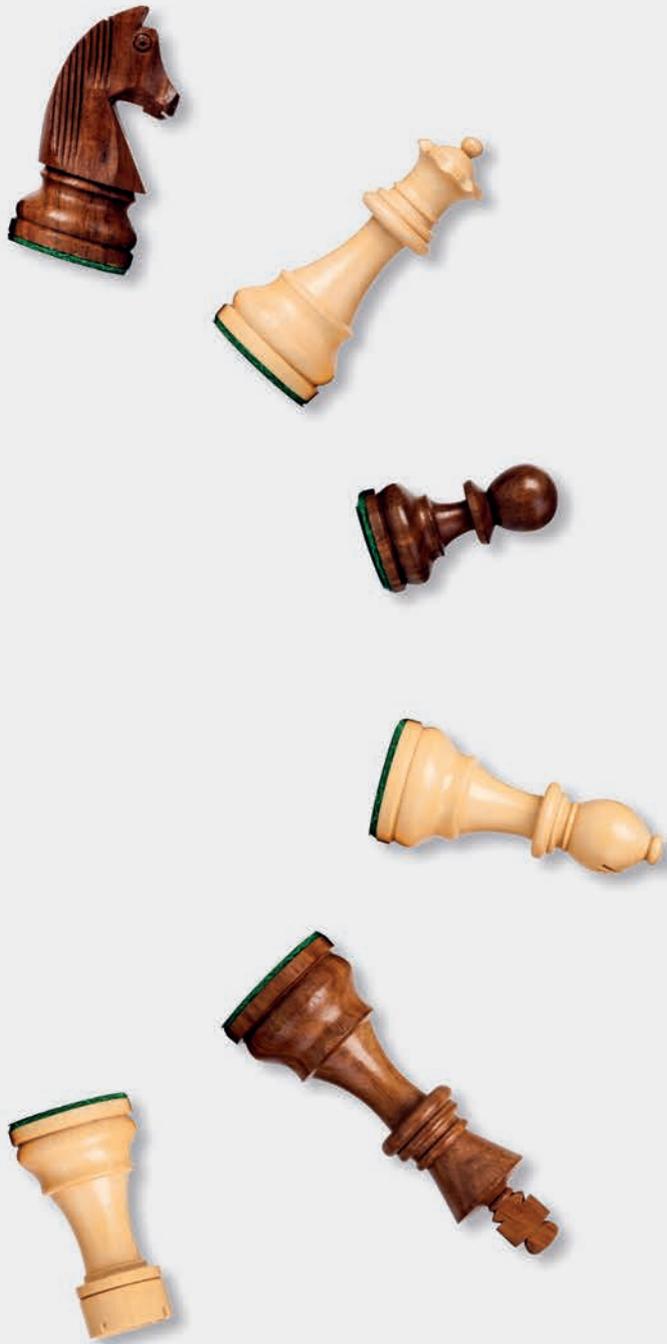


# JPMorgan Elect plc

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Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31st August 2017

- Managed Growth shares
- Managed Income shares
- Managed Cash shares



# Features

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JPMorgan Elect plc (the 'Company') has three share classes, each with distinct investment policies, objectives and underlying investment portfolios. Each share class is listed separately and traded on the London Stock Exchange. The Company's capital structure means that shareholders may benefit from greater investment flexibility in a tax-efficient manner.

## Objectives

### Managed Growth

- Long term capital growth from investing in a range of investment trusts and open-ended funds managed principally by JPMorgan Asset Management.

### Managed Income

- A growing income return with potential for long term capital growth by investing in equities, investment companies and fixed income securities.

### Managed Cash

- Preservation of capital with a yield based on short term interest rates by investing in a range of liquidity funds and short dated AAA-rated UK or G7 government securities hedged into sterling. Based on its return characteristics and the costs incurred in transacting in its shares, an investment in Managed Cash should only be considered by existing holders of Managed Growth and/or Managed Income shares who wish to switch into Managed Cash on the designated quarterly conversion dates. Further details are given on page 76.

## Gearing

The Board does not currently utilise borrowings to increase the funds available for investment. The use of gearing is proposed for the Managed Income Share Pool (for details see page 3).

