# Jupiter Income Trust

**Annual Report & Accounts** 

For the year ended 31 December 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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#### **Trustee**

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#### **Investment Manager**

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Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

#### **Independent Auditors**

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Ernst & Young LLP (from 22 November 2023) Atria One 144 Morrison Street Edinburgh EH3 8EX

#### **Directors**

The Directors of Jupiter Unit Trust Managers Limited are:

P Moore

J Singh

T Scholefield

P Wagstaff\*

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<sup>\*</sup>Resigned 5 January 2024

<sup>\*\*</sup>Appointed 8 February 2023

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Appointed 14 September 2023

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

#### **Investment Objective**

To provide income together with the prospect of capital growth, to achieve a return, net of fees, higher than that provided by the FTSE All-Share Index, over the long term (at least five years).

#### **Investment Policy**

At least 70% of the Fund is invested in shares of 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 based anywhere in the world, open-ended funds (including funds managed by Jupiter and its associates), cash and near cash.

The Fund may only enter into derivative transactions for the purposes of efficient portfolio management, 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 FTSE All-Share Index is an industry standard index and is one of the leading representations of 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 Equity Income 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 in 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, J-Class units which are available to investors who invest a minimum of £500 (who buys units directly from the Manager and not through any intermediary or advisor) and U1-Class units which are available to investors who invest a minimum of £25,000,000. 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, non J-Class and non U1-Class) or I-Class Units or J-Class Units or U1-Class Units. The unit types associated with each unit class are disclosed in the Comparative Tables on pages 6 to 8.

#### **Change of Independent Auditor**

With effect from 22 November 2023, the Independent Auditor changed from PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP to Ernst & Young LLP.



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

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

	1 year	3 year	5 years	10 years
Percentage Growth	8.4	37.6	27.2	64.4
FTSE All-Share Index*	7.9	28.1	37.7	68.2
IA UK Equity Income Sector**	7.1	23.9	32.6	59.4
Sector Position	27/69	6/67	49/66	21/56
Quartile Ranking	2nd	1st	3rd	2nd

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 December 2023, the Fund returned 8.4% in sterling terms, compared to its target benchmark the FTSE All-Share Index which returned 7.9%\* and 7.1% for the IA UK Equity Income Sector, which is the Fund's comparator benchmark. Over five years the Fund has returned 27.2%\* compared to 37.7%\* for the FTSE All-Share Index and 32.6%\* for IA UK Equity Income Sector.

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

#### **Market and Policy Review**

The FTSE All-Share rose sharply at the start of the year, however, this changed dramatically in March following the failure of Silicon Valley Bank and Signature bank in the U.S. Following these failures investors worried about the likelihood of a recession (reduction in bank lending) and also the impact of higher interest rates on the global economy. These worries were intensified by the risk of war in the Middle East. However, in the final few months of the year global stock markets rallied sharply at the prospect of falling interest rates in 2024.

Despite all of these worries some areas performed very strongly – for example the NASDAQ index was up 55% in US dollars – as investors sought refuge in growth stocks.

The FTSE All-Share return rose just under 8%. Inside the stock market a sharply different picture is told. Shares that are seen as sensitive to higher rates (housebuilding, retailing, property, construction, commodities) or are highly leveraged (utilities) performed poorly for most of the year but rallied sharply towards the end due to the prospect of interest rate cuts. In general, lowly valued shares did not perform on average as well as growth stocks (more highly valued). The latter performed well as investors wanted to insulate themselves from any economic sensitivity. The fund slightly outperformed the stock market. Intel, Centrica and easyjet were significant contributors to the fund whereas Bayer, Imperial Brands and ITV were detractors.

We established a new position in Hargreaves Lansdown. The stock market is worried about slowing new business and competition. This has enabled us to purchase the leading investment platform in the UK at a low valuation. We reduced our holdings in BAE and Centrica following strong performance and redeployed the capital into Mondi (paper and packaging) and increased our position in Nokia. We sold our remaining holdings in IMI and H&R Block where the valuations are no longer very low, and South32 where we saw better opportunities elsewhere.

The dividends declared and paid by the fund for the last 12 months (January 2023 and July 2023) are up by 5.3% on the prior twelve-month period.

We continued to engage with our investee companies. We concentrated on areas of governance, carbon reduction plans and health and safety. There is a very clear desire from almost all companies and investors to make a significant change. We strongly believe that engagement is a better way to resolve issues rather than the trend for excluding sectors in their entirety.



# **Investment Report** (continued)

#### **Investment Outlook**

Valuation dispersion, the gap between the highest and lowest valued quintiles of companies, has narrowed from the 100th percentile to just the 95th percentile. This takes in a period from 1974 to 2023. If history acts as a guide when valuation dispersion is this extreme, it should lead to better relative returns for lowly valued shares as the gap closes. However, this is by no means certain.

