Jupiter Merian North American Equity Fund



Value Statement for year ending 31 March 2023

The outcomes for Jupiter Merian North American Equity Fund - by individual share class:

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

P - Share Class
★★
Has demonstrated value
L - Share Class
★★
Has demonstrated value

J - Share Class
U1 - Share Class
U2 - Share Class
Has consistently demonstrated strong value
Has consistently demonstrated strong value
Has consistently demonstrated strong value

Your guide to the ratings for each individual share class:

 $\star\star\star\star$ Has consistently demonstrated strong value $\star\star$ Has demonstrated value, although not consistently

★★★ 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, U1 and U2 share classes and has demonstrated value for investors in the L and P share classes. The J class was newly launched after **the fund's** merger with Jupiter North American Income fund and has yet to reach its investment horizon. The fund achieved a level of return consistent with most aspects of 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: here

Investment Objective

To seek to achieve capital growth by delivering a return, net of fees, greater than that of the MSCI North America Index with net dividends reinvested over rolling 3-year periods.

Fund Performance

All share classes have provided capital growth over the 3 years but only the I, U1 and U2 share classes delivered a higher level of returns than the fund's benchmark over 3 years and have therefore met the investment objective. The J class was newly launched aft the fund's merger with Jupiter North American Income fund and has yet to reach its investment horizon. The fees for the L and P share classes are higher, since they reflect additional fee components to cover investor servicing activity, and in the case of the L class, the intermediary remuneration, as agreed when the shares were purchased. The higher fees resulted in the L and P class returns trailing the benchmark, by a small margin.

The 12 months to March 2023 were characterised by material macroeconomic uncertainty. Expectations that inflationary pressures were transitory shifted to the realities of a persistent inflationary environment bringing with it soaring living costs and the risk of stagflation. Equity markets were volatile with depressed market sentiment. While depressed

sentiment was a challenge for both the fund and its associated benchmark, the fund benefited from a number of investment strategies designed to profit from changing sentiment. Conversely, strategies designed to identify, and profit from, strong management teams struggled over the period as macroeconomic concerns dominated their microeconomic impact.

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, J, P, U1 and U2 were median and judged to be appropriate. The fees for the L share class were in the high end when compared with its peer group but were judged to be, on balance, 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 shares available in the fund, we have concluded that investors currently can and do access the fund through the most appropriate share class available to them.

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