# Caledonia – Public Companies Spotlight - 24 June 2025





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## Today's agenda





Agenda and introduction	Mat Masters
Public Companies Spotlight	Ben Archer, Alan Murran, Henry Morris
Panel discussion & Q&A	Anthony Leatham (Peel Hunt), Ben Archer, Alan Murran & Henry Morris
Close	Mat Masters

## Caledonia



Self-managed FTSE 250 investment company – net assets of £2.9bn

## We are long-term stewards of shareholder's capital

Enduring support from founding shareholders, the Cayzer family

## Track record of delivering long-term real returns

Targeting inflation $^1 + 3\%$  to +6%

58 consecutive years of dividend increases

## Driven by long-term investments in quality companies

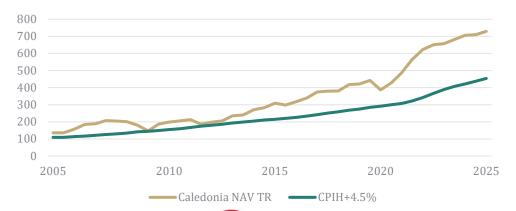
Approach and purpose grounded in 'Time well invested'

## **Experienced in-house investment team**

Fully aligned with shareholders

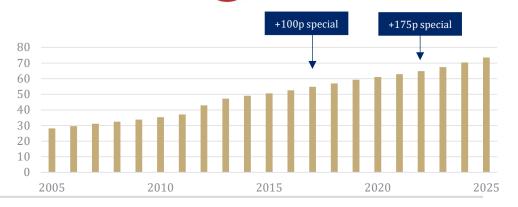
#### **NAV Growth**

NAV total return growth since 2005



## Dividend Growth

Annual dividend / share (p)



<sup>1.</sup> Inflation measured as Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs ('CPIH')

## Focused investing across three strategies



Providing access to both private and public companies, diversified by sector and geography

#### **Public Companies**

Strategic Allocation: 30%-40% Target return: 10% p.a. Capital and 7% p.a. Income (3.5% yield on cost)

- Global portfolio
- High quality businesses that we understand, with underlying growth and pricing power
- Around 30 companies across two strategies: Capital (72%) and Income (28%)

**8.4% p.a.** (10 year return)



#### **Private Capital**

Strategic Allocation: 25%-35% Target return: 14% p.a. (2.5% yield on cost)

- Direct investments focused on high quality, UK mid-market companies
- Significant owners working in partnership with companies to drive value through business improvement
- Prudent capital structures
- Target portfolio of up to 10 companies

**12.4% p.a.** (10 year return)



#### **Funds**

Strategic Allocation: 25%-35% Target return: 12.5% p.a.

- Proven private equity managers
- North America lower mid-market companies (63%)
- Asia growth portfolio invested in local markets and in new economy sectors (37%)
- Underlying portfolio of over 600 companies through directly held funds

**13.3% p.a.** (10 year return)



## Investment Committee approves all investments and capital allocation

## **Public Companies**



Alan Murran & Ben Archer



## A differentiated approach to public equity investing



Benefits of permanent capital in public markets

Distinct advantage of Caledonia's permanent capital that permeates across both the investment strategy and our mindset



#### True ability to be long term

- Invest from balance sheet
- Not measured against an index



#### **Fully focused on investing**

- No fundraising distractions
  No need to manage inflows/outflows



#### Allows for concentrated portfolios: 15-20 companies

Fundamental, not primarily focused on the macro



#### **Quality companies are our targets**

Pricing power and capital allocation are key components



#### **Deep understanding of portfolio companies**

- Ownership through a variety of cycles
- Access to senior management beyond what would be typical for a fund our size



#### Ability to invest in moments of market dislocation

Investment philosophy and strategy aligned

## Two portfolios managed by a single team

## An experienced team





Alan Murran Co-Head Public Companies Lead on Capital Portfolio



**Ben Archer**Co-Head Public Companies
Lead on Income Portfolio



Henry Morris
Director



**Lucy Adams**Investment Director



Ollie Botes
Investment Director



**Lukas Brueckner** Investment Manager

- Caledonia's structure enables us to attract a team that is passionate about long term investing
- Cohesive team-based culture with constructive challenge
- Team has >100 years cumulative experience
  - With over 44 years cumulative at Caledonia