The overall valuation for the fund is low and on some measures is not that far above the pandemic lows. The cyclically adjusted price: earnings (PE) ratio is around 8.8x. This measure of valuation divides the share price by the average earnings over the last 10 years. To put this into context the long run stock market average is around 16-17x. This low valuation is not at the expense of balance sheets or returns. The balance sheets are in a far stronger position than pre-pandemic and the return on operating assets (a reasonable measure of quality) shows that the fund is in line with the market. The fund has a slight bias to cyclical investments but crucially the valuations for these appear to be trying to discount a difficult outlook. For example, the water utility Severn Trent, trades on a cyclically adjusted PE of c.25x, but ITV and WPP, which are both exposed to cyclical advertising spend, are on 5 and 7x respectively. The price for "safety from a coming recession" appears high to us whereas the price for some economic risk is low.

#### Ben Whitmore

Investment Manager

# **Comparative Tables**

		L-Class Income		I-Class Income		
	31.12.23	31.12.22	31.12.21	31.12.23	31.12.22	31.12.21
	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p
Opening net asset value per unit	485.63	480.06	419.42	535.16	525.09	455.32
Return before operating charges*	45.71	34.28	86.89	50.22	37.54	94.50
Operating charges	(8.53)	(8.31)	(8.03)	(5.23)	(5.08)	(4.86
Return after operating charges*	37.18	25.97	78.86	44.99	32.46	89.64
Distributions on income unit	(23.05)	(20.40)	(18.22)	(25.49)	(22.39)	(19.87)
Closing net asset value per unit	499.76	485.63	480.06	554.66	535.16	525.09
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.19	0.62	0.58	0.21	0.68	0.64
Performance						
Return after charges (%)	7.66	5.41	18.80	8.41	6.18	19.69
Other information						
Closing net asset value (£'000)	471,589	564,198	422,459	306,786	270,019	268,522
Closing number of units	94,362,868	116,177,611	88,001,732	55,310,474	50,456,187	51,138,097
Operating charges (%)	1.69	1.69	1.69	0.94	0.94	0.94
Direct transaction costs (%)	0.04	0.13	0.12	0.04	0.13	0.12
Prices						
Highest unit price (p)	544.46	524.85	507.90	600.69	575.92	553.24
Lowest unit price (p)	469.93	454.27	420.26	519.73	497.56	456.51
Change in net asset per unit						
		J-Class Income			J1-Class Income	4

Change in net asset per unit						
		J-Class Income		U1-Class Income		
	31.12.23 (p)	31.12.22 (p)	31.12.21 (p)	31.12.23 (p)	31.12.22 (p)	31.12.21 (p)
Opening net asset value per unit	489.72	482.37	420.17	539.35	528.68	457.97
Return before operating charges*	46.05	34.28	87.12	50.58	37.81	95.07
Operating charges	(6.57)	(6.40)	(6.63)	(4.69)	(4.58)	(4.37)
Return after operating charges*	39.48	27.88	80.49	45.89	33.23	90.70
Distributions on income unit	(23.29)	(20.53)	(18.29)	(25.70)	(22.56)	(19.99)
Closing net asset value per unit	505.91	489.72	482.37	559.54	539.35	528.68
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.19	0.63	0.59	0.21	0.69	0.64
Performance						
Return after charges (%)	8.06	5.78	19.16	8.51	6.29	19.80
Other information						
Closing net asset value (£'000)	40,384	40,638	41,166	193,551	110,453	111,064
Closing number of units	7,982,399	8,298,139	8,534,078	34,591,177	20,478,995	21,007,835
Operating charges (%)	1.29	1.29	1.39	0.84	0.84	0.84
Direct transaction costs (%)	0.04	0.13	0.12	0.04	0.13	0.12
Prices						
Highest unit price (p)	549.41	528.06	509.50	605.50	580.11	556.71
Lowest unit price (p)	474.82	456.71	421.12	524.06	501.05	459.20