## Investment Policies, Restrictions and Guidelines

More information on investment policies, risk management, restrictions and guidelines is given in the Business Review on pages 26 and 27.

## Benchmarks

### Managed Growth

- A composite comprising 50% FTSE All-Share Index and 50% FTSE World Index (ex-UK).

### Managed Income

- A composite comprising 85% FTSE All-Share Index and 15% Bloomberg Barclays Capital Global Corporate Bond Index (hedged) in sterling terms (to be changed to FTSE All-Share Index with effect from 1st March 2018).

### Managed Cash

- There is no benchmark for this portfolio, other than to maintain the net asset value as close to 100p per share as possible.

## Capital Structure

At 31st August 2017, the following shares were in issue.

### Managed Growth:

33,725,314 (2016: 33,838,279) Ordinary shares, excluding 5,039,467 (2016: 3,640,338) Treasury shares.

### Managed Income:

71,482,274 (2016: 51,506,786) Ordinary shares, excluding 4,555,996 (2016: 2,398,499) Treasury shares.

### Managed Cash:

5,280,422 (2016: 3,731,318) Ordinary shares. There were no shares held in treasury (2016: Nil).

## Conversions and Repurchase of Managed Cash Shares

Shareholders in any of the three share classes are able to convert some or all of their shares to the other classes on a quarterly basis without such conversion being treated, under current law, as a disposal for UK Capital Gains Tax purposes. It is also possible for holders of Managed Cash shares to elect to have all or part of their holding of those shares repurchased by the Company for cash at a price close to net asset value at each conversion date. Further details are given on page 76.

## FCA regulation of 'non-mainstream pooled investments'

The Company currently conducts its affairs so that the shares it issues can be recommended by Independent Financial Advisers to ordinary retail investors in accordance with the rules of the Financial Conduct Authority ('FCA') in relation to non-mainstream investment products and intends to continue to do so for the foreseeable future. The shares are excluded from the FCA's restrictions which apply to non-mainstream investment products because they are shares in an investment trust.

## Management Company

The Company employs JPMorgan Funds Limited ('JPMF' or the 'Manager') as its Alternative Investment Fund Manager. JPMF delegates the management of the Company's portfolio to JPMorgan Asset Management (UK) Limited ('JPMAM').

## Association of Investment Companies

The Company is a member of the Association of Investment Companies ('AIC').

## Website

The Company's website can be found at [www.jpmelect.co.uk](http://www.jpmelect.co.uk) which includes useful information about the Company, such as daily prices, factsheets and current and historic half year and annual reports.

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## CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT



Dear Shareholders,

It is encouraging to report, in this my last letter to you as Chairman, on a successful year for your Company following the previous financial year in which performance of the Managed Growth and Managed Income share classes lagged their respective benchmark indices.

Pleasingly, both Managed Growth and Managed Income portfolios outperformed their respective indices by over 2% in the year to 31st August 2017. In addition, the Managed Income share class announced another year of an above inflation rise in dividends paid.

The Company's asset base was augmented by two corporate actions in which JPMorgan Elect acted as a roll-over vehicle for the JPMorgan Income & Growth Trust plc and for M&G High Income Investment Trust plc. This had the effect of increasing the size of the Trust with the aim of improving the liquidity of the share classes and spreading the burden of costs across more shares.

### Managed Growth

The Managed Growth portfolio has delivered a total return on net assets of 20.2%, compared with the portfolio's benchmark which returned 16.7%. The share price total return was 19.6%.

As you know, the objective of this share class is long term capital growth from investing in a range of investment trusts and open-ended funds managed principally by JPMorgan Asset Management. The selection of individual asset managers contributed to performance as did the continued shrinkage of discounts across the investment trust sector.

Our Managers have delivered net asset value outperformance of an average 2.7% per annum against the benchmark index over the past five years.

For the year ended 31st August 2017 the Board declared dividends of 11.00p per Managed Growth share compared to 8.70p for the year ended 31st August 2016. Shareholders should bear in mind that this share class is a growth vehicle. Any income generated during the year is generally distributed in that year and investment decisions are not made with the objective of maintaining or growing income.

### Managed Income

The portfolio's objective is growing income return with potential for long term capital growth. The Managed Income portfolio has delivered a total return on net assets of 14.9% compared with the portfolio's benchmark index which returned 12.3%. The share price total return was 15.5%.

