# Jupiter UK Smaller Companies Equity Fund

**Annual Report & Accounts** 

For the year ended 31 January 2023



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<sup>\*</sup>These collectively comprise the Authorised Fund Manager's Report.

#### **Fund Information**

#### **Manager, Registrar and Administrator**

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#### **Directors**

The Directors of Jupiter Unit Trust Managers Limited are:

P Moore

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\*Resigned 5 September 2022 \*\*Appointed 8 February 2023

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#### **Fund Information** (continued)

#### **Investment Objective**

To provide a return, net of fees, higher than that provided by the Numis Smaller Companies plus AIM (Excluding Investment Companies) Index over the long term (at least five years).

#### **Investment Policy**

At least 70% of the Fund is invested in shares of smaller companies based in the UK (i.e. companies domiciled, headquartered or which conduct a majority of their business activity, in the UK). Up to 30% of the Fund may be invested in other assets, including shares of other companies (which may be based anywhere in the world), open-ended funds (including funds managed by Jupiter and its associates), cash and near cash. Smaller companies are defined as companies which are in the Numis Smaller Companies plus AIM (Excluding Investment Companies) Index or in the bottom 10% (by market capitalisation) of the FTSE All Share Index or listed on the Alternative Investment Market.

The Fund may only enter into derivative transactions for the purposes of efficient portfolio management (including hedging), i.e. to reduce risk, minimise costs or generate additional capital and/or income. The Fund may not enter into derivative transactions for investment (i.e. speculative) purposes.

#### **Benchmark**

The Numis Smaller Companies plus AIM (Excluding Investment Companies) Index is an industry standard index and is one of the leading representations of the small companies within the UK stock markets. It is easily accessible and provides a fair reflection of the Investment Manager's investment universe and a good relative measure to assess performance outcomes.

Many funds sold in the UK are grouped into sectors by the Investment Association (the trade body that represents UK investment managers), to help investors to compare funds with broadly similar characteristics. This Fund is classified in the IA UK Smaller Companies Sector.

#### **Status**

The Fund operates under the Investment Funds Sourcebook (FUND) where applicable and the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook (COLL) of the Financial Conduct Authority. The Fund is an authorised unit trust scheme under Section 237 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and is a UCITS scheme as defined by the COLL rules.

The Fund is a qualifying fund for inclusion within a stocks and shares Individual Savings Account (ISA). It is the Manager's intention to continue to manage the affairs of the Fund in order to meet the qualifying requirements as outlined in current legislation.

#### **Unit Classes**

In addition to the basic class of units which are available to all types of investors, the Fund also offers I-Class units which are available to investors who invest a minimum of £1,000,000 and J-Class units which are available to investors who invest a minimum of £500 (who buy units directly from the Manager and not through any intermediary or advisor). Further details are available from the Manager on request. Please note that in order to distinguish between the unit classes within the Fund they are defined in this report as either L-Class Units (non I-Class and non J-Class) or I-Class Units or J-Class Units. The unit types associated with each unit class are disclosed in the Comparative Tables on page 6.



#### **Fund Information** (continued)

#### **Cumulative Performance (% change to 31 January 2023)**

	1 year	3 year	5 years	10 years
Percentage Growth	(21.1)	(6.4)	1.5	162.3
Numis Smaller Companies plus AIM (Excluding Investment Companies) Index*	(12.4)	5.5	8.2	112.1
IA UK Smaller Companies Sector**	(16.7)	(1.4)	9.2	124.2
Sector Position	33/48	33/47	35/46	11/42
Quartile Ranking	3rd	3rd	4th	1st

Source: Morningstar, gross income reinvested net of fees, in GBP. The statistics disclosed above relate to I-Class Units unless otherwise stated. Past performance is no guide to the future. \*Target benchmark \*\*Comparator benchmark

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#### **Investment Report**

#### **Performance Review**

For the year ended 31 January 2023, the Fund returned -21.1%\* in sterling terms, compared to -12.4%\* for its target benchmark, Numis Smaller Companies plus AIM (Excluding Investment Companies) Index and -16.7%\* for the comparator benchmark, IA UK Smaller Companies sector average. Over five years, the Fund returned 1.5%\* compared to 8.2%\* for its target benchmark and 9.2%\* for its comparator benchmark.

\*Source: Morningstar, gross income reinvested net of fees, in GBP. The performance statistics disclosed above relate to I-Class units unless otherwise stated.

#### **Market Review**

2022 was clearly a difficult year for investors across asset classes and regions. It may superficially seem as though the UK was quite robust in the face of these challenges, but if you strip out a handful of megacaps that were able to benefit from the prevailing economic conditions (e.g. resources, oil & gas, banks) then the picture looks much worse, and the UK smaller companies benchmarks reflect that reality.

While reasons for market performance are always complex, the broad narrative over the year under review is fairly clear: a series of disruptive developments, including the war in Ukraine and ongoing Covid restrictions in China, have combined with a broader 'deglobalisation' following the pandemic to drive inflation to levels not seen for decades. The inevitable response from central banks has been to dramatically tighten monetary policy which has led to both lower growth expectations and higher discount rates, both of which affect asset valuations.

On the bright side, 2023 got off to a good start with a notable market rally in January – with smaller companies leading that way, as they tend to do – as inflation data continued to moderate and markets increasingly anticipated that the current interest rate cycle could be close to the peak.

#### **Policy Review**

Much of the Fund's poor performance over the year was driven by factors that would have affected the sector generally – especially under-exposure to resources and energy stocks that benefitted from the current macro environment but have proven to be poor investments over the longer term. However, as every year, there were also some stock-specific disappointments which are worth considering for any lessons they offer.

The Fund's two biggest detractors were both pharmaceutical companies – Synairgen and Shield Therapeutics. Synairgen had been developing a potential Covid treatment which produced some very strong trial results in 2020. Most likely as a result of improvements in standard of care, and potentially emergence of new variants, these results were not reproduced in Synairgen's phase 3 trial which reported in February. While this was a disappointing end to a promising product it is worth noting that the Fund still realised a total profit over the course of a two-year investment. By contrast, Shield's challenges have been financial rather than scientific in nature. Having developed a unique and valuable iron replacement therapy, the company launched it into the US market in 2022. Unfortunately, it became increasingly clear over the year that a former management team had underestimated the capital needed to complete the launch and an equity raise was therefore inevitable. This transaction was finally announced in December alongside an exciting commercial partnership, but this was too late to prevent a very significant fall in the share price. The Fund remains supportive of Shield and its current management team.

On a more positive note, the Fund has also seen some strong stock performances over the year. Top performer and biggest contributor Hunting is a supplier to the global oil and gas industry. It was held specifically to gain exposure to these markets without the stock-specific risks that often come with holdings in the sector. Elsewhere, K3 Capital delivered a strong operational performance over the year and also achieved positive absolute returns after receiving a takeover bid in December (following which we sold the position in January to bank profits). Pleasingly, some of the Fund's long term holdings including Gresham Technologies and Alpha Financial Markets also performed well despite challenging markets, demonstrating that stock-specific growth drivers can often overcome external pressures, especially when a company has unique technology, know-how or propositions.



### **Investment Report** (continued)

In January's market rally, the Fund outperformed its peer group (placing in the second quartile) despite being behind the benchmark. Positive contributors included holiday company Jet2, which reported robust demand and pricing for summer 2023 through their key booking season. Media and events business Ascential also performed strongly after announcing the results of a strategic review which will involve breaking the group up to realise value.

We remain active in positioning the Fund for long-term growth potential and cutting positions where our conviction in the investment case has waned. In this vein, during January the Fund exited a position in automotive component supplier TI Fluid Systems following a review by the team which concluded it may not be able to maintain margins in an inflationary environment. Alongside this, the Fund opened new positions in a number of companies. Of note, was investment platform Integrafin, which appears to have re-established earnings momentum following a recent step up in costs, software company Tracsis and marine services business Ashtead Technology. The latter has benefitted from recent heightened activity in oil and gas markets, and we see it as having longer-term growth drivers that support the energy transition, especially offshore wind.

#### **Investment Outlook**

It is likely that many of the same economic themes that dominated markets in 2022 will persist over the short term. Developments in Ukraine, China, and global labour and energy markets will likely set the direction for inflation and hence interest rates. Whether we see outright recessions or not, it will very likely be a year of weak growth. However, history tells us that markets tend to anticipate economic inflection points. While the timing is hard to call, today's low valuations suggest that we are close to an attractive entry point for long-term equity investors.

