

The British Robotics Funds

The British Robotics Funds invest in productivity-enhancing automation technologies which allow scarce resources to last longer. Investments are made via two tax-efficient vehicles:

- ❖ The British Robotics Start-Up Fund selects a basket of high potential UK-based companies, leveraging robotics and AI, that operate across a variety of industry sectors, generally at the early-stage of company development. The investments made predominantly qualify for the Seed Enterprise Investment Scheme (SEIS).
- ❖ The British Robotics Scale-Up Fund backs top-performing UK-based robotics, automation & Al companies once they start demonstrating commercial traction. The fund invests in more mature companies which have moved into ongoing operations and show continuing potential for high growth. Investments qualify for the Enterprise Investment Scheme (EIS).



As global consumption levels continue to rise, our investments address core areas of global scarcity, in particular: shortages of skilled labour; the transition away from fossil-fuels; supply chain inefficiencies; and depleting natural resources.

Automation technology has become less expensive, more capable and widespread. Companies developing technologies in this area are already growing rapidly. As scarcities intensify, this growth will continue to accelerate to become a source of enduring returns for investors.

The funds are managed by Britbots and Sapphire Capital Partners. Our team's expertise and reputation within automation technologies give us access to the best opportunities in this area. We work closely with our investing clients to ensure their needs are met, particularly with respect to SEIS/EIS tax-optimisation. Once invested, we work closely with each of our portfolio companies to help them maximise their potential. Since launching in 2017, the funds have delivered substantial capital growth for investors.

ESG & Sustainable Investment Track Record

Whilst all the investments made by the British Robotics Funds adhere to our ESG & Sustainability values, we have specific expertise in the following exciting areas: wind energy (primarily offshore); sustainable farming and food production; hydrogen as a fuel source; electrification; environmental monitoring; and energy storage systems. Approximately half of the funds' historical investments are centred around these particular themes, including some of the best performers in the funds' portfolios:

- ❖ Muddy Machines is automating the eco-harvesting of specialty vegetables. Its primary customer is the UK's leading asparagus farmer. The company's share price at the most recent round of financing is 5.1-times higher than when the fund first invested in 2021.
- ❖ QLM Technology automates the process of detecting methane leaks from the oil and gas industry. Having now built a strong order book for their product from some of the world's



largest companies, the company's share price is 3.7-times higher than when the fund first invested in 2018.

Sponsor Statement

Britbots works closely with advisers to provide suitable investment solutions for their clients. The ESG & Sustainable Tax Efficient Products Report helps advisers to better engage with responsible investment solutions, thus identifying the best propositions for their clients. Consequently, we are delighted to be a sponsor.

Next Steps & Contacts

Information about both funds can be found at https://www.sapphirecapitalpartners.co.uk/invest

The list of current investee companies is available at https://www.britbots.com

Advisers who wish to speak to a member of the investment team should contact Dominic Keen (dominic@britbots.com) in the first instance.

Important Information

Investing in start-ups and early-stage companies involves risks, including illiquidity, lack of dividends, loss of investment and dilution. It should be done only as part of a diversified portfolio. There is no assurance that the investment objectives of any investment opportunity will be achieved or that the strategies and methods described herein will be successful. Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance and the value of an investment may go down as well as up.

The investments which are being discussed are targeted exclusively at investors who understand the risks of investing in early-stage businesses and can make their own investment decisions. Any pitches for investment are not offers to the public and investments can only be made through Sapphire Capital Partners LLP as the fund manager and on the basis of information contained in the information memorandum which is available on request.

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