# Jupiter China Fund

### Annual Report & Accounts

For the year ended 31 August 2024



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\*These collectively comprise the Authorised Fund Manager's Report.



### **Fund Information**

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#### Sub-Investment Manager

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### **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\* D Skinner G Pound\*\* J Leach\*\*\* S Fuschillo\*\*\*\*

\*Resigned 5 January 2024 \*\*Resigned 20 May 2024 \*\*\*Appointed 14 September 2023 \*\*\*\*Appointed 5 July 2024

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### Fund Information (continued)

### **Investment Objective**

To provide a return, net of fees, higher than that provided by the MSCI China 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 Greater China (including Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan). Up to 30% of the Fund may be invested in other assets, including shares of 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 (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.

### **Benchmarks**

The MSCI China Index is an industry standard index and is one of the leading representations of the Greater China stock markets. It is easily accessible and provides a fair reflection of the Fund 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 China/ G. China 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 (FCA). 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 and 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). 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 pages 7 and 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 August 2024)

	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
Percentage Growth	(12.5)	(34.0)	(35.4)	(10.7)
MSCI China Index*	(6.3)	(32.4)	(22.0)	34.4
IA China/ G. China Sector**	(12.0)	(37.6)	(20.5)	39.4
Sector Position	24/50	12/43	31/36	28/29
Quartile Ranking	2nd	2nd	4th	4th

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

This document is for informational purposes only and is not investment advice. Market and exchange rate movements can cause the value of an investment to fall as well as rise, and you may get back less than originally invested. We recommend you discuss any investment decisions with a financial adviser, particularly if you are unsure whether an investment is suitable. Jupiter is unable to provide investment advice. Current tax levels and reliefs will depend on your individual circumstances and are subject to change in the future. The Fund invests in a single developing geographic area and there is a greater risk of volatility due to political and settlement systems that are generally less reliable than in developed markets, which may result in large price movements or losses to the Fund. The Fund invests in smaller companies, which can be less liquid than investments in larger companies and can have fewer resources than larger companies to cope with unexpected adverse events. As such price fluctuations may have a greater impact on the Fund. This Fund invests mainly in shares and it is likely to experience fluctuations in price which are larger than funds that invest only in bonds and/or cash. For definitions please see the glossary at jupiteram.com. Every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of any information provided but no assurances or warranties are given. Company examples are for illustrative purposes only and are not a recommendation to buy or sell. Quoted yields are not guaranteed and may change in the future. Jupiter Unit Trust Managers Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and their registered address is The Zig Zag Building, 70 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6SQ.

### Fund Information (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 31.08.24	Year to 31.08.23
Portfolio Turnover Rate	162.08%	173.97%

The PTR provides an indication of the rate the Manager has bought and sold the underlying assets of the Fund during the year 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::	31.08.24	31.08.23
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%	1.34%



### **Investment Report**

#### **Performance Review**

For the year ended 31 August 2024, the Fund returned -12.5%\* in sterling terms, compared to -6.3%\* for its target benchmark, MSCI China Index and -12.0%\* for the comparator benchmark, IA China/Greater China Sector. Over five years, the Fund returned -35.4%\* compared to -22.0%\* for its target benchmark and -20.5%\* for the 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**

During the year under review, the MSCI China Index reported a total return of -3.5%, while the Hang Seng Index delivered a total return of 2.2%. China's economy continued to exhibit signs of a weak recovery and diminishing momentum in 2024, with the real estate market remaining sluggish and not yet reaching a bottom, and domestic demand weakening, primarily relying on external demand. The new real estate policy introduced on 17 May had only a brief impact, and the market quickly deteriorated once more, with residential sales from January to August coming in significantly lower year-over-year and house prices continuing to decline. Also, the Chinese manufacturing Purchasing Managers Index returned to the contraction range in recent months. Fixed asset investment growth slowed in the first eight months of the year, hitting the lowest level since the start of the year. August's total retail sales of consumer goods not only fell below expectations and previous values, but the growth rate also remained far below pre-pandemic levels. China's latest industrial output growth continued to decelerate, falling below the prior month's expansion rate and expectations. This marks the fourth consecutive month of slowing growth, representing the longest period of deceleration in industrial output since 2021.

Additionally, China's youth unemployment rate increased in July, and the overall urban unemployment rate also rose in August, indicating intensified employment pressure and posing further challenges to economic growth and consumer demand. Credit growth in China was weak, with aggregate financing to the real economy in August falling below the level of the same period last year; financial institutions' new renminibi loans also fell short of economists' forecasts. Against a backdrop of credit tightening, core inflation in August edged up, marking the lowest levels in around three years. In the first half of the year, overall government spending in China decreased compared to the same period in 2023, indicating weaker fiscal support. Additionally, an unexpected slowdown in China's export growth rate in July showed that the global demand supporting China's economic growth was cooling. Looking ahead, with the uncertainty of global demand increasing and continued weakness in domestic demand, these factors may hinder China's ability to achieve its annual growth targets.

