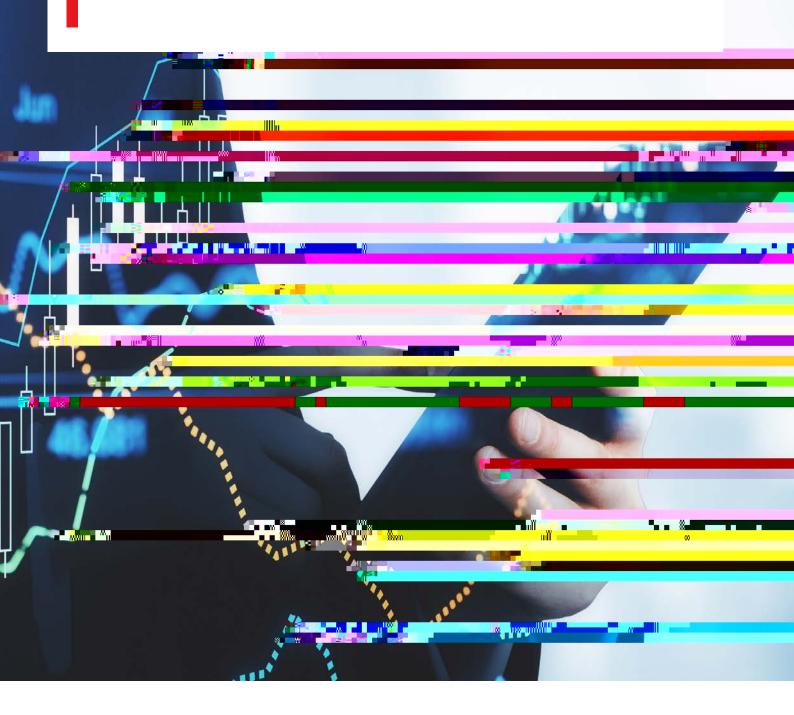


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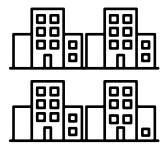
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Of the companies who floated in H1 2022, 18 chose the Main Market, and nine chose AIM. Q1 2022 started off strong, with 12 IPOs on the Main Market, and seven on AIM. However, in Q2 deal activity across the markets tailed off, with six IPOs on the Main Market, and two AIM. No companies were admitted to trading on either market in June 2022.

The Main Market continues to lead in terms of aggregate gross proceeds, with companies raising £474m compared with AIM's £97m in H1 2022. Aggregate gross proceeds on the Main Market declined 84% compared with H1 2021, and by 70% on AIM. On the Main Market, special purpose acquisition company New Energy One Acquisition Corporation plc raised gross proceeds of £156m, making it the largest IPO by gross proceeds. On AIM, Clean Power Hydrogen plc impressed investors and raised gross proceeds (4763360)2508 mmunicawith



H2 2022 has already seen a slight increase in IPO activity, with Haleon, a joint venture between GlaxoSmithKline and Pfizer Inc, completing on its much-anticipated admission to trading on the London Stock Exchange's Main Market on 18 July 2022. The IPO is the biggest London listing in over ten years and the company is poised to join the FTSE 100 in the next reshuffle.

Key IPOs still in the H2 2022 pipeline include the expected flotation of EY's global advisory business, following its anticipated split from EY's audit business. It is also hoped that semiconductor specialist, Arm Holdings Ltd, will pursue a London listing. The UK government is still attempting to woo Arm despite national security concerns and worries tech companies remain reluctant to list on the London markets.



The London IPO market faced a number of challenges in the first half of 2022 - we have seen a significant chilling effect on deal activity following the buoyant levels seen in 2021. The impact of the Russian invasion of Ukraine on energy and commodity prices worsened an already challenging inflationary environment. As a result, the outlook for the remainder of 2022 looks equally challenging for the capital markets, with further interest rate hikes on the horizon and no signs yet of the adverse geopolitical or macroeconomic conditions abating this year.