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## Two portfolios with a global mandate

Investing across two strategies with a combined value of £965m



#### With the same research methodology and operational discipline

## Capital portfolio - £698m

Investing in companies that will continue to provide compounding returns to shareholders

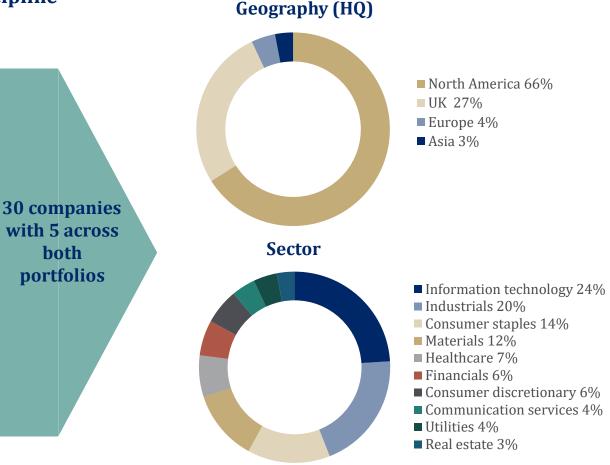
- Target return of 10% p.a., unconstrained mandate
- 18 companies

#### Income portfolio - £267m

Investing in resilient businesses with the capacity to pay sustainable dividends

- Target return of 7% p.a., initial yield on cost of 3.5% <sup>1</sup>
- 17 companies

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## Investment process

Our approach rooted in deep research and collective expertise



#### Idea generation

 Bottom-up with no reference to indices ensures wide opportunity set and ability to be highly selective

## Fundamental analysis

- In depth research on company and industry, including responsible investing framework
- Quality assessment and benchmarking
- Financial review underpinned by
   Owners Earnings (OE) analysis¹

# Investment decision and approval

- Progression to Investment Committee only if entire Public Companies team agree
- Valuation discipline, we will wait for attractive entry point post approval

## Portfolio construction

- High conviction, concentrated portfolios enables deep company understanding, allowing team to capitalise on market opportunities to add / top slice
- Ongoing risk management around investment case, sizing and valuation

#### Monitoring

- Assess results over the long term; no undue focus on quarterly fluctuations
- Long holding periods underpin and deepen management relationships

High conviction, long term approach enables us to hold through cycles, resulting in sustained holding periods

Average holding period: 7.4 Years (Capital 8.4 years, Income 4.7 years)<sup>2</sup>

- 1. Owners Earnings: Free cashflow after maintenance capex before growth capex
- 2. Holding period calculated on AUM basis

## Company quality is key to selection process



Our Quality Matrix helps us analyse and benchmark current & prospective investments



## Patterns of quality: business traits that compound



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What this looks like in action



## De-centralised businesses

- Empowers employees
- Enhances accountability, reduces bureaucracy
- Correct incentivisation key





## Recurring revenues / installed base

- Vital product / service
- High customer retention
- Resilience through cycles





## Great culture / owner mentality

- Culture can reinforce moat
- Owners think long term
- Aligned with shareholders



Position initiated: 2017

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## Business Breakdowns podcast: Watsco









# FASTENAL®

Henry Morris Director



## More than just an industrial distributor



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- Founded in 1967 by Bob Kierlin in Winona, Minnesota
- Now a leading player in US industrial distribution with >\$7.5bn of revenues
- 3,600 sites of which >2,000 are embedded within customer facilities
- A pioneer in industrial vending
- Genuinely differentiated culture
- Market capitalisation at June 2025: \$48bn

## THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

## Cross-Country Search Reveals The Cheapest CEO in America

By Marc BallonInc. Online Oct. 14, 1997 7:41 pm ET



## Quality Matrix assessment and the economics



#### Business moat and resilience

- Proximity to customers
- Owned distribution fleet
- Scale and service led culture