#### **Policy Review**

The fund underperformed its benchmark in the period under review. The largest positive contributions to the fund's performance came from our underweight positions in the financials and consumer staples sectors, as well as overweight positions in the consumer discretionary and communication services sectors. The largest detractors were our underweight positions in the materials, energy, utilities and real estate sectors, as well as our overweight positions in the industrials, health care and information technology sectors.

In terms of individual stock performance, our overweight positions in Industrial & Commercial Bank of China (ICBC), China Construction Bank, China Resources Sanjiu Medical and Pharmaceutical and Gree Electric Appliances of Zhuhai (Gree) were the most beneficial for the fund's overall returns. ICBC and China Construction Bank delivered strong stock performance due to their ability to offer high dividend yields, attracting investors and capital in an environment of macroeconomic uncertainty. China Resources Sanjiu Medical and Pharmaceutical benefits from its core CHC business which focuses on non-medical insurance products, providing a shield against policy changes. The company has intensified its merger and acquisition activity, leveraging the increasing consolidation in the traditional Chinese medicine industry. It also implemented a stock incentive plan in 2022. Gree has maintained steady dividend payouts over the past year amidst fundamental growth, offering an attractive dividend yield. Supported by the trade-in policy, fundamentals in the home appliance industry have performed well within the consumer sector.

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

### **Policy Review** (continued)

The fund's performance was negatively affected by overweight positions in China Resources Land, VNET and Meituan. China Resources Land's share price fell as the real estate sector continued to deteriorate, with ongoing year-on-year decreases in real estate sales and prices, and no signs of the market bottoming out yet. VNET's stock price fell due to a slowdown in the growth of the internet industry, compounded by deteriorating financial conditions and the failure of its privatisation efforts. We had already sold out of our position in VNET earlier this year. By the end of 2023, Meituan faced concerns over heightened competition from Douyin, coupled with a deceleration in the growth of its food delivery and local services sectors due to macroeconomic factors, which contributed to a drop in its stock price. However, year to date, Meituan has recovered significantly and regained much of the ground lost.

### **Investment Outlook**

Ongoing weakness in China's macroeconomic environment, the continuing downturn in the real estate market, and weak consumer and investment activity, which offset growth driven by exports, may hinder China's ability to achieve its annual growth targets. Facing the fundamental economic challenges in China, the upside potential of Chinese stocks may be limited. However, given that the price-to-earnings ratio of the MSCI China Index is close to one standard deviation below the tenyear average, and global capital allocations to China have significantly decreased, these factors provide some support to the market. Furthermore, southbound capital inflows since the beginning of the year have already exceeded the total for last year, providing support for Chinese stocks in Hong Kong. The US Federal Reserve started to cut interest rates in September, which could bring not only a looser monetary environment to the global market but also provide room for further rate cuts and reserve requirement reductions by the People's Bank of China. In a rate-cutting environment, Chinese stocks, with their lower valuations, could be more resilient than some other markets.

For the remainder of this year, economic data and corporate earnings are expected to improve coming from last year's low base, with Chinese fiscal spending expected to accelerate, and benefiting from the "trade-in for consumer products" policy. Thus, although Chinese stocks face certain challenges, we believe that their downside risks are relatively limited.

The performance of Chinese stocks is primarily driven by China's economic fundamentals. However, market sentiment, policy expectations, and central bank rate cuts also play significant roles. We expect fiscal and monetary policies to continue to intensify and ease, with the speed of policy transmission likely to accelerate. Given that the current MSCI China Index valuation is one standard deviation below its 10-year average, we anticipate short-term upside potential for the MSCI China Index's valuations, as well as controllable downside risks.

