

Equity capital markets

Q4 2017 quarterly update

Key facts

Number of companies admitted to AIM	960
Total funds raised on AIM during Q4	£2,532m
Number of companies listed on Main Market	1,261
Total funds raised on Main Market during Q4	£7,642m

Market commentary - AIM

- Number of companies admitted to AIM has increased to 960 as at 31 December 2017 from 959 as at 30 September 2017.
- The number of admissions in Q4 2017 has increased to 27 when compared to 25 in Q3 2017.
- Average market cap of an AIM company has increased to £111.3m as at 31 December 2017 compared to £104.5m as at 30 September 2017.

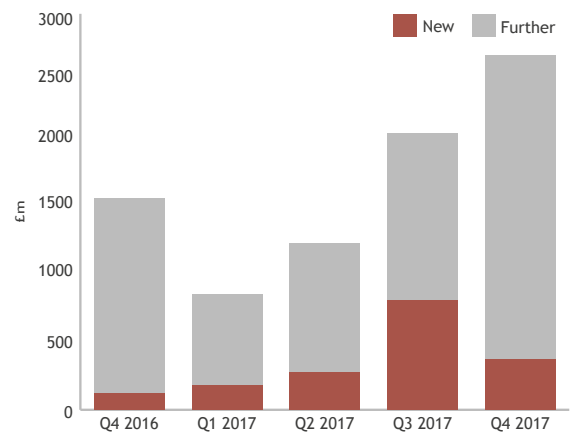
Market movements

- FTSE AIM All-Share Index increased 4.5% in Q4 2017 to 1,049.6 (4.0% in Q3 2017 to 1,004.3).

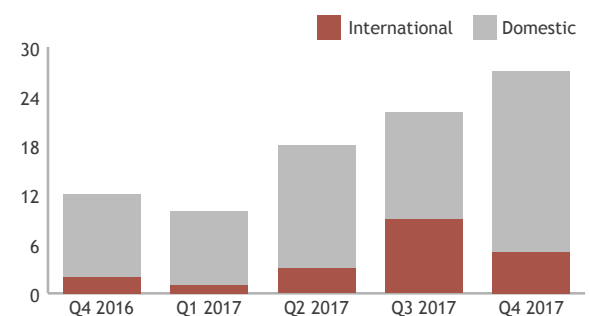
Summary statistics

	Q4 2016	Q1 2017	Q2 2017	Q3 2017	Q4 2017
Total number of companies admitted	982	967	963	959	960
- International	173	167	161	155	152
- UK	809	800	802	804	808
Admissions	12	10	18	25	27
Delistings	30	25	22	29	26
New money raised	£121m	£176m	£266m	£783m	£361m
Further money raised	£1,389m	£649m	£926m	£1,191m	£2,171m
Total money raised	£1,519m	£825m	£1,192m	£1,974m	£2,532m

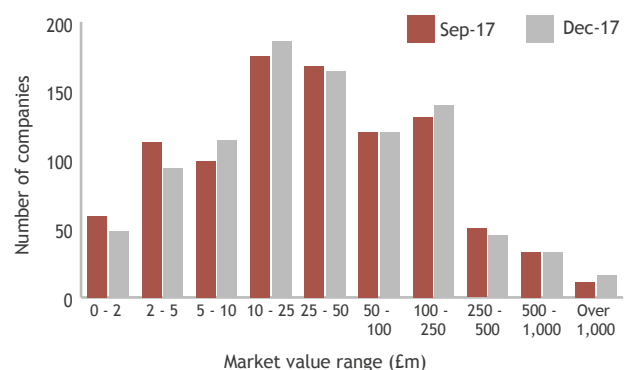
AIM: Total amount of money raised



AIM: Number of admissions



AIM: Distribution of companies by equity market value as at 31 December 2017



Market commentary - Main Market

- The number of Main Market listed companies has increased to 1,261 at 31 December 2017 from 1,258 at 30 September 2017.
- There has been an increase in new money raised to £4,335m in Q4 2017 from £1,735m in Q3 2017.
- The amount of further money raised has increased to £3,308m in Q4 2017 from £2,647m in Q3 2017.

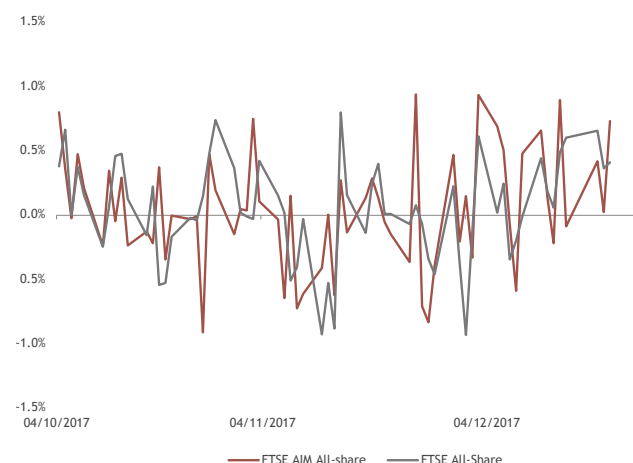
Market movements

- FTSE All-Share Index increased 4.3% in Q4 2017 to 4,221.8 (1.2% increase in Q3 2017 to 4,049.9).