As investors gain further confidence that the interest rate cycle is nearing an end, it is quite likely that equities will continue to rebound from the lows of last year. It is important to bear in mind, however, that the recovery is unlikely to be linear in nature. There are still plenty of things for investors to worry about, from the ongoing conflict in Ukraine to ongoing pressure on consumers and the potential impact on inflation of rapid reopening in China. On a long-term basis the outlook for UK smaller companies remains very positive, but investors must be prepared for potential short-term volatility.

#### **Matt Cable**

Investment Manager

# **Comparative Tables**

Change in net asset per unit						
	L-C	lass Accumulati	on	I-C	lass Accumulati	on
	31.01.23 (p)	31.01.22 (p)	31.01.21 (p)	31.01.23 (p)	31.01.22 ( p)	31.01.21 (p)
Opening net asset value per unit	456.78	413.04	388.31	490.06	439.80	410.38
Return before operating charges*	(92.55)	52.00	30.50	(99.33)	55.28	32.91
Operating charges	(6.48)	(8.26)	(5.77)	(3.99)	(5.02)	(3.49)
Return after operating charges*	(99.03)	43.74	24.73	(103.32)	50.26	29.42
Distribution on accumulation unit	(2.33)	_	_	(5.51)	(3.78)	(1.01)
Retained distributions on						
accumulation unit	2.33	_	_	5.51	3.78	1.01
Closing net asset value per unit	357.75	456.78	413.04	386.74	490.06	439.80
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.49	0.56	0.22	0.53	0.60	0.23
Performance						
Return after charges (%)	(21.68)	10.59	6.37	(21.08)	11.43	7.17
Other Information						
Closing net asset value (£'000)	24,954	49,476	48,615	90,458	136,993	154,531
Closing number of units	6,975,124	10,831,584	11,769,970	23,390,096	27,954,290	35,136,368
Operating charges (%)	1.74	1.74	1.74	0.99	0.99	0.99
Direct transaction costs (%)	0.13	0.12	0.07	0.13	0.12	0.07
Prices						
Highest unit price (p)	466.49	504.80	420.93	500.52	540.02	448.11
Lowest unit price (p)	312.85	418.12	223.51	337.44	445.25	236.48

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Change	ın	net	asset	per	unit

	J-Cl	J-Class Accumulation**			
	31.01.23 (p)	31.01.22 (p)	31.01.21 (p)		
Opening net asset value per unit	459.08	413.88	309.33		
Return before operating charges*	(93.18)	52.06	109.57		
Operating charges	(5.01)	(6.86)	(5.02)		
Return after operating charges*	(98.19)	45.20	104.55		
Distribution on accumulation unit	(3.70)	(1.41)	_		
Retained distributions on accumulation unit	3.70	1.41	_		
Closing net asset value per unit	360.89	459.08	413.88		
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.49	0.56	0.23		
Performance					
Return after charges (%)	(21.39)	10.92	33.80		
Other Information					
Closing net asset value (£'000)	25,740	33,393	30,260		
Closing number of units	7,132,515	7,273,962	7,311,255		
Operating charges (%)	1.34	1.44	1.44		
Direct transaction costs (%)	0.13	0.12	0.07		
Prices					
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Highest unit price (p)	468.85	506.75	421.75		

<sup>\*\*</sup>The J-Class Units were launched on 29 May 2020.



# **Comparative Tables** (continued)

#### **Portfolio Turnover Rate**

The Portfolio Turnover Rate (PTR) of the Fund, based on the figures included within the financial statements for the year as indicated below, is as follows:

	Year to 31.01.23	Year to 31.01.22
Portfolio Turnover Rate	57.63%	54.29%

The PTR provides an indication of the rate the Manager has bought and sold the underlying assets of the Fund during the period as indicated above. In general, the higher the PTR of a fund, the greater level of portfolio transaction costs will be incurred.

#### **Risk and Reward Indicator**

The Risk and Reward Indicator table demonstrates where the Fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



- The lowest category does not mean 'no risk'. Some risk will still be present in funds with a risk and reward rating of 1.
- The Fund is in this category due to the nature of its investments and previous levels of volatility (how much the value of the Fund rises and falls).

#### **Charges**

■ The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running the Fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

Charges taken from the Fund over the year to:	31.01.23*	31.01.22
Ongoing charges for L-Class Units	1.74%	1.74%
Ongoing charges for I-Class Units	0.99%	0.99%
Ongoing charges for J-Class Units	1.34%	1.44%

<sup>\*</sup>With effect from 1 July 2022, the fees charged to the fund by the Manager have changed. Under the new simplified fee structure, the Manager combined the Annual Management Charge and the Aggregate Operating Fee into a Fixed Annual Charge.

# **Portfolio Statement**

Holding	Investment	Market value £	Total net assets %
	UNITED KINGDOM - 93.27% (96.25%)		
	Basic Materials - 2.50% (5.93%)		
13,063,800	Jubilee Metals Group	1,606,847	1.14
564,592	Marshalls	1,918,484	1.36
		3,525,331	2.50
	Consumer Discretionary - 13.05% (17.32%)		
363,440	Auction Technology Group	2,558,618	1.81
253,243	Dart Group	3,075,636	2.18
952,151	DFS Furniture	1,424,418	1.01
181,890	Dunelm	2,108,105	1.49
175,000	Future	2,632,000	1.87
785,000	Pebble	761,450	0.54
4,992,667	The Works	1,632,602	1.16
1,167,456	Watkin Jones	1,323,895	0.94
1,299,860	Wickes Group	1,975,787	1.40
90,000	Young & Co's Brewery 'A'	919,800	0.65
		18,412,311	13.05
	Consumer Staples - 3.20% (4.09%)		
19,273	Hilton Food Group	127,202	0.09
409,564	Hunting	1,421,187	1.00
925,150	IG Design Group	1,424,731	1.01
4,287,108	Tullow Oil	1,548,503	1.10
		4,521,623	3.20
	Energy - 1.62% (0.00%)		
196,592	Energean	2,288,331	1.62
	Financials - 16.03% (20.79%)		
6,999,997	Agronomics	924,000	0.66
6,000,000	Agronomics Warrants 11/05/2023*	_	-
227,878	Alpha FX Group	4,147,380	2.94
2,250,000	Chrysalis Investments	1,948,500	1.38
590,413	Foresight Group	2,721,804	1.93
411,284	IntegraFin	1,286,496	0.91
480,988	JTC	3,448,684	2.44
210,799	Lancashire	1,317,494	0.93
176,788	Mortgage Advice Bureau	1,060,728	0.75
1,058,220	OneSavings Bank	5,772,590	4.09
		22,627,676	16.03



# Portfolio Statement (continued)

As at 31 Janua	ry 2023		
Holding	Investment	Market value £	Total net assets %
	Health Care - 3.61% (6.78%)		
1,051,913	PureTech Health	2,677,119	1.90
37,146,992	Shield Therapeutics	2,414,554	1.71
		5,091,673	3.61
	Industrials - 25.08% (24.35%)		
425,713	Alpha Financial Markets	1,958,280	1.39
228,000	Ashtead Technology plc	736,440	0.52
1,118,952	Chemring Group	3,149,850	2.23
8,901,777	Costain	4,094,817	2.90
1,198,663	Hyve Group	858,243	0.61
325,567	Keller Group	2,630,581	1.86
310,117	Marlowe	1,544,383	1.09
190,000	Morgan Sindall Group	3,116,000	2.21
10,250,000	RA International Group	1,230,000	0.87
300,842	RWS Holdings	1,129,963	0.80
503,243	Senior	764,929	0.54
230,233	Serco Group	335,449	0.24
1,300,000	Severfield	806,000	0.57
265,000	Smart Metering Systems	2,294,900	1.63
3,500,000	Speedy Hire	1,405,250	0.99
887,165	SThree	3,752,708	2.66
830,000	Vesuvius	3,393,040	2.40
159,000	Vitec Group	1,631,340	1.16
23,715	XP Power	573,903	0.41
		35,406,076	25.08
	Real Estate - 3.67% (2.12%)		
830,000	Helical	2,988,000	2.12
435,000	Workspace Group	2,194,575	1.55
		5,182,575	3.67
	Technology - 24.51% (14.87%)		
226,153	Accesso Technology Group	1,845,408	1.31
50,000	Aptitude Software	174,000	0.12
1,147,869	Ascential	3,083,176	2.18
704,753	Bytes Technology Group	2,727,394	1.93
50,000	FD Technologies	684,000	0.49
385,409	Gamma Communications	4,516,993	3.20
2,165,934	Gresham Technologies	3,812,044	2.70
960,250	Kin & Carta	2,117,351	1.50
1,350,000	Learning Technologies Group	1,892,700	1.34
193,450	Oxford Instruments	4,536,403	3.21
1,344,812	Quixant	2,192,044	1.55

# Portfolio Statement (continued)

#### As at 31 January 2023 Holding Investment Market value Total net assets £ % Technology (continued) 1,219,846 Spirent Communications 2,673,902 1.90 158,551 Telecom Plus 2.24 3,167,849 110,000 Tracsis 1,023,000 0.73 12,141 WANdisco 151,763 0.11 24.51 34,598,027 Total value of investments 131,653,623 93.27 Net other assets 6.73 9,498,208 Net assets 141,151,831 100.00

All holdings are ordinary shares or stock units unless otherwise stated. The sectors as shown are based on the Industry Classification Benchmark (see page 42). The figures in brackets show allocations as at 31 January 2022.