UK dividend growth has been positively impacted by the weakness in sterling since the Brexit vote and I am pleased to report that dividends for the year ended 31st August 2017 totalled 4.20p per share, an increase of 7.7% on 2016 (2016: 3.90p per share).

Our Managers have delivered net asset value outperformance of an average 2.2% per annum against the benchmark index over the past five years.

I remain very conscious that in 2010 it proved necessary to cut the dividend per share and the Board have been focused since then on growing dividends in a sustainable manner. This has manifested itself in the decision to pay dividends out of ordinary income and to use special dividends to rebuild revenue reserves. This cautious approach has allowed us to steadily increase dividends from 3.30p in 2009/2010 to 4.20p this financial year. The Managed Income share class currently has attributable revenue reserves of £4.05 million or 5.7p per share which is equivalent to 1.3x the current dividend.

In the absence of unforeseen circumstances the Board intends to declare the first three interim dividends for the year ending 31st August 2018 at 1.05p per share. The level of the fourth interim dividend will be determined by the Board towards the end of the Company's 2017/18 financial year and will depend on the level of dividends received and anticipated

by the Company. It is also the Board's aim to increase the total dividends each year at least by inflation and to pay not less than 4.20p per share for the year ending 31st August 2018.

### Managed Cash

The portfolio's primary objective remains capital preservation through investment in high quality liquidity funds. During the year the Bank of England base rate was maintained at 0.25% despite discussions of a rise. The Managed Cash share class in comparison returned 0.8% on net assets and a dividend of 0.35p per share was paid for the year ended 31st August 2017. An increase in interest rates was announced in early November of a quarter of a percentage point.

The Managed Cash portfolio is invested in liquidity funds with AAA ratings as measured by Standard & Poor's, or an equivalent rating agency. The Board considers this class to be an asset allocation tool which continues to benefit shareholders of all of the Company's share classes, offering the opportunity to switch into a safer share class in times of market volatility.

Further details of the performance of the three separate share class portfolios are set out on pages 6 to 25.

### Corporate Transactions

In 2017 the Company was able to take advantage of its structure to grow its assets by issuing new shares in connection with the reconstruction of two investment trusts, thus helping to spread the fixed costs of managing the Company over a wider asset base and increase the liquidity for each of the share classes. The share issues resulted in the acquisition of approximately £21.5 million of net assets from JPMorgan Income and Growth and £14.0 million of assets from M&G High Income Investment Trust. The Board welcomes further opportunities to utilise its capital structure in this way.

### Proposed Change in Benchmark and the Introduction of Gearing for the Managed Income Share Pool

The Managed Income share class of the Company sits in the Association of Investment Companies ('AIC') UK Equity Income sector; a highly competitive sector with a large number of competing trusts. Although the Managed Income share class's performance has been satisfactory when compared with these peers your Board has been reviewing a number of changes which may improve the share class's performance and competitive position. This review has resulted in two proposed changes to the way Managed Income's performance is assessed and its assets managed.

- Firstly, it is proposed that with effect from 1st March 2018 the benchmark for the Managed Income share class is changed from a composite benchmark comprising 85% the FTSE All-Share Index and 15% the Bloomberg Barclays Capital Global Corporate Bond Index to the FTSE All-Share Index. This brings the Managed Income share class into line with the vast majority of investment trusts in the AIC's UK Equity Income Sector and better reflects what we do in the underlying portfolio where we now have very little exposure to bonds.
- Secondly, it is proposed that the Manager be permitted to introduce modest levels of gearing into Managed Income, with a view to enhancing returns. This brings the Managed Income class into line with most of its competitors and provides the Manager with a tool we hope will benefit both the capital and income returns to shareholders. We expect the Managed Income share class to operate within a gearing range of 85% to 112.5% and have negotiated a £10 million, two year revolving credit facility with Scotiabank which the Manager will be able to deploy from the date of the Annual General Meeting in January 2018.

In introducing bank debt into the Managed Income share pool the Board has considered the extent to which this leverage may alter the risks faced by Managed Growth and Managed Cash shareholders. It is satisfied that the modest levels of gearing being introduced to the

## CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT *CONTINUED*

Managed Income pool and the covenants in place mean that there is no material change in the risks faced by Managed Growth and Managed Income investors.

