

# Manchester and London Investment Trust plc

## Fact Sheet February 2024

### Investment Objective:

The principal objective of the Manchester and London Investment Trust plc ("MNL" or the "Fund") is to achieve capital appreciation.

### Fund Information:

Launch date:	January 1972
NAV per share <sup>1</sup> :	749.5p
Share last price <sup>2</sup> :	641.0p
(Premium)/Discount <sup>1</sup> :	14.5%
Ongoing Charge (excluding vm fees) <sup>3</sup> :	0.5%
Shares in issue <sup>1,6</sup> :	40,193,018
Net Assets <sup>1</sup> :	£301.2m
Tickers:	MNL LN; MNL.L
ISIN:	GB0002258472
Listed:	London Stock Exchange
Tax Wrapper Friendly:	SIPP, ISA, SSAS
Historic Dividend Yield <sup>5</sup> :	2.2%
Active Share Ratio (vs Benchmark) <sup>2</sup> :	111.9%
Active Share Ratio (vs Nasdaq Comp) <sup>2</sup> :	83.8%
ESG <sup>2,4</sup> :	81.8% (Med. 50%)
Benchmark:	MSCI UK IMI Index (GBP)

<sup>1</sup> Calculated by Link Alternative Fund Administrators Ltd ("Link") as at 27 February 2024.

<sup>2</sup> Source Bloomberg L.P. (inc PORT) as at 27 February 2024.

<sup>3</sup> Calculated by Link Alternative Fund Administrators Ltd, as a percentage of average net assets and using expenses, excluding interest costs for the year ended 31 July 2023. Based on the Association of Investment Companies (AIC) methodology for calculating the Ongoing Charge figure. Figure excludes the variable element of the management fee (which may be either positive or negative).

<sup>4</sup> Sustainability Environment Percentile.

<sup>5</sup> Based on the last 2 semi annual dividends paid by the Fund divided by the MNL share last price as at 27 February 2024.

<sup>6</sup> Excluding shares held in treasury.

Before making an investment you should ensure that you have read and understood Manchester and London Investment Trust plc's latest Annual Report, KID and Investor Disclosure Document in detail, which can be found on the following website: [www.mlcapman.com](http://www.mlcapman.com).

Please ensure you read the Key Risk Considerations section overleaf.

This material is not a solicitation or an offer to invest with Manchester and London Investment Trust plc ("MNL" or the "Fund") or any other security.

Share market conditions are affected by many factors such as: general economic outlook, movement in or outlook on interest rates and inflation rates, currency fluctuations, commodity prices, changes in investor sentiment towards particular market sectors and the demand and supply for capital. As a result, the price of the Ordinary Shares could be highly volatile and can go up or down. **Past performance should not be seen as an indication of future performance.**

The value of investments can go down as well as up and investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

### Fund News

**Nvidia** reported 265 per cent sales growth YoY and 486 per cent earnings growth, materially ahead of expectations. This beat gave a boost not only to Nvidia's share price, but also to other Ai exposed stocks in our portfolio.

It was another solid quarter for EDA and simulation software with **Synopsys**, **Ansys** and **Cadence** reporting 21 per cent, 16 per cent and 19 per cent YoY revenue growth respectively. We expect an extended timeline for the Synopsys/Ansys deal due to regulatory scrutiny, but we expect a successful completion.

Other Top 25 holdings reported quarterly revenue growth rates as follows: **Applied Materials** 0 per cent, **Arista Networks** 21 per cent, **Cisco** -6 per cent and **Motorola Solutions** 5 per cent.

During the month, we slightly reduced our holding in Cadence (on valuation) and banked profits on SMCI (full exit). We also made a small increase to the fund's holding in Broadcom.

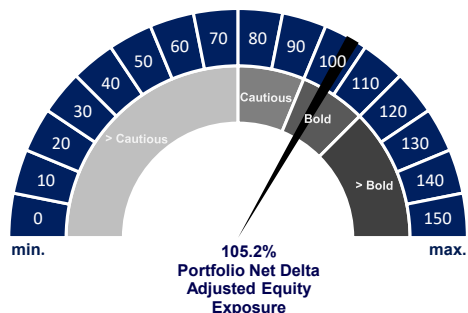
### Market Update

Another once in a lifetime month, with the Fund moving ahead by over 12 per cent compared to NDXT GBP TR of ~ 7 per cent. We hit several new All Time Highs throughout the month (both reported as the weekly NAV and intra-week non reported). The stand-out performers for us were NVDA and AMD. We are still very much in Stage 1 of the Era of AI which involves the development of the hardware and infrastructure ("picks & shovels"), which is why we also saw moves of over 20 per cent in AMAT and SMCI. As we have stated in our recent Newsletter, the MKT algo for now appears to be: IF 6m MVA inflation prints stable OR down, AND Tech earnings print OK, THEN grind higher. Nonetheless, any period of consolidation or retracement should **not** be a surprise although what the Market tends to do is: Surprise!

