# **Jupiter European Fund**



# Value Statement for year ending 31 March 2023

# The outcomes for Jupiter European Fund - by individual unit class:

I - Unit Class
★★★★
Has consistently demonstrated strong value

J - Unit Class
★★
Has demonstrated value, although not consistently
L - Unit Class
★★
Has demonstrated value, although not consistently

Z - Unit Class
★★★
Has consistently demonstrated strong value

# Your guide to the ratings for each individual unit class:

★★★★ Has consistently demonstrated strong value ★

★★★ Has demonstrated value ★ Has not demonstrated value

#### What have we concluded?

The Board has concluded that this fund has consistently demonstrated strong value for investors in the I and Z unit classes and has demonstrated value, although not consistently, for investors in the J and L unit class. The I and Z class achieved a higher level of return than the benchmark, at the time of assessment. While the J and L unit classes trailed the benchmark marginally, we believe the fund is well placed to deliver good investment performance going forward. Jupiter regularly reviews all aspects of the products and services which it provides, to continuously improve its offering to investors and will report on any such initiatives in future Value Assessments.

#### The Assessment of Value for your Fund

For more information about this report, and how we have evaluated each component of value click: <a href="here">here</a>

# **Investment Objective**

To provide a return, net of fees, higher than that provided by the FTSE World Europe Ex UK Index over the long term (at least five years).

#### **Fund Performance**

The I and Z unit classes have provided a higher level of return than the fund's benchmark, at the time of assessment, and have therefore met the investment objective. The fees for the J and L unit class are higher, since they reflect additional fee components to cover investor servicing activity and, in the case of the L class, intermediary remuneration, as agreed when the units were purchased. The higher fees resulted in the J and L class returns trailing the benchmark, by a small margin.

A greater orientation towards quality, growth companies – which have driven market growth in recent years – has hampered fund performance due to the rotation of market performance towards "Value" companies, to which the fund typically does not invest in. In particular, the Fund's lack of exposure to oil and gas and large banking stocks has detracted, as these areas have outperformed. Despite this, the fund benefited from good stock selection in Healthcare, Consumer Staples, and Basic Materials sectors. Consistent with the fund's philosophy of focusing on company fundamentals, stock selection has been the main driver of relative performance over the past year. Stock selection in

Financials and Industrials sectors detracted the most in the period. The fund's investment team continues to target owning quality companies with attractive growth trajectories. This is reflected by the fund having stocks that demonstrate higher growth prospects and profitability than the index.

Has demonstrated value, although not consistently

We are confident that the fund is well placed to continue to successfully build a long-term track record. The Board fulfils an oversight role with regular investment updates provided by the senior management team, and we look forward to providing a further update in our next value statement.

#### Find out more about this fund by: clicking here.

#### **Quality of Service**

The services we provide to manage, operate, and administer the fund were evaluated as part of the 2023 Value Assessment, and have demonstrated a high quality of service over the period of review.

## Costs of the Authorised Fund Manager (AFM)

We have evaluated the costs borne by the AFM for providing services to the fund and concluded that these are fair and reasonable in respect of providing investment, operational and administrative services.

#### **Economies of Scale**

We have found that the majority of costs within Jupiter, specific to the management of investors' assets, vary with the level of assets held in a particular fund and do not indicate economies of scale attributable to individual funds. However, it is possible that economies of scale may be

realised by the Group within the fixed costs it incurs. We have reviewed, for each fund, the amount of these fixed costs, the level of assets, and how these have increased or decreased during the year to identify if any economies were realised by the firm. The outcome of this year's assessment does not currently indicate economies of scale attributable to individual products that can be shared with investors.

## **Comparable Market Rates**

We analysed the extent to which the fund has comparable market rates when compared with an appropriate peer group. We concluded that the fees for the I, Z and J unit classes were moderately high, while the fees for the L unit class were found to be at the high end when compared with the fund's peer group. However, they are, on balance, judged to be appropriate. This is in the context of our value and service proposition as an active, high-conviction investment manager and the opportunities we seek to provide for our investors.

# **Comparable Services**

Our conclusion was that fees charged to the fund are comparable and consistent with the fees charged to other Jupiter Group investors for comparable services. As such, we consider the fees appropriate in the overall context of the services we provide to the fund.

#### Class of Units or Shares

Having assessed the classes of units available in the fund, we have concluded that investors currently can and do access the fund through the most appropriate unit class available to them.

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