The proposed change to the investment policy of the Managed Income portfolio will require the passing of an ordinary resolution at the Annual General Meeting on which only the Managed Income shareholders shall be entitled to vote in accordance with the Company's articles. In addition, the proposed change of investment policy will require the approval of the Managed Income shareholders at a Separate Class Meeting to be held immediately following the Company's Annual General Meeting.

### Conversions and Redemptions

During the year shareholders took the opportunity to convert between share classes. This resulted in a decrease in the Managed Growth shares in issue of 51,818, an increase in the Managed Income shares in issue of 184,155 and an increase in the Managed Cash shares in issue of 157,573. In addition 285,347 Managed Cash shares were redeemed.

### The Board

As mentioned in my Chairman's Statement in the Half Year Report, Karl Sternberg was appointed as a Director of the Company on 16th December 2016 and he will seek reappointment at the upcoming Annual General Meeting in January 2018.

As part of the Board's succession planning I will step down as Chairman and a Director at the Annual General Meeting. I am very pleased that Alan Hodson has agreed to replace me and I would like to wish him every success in his new role.

### Annual General Meeting

The Company's Annual General Meeting will be held on 12th January 2018 at 12 noon at 60 Victoria Embankment, London EC4Y 0JP. In addition to the formal part of the meeting, there will be presentations from the Investment Managers of each share class and a question and answer session.

If you have any detailed technical questions, it would be helpful if you could raise them in advance with the Company Secretary at 60 Victoria Embankment, London EC4Y 0JP or via the 'Ask a Question' link on the Company's website. Shareholders who are unable to attend the Annual General Meeting are encouraged to use their proxy votes.

### Outlook

As the Managers comment later, the increase in global growth is positive for UK equities notwithstanding the relatively lacklustre performance of the UK economy, since overseas revenues will help to support both earnings and dividends. It is sometimes said that bull markets are built on a bank of fear. As this bull market enters its eighth year those fears persist. The productivity improvements from globalisation and technology have been to the benefit of millions worldwide but have depressed the earnings growth of unskilled and semi-skilled workers in developed economies. It is likely that their frustration will continue to dominate popular politics in western democracies. It should also be remembered that quantitative easing, a temporary measure originally intended to encourage investment in riskier assets by distorting asset prices, persists. Only time will tell what the side effects of this are. In the meantime, against this backdrop, the Managers will aim to take advantage of opportunities to deliver investment returns in accordance with the respective objectives of each share class.

**Angus Macpherson**  
Chairman

7th December 2017

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## MARKET REVIEW

An eventful year under review ended with global equity markets sitting on healthy returns, with the MSCI World Index gaining 18.1% over the period in sterling terms (net dividends reinvested).

European markets were among the strongest for the period, boosted by a sharp turnaround in the regional economy and a lessening of political risk. The stronger economic momentum in Europe has been supported by a rebound in consumption as an improving labour market boosts consumer confidence - and this has provided a positive backdrop for strong corporate profit growth over the review period with stronger sales driving margin expansion.

Sentiment towards Europe was also lifted by political developments, as populist and hard right parties were defeated in several elections, including most notably in France.

In response to the improved growth picture and lower deflation risks, European Central Bank President Mario Draghi began to reduce the pace of quantitative easing purchases during the review period, although any rise in interest rates still appears some way off.

UK equities underperformed global markets in sterling terms - with the FTSE All Share up 14.3%. Brexit uncertainty and political instability dominated the year under review, as politicians grappled with the task of implementing the mandate delivered by the referendum result. After invoking Article Fifty of the Lisbon Treaty in March, the prime minister, Mrs Theresa May, called a general election for early June. The Conservative Party lost seats to the Labour opposition, leaving Mrs May reliant on the support of Northern Ireland's Democratic Unionist Party to form a government.

The UK economic outlook is not much clearer. Low unemployment is a positive and the drag on real wages may be close to an all time low, but consumer confidence remains weak and there are signs of weakness in the London housing market. However, with inflation above target the Bank of England began to signal that it thinks that an interest rate rise would soon be warranted and announced an increase in interest rates by a quarter of a percentage point in early November.