**Ping An of China Asset Management (Hong Kong)** Sub-Investment Manager



### **Comparative Tables**

### Change in net asset per unit

	L	-Class Income			I-Class Income	
	31.08.24	31.08.23	31.08.22	31.08.24	31.08.23	31.08.22
	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p
Opening net asset value per unit	83.51	99.50	112.97	85.11	101.48	115.23
Return before operating charges*	(9.64)	(14.20)	(11.47)	(9.85)	(14.57)	(11.71
Operating charges	(1.32)	(1.60)	(1.78)	(0.77)	(0.91)	(1.03
Return after operating charges*	(10.96)	(15.80)	(13.25)	(10.62)	(15.48)	(12.74
Distributions on income unit	(0.86)	(0.19)	(0.22)	(1.46)	(0.89)	(1.01
Closing net asset value per unit	71.69	83.51	99.50	73.03	85.11	101.48
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.21	0.31	0.23	0.22	0.30	0.23
Performance Return after charges (%)	(13.12)	(15.88)	(11.73)	(12.48)	(15.25)	(11.06
Other information						
Closing net asset value (£'000)	37	50	1,120	2,299	2,902	2,584
Closing number of units	51,321	59,929	1,125,894	3,147,388	3,409,979	2,545,878
Operating charges (%)	1.74	1.74	1.74	0.99	0.99	0.99
Direct transaction costs (%)	0.28	0.33	0.22	0.28	0.33	0.22
Prices						
Highest unit price (p)	86.28	103.00	117.90	87.94	105.33	120.46
Lowest unit price (p)	65.52	72.44	80.41	66.98	73.97	82.35

### Change in net asset per unit

		J-Class Income			
	31.08.24	31.08.23	31.08.22		
	(p)	(p)	(p)		
Opening net asset value per unit	83.45	99.47	112.94		
Return before operating charges*	(9.65)	(14.26)	(11.55)		
Operating charges	(1.02)	(1.21)	(1.37)		
Return after operating charges*	(10.67)	(15.47)	(12.92)		
Distributions on income unit	(1.16)	(0.55)	(0.55)		
Closing net asset value per unit	71.62	83.45	99.47		
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.21	0.30	0.23		
Performance Return after charges (%)	(12.79)	(15.55)	(11.44)		
Other information					
Closing net asset value (£'000)	230	286	338		
Closing number of units	320,761	342,229	339,923		
Operating charges (%)	1.34	1.34	1.34		
Direct transaction costs (%)	0.28	0.33	0.22		
Prices					
Highest unit price (p)	86.22	103.12	117.95		
Lowest unit price (p)	65.58	72.46	80.52		

### Comparative Tables (continued)

### Change in net asset per unit

	L-C	lass Accumulat	ion	I-Class Accumulation		
	31.08.24 (p)	31.08.23 (p)	31.08.22 (p)	31.08.24 (p)	31.08.23 (p)	31.08.22 (p
Opening net asset value per unit	89.92	106.91	121.11	98.28	115.98	130.40
Return before operating charges*	(10.38)	(15.31)	(12.30)	(11.37)	(16.66)	(13.25)
Operating charges	(1.42)	(1.68)	(1.90)	(0.89)	(1.04)	(1.17)
Return after operating charges*	(11.80)	(16.99)	(14.20)	(12.26)	(17.70)	(14.42)
Distributions on accumulation unit	(0.92)	(0.20)	(0.23)	(1.69)	(1.01)	(1.14)
Retained distributions on accumulation unit	0.92	0.20	0.23	1.69	1.01	1.14
Closing net asset value per unit	78.12	89.92	106.91	86.02	98.28	115.98
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.23	0.32	0.24	0.25	0.35	0.26
Performance						
Return after charges (%)	(13.12)	(15.89)	(11.72)	(12.47)	(15.26)	(11.06
Other information						
Closing net asset value (£'000)	7,928	9,921	27,080	20,271	26,918	20,852
Closing number of units	10,148,963	11,032,872	25,331,370	23,566,786	27,388,940	17,979,092
Operating charges (%)	1.74	1.74	1.74	0.99	0.99	0.99
Direct transaction costs (%)	0.28	0.33	0.22	0.28	0.33	0.22
Prices						
Highest unit price (p)	92.90	110.67	126.40	101.55	120.38	136.32
Lowest unit price (p)	70.56	77.83	86.20	77.34	84.53	93.19

### Change in net asset per unit

	J-C	J-Class Accumulation			
	31.08.24	31.08.23	31.08.22		
	(p)	(p)	(p)		
Opening net asset value per unit	90.92	107.66	121.57		
Return before operating charges*	(10.51)	(15.43)	(12.44)		
Operating charges	(1.11)	(1.31)	(1.47)		
Return after operating charges*	(11.62)	(16.74)	(13.91)		
Distributions on accumulation unit	(1.27)	(0.60)	(0.59)		
Retained distributions on accumulation unit	1.27	0.60	0.59		
Closing net asset value per unit	79.30	90.92	107.66		
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.23	0.32	0.24		
Performance					
Return after charges (%)	(12.78)	(15.55)	(11.44)		
Other information					
Closing net asset value (£'000)	4,160	5,539	6,891		
Closing number of units	5,245,692	6,091,869	6,400,510		
Operating charges (%)	1.34	1.34	1.34		
Direct transaction costs (%)	0.28	0.33	0.22		
Prices					
Highest unit price (p)	93.94	111.61	126.96		
Lowest unit price (p)	71.45	78.43	86.67		