# **Comparative Tables** (continued)

Change in net asset per unit	1-0	Class Accumulat	ion	I-Cl	ass Accumulation	nn .
	31.12.23	31.12.22	31.12.21	31.12.23	31.12.22	31.12.21
	(p)	51.12.22 (p)	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Opening net asset value per unit	592.95	562.43	473.41	843.20	793.94	663.37
Return before operating charges*	56.69	40.38	98.15	80.43	57.03	137.71
Operating charges	(10.53)	(9.86)	(9.13)	(8.36)	(7.77)	(7.14)
Return after operating charges*	46.16	30.52	89.02	72.07	49.26	130.57
Distributions on accumulation unit	(28.47)	(24.14)	(20.76)	(40.63)	(34.20)	(29.20)
Retained distributions on accumulation units	28.47	24.14	20.76	40.63	34.20	29.20
Closing net asset value per unit	639.11	592.95	562.43	915.27	843.20	793.94
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.23	0.74	0.66	0.33	1.05	0.93
Performance						
Return after charges (%)	7.78	5.43	18.80	8.55	6.20	19.68
Other information						
Closing net asset value (£'000)	255,233	265,492	272,249	56,933	52,878	53,347
Closing number of units	39,935,860	44,774,874	48,406,013	6,220,374	6,271,203	6,719,313
Operating charges (%)	1.69	1.69	1.69	0.94	0.94	0.94
Direct transaction costs (%)	0.04	0.13	0.12	0.04	0.13	0.12
Prices						
Highest unit price (p)	664.62	614.63	573.20	946.23	870.41	805.84
Lowest unit price (p)	588.82	531.98	474.30	840.34	751.98	664.94

# **Comparative Tables** (continued)

Change in net asset per unit						
	J-(	lass Accumulat	ion	U1-Class Accumulation		
	31.12.23 (p)	31.12.22 (p)	31.12.21 (p)	31.12.23 (p)	31.12.22 (p)	31.12.21 (p)
Opening net asset value per unit	597.84	565.08	474.25	850.20	799.74	667.57
Return before operating charges*	57.06	40.33	98.38	81.08	57.46	138.61
Operating charges	(8.12)	(7.57)	(7.55)	(7.53)	(7.00)	(6.44)
Return after operating charges*	48.94	32.76	90.83	73.55	50.46	132.17
Distributions on accumulation unit	(28.76)	(24.29)	(20.83)	(41.00)	(34.47)	(29.41)
Retained distributions on accumulation units	28.76	24.29	20.83	41.00	34.47	29.41
Closing net asset value per unit	646.78	597.84	565.08	923.75	850.20	799.74
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.23	0.74	0.67	0.33	1.05	0.94
Performance						
Return after charges (%)	8.19	5.80	19.15	8.65	6.31	19.80
Other information						
Closing net asset value (£'000)	163,621	160,021	155,488	87,620	66,304	63,288
Closing number of units	25,297,784	26,766,398	27,516,048	9,485,208	7,798,644	7,913,490
Operating charges (%)	1.29	1.29	1.39	0.84	0.84	0.84
Direct transaction costs (%)	0.04	0.13	0.12	0.04	0.13	0.12
Prices						
Highest unit price (p)	670.50	618.33	574.97	954.26	877.16	811.29
Lowest unit price (p)	594.79	534.78	475.22	847.74	757.62	669.19



# **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 31.12.23	Year to 31.12.22
Portfolio Turnover Rate	2.58%	27.97%

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:	31.12.23	31.12.22*
Ongoing charges for L-Class Units	1.69%	1.69%
Ongoing charges for I-Class Units	0.94%	0.94%
Ongoing charges for J-Class Units	1.29%	1.29%
Ongoing charges for U1-Class Units	0.84%	0.84%

<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**

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# Portfolio Statement (continued)

Holding	Investment	Market value £	Total net assets %
			70
	Health Care (continued)		
285,714	TMO Renewables Private Placing Warrants*		
		101,919,600	6.47
	Industrials - 7.62% (7.84%)		
3,000,000	Babcock International	11,844,000	0.75
2,000,000	BAE Systems	22,210,000	1.41
7,000,000	easyJet	35,700,000	2.27
12,000,000	Royal Mail	32,652,000	2.07
1,000,000	Smiths	17,625,000	1.12
		120,031,000	7.62
	Mining - 1.13% (1.77%)		
3,000,000	Fresnillo	17,826,000	1.13
	Real Estate - 3.04% (2.23%)		
6,800,000	Land Securities	47,926,400	3.04
	Technology - 1.07% (1.00%)		
6,000,000	Moneysupermarket.com	16,812,000	1.07
	Telecommunications - 4.63% (4.29%)		
33,000,000	BT	40,705,500	2.58
47,000,000	Vodafone	32,218,500	2.05
		72,924,000	4.63
	Utilities - 2.89% (2.59%)		
32,392,037	Centrica	45,510,812	2.89
	OVERSEAS - 16.37% (16.66%)		
	Australia - 0.00% (2.06%)		
	Finland - 2.02% (1.63%)		
12,000,000	Nokia	31,773,019	2.02
	Germany - 6.52% (6.37%)		
940,000	Bayer	27,407,090	1.74
680,000	Continental	45,312,445	2.87
310,000	Volkswagen	30,031,606	1.91
		102,751,141	6.52

# Portfolio Statement (continued)

s at 31 Decer	mber 2023		
Holding	Investment	Market value £	Total net assets %
4,911,980	Ireland - 0.00% (0.00%) Irish Bank Resolution*		-
	United States - 7.83% (6.60%)		
950,000	Harley-Davidson	27,490,376	1.74
900,000	Intel	35,523,523	2.25
220,000	Ralph Lauren	24,915,244	1.58
3,800,000	Western Union	35,549,444	2.26
		123,478,587	7.83
	Total value of investments	1,534,794,059	97.40
	Net other assets	40,923,201	2.60
	Net assets	1,575,717,260	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 43) The figures in brackets show allocations as at 31 December 2022.