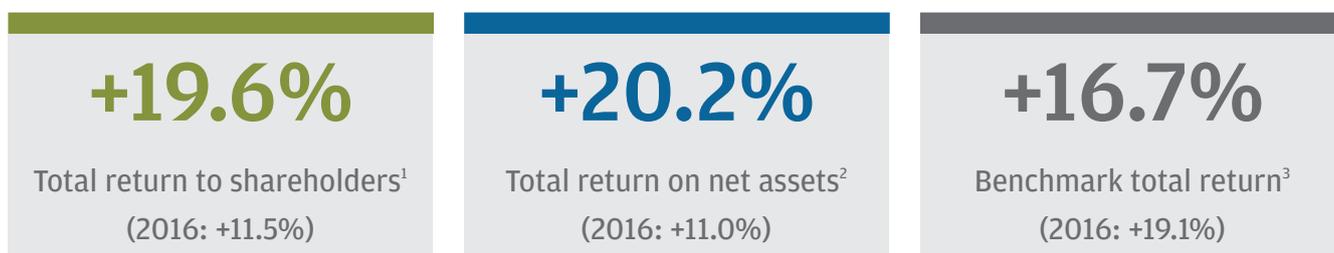
In the US, Donald Trump's presidential election victory in November 2016 shocked markets, but investors quickly began to focus on the new Republican administration's pro-growth economic policies - including plans for deregulation, increased infrastructure spending and tax reform. However, it became clear that delivering stimulus would be difficult to achieve. US equities performed well, supported by good corporate earnings growth and the absence of any near-term recession risk.

Against this positive economic backdrop, the Federal Reserve continued to raise US interest rates gradually, and announced in September 2017 that it would start the process of 'quantitative tightening'. This reduction in the size of its balance sheet will begin to reverse some of the quantitative easing that has been so supportive of asset prices in recent years.

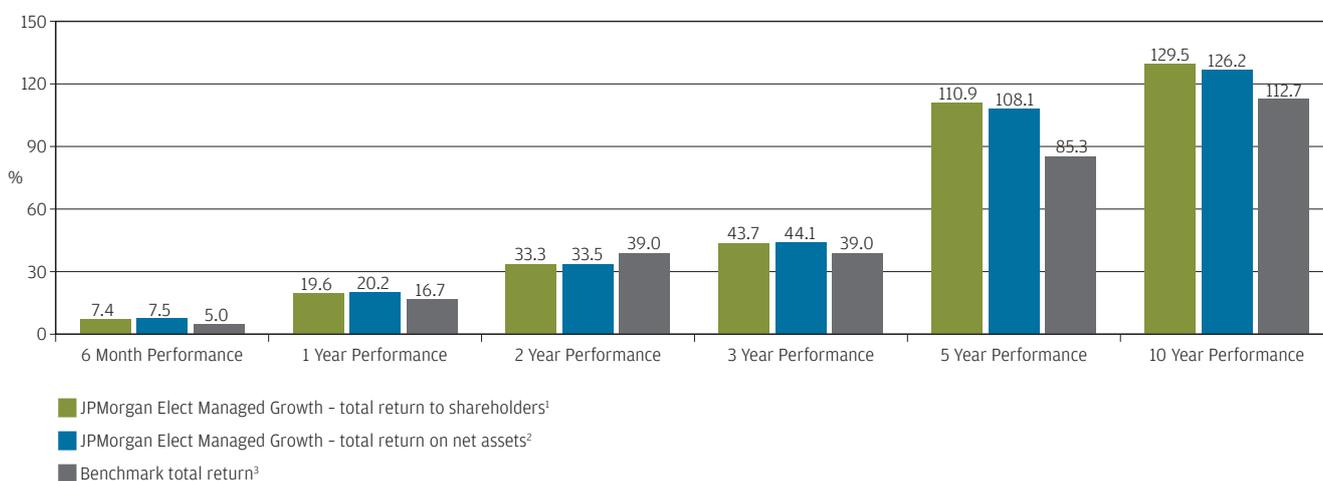
## MANAGED GROWTH SHARE CLASS

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

#### TOTAL RETURNS (INCLUDES DIVIDENDS REINVESTED)



#### Managed Growth Long Term Performance



#### Financial Data

	31st August 2017	31st August 2016
Shareholders' funds (£'000)	264,942	224,749
Net asset value per share	785.6p	664.2p
Share price	764.0p	648.8p
Share price discount to net asset value per share	2.7%	2.3%
Dividend per share	11.00p	8.70p
Ongoing Charges	0.55%	0.58%

<sup>1</sup> Source: Morningstar. Share price total return.