<sup>\*</sup>Represents an unapproved and unquoted security.

# **Summary of Material Portfolio Changes**

Significant purchases and sales for the year ended 31 January 2023					
Purchases	Cost £	Sales	Proceeds £		
Ascential	3,734,326	K3 Capital Group	4,980,123		
Helical	3,588,983	CLS Holdings	4,605,692		
Future	3,221,084	River and Mercantile Group	4,553,902		
Energean	2,618,918	Georgia Capital	4,201,412		
Synthomer	2,599,021	Central Asia Metals	3,762,351		
RWS Holdings	2,508,430	Mattioli Woods	3,731,063		
Workspace Group	2,218,076	FDM Group	3,646,545		
Speedy Hire	2,019,248	Alpha Financial Markets	3,503,108		
Smart Metering Systems	1,960,296	Serco Group	3,112,245		
Oxford Instruments	1,923,256	Accesso Technology Group	2,867,683		
Subtotal	26,391,638	Subtotal	38,964,124		
Total cost of purchases, including the above, for the year	47,588,402	Total proceeds of sales, including the above, for the year	80,808,242		

# Statement of Authorised Fund Manager's Responsibilities in relation to the Financial Statements of the Scheme

The Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes (COLL) and, where applicable, Investment Funds (FUND) Sourcebooks, as amended (the Sourcebooks) require the Authorised Fund Manager (the 'Manager') to prepare financial statements for each annual accounting period which give a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the Scheme and of its revenue and expenditure for the year. In preparing the financial statements the Manager is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the accounts on a going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to do so;
- comply with the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds;
- follow applicable accounting standards; and
- keep proper accounting records which enable it to demonstrate that the financial statements as prepared comply with the above requirements.

The Manager is responsible for the management of the Scheme in accordance with the Sourcebooks and the Scheme's Trust Deed and Prospectus. The Manager is also responsible for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



# Statement of Trustee's Responsibilities in relation to the Financial Statements of the Scheme and Report of the Trustee to the Unitholders of the Jupiter UK Smaller Companies Equity Fund ("the Fund") for the Year Ended 31 January 2023

The Trustee must ensure that the Fund is managed in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook, the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended, (together "the Regulations"), the Trust Deed and Prospectus (together "the Scheme documents") as detailed below.

The Trustee must in the context of its role act honestly, fairly, professionally, independently and in the interests of the Fund and its investors.

The Trustee is responsible for the safekeeping of all custodial assets and maintaining a record of all other assets of the Fund in accordance with the Regulations.

The Trustee must ensure that:

- the Fund's cash flows are properly monitored and that cash of the Fund is booked in cash accounts in accordance with the Regulations;
- the sale, issue, repurchase, redemption and cancellation of units are carried out in accordance with the Regulations;
- the value of units of the Fund are calculated in accordance with the Regulations;
- any consideration relating to transactions in the Fund's assets is remitted to the Fund within the usual time limits
- the Fund's income is applied in accordance with the Regulations; and
- the instructions of the Authorised Fund Manager ("the AFM"), which is the UCITS Management Company, are carried out (unless they conflict with the Regulations).

The Trustee also has a duty to take reasonable care to ensure that the Fund is managed in accordance with the Regulations and the Scheme documents of the Fund in relation to the investment and borrowing powers applicable to the Fund.

Having carried out such procedures as we considered necessary to discharge our responsibilities as Trustee of the Fund, it is our opinion, based on the information available to us and the explanations provided, that, in all material respects the Fund, acting through the AFM:

- (i) has carried out the issue, sale, redemption and cancellation, and calculation of the price of the Fund's units and the application of the Fund's income in accordance with the Regulations and the Scheme documents of the Fund; and
- (ii) has observed the investment and borrowing powers and restrictions applicable to the Fund in accordance with the Regulations and the Scheme documents of the Fund.

#### Northern Trust Investor Services Limited

Trustee & Depositary Services London 28 March 2023

# Independent auditors' report to the Unitholders of Jupiter UK Smaller Companies Equity Fund

#### Report on the audit of the financial statements

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements of Jupiter UK Smaller Companies Equity Fund (the "Fund"):

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 31 January 2023 and of the net revenue and the net capital losses on its scheme property for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", and applicable law), the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds, the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook and the Trust Deed.

We have audited the financial statements, included within the Annual Report & Accounts (the "Annual Report"), which comprise: the Balance Sheet as at 31 January 2023; the Statement of Total Return and the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders for the year then ended; the Distribution Table; and the Notes to the Financial Statements, which include a description of the significant accounting policies.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities under ISAs (UK) are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Independence

We remained independent of the Fund in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, which includes the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date on which the financial statements are authorised for issue.

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Authorised Fund Manager's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this conclusion is not a guarantee as to the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Authorised Fund Manager with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.



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#### Reporting on other information

The other information comprises all of the information in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. The Authorised Fund Manager is responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify an apparent material inconsistency or material misstatement, we are required to perform procedures to conclude whether there is a material misstatement of the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report based on these responsibilities.

Based on our work undertaken in the course of the audit, the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook requires us also to report certain opinions as described below.

#### **Authorised Fund Manager's Report**

In our opinion, the information given in the Authorised Fund Manager's Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

#### Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit

#### Responsibilities of the Authorised Fund Manager for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of Authorised Fund Manager's Responsibilities in relation to the Financial Statements of the Scheme, the Authorised Fund Manager is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable framework and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. The Authorised Fund Manager is also responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Authorised Fund Manager is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Authorised Fund Manager either intends to wind up or terminate the Fund, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

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Based on our understanding of the Fund/industry, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to breaches of the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements, in particular those parts of the sourcebook which may directly impact on the determination of amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to posting inappropriate journal entries to increase revenue or to increase the net asset value of the Fund. Audit procedures performed included:

- Discussions with the Authorised Fund Manager, including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;
- Reviewing relevant meeting minutes, including those of the Authorised Fund Manager's board of directors;
- Identifying and testing journal entries, specifically any journals posted as part of the financial year end close process; and
- Designing audit procedures to incorporate unpredictability around the nature, timing or extent of our testing.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the financial statements. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditors' report.

#### Use of this report

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the Fund's unitholders as a body in accordance with paragraph 4.5.12 of the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.



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## Other required reporting

#### Opinion on matter required by the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook

In our opinion, we have obtained all the information and explanations we consider necessary for the purposes of the audit.

#### **Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook exception reporting**

Under the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook we are also required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns.