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

# **Summary of Material Portfolio Changes**

Significant purchases and sales for the year ended 31 December 2023						
Purchases	Cost £	Sales	Proceeds £			
Hargreaves Lansdown	27,494,126	BAE Systems	30,178,941			
Mondi	21,807,120	South32	24,463,430			
Nokia	17,192,946	Intel	17,405,061			
Western Union	16,943,919	Standard Chartered	14,431,141			
Volkswagen	10,147,880	Centrica	14,226,318			
BT	9,277,992	H & R Block	5,852,917			
Land Securities	7,800,796	IMI	5,610,259			
Smith & Nephew	6,613,144	Moneysupermarket.com	5,397,299			
ITV	5,061,396	easyJet	4,781,493			
Barclays	4,830,121	Barclays	1,359,677			
Subtotal	127,169,440	Subtotal	123,706,536			
Total cost of purchases, including the above, for the year	149,123,370	Total proceeds of sales, including the above, for the year	127,163,095			

# 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 Income Trust ("the Fund") for the Year Ended 31 December 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 27 February 2024

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Jupiter Income Trust ("the Fund") for the year ended 31 December 2023, which comprise the Statement of Total Return, the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders, the Balance Sheet, the related notes and the Distribution Tables, and the accounting policies of the Fund set out on pages 22 and 23 which include a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 31 December 2023 and of the net revenue and the net capital gains on the scheme property of the Fund for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report below. We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's (the "FRC") Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Manager with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report. However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern.



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#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Manager is responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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 such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of the other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### Opinions on other matters prescribed by the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the Financial Conduct Authority ("the FCA")

In our opinion:

- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice relating to Authorised Funds, the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the FCA and the Trust Deed; and
- there is nothing to indicate that adequate accounting records have not been kept or that the financial statements are not in agreement with those records; and
- the information given in the Manager's report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matter in relation to which the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the FCA requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

■ we have not received all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purposes of our audit

#### **Responsibilities of the Manager**

As explained more fully in the Manager's responsibilities statement set out on page 14, the Manager is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Manager determines 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 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 Manager either intends to wind up or terminate the Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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#### Auditor's 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 auditor's 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.

# Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect irregularities, including fraud. 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. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and management.

Our approach was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the Fund and determined that the most significant are United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK GAAP), Investment Management Association's Statement of Recommended Practice (IMA SORP), the FCA Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook, the Fund's Trust Deed and the Prospectus.
- We understood how the Fund is complying with those frameworks through discussions with the Manager and the Fund's administrator and a review of the Fund's documented policies and procedures.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the Fund's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might by considering the risk of management override, specifically management's propensity to influence revenue and amounts available for distribution. We identified fraud risks in relation to the incomplete or inaccurate income recognition through incorrect classification of special dividends and the resulting impact to amounts available for distribution. We tested the appropriateness of management's classification of material special dividends as either a capital or revenue return.
- Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations.Our procedures involved review of the reporting to the Manager with respect to the application of the documented policies and procedures and review of the financial statements to test compliance with the reporting requirements of the Fund.
- Due to the regulated nature of the Fund, the Statutory Auditor considered the experience and expertise of the engagement team to ensure that the team had the appropriate competence and capabilities which included the use of specialists where appropriate to identify non-compliance with the applicable laws and regulations.

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



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#### **Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the Fund's unitholders, as a body, pursuant to Paragraph 4.5.12 of the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the FCA. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Fund's unitholders those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Fund and the Fund's unitholders as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

#### **Ernst & Young LLP**

Statutory Auditor Edinburgh 27 February 2024

# **Statement of Total Return**

For the year ended 31 December 2023						
	Note	Year to 3	Year to 31.12.23		Year to 31.12.22	
		£	£	£	£	
Income						
Net capital gains	3		67,748,321		35,318,085	
Revenue	4	76,342,601		61,292,353		
Expenses	5	(21,533,189)		(19,871,855)		
Interest payable and similar charges		_		_		
Net revenue before taxation		54,809,412		41,420,498		
Taxation	6	(1,436,372)		(1,128,197)		
Net revenue after taxation			53,373,040		40,292,301	
Total return before distributions		_	121,121,361	_	75,610,386	
Distributions	7		(73,922,792)		(59,738,202)	
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		-	47,198,569	_	15,872,184	