### **Portfolio Statement**

### As at 31 August 2024

Holding	Investment	Market value £	Total net asset: %
	CHINA (INCLUDING HONG KONG) - 96.83% (98.01%)		
	Beverages - 2.45% (2.74%)		
194,000	Tsingtao Brewery	854,634	2.45
	Consumer Discretionary - 27.19% (31.73%)		
423,844	Alibaba Group	3,370,018	9.65
43,000	BYD	1,012,249	2.90
534,500	Crystal International Group	191,609	0.55
221,422	Gree Electric Appliancesof Zhuhai	944,297	2.70
28,610	H World	663,768	1.90
132,810	Meituan	1,533,381	4.39
4,000,000	Peace Mark Holdings*	-	-
212,800	Pop Mart International	953,043	2.73
22,900	Trip.com	828,083	2.37
		9,496,448	27.19
	Consumer Staples - 3.53% (4.00%)		
5,000	Kweichow Moutai	775,159	2.22
828,000	WH	459,389	1.31
		1,234,548	3.53
	Financials - 13.53% (15.48%)		
4,890,000	China Construction Bank	2,631,857	7.53
4,788,000	Industrial & Commercial Bank of China	2,095,241	6.00
		4,727,098	13.53
	Health Care - 3.49% (4.76%)		
142,574	China Resources Sanjiu Medical & Pharmaceutical	688,136	1.97
128,000	Innovent Biologics	530,749	1.52
		1,218,885	3.49
	Industrial Metals and Mining - 2.16% (0.00%)		
488,000	Zijin Mining	753,145	2.16
	Industrials - 8.18% (7.49%)		
418,700	Anhui Jianghuai Automobile	904,059	2.59
5,000,000	China Metal Recycling*	-	-
33,780	Contemporary Amperex Technology	668,851	1.91
290,137	NARI Technology	767,030	2.20
195,700	Zhuzhou CRRC Times Electric	516,127	1.48

### Portfolio Statement (continued)

### As at 31 August 2024

Holding	Investment	Market value £	Total net assets %
	Life Insurance - 4.56% (3.55%)		
800,800	China Pacific Insurance	1,591,807	4.56
	Personal Goods - 0.00% (2.78%)		
	Real Estate - 1.46% (5.42%)		
236,000	China Resources Land	510,608	1.46
	Technology - 15.72% (5.23%)		
21,100	NAURA Technology	721,422	2.07
109,500	NetEase	1,364,792	3.91
175,100	Sunny Optical Technology	825,250	2.36
40,000	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	899,055	2.57
882,200	Xiaomi	1,680,364	4.81
		5,490,883	15.72
	Telecommunications - 11.91% (14.83%)		
8,560,000	China Tower	802,688	2.30
90,000	Tencent	3,358,209	9.61
		4,160,897	11.91
	Utilities - 2.65% (0.00%)		
2,104,000	Huaneng Power International	924,826	2.65
	Total value of investments	33,819,846	96.83
	Net other assets	1,105,394	3.17
	Net assets	34,925,240	100.00

All holdings are ordinary shares or stock units unless otherwise stated. The sectors are based on the Industry Classification Benchmark (see page 40). The figures in brackets show allocations as at 31 August 2023. \*Represents an unlisted security.



### **Summary of Material Portfolio Changes**

### Significant purchases and sales for the year ended 31 August 2024

Purchases	Cost £	Sales	Proceeds £
NetEase	2,657,501	NetEase	2,447,413
China Tower	1,775,161	PDD Holdings	2,193,753
Trip.com	1,677,816	Meituan	1,884,193
Xiaomi	1,483,842	China Resources Land	1,408,964
New Oriental Education & Technology	1,467,461	Tencent	1,329,417
XPeng	1,180,627	Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing	1,313,274
Tencent	1,088,714	XPeng	1,230,386
Huaneng Power International	1,072,274	AIA Group	1,181,171
Tsingtao Brewery	1,055,821	Tsingtao Brewery	1,175,118
Weichai Power	1,021,543	H World	1,122,426
Subtotal	14,480,760	Subtotal	15,286,115
Total cost of purchases, including the above, for the year	35,023,531	Total proceeds of sales, including the above, for the year	39,700,806

# 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 China Fund ("the Fund") for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

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 30 October 2024

### Independent auditors' report to the Unitholders of Jupiter China Fund

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Jupiter China Fund ("the Fund") for the year ended 31 August 2024, 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 and distribution policies of the Fund, set out on pages 20 and 21 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 August 2024 and of the net revenue and the net capital losses 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 these 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.



