

Value Statement for year ending 31 March 2023

The outcomes for Jupiter Merlin Worldwide Portfolio - by individual unit class:

- I - Unit Class ★★★ Has demonstrated value
- J - Unit Class ★★★ Has demonstrated value
- L - Unit Class ★★★ Has demonstrated value

Your guide to the ratings for each individual unit class:

- ★★★★ Has consistently demonstrated strong value ★★ 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 demonstrated value for investors in all unit classes. The fund grew investor capital over 5 years although the fund trailed its benchmark over the period. Whilst performance has been challenged, we continue to believe that this strategy can deliver on the investment objectives. 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 provide a return, net of fees, higher than the IA Global Sector average over the long term (five years)

Fund Performance

Over five years, all unit class returns trailed those of the benchmark, at the time of assessment, and therefore did not meet the investment objective.

While Jupiter Merlin Worldwide has the highest risk appetite in the Jupiter Merlin stable and has produced strong absolute returns, it is in a very broad sector with many rival funds readily taking much more risk. The team is prepared to take risk - but not at any price. The fund invests in a diversified range of global equities (stocks) and commodities (e.g., gold).

While there have been significant swings in markets' perceptions of the relative attractions of equity 'growth' and 'value' sectors, performance has been delivered through deliberately maintaining an exposure across both 'styles' - avoiding traps inherent in chasing momentum. This 'blended' approach has helped preserve capital during challenging market conditions including the significant selloffs over the review period, with a lower volatility than the peer group average.

Jupiter invests over the long term, and we are confident that the experience and expertise of the Merlin team will continue to generate good returns for this strategy and deliver good client outcomes going forward. 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 Authorized 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 L were moderately high when assessed against peers but are 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 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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