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

For the year ended 31 December 2023		
	Year to 31.12.23	Year to 31.12.22
	£ £	££
Opening net assets attributable to unitholders	1,530,002,543	1,387,583,336
Amounts receivable on issue of units	103,802,857	235,448,569
Amounts payable on cancellation of units	(130,935,262)	(131,329,392)
	(27,132,405)	104,119,177
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders		
from investment activities	47,198,569	15,872,184
Unclaimed distributions	31,639	33,368
Retained distribution on accumulation units	25,616,914	22,394,478
Closing net assets attributable to unitholders	1,575,717,260	1,530,002,543



# **Balance Sheet**

As at 31 December 2023			
	Note	31.12.23	31.12.22
		£	_
Assets			
Fixed assets:			
Investments		1,534,794,059	1,444,482,082
Current assets:			
Debtors	8	5,376,523	8,641,267
Short term deposits		_	44,700,000
Cash and bank balances	9	57,938,693	53,123,475
Total assets	_	1,598,109,275	1,550,946,824
Liabilities			
Creditors:			
Distributions payable		(20,722,928)	(19,370,933)
Other creditors	10	(1,669,087)	(1,573,348)
Total liabilities	_	(22,392,015)	(20,944,281)
Net assets attributable to unitholders	_	1,575,717,260	1,530,002,543

# **Directors' Statement**

#### **Jupiter Income Trust**

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: Gaelle Pound, Jasveer Singh

Jupiter Unit Trust Managers Limited London 27 February 2024

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

#### 1. Significant Accounting Policies

#### (a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on 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 14, 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 December 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.

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.

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 these that the REIT will make a Non-PID distribution, these are treated for tax purposes in the same way as dividends from UK companies.

#### (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 29 December 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)

An Unlisted Asset Valuation Committee (UAVC) of the Investment Manager is responsible for approving unquoted prices. The UAVC meets on a monthly 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 29 December 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.

#### (b) Distributions Dates

Net revenue, if any, will be distributed or accumulated to unitholders as a dividend distribution, semi-annually on 31 August (interim) and 28 February (final) or 29 February (for leap years) in respect of the accounting periods ending 30 June (interim) and 31 December (final).

#### (c) Expenses charged to capital for distribution purposes

The Manager's annual management charge and all other expenses which were initially charged to revenue, are deducted from the capital of the Fund for the purpose of calculating any distribution.

#### (d) 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 Gains		
The net gains on investments during the year comprise:		
	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
Currency losses	(84,260)	(78,256)
Central Securities Depositories Regulation Penalty Reimbursement	700	1,510
Gains on non-derivative securities	67,796,047	35,428,901
Gains/(losses) on forward currency contracts (see Note 13)	35,834	(34,070)
Net capital gains	67,748,321	35,318,085
4. Revenue		
	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
UK dividends	55,433,835	44,375,756
Overseas dividends	15,999,920	14,788,008
Interest Income	2,606,246	558,589
Revenue from REITs	2,302,600	1,570,000
Total revenue	76,342,601	61,292,353
5. Expenses		
	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
Payable to the Manager, associates of the Manager and agents of either of them:		
Annual management charge*		8,107,688
	_	8,107,688
Other expenses:		
Fixed Annual Charge**	21,533,189	10,446,792
Aggregate Operating Fee*		1,317,375
	21,533,189	11,764,167
Total expenses	21,533,189	19,871,855

<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 will combine the Annual Management Charge and the Aggregate Operating Fee into a Fixed Annual Charge.



<sup>\*\*</sup>The audit fee (excluding VAT) incurred during the year was £8,850 (31.12.22: £12,663). The current year amount is borne by the Manager as it is paid out of Fixed Annual Charge.

#### 6. Taxation (a) Analysis of charge in the year: 31.12.23 31.12.22 £ £ Irrecoverable overseas tax 1,436,372 1,128,197 Total tax charge for the year 1,436,372 1,128,197

#### (b) Factors affecting total 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:

31.12.23	31.12.22
£	£
54,809,412	41,420,498
10,961,882	8,284,100
3,350,989	3,593,253
(14,286,751)	(11,832,753)
1,436,372	1,128,197
(26,120)	(44,600)
1,436,372	1,128,197
	£ 54,809,412 10,961,882 3,350,989 (14,286,751) 1,436,372 (26,120)

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 December 2023, there are surplus management expenses of £692,552,655 (31.12.22: £675,797,712). It is unlikely the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits in the future to utilise this amount and therefore a Deferred Tax asset of £138,510,531 (31.12.22: £135,159,542) has not been recognised.