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

#### PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors Edinburgh 28 March 2023

# **Statement of Total Return**

For the year ended 31 January 2023					
	Note	Year to 3	31.01.23	Year to 3	1.01.22
		£	£	£	£
Income					
Net capital (losses)/gains	3		(46,753,502)		26,036,772
Revenue	4	3,837,626		4,565,302	
Expenses	5	(1,980,694)		(3,058,428)	
Interest payable and similar charges		(1)		(8)	
Net revenue before taxation		1,856,931		1,506,866	
Taxation	6	(26,932)		(114,073)	
Net revenue after taxation			1,829,999		1,392,793
Total return before distributions			(44,923,503)		27,429,565
Distributions	7		(1,908,651)	_	(1,400,894)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities			(46,832,154)	_	26,028,671

# **Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders**

For the year ended 31 January 2023				
	Year to 3	1.01.23	Year to 3	31.01.22
	£	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to unitholders		219,862,079		233,405,816
Amounts receivable on issue of units	1,158,142		16,060,434	
Amounts payable on cancellation of units	(34,750,866)		(56,792,131)	
		(33,592,724)		(40,731,697)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		(46,832,154)		26,028,671
Retained distribution on accumulation units	_	1,714,630		1,159,289
Closing net assets attributable to unitholders		141,151,831		219,862,079



#### **Balance Sheet**

As at 31 January 2023			
	Note	31.01.23 £	31.01.22 £
Assets			
Fixed Assets:			
Investments		131,653,623	211,624,657
Current assets:			
Debtors	8	4,141,494	1,729,134
Cash and bank balances	9	7,318,464	7,090,500
Total assets	_	143,113,581	220,444,291
Liabilities			
Creditors:			
Other creditors	10	(1,961,750)	(582,212)
Total liabilities		(1,961,750)	(582,212)
Net assets attributable to unitholders	_	141,151,831	219,862,079

## **Directors' Statement**

#### Jupiter UK Smaller Companies Equity Fund

This report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook and Investment Funds Sourcebook where applicable and the Statement of Recommended Practice issued by the Investment Association.

#### Directors: Paula Moore, Phil Wagstaff

Jupiter Unit Trust Managers Limited London 28 March 2023

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

#### 1. Significant Accounting Policies

#### (a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments, in compliance with the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook. They have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 and the Statement of Recommended Practice for Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds issued by The Investment Management Association (now referred to as the Investment Association) in May 2014 (the 2014 SORP) and amended in June 2017.

As stated in the Statement of Authorised Fund Managers' Responsibilities in relation to the Financial Statements of the Scheme on page 12, the Manager continues to adopt the going concern basis in the preparation of the financial statements of the Fund.

The accounting policies outlined below have been applied on a consistent basis throughout the year.

#### (b) Revenue

All dividends from companies declared ex-dividend during the year ended 31 January 2023 are included in revenue, net of any attributable tax.

UK dividends are shown net of any associated tax credits attached to the income.

Bank interest is accrued up to the year end date.

Overseas revenue received after the deduction of withholding tax is shown gross of tax, with the tax consequences shown within the tax charge.

Dividends from UK REITs are split into PID (Property Income Distributions) and Non-PID components for tax purposes. Revenue arising from UK REITs tax-exempt rental business is colloquially known as PID revenue and is taxable in the hands of the Fund. A UK REIT may also carry out activities that give rise to taxable profits and gains. It is from theses that the REIT will make a Non-PID distribution, these are treated for tax purposes in the same way as dividends from UK companies.

Special dividends are reviewed on a case by case basis when determining if the dividend is to be treated as revenue or capital. The tax treatment follows the accounting treatment of the principal amount.

#### (c) Expenses

All expenses, including overdraft interest, but excluding those relating to the purchase and sale of investments, are charged against the revenue of the Fund. All of the Fund's expenses are recognised on an accruals basis.

With effect from 1 July 2022, the fees charged to the fund by the Manager have changed. Under the new simplified fee structure, the Manager combined the Annual Management Charge and the Aggregate Operating Fee into a Fixed Annual Charge.

#### (d) Valuation of Investments

The investments of the Fund have been valued using bid market values ruling on international stock exchanges at Close of Business on 31 January 2023, being the last valuation point of the year. Market value is defined by the SORP as fair value which is generally the bid value of each security.

Where a stock is unlisted or where there is a non liquid market, a valuation for this stock has been obtained from market makers where possible, and suspended stocks are normally valued at their suspension price. However, where the Manager believes that these prices do not reflect a fair value, or where no reliable price exists for a security, it is valued at a price which in the opinion of the Manager reflects a fair and reasonable price for that investment.



#### 1. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### (d) Valuation of Investments (continued)

A Valuation and Pricing Committee (VPC) of the Investment Manager is responsible for approving unquoted prices. The VPC meets on a quarterly basis and consists of representatives from various parts of the Investment Manager who act as an independent party, segregated from the fund management function to review and approve fair value pricing decisions and pricing models on a regular basis.

#### (e) Foreign Exchange

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into Sterling at the rates ruling at the dates of the transactions. Assets and liabilities expressed in foreign currencies are translated at the rates ruling at Close of Business on 31 January 2023, being the last valuation point of the year.

#### (f) Taxation

Corporation Tax is provided at 20% on revenue, other than UK dividends and overseas dividends, after deduction of expenses. Where overseas tax has been deducted from overseas revenue that tax can, in some instances, be set off against Corporation Tax payable, by way of double taxation relief.

The charge for tax is based on the profit for the year and takes into account deferred taxation because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. Deferred Tax is provided using the liability method on all timing differences, calculated at the rate at which it is anticipated the timing differences will reverse. Deferred Tax assets are recognised only when, on the basis of available evidence, it is more likely than not that there will be taxable profits in the future against which the Deferred Tax can be offset.

#### 2. Distribution Policies

#### (a) Basis of Distribution

All of the net revenue available for distribution at the end of the final accounting period will be distributed to unitholders as a dividend distribution. In order to achieve a controlled dividend flow to unitholders, interim distributions may be made at the Manager's discretion, up to a maximum of the distributable revenue available for the period. Should expenses and taxation together exceed revenue, there will be no distribution and the shortfall will be met from capital.

If, in respect of a particular accounting period, the average income allocation to unitholders (disregarding, for this purpose, any units held by the Manager or Trustee or their associates) would be less than £25, the Manager reserves the right (with the agreement of the Trustee) not to make any income allocation and, in such an event, the amount of net revenue remaining for that period will be credited to capital and reflected in the value of units.

#### (b) Distributions Dates

Net revenue, if any, will be accumulated to unitholders as a dividend distribution, annually on 31 March in respect of the accounting year ending 31 January.

#### (c) Unclaimed Distribution

Distributions which have remained unclaimed by Unitholders for more than six years are credited to the capital property of the Fund.

3. Net capital (losses)/gains		
The net (losses)/gains on investments during the year comprise:		
	31.01.23 £	31.01.22 £
Currency (losses)/gains	(2,309)	12,633
(Losses)/gains on non-derivative securities	(46,751,193)	26,024,139
Net capital (losses)/gains	(46,753,502)	26,036,772
4. Revenue		
	31.01.23 £	31.01.22 £
UK dividends	3,265,798	3,636,215
Overseas dividends	386,346	928,993
Bank interest	55,152	94
Revenue from REITs	130,330	_
Total revenue	3,837,626	4,565,302
5. Expenses		
	31.01.23 £	31.01.22 £
Payable to the Manager, associates of the Manager and agents of either of them:		
Annual management charge	758,910	2,453,687
	758,910	2,453,687
Other expenses:		
Fixed Annual Charge*	1,038,280	_
Aggregate Operating Fee	183,504	604,741
	1,221,784	604,741
Total expenses	1,980,694	3,058,428

<sup>\*</sup>The audit fee (excluding VAT) incurred during the year was £11,750 (31.01.22: £11,206). The current year amount is borne by the Manager as it is paid out of the Fixed Annual Charge.

#### 6. Taxation (a) Analysis of charge in the year: 31.01.23 31.01.22 £ £ 26,932 Irrecoverable overseas tax 114,073 Total tax charge for the year 26,932 114,073

#### (b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year:

The tax assessed for the year is lower (2022: lower) than the standard rate of Corporation Tax in the UK for an authorised unit trust. The differences are explained below:

	31.01.23 £	31.01.22 £
Net revenue before taxation	1,856,931	1,506,866
Corporation tax of 20% (2022: 20%)	371,386	301,373
Effects of:		
Current year expenses not utilised	385,109	611,669
Revenue not subject to taxation	(756,495)	(913,042)
Irrecoverable overseas tax	26,932	114,073
Total tax charge for the year	26,932	114,073

Authorised unit trusts are exempt from tax on capital gains, therefore any capital return is not included in the above reconciliation.

#### (c) Provision for Deferred Tax

At 31 January 2023, there are surplus management expenses of £38,728,146 (31.01.22: £36,802,602). It is unlikely the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits in the future to utilise this amount and therefore a Deferred Tax asset of £7,745,629 (31.01.22: £7,360,520) has not been recognised.