Looking beyond 2022, the outlook is more promising: there is a robust IPO pipeline with a significant number of delayed deals stacking up from the first half of this year. These should be well positioned to hit the market relatively quickly once conditions improve. In the longer term, the outcome of HMT's Prospectus Regime Review, the FCA's Primary Markets Effectiveness Review and the UK Secondary Capital Raising Review should bode well for deal activity – each are aimed at keeping London competitive globally and bolstering its attractiveness as a listing venue.

Brent Sanders, Partner, Travers Smith





As the report demonstrates, H1 ECM activity has been greatly subdued by wider geopolitical and macro-economic events. Though this has meant, unsurprisingly, that most impending IPOs have been paused, we have seen strong investor support for existing issuers conducting equity raises to finance strategic M&A activity. While our IPO pipeline has held, all are currently hoping that H1 2023 will be more favourable and, as such, many have already begun the necessary preparatory work.

Jonathan King, Partner, Osborne Clarke





On the Main Market, IPO deal activity declined by 28% from a three-year high of 25 companies admitted to trading in H1 2021, to 18 in H1 2022. 2022 H1 Main Market IPO activity has declined even more dramatically compared with the flurry of activity seen in H2 2021, which saw 32 companies list as investor confidence the flurry of activity seen in returned to the London markets as investor confidence returned to the London markets.

The most significant drop off in IPO activity is in premium listings. Smaller IPOs have comparatively fared better with the activity for these companies tending to be on AIM and the Standard listing segment.

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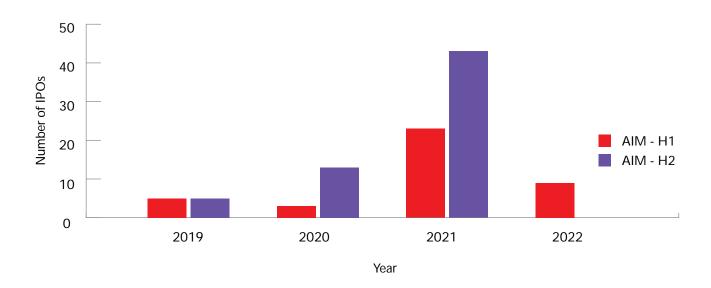
In the company's 8 April 2022 announcement regarding its decision not to proceed with its IPO, Cordiant Global Agricultural Income plc stated:

'Given the current market backdrop and world events which are presenting challenges for many investors across existing portfolios and beyond, the Company believes that it will be beneficial to seek to IPO at a later date'

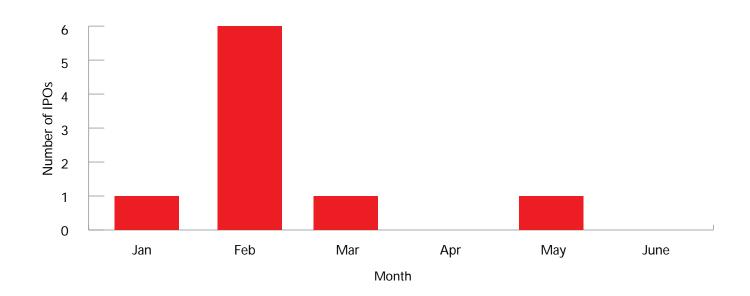
GCP Co-Living REIT plc, in contrast with Cordiant Global Agricultural Income plc announced within a day of the conflict in Ukraine beginning that it would pause the IPO process 'in light of the events in Ukraine over the last 24 hours.'

Despite the Ukraine conflict beginning on 24 February 2022, March saw seven Main Market IPOs admitted to trading, six of which announced their intention to float after the conflict's outbreak. Four of these companies were admitted in mid-late March. In subsequent months, however, Main Market IPO activity has tailed off altogether, with no companies admitted to trading in June 2022 amidst speculation of an impending recession, and news that inflation in the UK has reached 9.1%. In terms of Main Market IPOs, April 2022 saw five IPOs announced, of which four were admitted to trading, May saw two of which one successfully floated, and in June one company announced its intention to list but

AIM IPO activity continues to lag behind the Main Market in H1 2022, as it did in 2021, making up 44% of activity across both markets combined. AIM has in H1 2022 seen 14 fewer listings than in H1 2021, a decline of 60% in relation to the same period. Similarly, H1 2022 represents a decline of 79% in comparison to the 43 IPOs admitted to trading in H2 2021.