#### 7. Distributions

Total cash and bank balances

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

	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
Interim distribution	41,235,905	31,454,487
Final distribution	32,027,453	29,868,678
	73,263,358	61,323,165
Amounts received on issue of units	(847,684)	(2,640,065)
Amounts paid on cancellation of units	1,507,118	1,055,102
Net distributions for the year	73,922,792	59,738,202
Reconciliation of net revenue after taxation to distributions:		
Net revenue after taxation	53,373,040	40,292,301
Charges borne by capital	21,533,189	19,871,854
Tax relief on capitalised expenses	(981,769)	(425,718)
Equalisation on conversions	(1,701)	(146)
Net movement in revenue account	33	(89)
Net distributions for the year	73,922,792	59,738,202

Details of the distributions in pence per unit are shown in the Distribution Tables on pages 35 to 38.

8. Debtors		
	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
Accrued revenue	4,504,243	3,886,369
Amounts receivable for issue of units	374,310	844,344
Overseas tax recoverable	497,970	200,385
Sales awaiting settlement		3,710,169
Total debtors	5,376,523	8,641,267
9. Cash and Bank Balances		
	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
Cash and bank balances	57,938,693	53,123,475

53,123,475

57,938,693

10. Other Creditors		
	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
Accrued expenses	630,577	587,038
Amounts payable for cancellation of units	1,038,510	986,310
Total other creditors	1,669,087	1,573,348

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

The Fund had no contingent assets and liabilities or capital commitments at the balance sheet date (31.12.22: £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 £664,200 was payable to JUTM (31.12.22: £141,966 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 are disclosed in Note 4 (Expenses). At the year end, £630,577 (31.12.22: £587,038) 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, 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, liquidity and cash flow risk. These risks are not significant at current levels. The main risks it faces from its financial instruments are 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)

#### 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 percent increase in the value of the Fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £153,479,406 (31.12.22: £144,448,208). A ten percent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

#### Foreign Currency Risk

A substantial proportion of the net assets of the Fund is denominated in currencies other than Sterling, with the effect that the balance sheet and total return can be significantly affected by currency movements.

Currency	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
Euro	135,022,130	126,247,878
US Dollar	123,588,752	101,191,820

#### 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 £25,861,088 (31.12.22: £22,743,970). A ten per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

#### **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 December was:

Currency	Floating Rate financial assets £	Fixed Rate financial assets £	Financial assets not carrying interest £	Total £
31.12.23				
Euro	_	_	135,022,130	135,022,130
US Dollar	_	-	123,588,752	123,588,752
Sterling	57,938,693	_	1,281,559,700	1,339,498,393
Total	57,938,693	_	1,540,170,582	1,598,109,275
31.12.22				
Euro	_	_	126,247,878	126,247,878
US Dollar	_	_	101,191,820	101,191,820
Sterling	97,823,475	_	1,225,683,651	1,323,507,126
Total	97,823,475	_	1,453,123,349	1,550,946,824

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

Currency	Floating Rate financial liabilities £	Fixed Rate financial liabilities £	Financial liabilities not carrying interest £	Total £
31.12.23				
Sterling	_	_	22,392,015	22,392,015
Total		_	22,392,015	22,392,015
31.12.22				
Sterling	_	_	20,944,281	20,944,281
Total		_	20,944,281	20,944,281

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%.

#### **Use of Derivatives**

The Manager made use of the following derivatives during the year under review:

#### **Forward Foreign Currency Contracts**

The Manager made use of forward foreign currency contracts during the year in order to hedge out some of the currency exposure in the Fund. This resulted in realised gains of £35,834 to the Fund during the year (31.12.22: realised losses of £34,070). All contracts were undertaken with Northern Trust as counterparty during the year. There are no outstanding contracts at the year end.

#### 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 £
31.12.23		
Level 1	1,534,794,059	_
Level 2	_	_
Level 3		_
Total	1,534,794,059	_

Basis of valuation	Assets £	Liabilities £
31.12.22		
Level 1	1,444,482,082	_
Level 2	_	_
Level 3		_
Total	1,444,482,082	_

#### **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 Manager.
- Industry statistics or events (such as mergers and acquisitions).

The fair value of the Fund's investment in TMO Renewables Placing, TMO Renewables Private Placing Warrants and Irish Bank Resolution are determined using Manager's estimation of liquidation process and any potential recovery thereon, and taking into account where applicable any factors which may warrant adjustment to the net asset value as part of a robust governance process involving the Unlisted Asset Valuation Committee.

#### 15. Portfolio Transaction Costs

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Equities £	%	Total £
31.12.23			
Analysis of total purchases costs			
Purchases in year before transaction costs	148,572,950		148,572,950
Commissions	63,516	0.04	63,516
Expenses and other charges	486,904	0.33	486,904
	550,420		550,420
Purchases including transaction costs	149,123,370		149,123,370
Analysis of total sales costs			
Sales in year before transaction costs	127,214,042		127,214,042
Commissions	(50,626)	0.04	(50,626)
Expenses and other charges	(321)	0.00	(321)
	(50,947)		(50,947)
Sales net of transaction costs	127,163,095		127,163,095

Commissions and expenses and other charges as % of average net assets:

Commissions 0.01% Expenses and other charges 0.03%

The average portfolio dealing spread as at the balance sheet date was 0.11%.



