Q3 2026 | Factsheet

for the three months to 30 September 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 £13.8 million.

450.5p
NAV per ord. share[1]

£6.6m
Capital invested

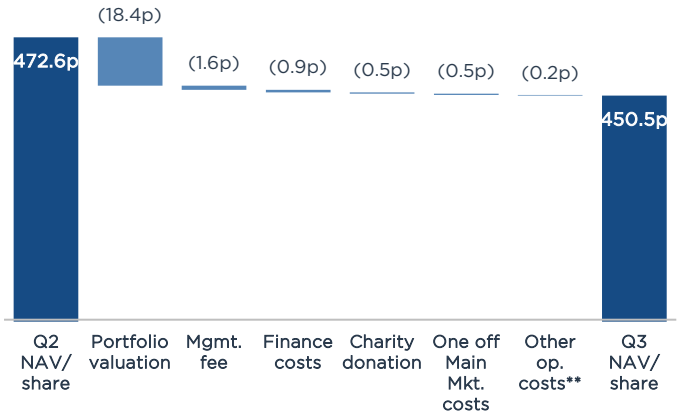
£0.2m
Proceeds received

(4.7)%
Q3 NAV per share

(11.1)%
Change in NAV per Share[2] in last 12 months

£314k
Q3 charitable donation provision

Breakdown of movement in NAV per share (p) (Q2 to Q3)*



* Figures may not sum due to rounding

** Other operating costs includes the dilutive impact of the warrants in issue

Performance to 30 September 2026

% total return	3 months	1 year	5 years	Since Admission[3]	Since Inception[4]
BOOK net assets per share[2]	**(4.6)%**	**(11.1)%**	**+87.7%**	**+186.7%**	**+360.5%**
BOOK total shareholder return	**+5.8%**	**(13.4)%**	**+13.8%**	**+106.3%**	**n/a**
FTSE investment company index	+2.9%	+17.9%	+30.1%	+32.7%	+96.7%
FTSE all-share index	+2.4%	+16.8%	+68.2%	+69.7%	+87.5%

Key facts on 30 September 2026

Net assets[1]	£271.1 million
Net assets per ord. share[1]	450.5p
Share price (mid-price)	320.0p
Premium / (discount)	(29.0)%
Management fee	1.5%
Trading on	Official List of the LSE
Ticker	BOOK
Ordinary shares in issue[5]	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 £6.0m cash returned to shareholders in November 2025.

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

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

[5] Excludes warrants in issue (1,017,500 allotted on 30 September 2026).

A message from the CEO of BOOK's Investment Manager

"Both our company management teams and the BOOK investment team have worked hard in Q3 to deliver increasing growth for our portfolio companies. Consequently, it is pleasing to report improved trading across much of the portfolio against a challenging macro environment. Revenue and earnings growth (+37% and +32% respectively) is the strongest reported by BOOK's top ten holdings for three years.

Unfortunately, the previously reported issues at Cubo, which resulted in its carrying value being heavily reduced, offset the more positive developments across other portfolio companies. While we believe the disposal of our minority stake in Cubo was in the best interests of shareholders, it is frustrating that Q3 NAV performance would have been strong without this unwelcome setback.

The move to the Official List and trading on the LSE's Main Market is another important step to remove barriers for investors looking to buy BOOK shares and stimulate incremental demand for shares, alongside other initiatives to increase awareness. Based on recent examples of investment companies that have migrated to the Main Market, we expect index ownership to increase to at least 3.5% (from zero) of the share register in the short term once qualification criteria are met.

Alongside today's quarterly factsheet, BOOK's Board has also published a capital allocation policy to support long-term NAV growth, while ensuring capital is deployed in shareholders' best interests."



Richard Pindar

CEO of the Investment Manager and Director

Literacy Capital plc

Summary of Q3 performance

On 30 September 2026, net asset value (NAV) was £271.1m, or 450.5p per share (30 June 2026: 472.6p). This represents a 4.7% decrease, or 22.1 pence, in NAV per share (after all expenses and donations) in Q3.

The decrease was driven by Cubo Work, which was marked down by £22.4m. Given the RNS announcement from BOOK earlier this month, this disposal was considered the best outcome for shareholders. Bright Ventures experienced the next largest decline (£1.4m). However, this was driven by seasonality in trading and is expected to reverse in Q4.

These reductions were partly offset by gains in Red Sky (£4.5m), TechPoint (£3.6m) and Grayce (£3.2m), all of which are showing encouraging signs. As mentioned in the RNS announcement from 2 October, TechPoint completed a strategically important bolt-on acquisition on 30 September. Red Sky did the same on 16 October.

BOOK's two most recent (2025 vintage) investments continue to perform well with Red Sky and Trinitatum now BOOK's fourth and seventh largest holdings respectively.

During Q3, BOOK moved its listing from the Specialist Fund Segment to the Closed-Ended Investment Funds category of the Official List on the Main Market. This completed on 11 September and is intended to enhance marketability of BOOK's shares. If recent daily / monthly trading volumes continue, BOOK should qualify for FTSE index inclusion in Q2 2027, driving demand for shares.

In Q3, TSR was +5.8%, as the discount to NAV narrowed to 29.0% (36.1% at the end of Q2) due to a higher share price and lower reported NAV.

New investments and commitments

No new platform investments were completed in the period. In Q3, £6.6m was invested into existing portfolio companies. This was predominantly utilised for bolt-on investments within the portfolio, with the remainder supporting with capex and working capital.

Bolt-on acquisitions have been a recent focus for several portfolio companies, with all four of BOOK's largest holdings having completed at least one acquisition in the past six months. It is expected that these transactions will generate high returns on invested capital and help to increase the attractiveness and accelerate the eventual sale of these groups.