### Independent auditors' report to the Unitholders of Jupiter China Fund (continued)

### **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 12, 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.

### Independent auditors' report to the Unitholders of Jupiter China Fund (continued)

### 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), the Investment Association's Statement of Recommended Practice (IA SORP), the FCA Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook (COLL), 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 administrators 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 occur by considering the risk of management override, specifically management's propensity to influence the net asset value, revenue and amounts available for distribution. We identified a fraud risk in relation to the incomplete or inaccurate income recognition through the 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 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.



### Independent auditors' report to the Unitholders of Jupiter China Fund (continued)

### 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 30 October 2024

### **Statement of Total Return**

For the year ended 31 August 2024					
	Note	Year to 31	Year to 31.08.24		.08.23
		£	£	£	£
Income					
Net capital losses	3		(6,199,350)		(9,221,165)
Revenue	4	1,168,489		1,072,769	
Expenses	5	(469,080)		(660,896)	
Interest payable and similar charges		(23)		(15,932)	
Net revenue before taxation		699,386		395,941	
Taxation	6	(76,430)		(66,849)	
Net revenue after taxation			622,956		329,092
Total return before distributions			(5,576,394)		(8,892,073)
Distributions	7		(623,438)		(371,677)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		_	(6,199,832)	_	(9,263,750)

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

For the year ended 31 August 2024				
	Year to 31.08.24		Year to 31.08.23	
	£	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to unitholders		45,616,327		58,865,407
Amounts receivable on issue of units	3,238,887		2,772,430	
Amounts payable on cancellation of units	(8,287,750)		(7,094,241)	
		(5,048,863)		(4,321,811)
Dilution adjustment		(284)		_*
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		(6,199,832)		(9,263,750)
Unclaimed distributions		182		211
Retained distribution on accumulation units		557,710		336,270
Closing net assets attributable to unitholders	-	34,925,240	_	45,616,327

\*In prior year the dilution levy was presented within creations of (£96) and cancellations of (£15).



### **Balance Sheet**

As at 31 August 2024			
	Note	31.08.24	31.08.23
		£	£
Assets			
Fixed assets:			
Investments		33,819,846	44,708,465
Current assets:			
Debtors	8	324,905	70,799
Cash and bank balances	9	1,192,649	935,280
Total assets	_	35,337,400	45,714,544
Liabilities			
Creditors:			
Bank overdrafts	10	(26)	(26)
Distributions payable		(50,156)	(32,245)
Other creditors	11	(361,978)	(65,946)
Total liabilities		(412,160)	(98,217)
Net assets attributable to unitholders		34,925,240	45,616,327

### **Directors' Statement**

### Jupiter China 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, Timothy Scholefield

Jupiter Unit Trust Managers Limited London 30 October 2024

### **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 Association in May 2014 (the 2014 SORP) and amended in June 2017.

### **Going Concern**

The Manager has undertaken a detailed assessment of the Fund's ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due, including liquidity, declines in global capital markets and investor redemption levels. Based on this assessment, the Fund continues to be open for trading and the Manager is satisfied the Fund has adequate financial resources to continue in operation for a period of 12 months from the date of authorisation of these financial statements and accordingly it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

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 August 2024 are included in revenue, net of any attributable tax.

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.

#### (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.

#### (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 30 August 2024, 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.

A Valuation and Pricing Committee (VPC) of the Investment Manager is responsible for approving unlisted 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 30 August 2024, being the last valuation point of the year.



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

#### (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.

#### (g) Equalisation

Equalisation received from underlying funds is treated as capital of the Fund.

#### 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) Distribution Dates

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

#### (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

The net losses on investments during the year comprise:

	31.08.24 £	31.08.23 £
Currency losses	(13,026)	(142,095)
Transaction charges	(1,125)	(787)
Losses on non-derivative securities	(6,185,218)	(9,078,281)
Gains/(losses) on forward currency contracts (see Note 14)	19	(2)
Net capital losses	(6,199,350)	(9,221,165)
4. Revenue		
	31.08.24 £	31.08.23 £
Overseas dividends	1,128,920	1,056,602
Bank interest	39,569	16,167
Total revenue	1,168,489	1,072,769
5. Expenses		
	31.08.24 £	31.08.23 £
Other expenses:		
Fixed Annual Charge*	469,080	660,896
Total expenses	469,080	660,896

\*The audit fee (excluding VAT) incurred during the year was £8,850 (31.08.23: £14,157). 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:

