

Value Statement for year ending 31 March 2023

The outcomes for Jupiter UK Smaller Companies Fund - by individual share class:

• I - Share Class	★	Has not demonstrated value
• P - Share Class	★	Has not demonstrated value
• L - Share Class	★	Has not demonstrated value
• U1 - Share Class	★	Has not demonstrated value
• U2 - Share Class	★	Has not demonstrated value

Your guide to the ratings for each individual share 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 not demonstrated value for investors in all share classes. Changes have since been made to the fund over the review period, with updates to investment positioning. Despite challenges to performance, as these changes continue to take effect, the Board believes that the fund will once again be well placed to deliver good investment performance for investors in the future. Furthermore, 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 achieve capital growth. In seeking to achieve its investment objective the fund will aim to deliver a return, net of fees, greater than that of the Numis Smaller Companies Index excluding Investment Companies over rolling 3-year periods.

Fund Performance

All share classes achieved capital growth though returns trailed those of the benchmark, at the time of assessment, and therefore did not fully meet the investment objective.

The year to March 2023 was a difficult period for equity markets in general and the UK in particular. As the global economy recovered from the covid pandemic a rapid increase in demand for goods coincided with a huge spike in energy and food prices caused by Russia's invasion of Ukraine. This caused inflation to rise to levels not seen for decades and central banks to dramatically increase base rates. Investor concerns about the impact of these dynamics on growth drove risk aversion and hence falls in equity markets. In the UK the situation was made worse by ongoing political instability, culminating in the disastrous 'mini-budget' in early Autumn that led to the fall of the short-lived Truss administration. While a degree of credibility was re-established under Sunak and Hunt, the UK remains undervalued relative to many global markets.

The fund's positions in a range of economically sensitive businesses performed well as these businesses outperformed consensus expectations. The positive impacts of the above were outweighed by weaker performances from a range of holdings in the fund that were linked to the growth theme which saw a decrease in value over the period in review.

Whilst performance has been challenging, we continue to believe that this strategy can deliver on the investment objectives communicated to investors. To help achieve this, we have undertaken reviews of how we manage the fund. The calibre of the team and the changes to investment positioning underpin our confidence that the fund is well placed to deliver good performance outcomes for our clients in the future. Jupiter regularly reviews all aspects of the products and services which it provides, to identify ways to continuously improve its offering to investors and will report on any such initiatives in future Assessment of Value reports

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Quality of Service

The quality of the services we provide to manage, operate, and administer the fund were evaluated as part of the 2023 Value Assessment. There were some considerations which were identified and subsequently resolved with no client detriment, otherwise a high quality of service was delivered 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, P, U1 and U2 share classes were moderately high but judged to be, on balance, appropriate. The fees for the L share 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 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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