

It has been 12 months since AQSE launched its restructured, new-look market – with its segmented growth section, market maker incentive scheme and rule changes – and what a transformational year it has been! There are now over 100 securities on AQSE, divided between the Apex and Access segments, spreads have halved and turnover has risen 454%. And that's not all: 2021 saw a record 24 IPOs on the Growth Market and some £100m was raised. There are now 54 brokers dealing in AQSE securities, the number of corporate advisers has grown to 35 and the average market cap for Apex stocks stands at £75m.

Another positive development for AQSE during 2021 was the FCA report on listing rules published in December. Amongst other measures, it states that sub £30m market cap companies are now to seek a flotation on appropriate markets such as AQSE and not on the Standard List.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole of the AQSE community for your support during last year and we look forward to working with you all closely during 2022 and beyond.

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#### **AQSE NEW ISSUERS**



We were delighted to welcome six new companies to our growth market in Q4.

**Quantum Exponential** joined AQSE on 1st November. Investing in leading quantum technology companies around the world it raised £5.2m.

Specialist technology investor **Kasei Holdings** focuses on cryptocurrencies and blockchain technologies and listed on 3rd November raising £3.7m.

**Silverwood Brands** raised £2.1m and identifies investment opportunities within the food, organic food, wellness, lifestyle and leisure sectors. Silverwood joined on 8th November.

**Hydrogen Future Industries** was formed to identify investment opportunities and acquisitions in the upstream natural gas sector and in particular in hydrogen. It raised £2.3m and joined our growth market on 1st December.

Providing rent guarantee service to tenants wishing to rent property in the UK from the Private Rental Sector, **RentGuarantor Holdings** listed on 8th December and raised £125k.

Finally on 23rd December **ChallengerX**, a marketing service provider for all but the biggest clubs in the world, focusing on Rugby and Football clubs made its debut on our growth market raising £830k.



**All Things Considered Group (ATC)** is a prominent independent UK music company. ATC joined our Apex segment on 23rd December raising £4.15m.

#### SELECTED COMPANY NEWS

Below is a selection of developments announced by AQSE companies during the quarter:

**SulNOx Group** received confirmation from independent inspectorate Bureau Veritas that mixtures composed of American fuels in combination with its Fuel Conditioner continue to comply with US law when combusted.

**KR1**, leading digital asset investment company announced their participation in the Acala crowdloan and Polkadot parachain auction.

**Sativa Wellness** partnered with Superdrug to offer an extensive range of medical tests, checking for a range of conditions such as high cholesterol, alongside COVID-19 packages.

**Yooma Wellness**' award-winning brand Vitality CBD entered ASDA supermarkets, exemplifying the steadily increasing profile of CBD amongst Britain's major retailers.

**Quantum Exponential**, an investment company focused solely on quantum technologies, was admitted to the AQSE Growth Market under the ticker symbol QBIT, in reference to the qubit which is the quantum analogue to the traditional bit or binary digit.

**Rogue Baron's Shinju Whisky** won two international awards including a gold medal at the John Barleycorn awards.

**Samarkand Group**, international eCommerce group, announced the acquisition of Scottish brand Napiers the Herbalists. Founded in 1860, Napiers is an iconic healthcare brand operating from Edinburgh's Old Town.

### LATEST STATISTICS

Please find below graphs tracking AQSE market turnover and spread reduction. Our market-making scheme came into effect in Jan21.



\*Turnover figures for September are subject to slight alteration



# PODCASTS AND EVENTS



SMALL CAP SMALL CAP AWARDS 2021

In November we were delighted to support the Shares Awards and the Small Cap Awards, both of which created new awards this year to highlight exciting growth companies on our exchange. Whereas the Shares Awards were voted by Shares magazine subscribers (some 30,000) the Small Cap Awards were decided by a selected panel of small cap fund managers and advisers. Samarkand Group which joined our new Apex segment in March this year raising £17m in an over-subscribed fund-raising won the inaugural AQSE Company of the Year at the Shares Awards, swiftly followed by DXS International, a producer of medical support software and an official supplier to the NHS, which won the same award at the Small Cap Dinner. Congratulations to them both!

#### Full & Frank Podcast Episodes:

Our podcast continued this quarter with a plethora of exciting guests.



- Jonathan Davie: Chairman of Hansa Investment Company PLC
- Sir Nicholas Soames: Former Shadow Secretary of State for Defence
- Major General Julian
  Thompson CB OBE: Royal
  Marine and Military Historian
- Mark Goodliffe: Non Executive Director at Aquis Exchange PLC & YouTuber at Cracking the Cryptic
- Olenka Frenkiel Writer, journalist & producer
- Michael Holding: West Indies Cricketer & Commentator

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# TAKE A CLOSER LOOK

AQSE's digital postcard campaign continued throughout the Autumn, with the following being sent out:



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Date for your diary: 8 Feb 2022.

Make sure you <u>register</u> to watch a special UK Investor Magazine webinar. Aquis' CEO, Alasdair Haynes, will be talking about recent developments at AQSE and the Aquis Exchange PLC group overall. He will be joined by 3 AQSE-quoted companies: Good Energy, National Milk Records and SulNox, who will be updating investors on their businesses.



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