	31.08.24 £	31.08.23 £
Irrecoverable overseas tax	76,430	66,849
Total tax charge for the year	76,430	66,849

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

The tax assessed for the year is lower (2023: lower) than the standard rate of Corporation Tax in the UK for an authorised unit trust. The differences are explained below:

	31.08.24 £	31.08.23 £
Net revenue before taxation	699,386	395,941
Corporation tax of 20% (2023: 20%)	139,877	79,188
Effects of:		
Current year expenses not utilised	85,907	132,132
Revenue not subject to taxation	(225,784)	(211,320)
Irrecoverable overseas tax	76,430	66,849
Total tax charge for the year	76,430	66,849

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 August 2024, there are surplus management expenses of £33,628,180 (31.08.23: £33,198,646). It is unlikely the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits in the future to utilise this amount and therefore a Deferred Tax asset of £6,725,636 (31.08.23: £6,639,729) 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:

	31.08.24 £	31.08.23 £
Final distribution	607,866	368,515
	607,866	368,515
Amounts (received)/paid on issue of units	(4,807)	252
Amounts paid on cancellation of units	20,379	2,910
Net distributions for the year	623,438	371,677
Reconciliation of net revenue after taxation to distributions:		
Net revenue after taxation	622,956	329,092
Equalisation on conversions	481	42,592
Net movement in revenue account	1	(7)
Net distributions for the year	623,438	371,677

Details of the distributions in pence per unit are shown in the Distribution Tables on pages 33 and 34.

8. Debtors		
	31.08.24 £	31.08.23 £
Accrued revenue	2,804	38,542
Amounts receivable for issue of units	157,269	32,257
Sales awaiting settlement	164,832	
Total debtors	324,905	70,799
9. Cash and Bank Balances		
	31.08.24 £	31.08.23 £
Cash and bank balances	1,192,649	935,280
Total cash and bank balances	1,192,649	935,280
10. Bank Overdrafts		
	31.08.24 £	31.08.23 £
Bank overdraft	26	26
Total bank overdrafts	26	26



### **11. Other Creditors**

31.08.24 £	31.08.23 £
9,861	11,769
18,597	54,177
423	-
333,097	_
361,978	65,946
	£ 9,861 18,597 423 <u>333,097</u>

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

The Fund had no contingent assets, liabilities or capital commitments at the balance sheet date (31.08.23: £nil).

### 13. 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 £138,672 was receivable from JUTM (31.08.23: £21,920 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 11 (Other Creditors).

Any amounts due to or from JUTM at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in Notes 8 and 11. Amounts paid to JUTM in respect of fund management are disclosed in Note 5 (Expenses). At the year end, £9,861 (31.08.23: £11,769) was payable to JUTM. This amount is included as part of accrued expenses in Note 11.

#### 14. 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, cash flow and counterparty 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 Report and Portfolio Statement.

#### 14. 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 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 percent increase in the value of the Fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £3,381,985 (31.08.23: £4,470,847). 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	31.08.24 £	31.08.23 £
Chinese Yuan Renminbi	5,468,955	6,165,056
Hong Kong Dollar	26,828,898	35,980,276
Taiwan Dollar	899,055	_
US Dollar	471,317	2,599,516

### Foreign Currency Risk Sensitivity

A ten percent increase in the value of the Fund's foreign currency exposure would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £3,366,823 (31.08.23: £4,474,485). A ten percent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.



#### **14. 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 August was:

Currency	Floating Rate financial assets	Fixed Rate financial assets	Financial assets not carrying interest	Total
	£	£	£	£
31.08.24				
Chinese Yuan Renminbi	26	_	5,468,955	5,468,981
Hong Kong Dollar	40,770	_	26,952,960	26,993,730
Taiwan Dollar	_	-	899,055	899,055
US Dollar	_	_	663,768	663,768
Sterling	1,151,853	_	160,013	1,311,866
Total	1,192,649	_	34,144,751	35,337,400
31.08.23				
Chinese Yuan Renminbi	26	_	6,165,056	6,165,082
Hong Kong Dollar	-	_	35,980,276	35,980,276
US Dollar	_	-	2,599,516	2,599,516
Sterling	935,254	-	34,416	969,670
Total	935,280	_	44,779,264	45,714,544

Currency	Floating Rate financial liabilities £	Fixed Rate financial liabilities £	Financial liabilities not carrying interest £	Total £
31.08.24				
Chinese Yuan Renminbi	26	-	_	26
Hong Kong Dollar	_	-	141,069	141,069
US Dollar	_	-	192,451	192,451
Sterling	_	-	78,614	78,614
Total	26	_	412,134	412,160
31.08.23				
Chinese Yuan Renminbi	26	-	-	26
Sterling	_	-	98,191	98,191
Total	26	_	98,191	98,217

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 include bank balances. 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. Financial Instruments (continued)

### 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 gain of  $\pounds$ 19 to the Fund during the year (31.08.23: realised losses of  $\pounds$ 2). All contracts were undertaken with Northern Trust as counterparty during the year. There are no outstanding contracts at the year end.