Cash generation and liquidity

Cash proceeds received (£0.2m) in the quarter were modest, consisting solely of distributions from fund interests, after significant receipts in H1 2026.

On 30 September, the RCF was drawn £18.7m (against a limit of £50m), with £2.0m held in cash.

Activity since the period end

No events occurred between the end of Q3 and the publication of the factsheet requiring reported NAV to be restated.



"Your support is helping children develop the confidence, skills and love of reading that can open a world of opportunities."

Clare Williamson, School Leader and Chair of Bookmark's Primary School Advisory Board

The beginning of Q3 marked the end of the 2025/26 academic year, and a time to reflect on another year of significant growth and impact. Bookmark is proud to be strongly on track to achieve the ambitious goals set out in its 2024-2027 strategy, providing targeted, holistic literacy support to the schools and children who need it most.

Over the 2025/26 academic year, Bookmark delivered 56,485 one-to-one reading sessions, representing a 40% increase on the previous year. Bookmark also welcomed 52 new schools to its third cohort of the Literacy Partner Programme and distributed more than 830,000 copies of *The Story Corner* magazine to schools, hospitals, foodbanks and community centres nationwide. Literacy Capital's partnership with Bookmark has been pivotal to this success.

The new academic year began with a celebration event at Dentons, bringing together corporate partners, supporters, school literacy leads and volunteers to reflect on the impact of 100,000 hours of one-to-one reading support. Guests heard powerful examples of how Bookmark's support has transformed children's reading confidence, attainment and future opportunities.

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

Top 10 investments[1]

+37%
YoY sales growth

3.0x
Net debt / EBITDA[2]

+32%
YoY EBITDA growth

9.2x
EV / Earnings[2]

16.8%
EBITDA margins

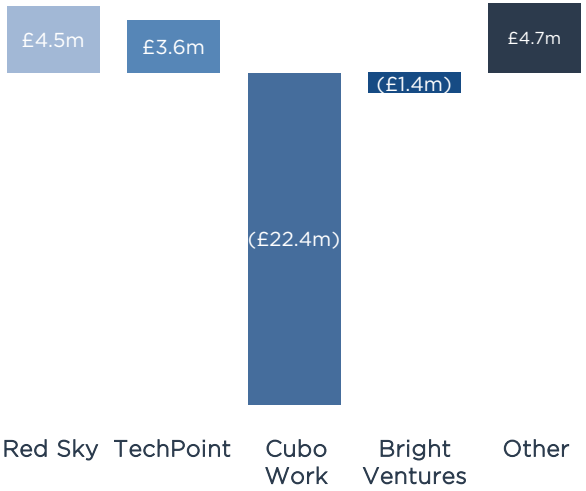
4,186
Total headcount

Portfolio overview

Companies / assets	Description	Date of investment	Carrying value (£m)	Value as % of NAV
RCI Group	Healthcare, specialist clinical & support services	Sep 18	**83.1**	30.7%
TechPoint	Electronics manufacturer & supply chain solutions	Jun 20	**31.5**	11.6%
Velociti	Provider of transportation software	Feb 20	**24.9**	9.2%
Red Sky Food Group	Manufacturer of premium meat products	Apr 25	**23.3**	8.6%
Grayce	Change & transformation for organisations	Jul 18	**20.8**	7.7%
Top 5 investments			**183.5**	**67.7%**
Oxygen Activeplay	Operator of trampoline & adventure parks	Jul 21	**17.8**	6.6%
Trinitatum	Test automation software for energy & trading markets	Mar 25	**14.1**	5.2%
Antler Homes	Housebuilder in the Southeast of England	Jun 18	**13.8**	5.1%
Bright Ventures	School travel operator	Jun 22	**13.5**	5.0%
Hanmere	Manufacturer of polythene packaging products	Dec 17	**11.7**	4.3%
Top 10 investments			**254.5**	**93.9%**
Other direct investments			**33.5**	12.3%
Private equity fund interests			**3.6**	1.3%
Borrowings (incl. donation accrual & impact of warrants)			**(20.5)**	(7.6)%
Total Net Asset Value			**271.1**	**100.0%**

Breakdown of movement in Q3 by assets

(before costs)



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

[2] Excludes Antler Homes

Portfolio highlights

Revenue growth across BOOK's ten largest holdings accelerated to 37% year on year (17% in Q2). This is the strongest figure reported since Q3 2023 and reflects real progress in stimulating growth across several portfolio companies. Year on year EBITDA growth showed a similar trajectory, increasing to 32% (10% in Q2).

EBITDA margins reduced to 16.8% (18.1% in Q2), primarily due to recent acquisitions having a dilutive impact on margins in the short term, plus the inclusion of Hanmere within the top ten.

Total headcount across the top ten rose to 4,186 (3,682 at the end of Q2), primarily due to Hanmere re-entering the top ten.

The carrying value of the two remaining private equity fund interests again reduced as they continued to distribute cash. The customary chart on the first page of the factsheet has now been replaced to reflect the fact that the previous breakdown of gross assets was becoming increasingly redundant.

Net debt within the portfolio

Net debt (on a weighted average basis) of 3.0x EBITDA on 30 September 2026 increased relative to Q2 (2.7x).

This increase reflects Hanmere's re-entry into the top ten, plus the impact of higher leverage at TechPoint. The company completed its recent bolt-on acquisition entirely through debt financing without a need for shareholder funding.

This level of leverage remains manageable and modest relative to typical PE-backed businesses. Much of the debt raised recently by BOOK's portfolio companies has also had a fixed rate of interest, rather than floating.

Portfolio valuation

The weighted average EV / EBITDA multiple was 9.2x on 30 September 2026, a modest increase on the 9.1x at the end of Q2.

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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