Q2 2022 has been a particularly quiet period for AIM, with April and June 2022 witnessing no IPO activity whatsoever, for much of the same reasons as the Main Market, including continued market instability and increased investor caution. Sectors typically attracted to AIM, such as Technology and Mining have seen very limited activity on AIM. The Technology sector did not have a single IPO admitted to trading on AIM in H1 2022, while Mining, Metals & Extraction saw only two companies admitted to trading, these being February's Artemis Resources Limited, and CleanTech Lithium plc, which floated in March.



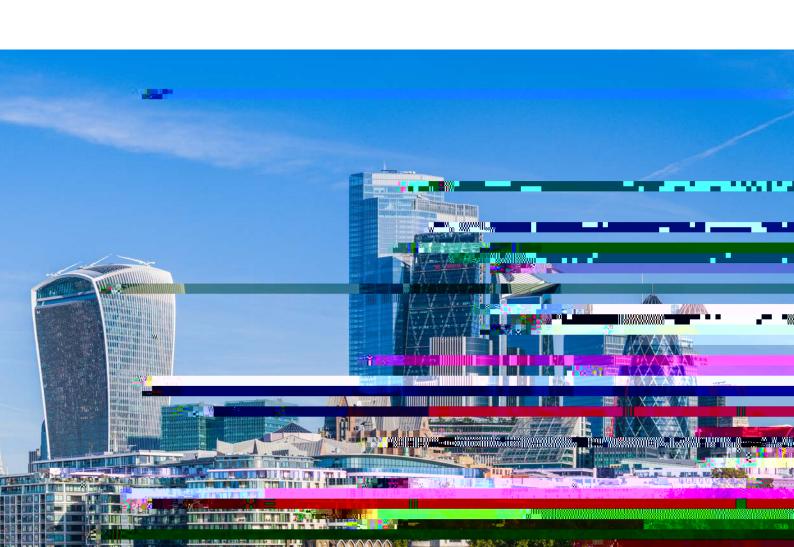
On the Main Market, H1 2022 has seen the lowest aggregate market capitalisation of IPOs in four years, with a figure

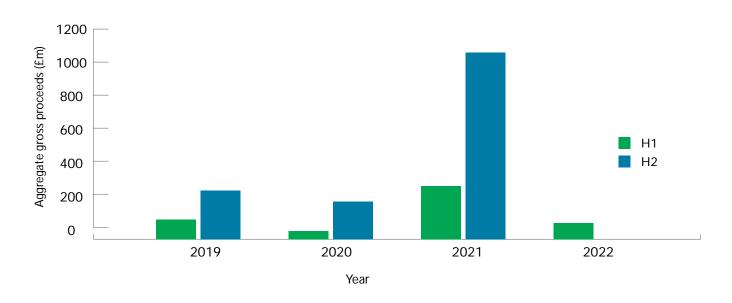


Like the Main Market, aggregate market capitalisation has fallen on AIM. H1 2022's AIM IPO aggregate market capitalisation increased in comparison to the equivalent period in 2020 by 55%, and by 37% in 2019. However, it was below aggregate market capitalisation in 2021 by 73%. The average market capitalisation of companies listing on AIM in H1 2022 was £91m, a decline from £138m in H1 2021.