#### 7. Distributions

The distributions take account of amounts received on the issue of units and deducted on the cancellation of units and comprise:

	31.01.23	31.01.22
	£	£
Final distribution	1,714,630	1,159,289
	1,714,630	1,159,289
Amounts received on issue of units	(9,077)	(45,717)
Amounts paid on cancellation of units	203,098	287,322
Net distributions for the year	1,908,651	1,400,894
Reconciliation of net revenue after taxation to distributions:		
Net revenue after taxation	1,829,999	1,392,793
Equalisation on conversions	78,651	5,781
Net movement in revenue account	1	(10)
Transfer from capital for revenue deficit*		2,330
Net distributions for the year	1,908,651	1,400,894

<sup>\*</sup>No distributions have been made in respect of L-Class Accumulation Units as there was an excess of expenses over revenue in respect of these unit classes for the prior year. The deficit was covered by a transfer from capital of the Fund (as described in Note 2 on page 21).

Details of the distributions in pence per unit are shown in the Distribution Table on page 33.

8. Debtors		
	31.01.23 £	31.01.22 £
Accrued revenue	106,844	117,266
Amounts receivable for issue of units	33,355	68,236
Net transfer of currency deals awaiting settlement	_	20
Overseas tax recoverable	22,253	_
Sales awaiting settlement	3,979,042	1,543,612
Total debtors	4,141,494	1,729,134
9. Cash and Bank Balances		
	31.01.23	31.01.22
	£	£
Cash and bank balances	7,318,464	7,090,500
Total cash and bank balances	7,318,464	7,090,500

10. Other Creditors		
	31.01.23 £	31.01.22 £
Accrued expenses	32,240	51,579
Amounts payable for cancellation of units	107,026	530,633
Purchases awaiting settlement	1,822,484	_
Total other creditors	1,961,750	582,212

#### 11. Contingent Assets, Liabilities and Capital Commitments

The Fund had no contingent assets and liabilities or capital commitments at the balance sheet date (31.01.22: £nil).

#### 12. Related Party Transactions

Jupiter Unit Trust Managers Limited (JUTM), as Manager, is a related party in respect of their dealings with the Fund. JUTM acts as principal in respect of all transactions of units in the Fund. The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders and, if applicable, in Note 7 (Distributions).

Amounts receivable/(payable) from JUTM in respect of issues/cancellations are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders. At the year end, a net balance of £73,671 was payable to JUTM (31.01.22: £462,397 payable to JUTM). These amounts are included in amounts receivable for issue of units in Note 8 (Debtors) and amounts payable for cancellation of units in Note 10 (Other Creditors).

Any amounts due to or from JUTM at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in Notes 8 and 10. Amounts paid to JUTM in respect of fund management and if any rebates/expense waiver received are included in Note 5 (Expenses). At the year end, £32,240 (31.01.22: £51,579) was payable to JUTM. This amount is included as part of accrued expenses in Note 10.

#### 13. Financial Instruments

In pursuing its investment objectives, the Fund holds a number of financial instruments. These comprise securities and other investments, cash balances, and debtors and creditors that arise directly from its operations, for example, in respect of sales and purchases awaiting settlement, amounts receivable from issues and payable for cancellations and debtors for accrued revenue.

The Fund may enter into derivative transactions, the purpose of which will only be for efficient management of the Fund and not for investment purposes.

The Fund has little exposure to credit, counterparty and cash flow risk. These risks are not significant at current levels. The main risks it faces from its financial instruments are liquidity, market price, foreign currency and interest rate risk. The Manager reviews policies for managing these risks in pursuance of the Investment Objective and Policy as set out on page 2 and they are summarised later. These risks remain unchanged from the prior year.

Adherence to investment guidelines and to investment and borrowing powers set out in the Trust Deed, Scheme Particulars and in the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook mitigates the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer. Further information on the investment portfolio is set out in the Investment Review and Portfolio Statement.

#### **13. Financial Instruments** (continued)

#### Liquidity Risk

With any financial instrument held, there is the risk that the Fund may not be able to sell the full amount it wishes to at any given point of time, at the price at which the holding is valued within the portfolio. This risk is most pronounced for instruments in smaller companies listed on emerging market exchanges and for unlisted or unquoted securities. It is possible therefore, that if the Fund was forced to raise money quickly in order to meet significant redemption requests, the price achieved for some of the less liquid instruments would be lower than that at which they are valued. The Fund aims to reduce this liquidity risk by holding a well diversified range of securities.

#### Market Price Risk

Market price risk arises mainly from uncertainty about future prices of financial instruments held by the Fund. It represents the potential loss the Fund might suffer through holding market positions which are affected by adverse price movements.

The Manager regularly considers the asset allocation of the portfolio in order to minimise the risk associated with particular markets or industry sectors whilst continuing to follow the Investment Objective and Policy (as set out on page 2).

#### **Price Risk Sensitivity**

A ten per cent increase in the value of the Fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £13,165,362 (31.01.22: £21,162,466). A ten per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

#### Foreign Currency Risk

For the year ended, a minimal proportion of the net assets of the Fund is denominated in currency other than Sterling.

Currency	31.01.23 £	31.01.22 £
US Dollar	9	1,908,384

#### Foreign Currency Risk Sensitivity

A ten per cent increase in the value of the Fund's foreign currency exposure would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £1 (31.01.22: £190,838). A ten per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.



#### **13. Financial Instruments** (continued)

#### **Interest Rate Risk**

The Fund holds various cash positions and any change to the interest rates may result in either revenue increasing or decreasing.

#### Interest Rate Risk Profile of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

The interest rate risk profile of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities at 31 January was:

Currency	Floating Rate financial assets	Fixed Rate financial assets	Financial assets not carrying interest	Total
	£	£	£	£
31.01.23				
US Dollar	_	_	9	9
Sterling	7,318,464	_	135,795,108	143,113,572
Total	7,318,464	_	135,795,117	143,113,581
31.01.22				
US Dollar	_	_	1,908,384	1,908,384
Sterling	7,090,500	_	211,445,407	218,535,907
Total	7,090,500	_	213,353,791	220,444,291

Currency	Floating Rate financial liabilities £	Fixed Rate financial liabilities £	Financial liabilities not carrying interest £	Total £
31.01.23				
Sterling	_	_	1,961,750	1,961,750
Total	-	_	1,961,750	1,961,750
31.01.22				
Sterling	_	_	582,212	582,212
Total	_	_	582,212	582,212

There are no material amounts of non interest-bearing financial assets, which do not have maturity dates, other than equities, and therefore no sensitivity analysis has been disclosed in these financial statements.

The floating rate financial assets and liabilities include bank balances and overdrafts that bear interest. Interest rates on Sterling and overseas bank balances as supplied by the custodian may vary in line with market conditions and the size of deposit. Overdraft interest is calculated at the current Bank of England base rate plus 1.00%.

#### 14. Fair Value of Investments

There is no material difference between the value of the financial assets and liabilities, as shown in the balance sheet, and their fair value.

#### The fair value of investments has been determined using the following hierarchy:

- Level 1: Unadjusted quoted price in an active market for an identical instrument;
- Level 2: Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices within level 1;
- Level 3: Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs.

Basis of valuation	Assets £	Liabilities £
31.01.23		
Level 1	131,653,623	_
Level 2	_	_
Level 3		_
Total	131,653,623	_

Basis of valuation	Assets £	Liabilities £
31.01.22		
Level 1	211,624,657	_
Level 2	_	_
Level 3		_
Total	211,624,657	_

#### **14. Fair Value of Investments** (continued)

The majority of financial instruments are classified as level 1: Quoted prices. Instruments classified as level 3: Unobservable data mainly comprise non-market traded and unquoted securities.