#### **Digital**

- Vending and Fastenal managed inventory >40% of sales
- Consumption data at point of use
- Analytics capability

#### **Owner mentality**

- Decentralised model, appropriate incentives and founder culture
- Long tenured employee base
- Transparent and willing to acknowledge mistakes



#### Simple to understand

- No debt
- No M&A
- No adjustments

#### **Durable** moat

- 16yrs establishing tech presence
- Culture is embedded
- Branch network and distribution fleet

#### **Highly attractive economics**

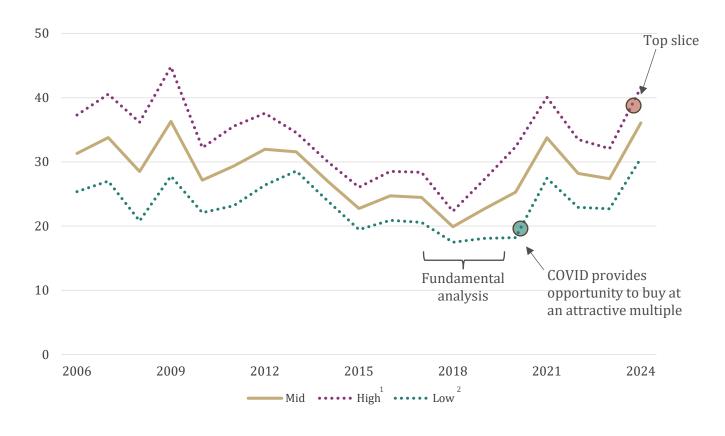
- High single digit organic revenue growth
- Operating margins: 20%
- ROCE: 30%, FCF generative, suits both portfolios

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## CALEDONIA INVESTMENTS Time Well Invested

#### The research and investment timeline

#### Fastenal's Price to Owner's Earnings valuation range



- First on the watch list in 2017, with detailed analysis in 2019 and early 2020
- Covid provided an opportunity to invest at an attractive average multiple
- Since then we have let the compounding work, with a top slice more recently

<sup>1.</sup> Highest end of day closing price in a given year divided by the Owner's Earnings per share for that year.

<sup>2.</sup> Lowest end of day closing price in a given year divided by the Owner's Earnings per share for that year.

## Let the compounding work

#### The learning never stops

- Team visits: Fastenal's headquarters in 2022, 2024 and investor day in St. Paul, Minnesota in 2025
- Calls with the CFO: usually outside the quarterly earnings season
- In depth review of KPIs: new large customer signings a clear indicator of market share gains
- Read, read; Trade magazines, podcasts, interviews, books

#### Fastenal share price (US\$)



#### Since initial investment:

- Owners earnings per share 47% higher (2019-24, 8% CAGR)
- Net dividend yield<sup>1</sup> at entry of **2.7%**, which has since grown at a 12% CAGR (2019-24)



## Quality relationships matter

"Fastenal is focused on delivering sustainable shareholder returns, whereas investor discussions are increasingly focused on near-term trends and responses.

Caledonia's focus on long-term TSR and questions around strategy rather than quarters produces discussions that are engaging and mutually insightful; I had as much chance to learn as to educate in our discussion.

Needless to say, I never put a limit on the number or length of discussions with Caledonia, and it never abused that fact. It was a pleasure working with investors of their calibre."