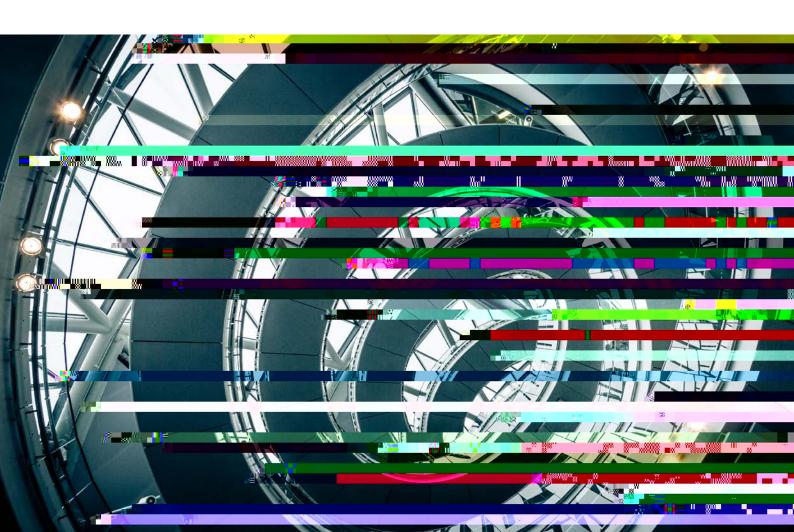
In H1 2022, Mining, Metals & Extraction companies (Artemis Resources Limited and CleanTech Lithium plc) had a combined market capitalisation of £86m, although significantly less than Energy & Utilities company Clean Power Hydrogen plc, which alone had a market capitalisation of £142m. The UK-based company has impressed investors with

In H1 2022 Main Market companies raised average IPOs - gross proceeds of £28m. Total gross proceeds of IPOs on the Main Market in H1 2022 have decreased by 85% compared with H1 2021 and are significantly lower than





As on the Main Market, aggregate gross proceeds figures on AIM IPOs have declined when compared with H1 2021. Companies listing on AIM in H1 2022 raised an average of £12m, with aggregate gross proceeds for the period totalling £97m. This represents a decrease of 70% in comparison to H1 2021, and a 91% decrease in comparison to H2 2021.





AIM IPOs covered a greater range of industry sectors than those on the Main Market in H1 2022, which reflects the trend established in the past several years. Between 2018-2021, 21 industry sectors were represented in AIM IPOs, compared with 16 for Main Market IPOs in the same period. The biggest H1 2022 AIM admission was Energy &Utilities company Clean Power Hydrogen plc, which raised gross proceeds of £30m on its admission in February. Mining, Metals & Extraction had two IPOs, while Automotive, Construction, Energy & Utilities, Media & Telecommunications and Professional Services each had one IPO. Mining, Metals & Extraction is an industry sector which traditionally tends to list on AIM or the standard segment of the Main Market, but in H1 2022 has favoured the Main Market.

AIM

16 February 2022

England and Wales

Energy & Utilities

According to the company's admission document, its strategic objective is to 'deliver the lowest Levelised Cost of Hydrogen in the market in relation to the production of green hydrogen.' It also believes it will benefit from 'favourable commercial and regulatory drivers as hydrogen becomes increasingly central to the delivery of global 'net zero' commitments.'

£142m

£30m

Since admission on 16 February 2022, shares reached a high of 78 pence on 4 March 2022 but dipped in Q2, ending H1 at 35 pence.

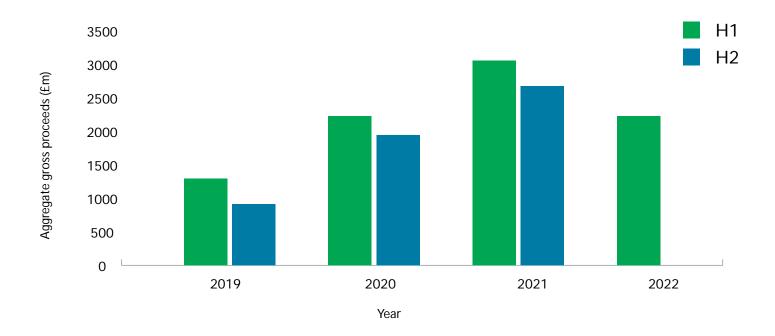
In H1 2022 only three of the SPAC listings have been under the new listing rules relating to SPACs introduced in August 2021. Under the amended rules, a listed SPAC will not see its shares suspended on the announcement of an acquisition provided it satisfies certain conditions and disclosure requirements, such as a minimum cash fundraise of £100m at admission and a time limit of two years for making an acquisition (subject to an extension in certain circumstances).