Generally for the non-market traded and unquoted securities, where there is no price source from an active market for an investment, the Manager has applied judgement in determining the fair value. The Manager has used several valuation methodologies as prescribed in the International Private Equity and Venture Capital valuation guidelines to arrive at their best estimate of fair value. Valuation techniques used by the Manager are set out in Significant Accounting Policies note (d). The fair value is established by using measures of value such as:

- Price of recent transactions Management determine the fair value based on the price of recent transactions made by management or a third party.
- Milestone analysis Management assess the investment company's progress against milestones expected at the time of investment in order to determine whether an adjustment is required to the transaction price to determine fair value.
- Multiples Earnings or Revenue multiples are selected from comparable public companies based on geographic location, industry, size, risk profile, earnings growth prospects, target markets and other factors that management consider reasonable. A discount for lack of liquidity may then be applied to represent the adjustment to comparable company multiples to reflect the illiquidity of the portfolio companies relative to the comparable peer group. Management determines the discount for lack of liquidity based on its judgement, after considering market liquidity conditions and company specific factors such as the development stage of the portfolio company. One of the most common forms of multiples used for cash generating companies are EV/EBITDA multiples as EBITDA is generally seen to represent a good proxy for free cash flow. These are applied where appropriate based on the development of underlying portfolio companies but other multiples such as EV/Revenue may also be considered.
- Net assets Management determine the fair value based on the net asset value of the underlying portfolio company. In applying the above valuation techniques in arriving at the fair value the Manager has assessed any further information available from internal and external sources to arrive at an estimated fair value, which includes but is not limited to the following:
- Reference to listed securities of the same company.
- Consideration of seniority of the securities held and terms of repayment upon realisation.
- Consideration of any trading restrictions on the investment company's units that would limit the Manager's ability to realise its holding.
- Consideration of any outstanding payments to be made by the ACD.
- Industry statistics or events (such as mergers and acquisitions).

The fair value of the Fund's investment in Agronomics Warrants 11/05/2023 is currently below exercise price and is expected to lapse.

#### 15. Portfolio Transaction Costs

For the year ended 31 January 2023

	Equities		Corporate Actions		Total
	£	%	£	%	£
31.01.23					
Analysis of total purchases costs					
Purchases in year before transaction costs	47,419,080		_		47,419,080
Commissions	16,852	0.04	_	_	16,852
Expenses and other charges	152,470	0.32			152,470
	169,322		_		169,322
Purchases including transaction costs	47,588,402		_		47,588,402
Analysis of total sales costs					
Sales in year before transaction costs	76,288,497		4,553,902		80,842,398
Commissions	(33,764)	0.04	_	_	(33,764)
Expenses and other charges	(392)	_	_	_	(392)
	(34,156)		_		(34,156)
Sales net of transaction costs	76,254,341		4,553,902		80,808,242

Commissions, taxes and expenses as % of average net assets:

Commissions 0.03% Expenses and other charges 0.10%

The average portfolio dealing spread as at the balance sheet date was 1.05%.



#### **15. Portfolio Transaction Costs** (continued)

For the year ended 31 January 2022

	Corporate Equities Actions			Total	
	£	%	£	%	£
31.01.22					
Analysis of total purchases costs					
Purchases in year before transaction costs	86,582,017		527,339		87,109,356
Commissions	26,781	0.03	_	_	26,781
Expenses and other charges	212,701	0.25		_	212,701
	239,482		_		239,482
Purchases including transaction costs	86,821,499		527,339		87,348,838
Analysis of total sales costs					
Sales in year before transaction costs	122,516,204		_		122,516,204
Commissions	(56,329)	0.05	_	_	(56,329)
Expenses and other charges	(381)	_	_	_	(381)
	(56,710)		_		(56,710)
Sales net of transaction costs	122,459,494		_		122,459,494

Commissions, taxes and expenses as % of average net assets:

Commissions 0.03% Expenses and other charges 0.08%

The average portfolio dealing spread as at the balance sheet date was 1.36%.

#### 16. Unitholders' Funds

The Fund has the following unit classes in issue, with the following charges and minimum initial investment levels:

Unit Class	Initial Charge	Fixed Annual Charge	Minimum Initial Investment
L-Class units	0.00%	1.74%	£500
I-Class units	0.00%	0.99%	£1,000,000
J-Class units	0.00%	1.34%	£500

Revenue and other expenses, not included in the table above, are allocated each day pro rata to the value of the assets attributable to each unit class and taxation is calculated by reference to the net revenue after expenses attributable to each unit class. Due to the varying expenses, the level of net revenue after expenses attributable to each unit class and the distributable revenue is likely to differ.

#### **16. Unitholders' Funds** (continued)

The Net Asset Value per unit and the number of units in each class are given in the Comparative Tables on page 6. All unit classes have the same rights on winding up.

Reconciliation of Units	L-Class Accumulation	I-Class Accumulation	J-Class Accumulation
Opening number of units at 1 February 2022	10,831,584	27,954,290	7,273,962
Units issued in year	83,329	122,736	109,694
Units cancelled in year	(911,394)	(7,398,618)	(348,409)
Units converted in year	(3,028,395)	2,711,688	97,268
Closing number of units at 31 January 2023	6,975,124	23,390,096	7,132,515

#### 17. Unit Price Movement since the Balance Sheet date (Non-adjusting post balance sheet event)

Since the last day of dealing of the period on 31 January 2023, the Fund's quoted prices in pence have moved as follows:

	Price as at 31.01.23	Price as at 20.03.23	% Change
L-Class Accumulation	358.42	327.53	(8.62)
I-Class Accumulation	387.46	354.42	(8.53)
J-Class Accumulation	361.56	330.57	(8.57)



#### **Distribution Table**

#### For the year ended 31 January 2023

#### **FINAL**

Group 1: Units purchased prior to 1 February 2022

Group 2: Units purchased on or after 1 February 2022 to 31 January 2023

	Income	Equalisation	Distribution to	Distribution
			be accumulated	accumulated
			31.03.23	31.03.22
L-Class Accumulation	pence	pence	pence	pence
Units	per unit	per unit	per unit	per unit
Group 1	2.3256	_	2.3256	_
Group 2	_	2.3256	2.3256	_

	Income	Equalisation	Distribution to be accumulated 31.03.23	Distribution accumulated 31.03.22
I-Class Accumulation Units	pence per unit	pence per unit		pence per unit
Group 1	5.5081		5.5081	3.7810
Group 2	2.5498	2.9583	5.5081	3.7810

	Income	Equalisation	Distribution to	Distribution
			be accumulated	accumulated
			31.03.23	31.03.22
J-Class Accumulation	pence	pence	pence	pence
Units	per unit	per unit	per unit	per unit
Group 1	3.7023	_	3.7023	1.4069
Group 2	2.0185	1.6838	3.7023	1.4069

#### **All Unit Types**

The relevant information required by a corporate unitholder is as follows:

■ Franked investment income 100.00% ■ Annual payment 0.00%

(non-foreign element)

Equalisation applies only to units purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 units). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of all Group 2 units and is refunded to holders of these units as a return of capital. Being capital, it is not liable to Income Tax but must be deducted from the cost of units for Capital Gains Tax purposes.

## **General Information (unaudited)**

## **UCITS V Remuneration Qualitative Disclosures**

## Decision-making process to determine remuneration policies

Under the Jupiter's Group's framework ultimate responsibility in remuneration matters is held by the Board of Directors of Jupiter Fund Management Plc. The Board is supported in remunerated-related issues by the Remuneration Committee ("RemCo").

The Board is responsible for establishing the Group Remuneration Policy, and with support of the RemCo regularly reviewing the Group Remuneration Policy to meet any important regulatory developments and the objectives of the Group.

The RemCo is delegated with the role of supporting the Board in setting remuneration guidelines, establishing share-based remuneration plans, and approving the aggregate variable remuneration expenditure of the Group as well as determining and proposing to the Board the individual total remuneration payable to the members of the Board (other than its chairman) for approval. The RemCo ensures that the Remuneration Policy and practices across the Group operate in line with EU regulations that apply to its regulated entities and delegates.

The RemCo regularly reports to the Board on the status of its activities, the development of the remuneration architecture within the Group as well as on the operational implementation of this Policy. The RemCo consists of at least three members of the Board all of whom are Non-Executive Directors.

Jupiter's remuneration philosophy is aligned with the Group's pre-incentive operating profit as well as its tolerance for risk. The Group's approach provides for remuneration that attracts and retains employees in each local market and motivates them to contribute to the development and growth of its business. The policy promotes sound and effective risk management and does not encourage inappropriate risk taking.

## Link between pay and performance

As described above, Jupiter operates a Group-wide remuneration policy, which applies to all employees across the Group.

Jupiter ensures that any measurement of performance used to evaluate the quantum of variable remuneration elements or pools of variable remuneration elements:

- includes adjustments for current and future risks, taking into account the cost and quantity of the capital and the liquidity required;
- takes into account the need for consistency with the timing and likelihood of the firm receiving potential future revenues incorporated into current earnings;
- is based on the performance of the Group, the individual and the relevant function / business unit or in the case of a fund manager, the fund(s), where financial and non-financial criteria are considered when assessing individual performance; and
- is set within a multi-year framework to ensure that the assessment process is based on longer term performance and associated risks, and to ensure that payment is spread over an appropriate period.