Some housekeeping: our 3-year Variable Management Fee hurdle has been exceeded so our Portfolio management fee will move for February to 0.75 per cent (on an annualised basis). We will also be looking to move Non-executive Director fees up as they have not been changed since our previous all time high NAV per share levels in 2021. We, as Manager, thank the NEDs for **not** being "inflation scalpers" when times were bad during the Duration Crash.

### Top 20 Equity & Bond Net\* Exposures as a percentage of Net Assets

Holding:	Net:*	Net Equity Exposure Breakdown:	Net:*
MICROSOFT CORP	27.2%	Large Cap Equity	109.1%
NVIDIA CORP	25.7%	Mid Cap Equity	0.0%
ADVANCED MICRO DEVICES INC	9.3%	Small Cap Equity	0.3%
ASML HOLDING NV	7.5%	Equity Options	(2.8)%
SYNOPSYS INC	6.1%	Equity ETFs, Funds & Baskets	(1.3)%
ARISTA NETWORKS INC	5.7%		
CADENCE DESIGN SYS INC	5.4%		
ALPHABET INC	4.0%		
ANSYS INC	3.6%		
ORACLE CORP	2.4%		
MICRON TECHNOLOGY INC	2.1%		
0-3 MONTH TREASURY BOND ETF	2.0%		
INTUITIVE SURGICAL INC	1.8%		
BROADCOM INC	1.4%		
APPLIED MATERIALS INC	1.4%		
INVESCO QQQ NASDAQ 100 ETF	(1.2)%		
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC	1.2%		
ISHARES RUSSELL 2000 ETF	(0.8)%		
CISCO SYSTEMS INC	0.7%		
POLAR CAPITAL TECH TRUST	0.7%		



For further info on delta adjusted exposure please see fund FAQs: <https://mlcapman.com/faq/>

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Source: Bloomberg PORT, Link Alternative Fund Administrators Ltd ("Link")

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#### Key Risk Considerations - Capital At Risk

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Holdings in overseas investments are subject to changes in currency exchange rates, which may cause the value of such investments to go down as well as up.

Gearing, sometimes referred to as leverage, can be used by the Fund to borrow to gain additional exposure to investments. Gearing works by magnifying the performance, this can result in either greater losses or profit had the Fund not used Gearing.

Derivatives can be utilised by the Fund, these instruments also give rise to leverage without the need to borrow. Derivatives may in addition also give rise to counterparty risk, the risk the issuer of the derivative cannot fulfil its obligations (profit that maybe due to the Fund).

For a full list of risks and definitions of the portfolio risk statistics provided please refer to the Investment Disclosure Document and KID at [www.mlcapman.com](http://www.mlcapman.com).

**Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current or future results.**

#### Notes for Risk Management & Valuation Metrics:

<sup>1</sup>Source: Bloomberg L.P. (inc PORT) as at 27 February 2024.

<sup>2</sup>As defined by the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive (as implemented in the UK on 22 July 2013), calculated using data from Bloomberg PORT and Link.

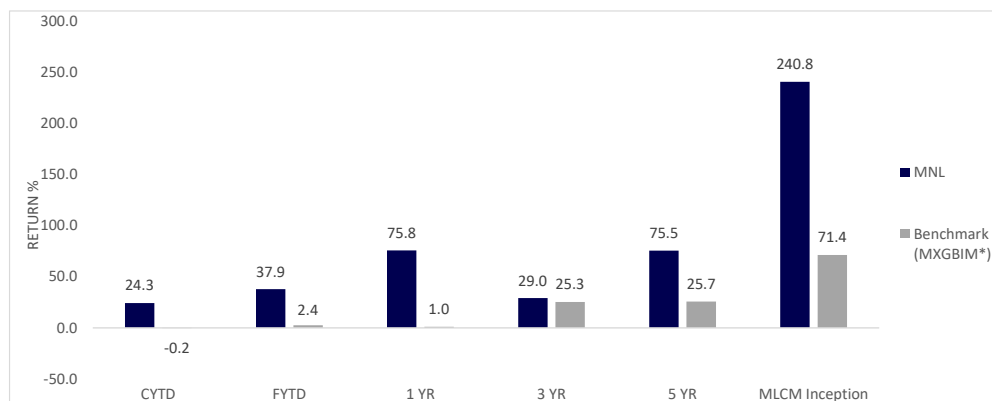
<sup>3</sup>Portfolio and Benchmark volatility are calculated using the Bloomberg Risk Model on underlying security returns, annualised, in base currency (GBP).

<sup>4</sup>Forward 12m.

<sup>5</sup>Historic weekly Correlation over 5yrs in GBP using MNL share price. Nasdaq = Nasdaq Composite Index.