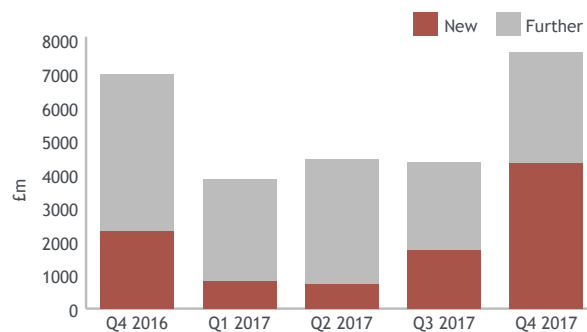
Summary statistics

	Q4 2016	Q1 2017	Q2 2017	Q3 2017	Q4 2017
Total number of companies listed	1,256	1,258	1,253	1,258	1,261
Admissions	15	22	20	18	23
Delistings	20	18	22	16	16
New money raised	£2,308m	£827m	£723m	£1,735m	£4,335m
Further money raised	£4,682m	£3,034m	£3,723m	£2,647m	£3,308m
Total money raised	£6,990m	£3,861m	£4,446m	£4,381m	£7,642m

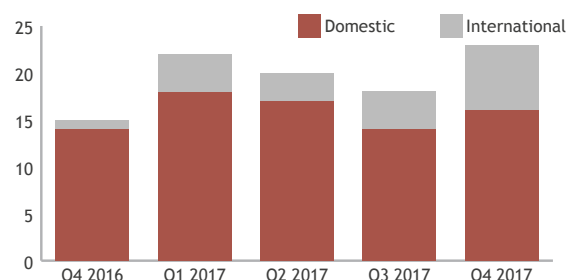
Relative change in indices



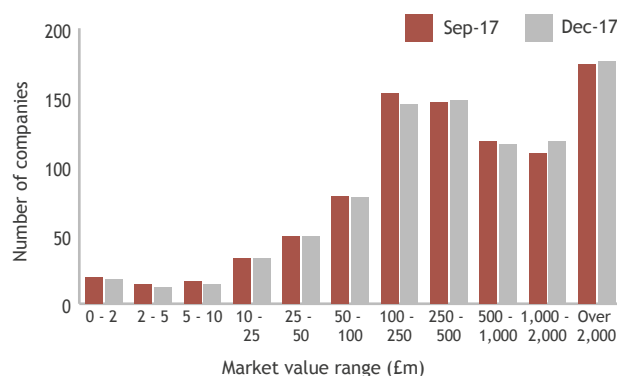
Main Market: Total amount of money raised



Main Market: Number of admissions



Main Market (UK): Distribution of companies by equity market value as at 31 December 2017



Figures in the tables and graphs above are derived from the monthly market statistics published by the London Stock Exchange.

Conclusions

Global equity markets capped off a strong year with particularly strong gains in Q4, supported by a strong earnings season, US tax cuts, declining unemployment rates, and a continued healthy and more synchronised economic growth. In return, as economic slack continued to diminish, several central banks, including the US Federal Reserve, the European Central Bank and the Bank of England, modestly tightened monetary policy. In the UK, despite a sluggish economy, the Bank of England raised interest rates for the first time since 2007, from a record low of 0.25% to 0.50%.

UK equities had to contend with the increased strength in sterling over 2017, weighing on the sterling value of foreign revenues, which make up close to 70% of FTSE 100 sales.

The UK's FTSE All-Share Index saw positive returns by gaining 4.3% in Q4 (Q3: 1.2%) amid further evidence of a sustained recovery in the global economy. A particularly strong performance was recorded in the oil and gas sector over the period as oil prices were supported by extended production cuts by OPEC.

AIM IPO and fundraising activity continued to see strong activity in the last quarter of the year with 27 new admissions in Q4 (Q3: 25) and a total of £2.5bn raised (Q3: £2.0bn), which is a 66.7% Y-o-Y increase in money raised when compared to Q4 2016. In 2017 there were a total of 80 new admissions on AIM, a 25% increase over 2016. In addition, the average market capitalisation of AIM companies continued to increase to £111.3m, as at 31 December 2017, which is a new record level.

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