#### **Material Risk Takers**

The categories of staff for inclusion as Material Risk Takers for JUTM include:

- Executive and non-executive members of the Board
- Other members of senior management
- Staff responsible for control functions

The Material Risk Takers are identified and reviewed on an annual basis by the relevant entities and the RemCo in line with the criteria set out under EU regulations, namely:

If, in the performance of their professional activities certain staff of a delegate portfolio manager can have a material impact on the risk profiles of the funds they manage, these employees are considered as "Identified Staff". For this purpose, the Group considers the respective delegate portfolio manager as subject to equally effective regulation if they are required by law and regulations or in accordance with internal standards to put in place a remuneration policy, which in accordance to the ESMA Remuneration Guidelines is considered equivalent in its objectives. The Group's regulated entities will only delegate its portfolio management to firms, whose remuneration policy complies with the 'equivalence standard' as described.

In line with ESMA Guidelines, proportionality is considered taking into account the following factors:

- The percentage of assets under management;
- Total assets under management; and
- The average ratio between its fixed and variable remuneration paid to staff.

It should be noted that despite use of proportionality, the Group's compensation arrangements involve high levels of deferral, payment in shares and performance adjustment provisions on commercial and risk management grounds.

Further details in relation to the Qualitative disclosures are included in the attached Appendix – Jupiter Fund Management Plc Remuneration Framework

## **Quantitative disclosures**

The remuneration data provided below reflects amounts paid in respect of the performance year 2021 in relation to the funds managed by JUTM.

As at 31 December 2021, JUTM had GBP 25.8 billion assets under management consisting of 38 authorised Unit Trust and 2 Investment Trusts.

Total annual remuneration paid to all Management Company employees:	
Of which fixed:	
Of which variable:	
Number of Management Company employees:	
Total remuneration paid to Identified Staff of the Management Company:	£13,172,217
Of which paid to Senior Management:	£3,693,538
Of which paid to other Identified Staff:	£9,478,679
Number of Identified Staff:	26
Total annual remuneration paid to employees in delegate(s):	£89,231,605
Of which fixed:	£6,500,802
Of which variable:	£82,730,803
Number of beneficiaries:	34

#### **Notes**

Remuneration for Material Risk Takers includes remuneration paid to employees of other group companies performing senior management functions for the Management Company.

Remuneration for Material Risk Takers includes remuneration paid to employees of other group companies who perform fund management activities on behalf of the Management Company under the terms of a delegation agreement between the Management Company and their employer. The remuneration disclosed for these employees is the proportion of their total remuneration for the fund management activities they perform under a delegation agreement.

In the figures above, fixed remuneration relates to salary and pension benefits and variable remuneration includes the annual bonus including any long-term incentive awards.

These disclosures are in line with Jupiter's interpretation of currently available regulatory guidance on quantitative remuneration disclosures. As market or regulatory practice develops Jupiter may consider it appropriate to make changes to the way in which quantitative remuneration disclosures are calculated. Where such changes are made, this may result in disclosures in relation to a fund not being comparable to the disclosures made in the prior year, or in relation to other Jupiter fund disclosures in that same year.

Due to the increasing complexity of the business (i.e., Merian transaction), the information that is needed to provide a further breakdown of remuneration is not readily available and would not be relevant or reliable.

Implementation of the remuneration policy for the Group is subject to an annual independent review. No material outcomes or irregularities were identified as a result of the most recent independent review, which took place in 2021.



## Appendix – Jupiter Fund Management Plc Remuneration Framework

Jupiter Fund Management (JFM) Plc operates a Group-wide remuneration policy, which applies to all employees across the Group. This document provides details of this remuneration policy.

## **Decision-making process to determine remuneration policies**

Under the Jupiter's Group's framework ultimate responsibility in remuneration matters is held by the Board of Directors of Jupiter Fund Management Plc. The Board is supported in remunerated-related issues by the Remuneration Committee ("RemCo").

The RemCo meets on a regular basis to consider remuneration matters across the Group. It operates under formal terms of reference, which are reviewed annually and are available on the Jupiter website. The RemCo is responsible for the determination, regular review of, and implementation of the overarching policy for remuneration that applies to the Group. It is also responsible for determining and reviewing annually individuals who have a material impact on the risk profile of Jupiter and/or its funds (Material Risk Takers ("MRTs")) and determining total remuneration packages for these individuals. In considering the remuneration policy, the RemCo seeks to ensure remuneration is structured in a way that attracts, motivates and retains high calibre staff, rewards individual and corporate performance and is aligned with appropriate risk and compliance standards and the long-term interests of shareholders, investors, clients and other stakeholders.

The RemCo takes full account of Jupiter's strategic objectives and stakeholder views in considering remuneration policy decisions. This includes careful consideration of any feedback from shareholders, investors, employees, the regulator and our clients, as well as specific input from subject matter experts, where requested (for example, the Chief Financial Officer, Chief Risk Officer, HR Director and Head of Reward). To avoid any conflicts of interest, the Committee comprises independent Non-Executive Directors and the Company Chairman, and no individual is involved in any decisions regarding their own remuneration.

The Committee has appointed Deloitte LLP as independent advisers to the Committee.

#### **Remuneration policy**

As described above, Jupiter operates a Group-wide remuneration policy. The Group has a pay for performance culture and flexible individual incentives are an important part of this performance culture. All employees are incentivised in a similar way and are rewarded according to personal performance and Jupiter's success.

A description of the different remuneration elements, how they are determined and the link between pay and performance are set out below.

#### **Remuneration elements**

#### **Base salary**

Base salaries are generally reviewed annually. Base salary levels are set considering the individual's skills, the size and scope of their role, and the market rate for the role at comparator companies.

#### **Benefits**

Benefits provided deliver a package based on what is important to the Group's employees, and Jupiter is committed to offering a market-leading benefits package with a core focus on health and wellbeing. The Group will ensure that its pension policy is in line with its business strategy, objectives, values and long-term interests and, where required under local regulation, will not deliver discretionary benefits in excess of accrued pension benefits.

#### Annual bonus (including Deferred Bonus Plan)

The annual bonus rewards individual and corporate performance and the achievement of strategic and personal objectives. The variable compensation pool (from which annual bonuses are paid) is based on Jupiter's profits, ensuring that any bonuses are affordable. The variable compensation pool may be adjusted based on the RemCo's assessment of a range of financial and non-financial considerations, including risk and compliance, as described later in this document. Individual bonuses are determined based on a number of factors relating to the individual's role and performance. This includes a balanced assessment of financial and non-financial factors, including:

- Risk, compliance and conduct behaviour.
- Metrics specific to the relevant business unit (e.g. sales performance for sales staff, investment performance and other factors such as profitability, assets managed and net sales for investment staff) and other specific departmental and corporate performance objectives and strategic goals.
- Assessment of how the above performance is achieved in terms of risk and repeatability.
- Performance in accordance with Jupiter's values and wider contribution to Jupiter and its growth strategy.
- People related objectives, for example succession planning and people development.

For any bonus amount in excess of £50,000 or local currency equivalent, a portion is deferred in the form of a Deferred Bonus Plan ("DBP") award, ensuring long term alignment to Jupiter's performance (subject to a de minimis £5,000 deferral amount, or local currency equivalent). Awards under the DBP can take the form of options over JFM plc shares and fund units. For individuals who are MRTs under AIFMD and/or UCITS V at least 40% of variable remuneration will be deferred, increasing to at least 60% where variable remuneration exceeds £500,000 for Jupiter's UK regulated entities or €500,000 in the case of JAMI or MGIE.

Awards normally vest in equal annual tranches over the three years from the date of grant. DBP awards for MRTs are also subject to a six-month post vesting holding period. For certain individuals, including all MRTs, malus and/ or clawback provisions apply.

In addition to the above, for MRTs, half of any non-deferred bonus may be delivered in the form of options over Jupiter shares, or, where elected, options over units in a single specified fund, the asset base for which is considered to be a representative of the overall asset base managed by the Company. Portfolio managers may elect to receive half of their non-deferred bonus as options over units in a fund that they manage. Options over the non-deferred bonus vest immediately but are subject to a six-month post-vesting holding period.

## Performance fees

For certain portfolio managers, performance fee sharing arrangements are in place, which help align the interests of senior fund managers with the long-term performance of the funds they manage. Under these arrangements, fund managers are entitled to receive a pre-determined proportion of the total performance fee earned by Jupiter. In all instances, the performance fee is considered variable remuneration and is subject to the relevant deferral requirements, as well as malus and clawback provisions.

