

# Value Statement for year ending 31 March 2023

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

- I Unit Class
- J Unit Class
- L Unit Class
- Z Unit Class
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## Your guide to the ratings for each individual unit class:

- ★★★★ Has consistently demonstrated strong value
- ★★★ Has demonstrated value
- ★★ Has demonstrated value, although not consistently
- ★ Has not demonstrated value

What have we concluded?

The Board has concluded that this fund has demonstrated value, although not consistently for investors in the I, L, J and Z classes. While all unit classes trailed the benchmark, we believe the fund is well placed to deliver good performance outcomes for clients 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: <u>here</u>

## **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 Z unit class is less than 5 years old at the time of the assessment. It was, therefore, too early to evaluate the unit classes against its (five year) investment objective. All other unit classes have reached their 5-year investment objective and trailed the benchmark at the time of this assessment.

This fund's investment strategy has grown investors' capital over the last five years but has not met the investment objective of providing a higher return than the index. A greater orientation towards companies with more rapidly increasing earnings – which have driven market growth in recent years – as well as innovative companies, has hampered fund performance due to the sharp rotation of markets towards 'value' stocks.

Despite this, the fund benefited from good stock selection in Healthcare and Basic Materials. 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 Consumer Discretionary 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. Stock selection in Financials and Consumer Discretionary 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.

Jupiter invests over the long-term and we continue to believe that this strategy can deliver on the investment objectives communicated to investors. 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, and concluded that the fees for the I, J and Z unit classes were moderately high, and judged to be appropriate. The fees for the L unit class are 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, highconviction 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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