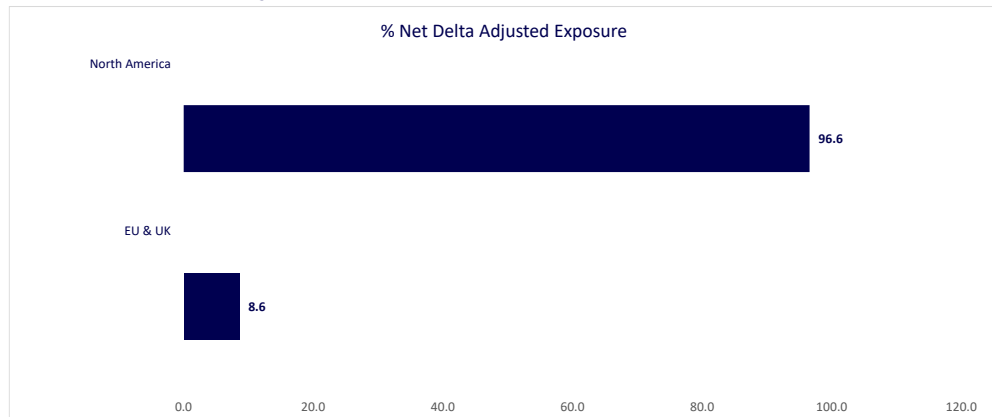
<sup>6</sup>Estimated weighted average sales exposure to China & Taiwan. Where sales exposure to these countries has not been disclosed by our holdings, broker estimated ranges or other subjective measures have had to be used instead. Therefore, there is a high degree of subjectivity within this figure and it should only be viewed as a rough guide.

#### Comparative Period NAV TR Performance (Source: Bloomberg L.P., Link, MSCI)



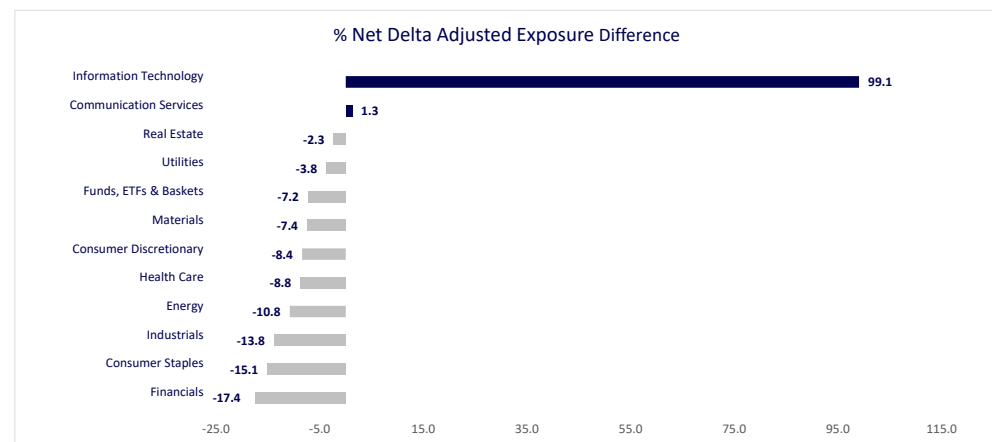
Data as at 27 February 2024. This comparison is illustrative only. Return figures are sourced from Bloomberg L.P. NAV return is on a total return basis (dividends reinvested), net of all costs incurred. Fund NAV is calculated weekly by Link Alternative Fund Administrators Ltd ("Link"). Calculation time periods depend on the timing of NAV releases and so may differ slightly to the axis labels. The figures shown relate to past performance. FYTD is from the end of July 2023. MLCM Inception time period is performance since 22/09/2015. \*MSCI UK IMI Index (GBP).

#### Domicile of Net Equity Exposures (Source: Bloomberg PORT, Link, MNL)



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#### Sector Weightings of Net Equity Exposures v Benchmark (Source: Bloomberg PORT, Link, MNL)

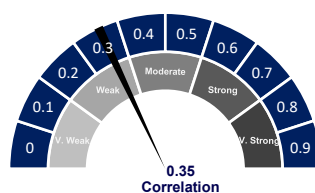


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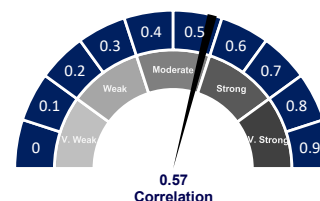
#### Risk Management & Valuation Metrics (Source: Bloomberg L.P. (inc PORT), Link)

1yr Share Price volatility <sup>1</sup> :	31.1%	AIFMD Leverage <sup>2</sup> - Commitment:	118.8%
Portfolio volatility <sup>1,3</sup> :	26.1%	See through P/E <sup>1,4</sup> :	32.6x
Benchmark volatility <sup>1,3</sup> :	12.7%	See through EV/EBITDA <sup>1,4</sup> :	18.8x
AIFMD Leverage <sup>2</sup> - Gross:	125.2%	China & Taiwan est. Sales exp. <sup>6</sup> :	26.2%

#### 5yr Historic Correlation<sup>1,6</sup> - MNL vs Benchmark



#### 5yr Historic Correlation<sup>1,6</sup> - MNL vs Nasdaq



#### PRIIPS Summary Risk Indicator ('SRI')



The Fund is categorised as a 6 on the SRI scale, which is the second highest risk class. This is calculated on past performance data using the prescribed PRIIPS methodology and actual risk may vary significantly. For further information on SRI - including key risk disclaimers - please read the Fund Key Information Document available at [www.mlcapman.com](http://www.mlcapman.com).