The three SPACs which listed under the new listing rules were the three largest companies to list on the Main Market in H1 in terms of market capitalisation and between them raised £448m in gross proceeds. The remaining seven SPACs which listed in H1 were small cash shells all with a market capitalisation on admission of below £5m. Going forwards, small cash shells such as these (which have not already submitted an eligibility letter to the FCA) will be ineligible to list on the Main Market as the minimum market capitalisation requirement has been increased to £30m.

H1 2022 has seen secondary offer deal volume slow considerably. Although there has been sustained activity each month, deal activity in Q2 represents a decline of approximately 16% on activity in Q1 2022.

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Secondary offer activity across the Main Market and AIM in H1 2022 returned to similar volumes to H1 2020 and H1 2019, following an exceptionally active period during both H1 and H2 2021. Transaction volume in H1 2022 has declined 63% compared with H2 2021. While H1 2020 saw the announcement of lockdown restrictions in the UK, much of the resultant capital raising took place in H2 2020 as companies sought to raise funding to survive the effect of the pandemic. Yet, in keeping with the increase in IPO activity that took place in H1 2021, secondary offer activity in this period rose 172% compared with the previous year as companies sought to bounce back.



Main Market H1 2022 secondary offers had a limited range of industry sectors, unsurprising given the limited secondary offer deal activity on the market. Retail and Wholesale Trade saw two secondary offers, one in May and one

On AIM, a greater Construction, Ener and Extractions ea raising aggregate of proceeds of £315r mber of industries are represented, with Retail & Wholesale Trade, Computing and IT, and Utilities, Financial Services, Healthcare, Media and Telecommunications and Mining, Metals seeing at least one secondary offer. Media and Telecommunications had four secondary offers sproceeds of £143m, while Energy and Utilities saw five secondary offers, raising aggregate gross





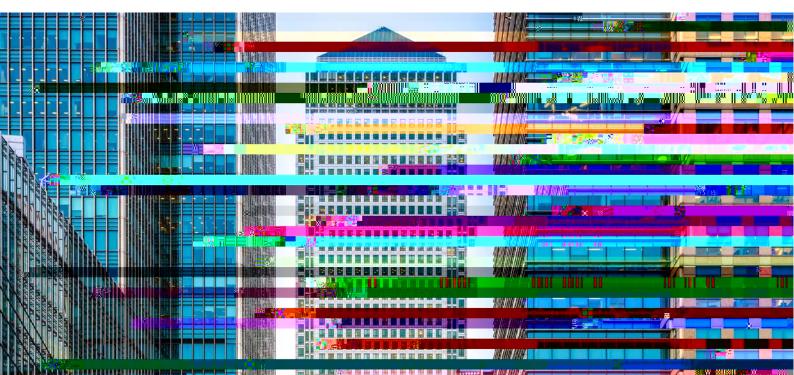


GS Chain plc	13/05/2022	Yes	Main	Investment
Kendrick Resources plc	05/05/2022	No	Main	Mining, Metals & Extraction
Financials Acquisition Corp	13/04/2022	Yes	Main	Investment
Aura Renewable Acquisitions plc	08/04/2022	Yes	Main	Investment
First Tin plc	08/04/2022	No	Main	Mining, Metals & Extraction
Ajax Resources plc	07/04/2022	Yes	Main	Investment
Beacon Rise Holdings plc	29/03/2022	Yes	Main	Investment
RC365 Holding plc	23/03/2022	No	Main	Professional Services
New Energy One Acquisition Corporation plc	16/03/2022	Yes	Main	Energy & Utilities
Codex Acquisitions plc	09/03/2022	Yes	Main	Investment
More Acquisitions plc	04/03/2022	Yes	Main	Investment
URA Holdings plc	02/03/2022	No	Main	Mining, Metals & Extraction
Hamak Gold Limited	01/03/2022	No	Main	Mining, Metals & Extraction
HIRO Metaverse Acquisitions I S.A.	07/02/2022	Yes	Main	Investment
ACP Energy plc	28/01/2022	Yes	Main	Investment
Genflow Biosciences plc	17/01/2022	No	Main	Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology
Electric Guitar plc	11/01/2022	Yes	Main	Investment
Graft Polymer (UK) plc	06/01/2022	No	Main	Healthcare



