# **Jupiter Japan Income Fund**



# Value Statement for year ending 31 March 2023

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

•	I - Unit Class	***	Has consistently demonstrated strong value
•	J - Unit Class	***	Has consistently demonstrated strong value

• L - Unit Class ★★★ Has demonstrated value

• IH - Unit Class
• ZH - Unit Class
• U2 - Unit Class
★★★
Has consistently demonstrated strong value
Has consistently demonstrated strong value
Has consistently demonstrated strong value

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

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

#### What have we concluded?

The Board has concluded that this fund has consistently demonstrated strong value for investors invested in the I, J, IH, ZH and U2 unit classes. For investors in the L unit class, the Board concluded the fund has demonstrated value. The fund achieved a level of return consistent with its investment objective and we believe it is well placed to continue to deliver strong 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 income together with the prospect of capital growth in order to provide a return, net of fees, higher than that provided by the TOPIX Index over the long term (at least five years).

#### **Fund Performance**

All unit classes have provided a higher level of returns than the fund's benchmark. They have also delivered capital growth and a level of income, over the 5-year period, in accordance with the fund's investment objective, and have therefore met the investment objective.

Generally, slow growing, asset-heavy but lowly valued stocks drove returns. The best performing sectors were Steel, Textile, Banks, Rubber and Warehousing. The worst performing sectors were Service, Paper, Autos, Other Products (Nintendo) and Real Estate. Global inflation, and rising interest rates (outside of Japan), drove these market moves. Japanese inflation was lower than in other countries, but high for Japan. In December, the Bank of Japan increased the cap on the ten-year Government bond yield, favouring the banks sector but has not changed policy since.

Within the fund, the market preference for low-valuation, asset-heavy companies were also observed. A company in the banking sector, and a company in the house building

sector were two of the fund's best performers. The market's shift away from faster-growing, asset-light businesses was evident in the fund's detractors such as a medical data provider, a roboadvisor and online recruiting company.

The Jupiter Japan Income fund aims for both premium growth, and premium dividend yield, so insulating it from large swings in performance due to the market's changing preferences for 'Growth' or 'Value', in a value-centric market, is still a net negative for fund. Outperformance over the period was due to strong stock selection. A connector company and PVC maker contributed strongly. The biggest single contributor to outperformance was a company that provides a chip design platform used by auto makers, which listed in October and has performed strongly since.

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 and concluded that the fees for the I, J, IH, ZH and U2 classes were moderately high, but were judged to be, on balance, appropriate. The fees for the L unit class were in the high end but, 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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