### 15. Fair Value of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

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 £
31.08.24		
Level 1	33,819,846	_
Level 2	_	_
Level 3		_
Total	33,819,846	-
Basis of valuation	Assets £	Liabilities £
31.08.23		
Level 1	44,708,465	_
Level 2	_	_
Level 3		_
Total	44,708,465	-



### 15. Fair Value of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities (continued)

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

Generally for the non-market traded and unlisted 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 Accounting Policies note 1(d).

The fair value of the Fund's investment in China Metal Recycling and Peace Mark Holdings are determined using Fund 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 Valuation and Pricing Committee.

#### 16. Portfolio Transaction Costs

#### For the year ended 31 August 2024

	Equities £	%	Total £
31.08.24			
Analysis of total purchases costs			
Purchases in year before transaction costs	34,973,318		34,973,318
Commissions	22,632	0.06	22,632
Expenses and other charges	27,581	0.08	27,581
	50,213		50,213
Purchases including transaction costs	35,023,531		35,023,531
Analysis of total sales costs			
Sales in year before transaction costs	39,759,466		39,759,466
Commissions	(25,217)	0.06	(25,217)
Expenses and other charges	(33,443)	0.08	(33,443)
	(58,660)		(58,660)
Sales net of transaction costs	39,700,806		39,700,806

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

Commissions	0.12%
Expenses and other charges	0.16%

The average portfolio dealing spread as at the balance sheet date was 0.16%.

### 16. Portfolio Transaction Costs (continued)

For the year ended 31 August 2023

	Corporate Equities Actions				Total
	£	%	£	%	£
31.08.23					
Analysis of total purchases costs					
Purchases in year before transaction costs	48,858,591		_		48,858,591
Commissions	49,376	0.10	_	_	49,376
Expenses and other charges	31,270	0.06	_	_	31,270
	80,646		_		80,646
Purchases including transaction costs	48,939,237		_		48,939,237
Analysis of total sales costs					
Sales in year before transaction costs	50,717,222		16,778		50,734,000
Commissions	(54,417)	0.11	_	_	(54,417)
Expenses and other charges	(36,332)	0.07	_	_	(36,332)
	(90,749)		_		(90,749)
Sales net of transaction costs	50,626,473		16,778		50,643,251

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

Commissions0.20%Expense and other charges0.13%

The average portfolio dealing spread as at the balance sheet date was 0.12%.

### 17. 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



#### 17. Unitholders' Funds (continued)

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.

The Net Asset Value per unit and the number of units in each class are given in the Comparative Tables on page 7 and 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 September 2023	59,929	11,032,872	3,409,979	27,388,940
Units issued in year	4,164	1,193,693	217,363	2,354,912
Units cancelled in year	(12,772)	(1,901,333)	(479,955)	(6,328,542)
Units converted in year		(176,269)	1	151,476
Closing number of units at 31 August 2024	51,321	10,148,963	3,147,388	23,566,786

Reconciliation of Units	J-Class Income	J-Class Accumulation
Opening number of units at 1 September 2023	342,229	6,091,869
Units issued in year	14,292	65,947
Units cancelled in year	(35,760)	(922,152)
Units converted in year		10,028
Closing number of units at 31 August 2024	320,761	5,245,692

#### 18. Tiered Pricing on Fixed Annual Charge

With effect from 23 February 2024, the Fixed Annual Charge for the following unit classes I, J and L are subject to a discount according to the value of the scheme property of Fund, as set out in the table below.

Value of the scheme property (Net Asset Value)	Discount applied to the Fixed Annual Charge
less than £500 million	no discount
£500 million to £1.5 billion	0.02% of the Fund's Net Asset Value
£1.5 billion to £3 billion	0.04% of the Fund's Net Asset Value
£3 billion and above	0.06% of the Fund's Net Asset Value

To calculate the discount applicable to a Fixed Annual Charge, the value of the scheme property of the Fund is assessed by the Manager at each month end. If the value of the scheme property meets or exceeds one of the thresholds outlined in the table above, the relevant discount is applied to the Fixed Annual Charge of the Fund within 30 calendar days and each month thereafter (provided the scheme property of the Fund remains above the relevant threshold).

