally being a very busy trading period for the business. Performance and profitability in the quarter showed strong improvement year-on-year.

TechPoint delivered the next largest positive contribution, reflecting the strong momentum since opening its new manufacturing site in Basingstoke. This has had a material impact on the value of orders from customers and operational efficiencies.

These gains were partially offset by relatively modest reductions in RCI Group and amplify5. Both businesses have experienced customers taking longer to make decisions and commit to contracts, which has impacted their growth and, therefore, valuations.

Encouragingly, the two 2025 investments, Red Sky and Trinitatum, continue to demonstrate strong momentum. It is likely that they will both be top 10 holdings as at 30 June and are expected to contribute positively in 2026.

Total shareholder return was (14.8)% in Q1, with many listed investment companies experiencing strong share price declines, following the market turbulence caused by the conflict in the Middle East and investors' concerns regarding artificial intelligence.

New investments and commitments

No new platform investments were completed in the period.

New investments are continually appraised. However, the team is especially selective and focused on businesses considered to be particularly resilient in the current environment.

£3.7m was invested in Q1, primarily provided to the existing portfolio to fund growth initiatives. Bolt-on acquisitions are expected to remain a priority in 2026 and may require follow-on shareholder funding to complete.

Cash generation and liquidity

£16.0m was received in Q1, mostly comprised of proceeds from the sale of Tyrefix in February. This cash was used to repay amounts drawn on the RCF, reducing financing costs.

On 31 March, the RCF was drawn £15.5m, with £1.6m held in cash.

Activity since the period end

No events occurred between the end of Q1 and the publication of the factsheet requiring reported NAV to be restated.

£15.0m was received in April courtesy of the Wifinity sale, which further reduced the amount drawn on the RCF post the quarter-end. The carrying value of Wifinity at 31 March 2026 reflects the sale price.

"When you're reading it's like you're in another world."

Child at Bookmark partner school.

In England, 1 in 4 children leave primary school unable to read well, rising to more than 1 in 3 in disadvantaged communities. By the time these children leave primary school, the attainment gap between disadvantaged pupils and their peers has more than doubled. Literacy Capital's partnership with Bookmark is crucial to ensure every child can read and achieve their potential.

In Q1, Bookmark delivered over 9,000 hours of one-to-one literacy support to children at risk of falling behind. January saw the launch of the National Year of Reading and Bookmark's Mind the Gap campaign, raising awareness of the literacy gap, its causes, and solutions. The campaign included adverts across London Underground stations and a panel event at Bank of America, featuring BBC's The One Show presenter Alex Jones, Hannah Gold, and Bookmark CEO, Emily Jack.

In March, the team celebrated the expansion of the Roots to Reading Programme to 127 primary schools across London. By delivering more than 25,000 books and reading resources into classrooms and libraries, the programme aims to build a lifelong love of reading in every child.

Visit **bookmarkreading.org** to learn more.

Top 10 investments[1]

+14%
YoY sales growth

2.7x
Net debt / EBITDA[2]

+16%
YoY EBITDA growth

9.2x
EV / Earnings[2]

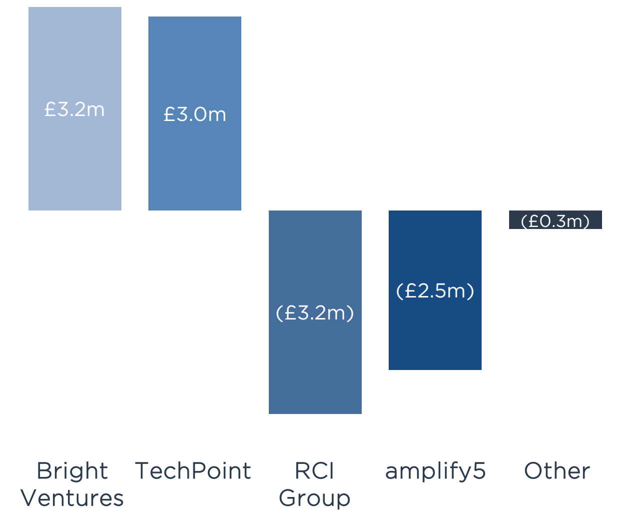
19.2%
EBITDA margins

3,932
Total headcount

Portfolio overview

Companies / assets	Description	Date of investment	Carrying value (£m)	Value as % of NAV
RCI Group	Healthcare, specialist clinical & support services	Sep 18	**73.2**	25.3%
TechPoint	Electronics manufacturer & supply chain solutions	Jun 20	**26.2**	9.0%
Cubo Work	Office and co-working space provider	May 23	**25.1**	8.7%
Velociti Solutions	Provider of transportation software	Feb 20	**24.8**	8.6%
Oxygen Activeplay	Operator of trampoline & adventure parks	Jul 21	**18.5**	6.4%
Top 5 investments			**167.8**	**57.9%**
Red Sky Food Group	Manufacturer of premium meat products	Apr 25	**18.2**	6.3%
Grayce	Change & transformation for organisations	Jul 18	**16.1**	5.5%
Wifinity	Wi-fi provider to hard-to-reach campus locations	Dec 17	**15.4**	5.3%
Bright Ventures	School travel operator	Jun 22	**14.9**	5.1%
Antler Homes	Housebuilder in the Southeast of England	Jun 18	**12.2**	4.2%
Top 10 investments			**244.6**	**84.4%**
Other direct investments			**53.3**	18.4%
Private equity fund interests			**9.3**	3.2%
Borrowings (incl. donation provision & impact of warrants)			**(17.6)**	(6.1)%
Total Net Asset Value			**289.6**	**100%**

Breakdown of movement in Q1 by assets (before costs)



[1] Data calculated on a weighted average basis (excl. headcount)

[2] Excludes Antler Homes

Portfolio highlights

Revenue and EBITDA growth metrics showed improvement in the quarter, with Red Sky and TechPoint contributing most strongly. The figures returned to double digit growth but remained below historical averages, reflecting the difficulties in creating strong organic growth in the current trading environment.

A 2.3% reduction in headcount across BOOK's top 10 holdings was reported, compared to three months earlier. However, this drop is wholly attributable to Tyrefix no longer being a top 10 holding, following its sale, and being replaced by Antler Homes (which has 130 fewer employees). Similarly, this same change in composition of the top ten, accounts for most of the reduction in EBITDA margin quarter-on-quarter.

The concentration of the top 10 holdings remains broadly unchanged at 84.4% in Q1 versus 82.8% in Q4 2025, with some movement in relative weightings.

Net debt within the portfolio

Net debt (on a weighted average basis) of 2.7x EBITDA on 31 March 2026 was broadly consistent with the end of Q4 (2.8x).

This level of leverage remains prudent relative to typical PE-backed businesses. As performance across the portfolio strengthens, supported by a disciplined focus on strategic bolt-on M&A activity, we expect average net debt across the portfolio to decline.

Portfolio valuation

The weighted average EV / EBITDA multiple was 9.2x on 31 March 2026 (9.4x at the end of Q4 2025), which is the lowest figure since Q1 2025.

The EBITDA multiple used for each portfolio company is applied to an earnings figure for the business that is deemed to be 'maintainable', in line with IPEV Valuation Guidelines.

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