**Holden Lewis Former CFO, Fastenal Company** 

## Performance



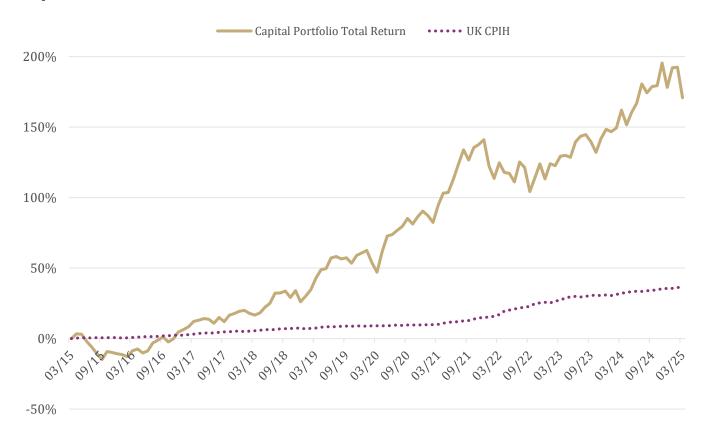


## Capital portfolio

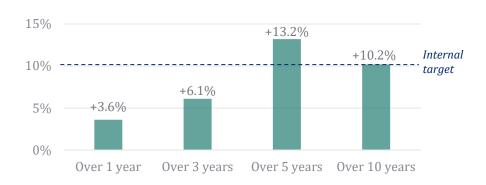
#### Returns

#### CALEDONIA INVESTMENTS Time Well Invested

#### 10-year cumulative return vs. CPIH<sup>1</sup>



#### **Annualised performance - total return**



- Our investment process and strategy has delivered strong cumulative performance of  $\sim 165\%$  over the last 10 years
- Portfolio benefits from active risk management including topslicing existing holdings generating c.£215m over past 10 years that were available for reinvestment

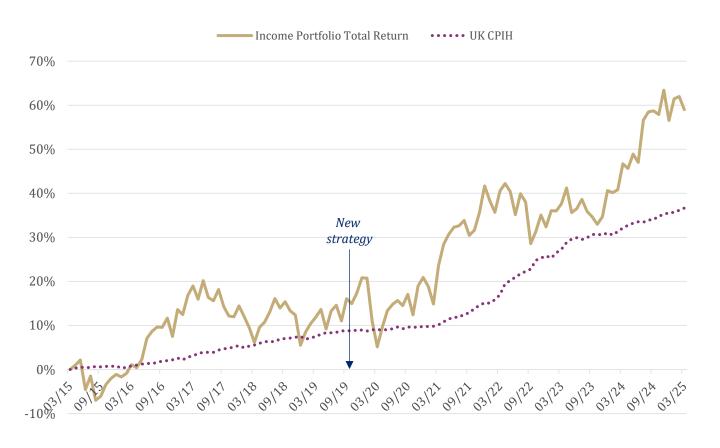
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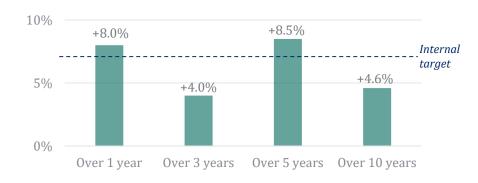
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#### 10-year cumulative return vs. CPIH<sup>1</sup>



#### **Annualised performance - total return**



- Income portfolio re-positioned in 2020 and 2021
- Quality focus and yield on cost model adopted
- 10-year portfolio dividend growth CAGR of 5.8%<sup>2</sup>

2. Proforma calculation if current portfolio

converted at average annual FX rates.

positions were held from 2014 to 2024. Dividends

Data as at 31 March 2025

## Summary



We own high quality companies that have the potential to deliver strong compounding returns

- Provides **access to global markets**, investing in companies with pricing power and sustainable competitive advantages
- **We buy to hold,** we believe you build wealth by owning companies, not trading them
- **Differentiated** investment approach and strategy, unconstrained and underpinned by the permanent nature **of the balance sheet** allowing us to take advantage of opportunities
- **Strong long-term performance**

30 Companies

8.4 years

Weighted average holding period - Capital

10.2% p.a. 10 year return - Capital £965m

Portfolio value 31 March 2025

4.7 years

Weighted average holding period - Income

4.6% p.a.