# Long-term incentives

Long-Term Incentive Plan ("LTIP") awards to senior individuals incentivise and reward for the long-term performance of the Company and aid retention of these employees. The grant of LTIP awards is based on an assessment of individual and corporate performance, Including the consideration of risk and compliance.

LTIP awards take the form of options over shares in the Company, providing alignment to overall Jupiter performance, and vest a minimum of three years from the date of grant subject to continued employment, and the satisfaction of performance conditions and malus and/or clawback provisions. The performance conditions are set by the RemCo at the start of the performance measurement period. Awards are also subject to maintenance of an appropriate risk and compliance environment throughout the performance period as well as an underlying business performance underpin. The RemCo will compare the vesting outcome for LTIP awards against shareholder and client experience over the same performance period.



#### **Deferred Earn** Out

As part of the Company's acquisition of Merian Global Investors during the 2020 performance year, a Deferred Earn-Out ("DEO") scheme was established for the benefit of five key Merian management shareholders and their respective teams. The DEO will allow participants to benefit from a deferred earn-out plan of up to £30 million, structured as a combination of cash (£10m) and JFM plc shares (£20m), vesting over the third, fourth and fifth anniversaries of legal completion of the acquisition date (1 July 2020). Awards over shares are conditional on for growing and retaining revenues in the participant's respective investment strategy.

All awards are subject to continued employment, as well as malus and clawback provisions.

## All-employee share plans

Jupiter operates a Sharesave Plan and Share Incentive Plan, for all UK employees and an International Share Award for all non-UK employees.

## Risk and reward at Jupiter

The RemCo gives careful consideration to the linkage between risk and reward to ensure that desired behaviours and culture are rewarded. This includes ensuring the reward structures are consistent with and promote sound and effective risk management and ensuring that the remuneration out-turns appropriately reflect the risk profile and behaviours of the Company and individual. This is demonstrated through a variety of reward features and processes in place which ensure alignment to risk considerations throughout the organisation. For example:

- When assessing the overall variable compensation pool, the RemCo considers a number of "checkpoints", as described overleaf.
- Assessment of individual performance includes consideration of a scorecard of financial and non financial metrics. This ensures that how performance has been achieved is taken into account, for example in terms of risk and repeatability. For all employees there is consideration of performance against risk and compliance criteria, thereby ensuring that there is risk adjustment at an individual level.
- All employees with bonuses of over £50,000 or local currency equivalent will have a portion of bonus deferred into options over Jupiter Fund Management plc shares and/or Jupiter fund units. When considered in conjunction with LTIP awards, this means that around 25% of employees are subject to some kind of deferral, ensuring their interests are aligned to Jupiter's long-term success.
- Minimum shareholding requirements apply to executive directors of Jupiter Fund Management plc, further enhancing the link to the Company's long-term success.
- For MRTs (including senior management), all variable remuneration is subject to malus and clawback provisions, whereby incentive awards may be reduced, withheld or reclaimed in certain circumstances, including where there has been a material failure of risk management.
- For staff engaged in control function roles (e.g. risk and compliance), variable remuneration is principally determined by reference to performance against departmental and individual objectives which relate specifically to their functions. The Remuneration Committee signs off all remuneration for senior control staff, ensuring independent review of achievements.
- For fund management staff, various quantitative and qualitative factors are applied when assessing individual performance so that remuneration is aligned to client outcomes. Fund Managers are subject to regular performance appraisals and oversight by the CIO Office. This review process includes amongst other factors, an assessment of activities concerning the integration of sustainability risks and may focus on areas such as voting, engagement and the selection of securities. The ESG evaluation is one part of the overall performance assessment and should be viewed in that wider context.

In addition, as well as the Audit and Risk Committee feeding into the process, the Chief Risk Officer presents a report to the Committee, setting out thoughts and assurances around how the current remuneration structures and processes support sound and effective risk management.

Checkpoints - determining the variable compensation spend

## **Capital base and liquidity**

## Can Jupiter afford the proposed variable compensation pool?

Sufficient liquidity to make payments?

Consider impact on Jupiter's capital base.

Request and consider input from the Chief Financial Officer.



## **Underlying financial performance**

## Does Jupiter's underlying financial performance support the proposed variable compensation pool funding?

Consider performance against financial KPIs listed in the Annual Report.

Is there any reason to believe the financial results are not a fair reflection of underlying performance?

Request and consider input from the Audit and Risk Committee.



#### Risk

# Does Jupiter's risk profile and risk management support the variable compensation pool? Are any adjustments required?

Consideration of the Enterprise Risk Management report.

Are all risks being suitably monitored and managed? Have there been any material failures of risk management (or any "near misses") in the year?

Consider whether profit reflects current and future risks and timing and likelihood of future revenues.

Request and consider input from the Chief Risk Officer and the Audit and Risk Committee.



## **Compliance**

#### Have there been any material compliance breaches in the year?

Is any adjustment required?

Consideration of any significant compliance breaches and/or "near misses"

Consideration of any fines received in the year and any ongoing regulatory investigations.

Request and consider input from the Compliance Director.





#### **Commercial**

Are there any commercial drivers to support adjustments to the variable compensation pool?

Consider the market for talent and whether the pool would likely result in any significant over/underpayment against the market



## Reputational

Are there any reputational drivers to support adjustments to the variable compensation pool?

Has there been any reputational damage to the Group in the year?

Will the proposed variable compensation pool quantum have any adverse reputational impact on the Group?



## Variable compensation spend, total compensation ratio approval

## **Tax Information Reporting**

UK tax legislation requires fund managers to provide information to HMRC on certain investors who purchase units in unit trusts. Accordingly, the Fund may have to provide information annually to HMRC on the tax residencies of those unitholders that are tax resident out with the UK, in those countries that have signed up to the OECD's ('Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development') Common Reporting Standard for Automatic Exchange of Financial Account Information (the 'Common Reporting Standard'), or the United States (under the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act, 'FATCA').

All new unitholders that invest in the Fund must complete a certification form as part of the application form. Existing unitholders may also be contacted by the Registrar should any extra information be needed to correctly determine their tax residence.

Failure to provide this information may result in the account being reported to HMRC.

For further information, please see HMRC's Quick Guide: Automatic Exchange of Information – **information for account** holders: gov.uk/government/publications/exchange-of-information-account-holders.

#### **Value Assessment**

The Assessment of Value report for Jupiter UK Smaller Companies Equity Fund, contained within a Composite Report on each of Jupiter's Unit Trusts is published annually on the Document Library at www.jupiteram.com within 4 months of the reference date 31 March.

## **Advice to Unitholders**

In recent years investment related scams have become increasingly sophisticated and difficult to spot. We are therefore warning all our unitholders to be cautious so that they can protect themselves and spot the warning signs.

Fraudsters will often:

- contact you out of the blue
- apply pressure to invest quickly
- downplay the risks to your money
- promise tempting returns that sound too good to be true
- say that they are only making the offer available to you
- ask you to not tell anyone else about it

You can avoid investment scams by:

- **Rejecting unexpected offers** Scammers usually cold call but contact can also come by email, post, word of mouth or at a seminar. If you have been offered an investment out of the blue, chances are it's a high risk investment or a scam.
- Checking the FCA Warning List Use the FCA Warning List to check the risks of a potential investment. You can also search to see if the firm is known to be operating without proper FCA authorisation.
- **Getting impartial advice** Before investing get impartial advice and don't use an adviser from the firm that contacted vou.

If you are suspicious, report it:

- You can report the firm or scam to the FCA by contacting their Consumer Helpline on **0800 111 6768** or using their online reporting form.
- If you have lost money in a scam, contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or www.actionfraud.police.uk

For further helpful information about investment scams and how to avoid them please visit www.fca.org.uk/scamsmart

#### **Responsible Stewardship**

Jupiter believes that responsible stewardship is an important issue and aims to act in the best interests of all its stakeholders by engaging with the companies that it invests in, and by exercising its voting rights with care. We believe companies with high standards of corporate responsibility, governance and sustainable business practices create an appropriate culture to enhance good investment performance. **Jupiter's Corporate Governance and Voting Policy** and its compliance with the **UK Stewardship Code**, together with supporting disclosure reports are available at **www.jupiteram.com**.

## **Other Information**

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