EnSilica plc	24/05/2022	AIM	Professional Services
CleanTech Lithium plc	17/03/2022	AIM	Mining, Metals & Extraction
Strip Tinning Holdings plc	16/02/2022	AIM	Automotive
Artemis Resources Limited	07/02/2022	AIM	Mining, Metals & Extraction
Hercules Site Services plc	04/02/2022	AIM	Construction
Clean Power Hydrogen Plc	16/02/2022	AIM	Energy & Utilities
Facilities by ADF plc	05/01/2022	AIM	Media & Telecommunications
i(x) Net Zero plc	09/02/2022	AIM	Investment

Ocado Group plc	England and Wales	United Kingdom	Main	Retail & Wholesale trade	Placing
Home REIT plc	England and Wales	England and Wales	Main	Property	Placing
Norcros plc	England and Wales	United Kingdom, South Africa and Ireland	Main	Retail & Wholesale trade	Placing
888 Holdings plc	Gibraltar	United Kingdom	Main	Travel, Hospitality, Leisure & Tourism	Placing
Supermarket Income REIT plc	England and Wales	United Kingdom	Main	Investment	Offer for subscription
Marshalls plc	England and Wales	United Kingdom	Main	Construction	Placing; Open offer
Oxford Biomedica Plc	England and Wales	United Kingdom	Main	Healthcare	Placing
Impact Healthcare REIT plc	England and Wales	United Kingdom	Main	Investment	Placing
LXi REIT plc	England and Wales	United Kingdom	Main	Investment	Placing/ Open Offer



		Transact on	
10/02/2022	88 Energy Limited	Placing	Energy & Utlites
25/05/2022	Accsys Technologies plc	Placing	Construct on
04/04/2022	Beeks Financial Cloud Group plc	Placing	Comput ng & IT
28/02/2022	CentralNic Group plc	Open of er; Placing	Comput ng & IT
28/03/2022	Cornish Metals inc	Placing	Mining, Metals & Extract on
10/05/2022	Duke Royalty Limited	Placing	Financial Services
30/03/2022	Ebiquity plc	Placing	Media & Telecommunicat ons
05/04/2022	Eco (Atlant c) Oil & Gas Ltd	Placing	Energy & Utlites
23/06/2022	Fonix Mobile plc	Placing	Media & Telecommunicat ons
21/03/2022	Greencoat Renewables PLC	Placing	Energy & Utlites
11/01/2022	Likewise Group plc	Placing and open of er	Retail & Wholesale Trade
20/01/2022	Marlowe plc	Placing	Comput ng & IT
28/03/2022	Mortgage Advice Bureau (Holdings) plc	Placing	Financial Services
02/03/2022	Next Fif een Communicat ons plc	Placing	Media & Telecommunicat ons
08/03/2022	Premier African Minerals Limited	Placing	Mining, Metals & Extract on
13/06/2022	Randall & Quilter Investment Holdings Limited	Placing	Investment
18/05/2022	Redx Pharma plc	Placing	Healthcare
07/01/2022	Savannah Energy plc	Placing	Mining, Metals & Extract on
23/06/2022	Southern Energy Corp	Placing	Energy & Utlites
13/01/2022	Team17 Group plc	Placing	Media & Telecommunicat ons
23/03/2022	TruFin plc	Open of er; Placing	Financial Services
04/03/2022	Verici Dx plc	Placing; Of er for sub- script on	Healthcare
20/06/2022	Wandisco	Placing	Comput ng & IT
26/01/2022	Zephyr Energy plc	Placing	Energy & Utlites

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The publication of Lord Hill's UK Listing Review Report in March 2021 triggered a number of consultations and reviews of the UK listing and prospectus regimes. Some of the recommendations in the report relating to special purpose acquisition companies (SPACs) and companies with a dual class share structure have been implemented in the Listing Rules.

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