10-year return - Income

## Panel session & Q&A

Moderated by Anthony Leatham (Peel Hunt)







## The Public Companies team

## Experienced and focused solely on public equities





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Joined Caledonia in 2016

14 years within J.P. Morgan's Markets business

Multi-asset-class experience across equities, fixed income, structured credit and derivatives

Economics and Finance degree from the University of Bristol

Joined Caledonia in 2013

10 years as an Equity Analyst at Charles Stanley

Prior to that, FS at KPMG

Economics and Accounting degree from the University of Bristol

Chartered Accountant

Joined Caledonia in 2018

Previously at Chilton Investment Company

Prior to that, 9 years in Equity Research at Goldman Sachs

Engineering degree from Oxford University

Joined Caledonia in 2014

Previously in Corporate Finance Advisory at Gleacher Shacklock

Prior to that M&A at Deloitte

Master's degree in Chemistry from Durham University

**Chartered Accountant** 

Joined Caledonia in 2021

7 years at Rothschild & Co Asset Management

Theology degree from Oxford University Joined Caledonia in 2024

Previously at Pelham Capital

Prior to that, Senior Analyst at Point72 Asset Management

Economics degree from University College London

Career Experience (Years)	22	28	20	18	11	7
Caledonia Tenure (Years)	9	12	7	11	4	1

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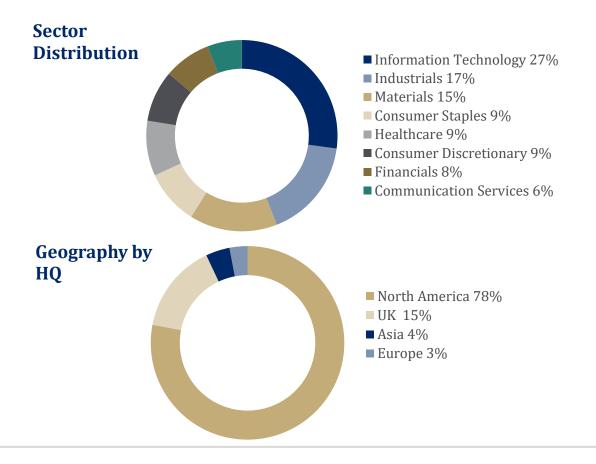
## Capital portfolio





Top Holdings (£m)	First Invested	Value 31 March 2025
Microsoft	2014	73.6
Oracle	2014	72.3
Philip Morris <sup>1</sup>	2016	64.8
Watsco <sup>1</sup>	2017	58.4
Texas Instruments <sup>1</sup>	2018	46.5
Charter Communications	2017	40.4
Thermo Fisher	2015	38.7
Moody's Corporation	2022	38.3
Hill & Smith	2011	35.6
Pool Corp	2024	31.9
Other investments		197.4
Total		697.9

	3 years	5 years	10 years
Annualised Returns	6.1%	13.2%	10.2%



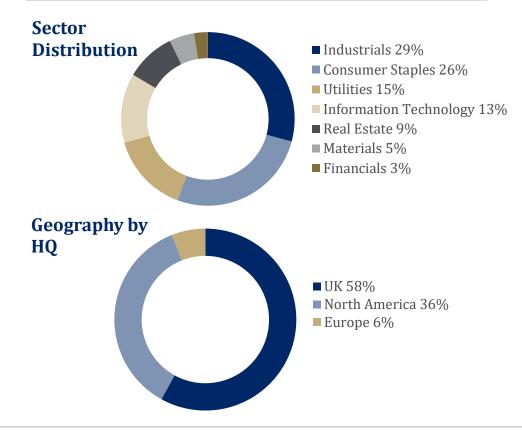
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Top Holdings (£m)	First Invested	Value 31 March 2025	Yield <sup>2</sup> %
Phillip Morris <sup>1</sup>	2021	25.3	5.7
National Grid	2015	20.9	5.6
Unilever	2019	18.9	3.5
Fortis	2020	18.5	3.8
Watsco <sup>1</sup>	2020	18.2	6.1
Relx	2023	18.2	2.4
Texas Instruments <sup>1</sup>	2020	17.7	3.9
SGS	2020	16.8	2.4
Sage Group	2024	16.6	1.6
Fastenal <sup>1</sup>	2020	15.4	4.3
Other investments		80.4	4.7
Total		266.9	4.0

	3 years	5 years	10 years
Annualised Returns	4.0%	8.5%	4.6%
Annualised Yield	3.9%	4.2%	4.3%



<sup>1.</sup> Also held in the Capital portfolio

<sup>2.</sup> LTM yield on invested cost

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