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

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	Equities £	%	Total £
31.12.22			
Analysis of total purchases costs			
Purchases in year before transaction costs	409,154,511		409,154,511
Commissions	152,215	0.04	152,215
Expenses and other charges	1,528,456	0.37	1,528,456
	1,680,671		1,680,671
Purchases including transaction costs	410,835,182		410,835,182
Analysis of total sales costs			
Sales in year before transaction costs	362,227,860		362,227,860
Commissions	(153,464)	0.04	(153,464)
Expenses and other charges	(1,891)	0.00	(1,891)
	(155,355)		(155,355)
Sales net of transaction costs	362,072,505		362,072,505

Commissions and expenses and other charges as % of average net assets:

Commissions 0.02% Expenses and other charges 0.11%

The average portfolio dealing spread as at the balance sheet date was 0.17%.

### 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%	1.69%	£500
I-Class Units	0.00%	0.94%	£1,000,000
J-Class Units	0.00%	1.29%	£500
U1-Class Units	0.00%	0.84%	£25,000,000

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.

# **Notes to the Financial Statements** (continued)

## 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 to 8. All unit classes have the same rights on winding up.

Reconciliation of Units	L-Class Income	L-Class Accumulation	I-Class Income	I-Class Accumulation
Opening number of units at 1 January 2023	116,177,611	44,774,874	50,456,187	6,271,203
Units issued in year	1,280,586	29,305	10,222,194	709,718
Units cancelled in year	(8,883,953)	(3,112,399)	(4,796,852)	(1,230,253)
Units converted in year	(14,211,376)	(1,755,920)	(571,055)	469,706
Closing number of units at 31 December 2023	94,362,868	39,935,860	55,310,474	6,220,374

Reconciliation of Units	J-Class Income	J-Class Accumulation	U1-Class Income	U1-Class Accumulation
Opening number of units at 1 January 2023	8,298,139	26,766,398	20,478,995	7,798,644
Units issued in year	122,747	77,023	2,555,681	2,038,019
Units cancelled in year	(531,226)	(1,981,779)	(1,659,663)	(813,760)
Units converted in year	92,739	436,142	13,216,164	462,305
Closing number of units at 31 December 2023	7,982,399	25,297,784	34,591,177	9,485,208

# **Distribution Tables**

## For the six months ended 30 June 2023

#### **INTERIM**

Group 1: Units purchased prior to 1 January 2023

Group 2: Units purchased on or after 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023

Group 2: Units purchased on or after 1 January	ary 2023 to 30 June 2023			
	Income	Equalisation	Distribution	Distribution
			paid 31.08.23	paid 31.08.22
L-Class Income	pence	pence	pence	pence
Units	per unit	per unit	per unit	per unit
Group 1	12.8128	_	12.8128	10.8421
Group 2	7.3833	5.4295	12.8128	10.8421
	Income	Equalisation	Distribution	Distribution
			accumulated 31.08.23	accumulated 31.08.22
L-Class Accumulation	pence	pence	pence	pence
Units	per unit	per unit	per unit	per unit
Group 1	15.6405	_	15.6405	12.7028
Group 2	8.7861	6.8544	15.6405	12.7028
	Income	Equalisation	Distribution	Distribution
		1,	paid	paid
			31.08.23	31.08.22
I-Class Income	pence	pence	pence	pence
Units	per unit	per unit	per unit	per unit
Group 1	14.1473	_	14.1473	11.8889
Group 2	9.2560	4.8913	14.1473	11.8889
	Income	Equalisation	Distribution	Distribution
			accumulated 31.08.23	accumulated 31.08.22
I-Class Accumulation	pence	pence	pence	pence
Units	per unit	per unit	per unit	per unit
Group 1	22.2831	_	22.2831	17.9686
Group 2	14.3770	7.9061	22.2831	17.9686
	Income	Equalisation	Distribution	Distribution
			paid 31.08.23	paid 31.08.22
J-Class Income	pence	pence	pence	pence
Units	per unit	per unit	per unit	per unit
Group 1	12.9339	_	12.9339	10.9083
Group 2	6.3643	6.5696	12.9339	10.9083
	Income	Equalisation	Distribution	Distribution
		·	accumulated 31.08.23	accumulated 31.08.22
J-Class Accumulation	pence	pence	pence	pence
Units	per unit	per unit	per unit	per unit
Group 1	15.7850	_	15.7850	12.7733
Group 2	7.6355	8.1495	15.7850	12.7733