The discount to a Fixed Annual Charge will reduce or cease to apply (as applicable) if the value of the scheme property of a Fund (measured as at month end) reduces below the relevant threshold for that discount and remains below that threshold for three consecutive months. The reduction or disapplication of the discount (as applicable) will be applied to the Fixed Annual Charge of the Fund within 30 calendar days and each month thereafter.

The Manager reserves the right to increase or decrease the amount of the discount and/or the value thresholds listed in the table above. In the event of these changes, the Manager will notify Unitholders.

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

Since the last day of dealing of the period on 30 August 2024, the Fund's quoted prices in pence have moved as follows:

	Price as at 30.08.24	Price as at 24.10.24	% Change
L-Class Income	72.38	85.37	17.95
L-Class Accumulation	77.94	93.11	19.46
I-Class Income	74.32	87.05	17.13
I-Class Accumulation	85.83	102.64	19.59
J-Class Income	72.62	85.34	17.52
J-Class Accumulation	79.12	94.58	19.54



### **Distribution Table**

### For the year ended 31 August 2024

### **FINAL**

Group 1: Units purchased prior to 1 September 2023

Group 2: Units purchased on or after 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024

	Income	Equalisation	Distribution payable 31.10.24	Distribution paid 31.10.23
L-Class Income	popco	nonco		
Units	pence per unit	pence per unit	pence per unit	pence
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Group 1	0.8554	-	0.8554	0.1882
Group 2	0.8554		0.8554	0.1882
	Income	Equalisation		Distribution
			be accumulated 31.10.24	accumulated 31.10.23
L-Class Accumulation	pence	pence	pence	pence
Units	per unit	per unit		per unit
Group 1	0.9219	-	0.9219	0.2022
Group 2	0.9219	_	0.9219	0.2022
	Income	Equalisation	Distribution payable 31.10.24	Distribution paid 31.10.23
I-Class Income	pence	pence	pence	pence
Units	per unit	per unit	per unit	per unit
Group 1	1.4611	-	1.4611	0.8870
Group 2	1.1796	0.2815	1.4611	0.8870
	Income	Equalisation	Distribution to be accumulated 31.10.24	Distribution accumulated 31.10.23
I-Class Accumulation	pence	pence	pence	pence
Units	per unit	per unit	per unit	per unit
Group 1	1.6875	-	1.6875	1.0137
Group 2	1.4016	0.2859	1.6875	1.0137
	Income	Equalisation	Distribution payable 31.10.24	Distribution paid 31.10.23
J-Class Income	pence	pence	pence	pence
Units	per unit	per unit	per unit	per unit
Group 1	1.1629	_	1.1629	0.5509
Group 2	1.1514	0.0115	1.1629	0.5509
	Income	Equalisation	Distribution to be accumulated 31.10.24	Distribution accumulated 31.10.23
J-Class Accumulation	pence	pence	pence	pence
Units	per unit	per unit		per unit
Group 1	1.2669	per unit	1.2669	0.5962
Group 2	1.1864	0.0805	1.2669	0.5962
	1.1004	0.0605	1.2009	0.5962

### Distribution Table (continued)

### 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"). 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 Group Remuneration Policy.



### **Quantitative disclosures**

The remuneration data provided below reflects amounts paid in respect of the performance year 2023 in relation to the funds managed by JUTM.

As at 31 December 2023, JUTM had GBP 26.9 billion assets under management consisting of 30 authorised Unit Trust, 9 sub-funds within 2 Open-Ended Investment Companies and 2 Investment Trusts.

Total annual remuneration paid to all JUTM employees:	
Of which fixed:	n/a
Of which variable:	n/a
Number of JUTM employees:	
Total remuneration paid to Identified Staff of JUTM:	£9,926,537
Of which paid to Senior Management:	£2,034,057
Of which paid to other Identified Staff:	£2,892,480
Number of Identified Staff:	25
Total annual remuneration paid to employees in delegate(s):	£11,310,880
Of which fixed:	£1,977,355
Of which variable:	£9,333,525
Number of beneficiaries:	9

### Notes

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

Remuneration for Material Risk Takers includes remuneration paid to employees of other group companies who perform fund management activities on behalf of JUTM under the terms of a delegation agreement between JUTM 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, 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 China 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.

#### Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)

The purpose of the report is to provide information about the climate-related impacts, risk and opportunities of the assets held in the portfolio. The content is aligned with the Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Sourcebook published by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures Report ('TCFD'). We recognise the growing demand from investors for more climate-related information about their investments and as such we will continue to evolve and enhance our TCFD reporting, in line with data and industry developments.

The TCFD report for Jupiter China Fund is available: https://www.jupiteram.com/task-force-on-climate-relatedfinancial-disclosures/.



### **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 you.

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**.

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