# **Distribution Tables** (continued)

#### For the six months ended 30 June 2023

#### **INTERIM**

Group 1: Units purchased prior to 1 January 2023

Group 2: Units purchased on or after 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023

	Income	Equalisation	Distribution	Distribution
			paid	paid
			31.08.23	31.08.22
U1-Class Income	pence	pence	pence	pence
Units	per unit	per unit	per unit	per unit
Group 1	14.2617	_	14.2617	11.9736
Group 2	8.9549	5.3068	14.2617	11.9736

	Income	Equalisation	Distribution accumulated 31.08.23	Distribution accumulated 31.08.22
U1-Class Accumulation	pence	pence	pence	pence
Units	per unit	per unit	per unit	per unit
Group 1	22.4852	_	22.4852	18.1051
Group 2	16.0478	6.4374	22.4852	18.1051

# **Distribution Tables** (continued)

## For the year ended 31 December 2023

## **FINAL**

Group 1: Units purchased prior to 1 July 2023

	Income	Equalisation	Distribution	Distribution
	mesme	Equanisation	payable	paic
			29.02.24	28.02.23
L-Class Income	pence	pence	pence	pence
Units	per unit	per unit		per unit
Group 1	10.2400	_	10.2400	9.5586
Group 2	5.1509	5.0891	10.2400	9.5586
	Income	Equalisation		Distribution
			be accumulated 29.02.24	accumulated 28.02.23
L-Class Accumulation	pence	pence	pence	pence
Units	per unit	per unit	'	per unit
Group 1	12.8327		12.8327	11.4361
Group 2	6.6100	6.2227	12.8327	11.4361
	Income	Equalisation	Distribution	Distribution
		1	payable 29.02.24	paid 28.02.23
I-Class Income	pence	pence	pence	pence
Units	per unit	per unit	per unit	per unit
Group 1	11.3464	_	11.3464	10.5047
Group 2	5.9421	5.4043	11.3464	10.5047
	Income	Equalisation		Distribution
			be accumulated 29.02.24	accumulated 28.02.23
I-Class Accumulation	pence	pence	pence	pence
Units	per unit	per unit	per unit	per unit
Group 1	18.3487	_	18.3487	16.2318
Group 2	4.4507	13.8980	18.3487	16.2318
	Income	Equalisation	Distribution	Distribution
			payable 29.02.24	paid 28.02.23
J-Class Income	pence	pence	pence	pence
Units	per unit	per unit		per unit
Group 1 Group 2	10.3562 4.5254	5.8308	10.3562 10.3562	9.6209 9.6209
	1.3231			
	Income	Equalisation		Distribution
			be accumulated 29.02.24	accumulated 28.02.23
J-Class Accumulation	pence	pence	pence	pence
Units	per unit	per unit		per unit
Group 1	12.9756	_	12.9756	11.5191
Group 2	6.2485	6.7271	12.9756	11.5191

# **Distribution Tables** (continued)

### For the year ended 31 December 2023

#### **FINAL**

Group 1: Units purchased prior to 1 July 2023

Group 2: Units purchased on or after 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Income	Equalisation	Distribution	Distribution
			payable	paid
			29.02.24	28.02.23
U1-Class Income	pence	pence	pence	pence
Units	per unit	per unit	per unit	per unit
Group 1	11.4415	_	11.4415	10.5833
Group 2	5.9262	5.5153	11.4415	10.5833

	Income	Equalisation	Distribution to be accumulated	Distribution accumulated
			29.02.24	28.02.23
U1-Class Accumulation	pence	pence	pence	pence
Units	per unit	per unit	per unit	per unit
Group 1	18.5107	_	18.5107	16.3627
Group 2	9.1713	9.3394	18.5107	16.3627

## **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; and
- 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 Group Remuneration Policy.



#### **Quantitative disclosures**

The remuneration data provided below reflects amounts paid in respect of the performance year 2022 in relation to the funds managed by JUTM.

As at 31 December 2022, JUTM had GBP 27.3 billion assets under management consisting of 34 authorised Unit Trust, 12 sub-funds within 2 Open-Ended Investment Companies and 2 Investment Trusts.

Total annual remuneration paid to all Management Company employees (as per breakdown below	v):
Of which fixed:	n/a
Of which variable:	n/a
Number of Management Company employees:	
Total remuneration paid to Identified Staff of the Management Company:	£8,678,282
Of which paid to Senior Management:	£2,755,669
Of which paid to other Identified Staff:	£5,922,613
Number of Identified Staff:	23
Total annual remuneration paid to employees in delegate(s):	£10,337,391
Of which fixed:	£1,344,131
Of which variable:	£8,993,260
Number of beneficiaries:	6

#### **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 2022.

#### **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 Income Trust, 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

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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