<sup>2</sup> Source: Morningstar/J.P. Morgan, using cum income net asset value per share. The 10 year performance is using capital only net asset values, due to a lack of historic cum income net asset values.

<sup>3</sup> Source: J.P. Morgan/Bloomberg. The benchmark is a composite comprising 50% FTSE All-Share Index and 50% FTSE World Index (ex-UK).

A glossary of terms and alternative performance measures is provided on page 84.

## INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT



Katy Thorneycroft

### Performance Review

The Managed Growth portfolio outperformed its benchmark over the period, returning 20.2% versus the benchmark return of 16.7%. The return to shareholders was 19.6%.

Managed Growth	6 Mths	1 Yr	3 Yrs pa	5 Yrs pa	10 Yrs pa
Total return on net assets (%)	7.5	20.2	12.9	15.8	8.5
Total return to shareholders (%)	7.4	19.6	12.8	16.1	8.7
Benchmark total return (%)	5.0	16.7	11.6	13.1	7.8

Over the financial year growth data across the globe has generally surprised positively and the momentum in the Eurozone and Japan is particularly strong. Although the level of growth remains quite modest by historical standards, its breadth is encouraging. This broad-based, trend-like growth and a favourable inflation backdrop have combined to create a supportive environment for equities. This was also a more positive backdrop for the investment managers. There was improved performance from some of the UK holdings which had experienced a more challenging time in the previous financial year. Three examples in the UK include BlackRock Smaller Companies Investment Trust, The Mercantile Investment Trust and JPM Smaller Companies Investment Trust.

At the end of August the investment trust sector (excluding private equity, hedge funds and direct property) average discount was 5.1%, compared with 7.0% at the end of August 2016 (*Source: Winterflood*). We estimate the discount narrowing contributed approximately 0.7% to the Managed Growth portfolio return. In summary, it was a combination of strong underlying stock selection from the portfolio holdings, combined with narrowing discounts that drove the outperformance of the Managed Growth portfolio.

There were still some strategies that underperformed their benchmarks but eight out of ten of the largest holdings outperformed their own benchmarks over the year.

Top 5 by absolute performance (%)	12 Mths to 31st August 2017
Allianz Technology Trust	40.6
JPMorgan Chinese	36.6
BlackRock Smaller Companies	36.4
JPMorgan Asian	29.1
JPMorgan European Investment Trust	28.1

Bottom 5 by absolute performance (%)	12 Mths to 31st August 2017
Perpetual Income & Growth	4.7%
Edinburgh Investment Trust	6.6%
Schroder UK Growth Fund	9.9%
City of London Investment Trust	10.7%
Murray Income Trust	11.4%

## MANAGED GROWTH SHARE CLASS *CONTINUED*

### INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT *CONTINUED*

#### Portfolio Review

At the end of August 2017, 43% of the portfolio was invested in JPM managed investment trusts, 29% in JPMorgan managed open-ended funds and 28% in investment trusts managed by third party managers.

Over the period the portfolio maintained its underweight position in UK equities. The rationale for this was that we expected the UK to slow relative to other developed economies, partly in response to Brexit and its effect on business investment spending, and partly as the ongoing inflation spike impacts on real household incomes. More notable changes to the portfolio allocation have been the increase in Japanese equities from an underweight to an overweight position and returning the previously overweight North American allocation closer to benchmark, both in light of broadening global growth.

During the period, holdings were reduced and profits taken in JPM US Equity All Cap Fund, JPM Smaller Companies Investment Trust, JPM European Investment Trust 'Growth' and Fidelity European Values. Proceeds were reinvested into existing holdings in Murray Income Trust, BlackRock Smaller Companies, BlackRock Frontiers Investment Trust and JPM Emerging Markets Investment Trust.

#### Outlook

Summer worries over geopolitics and a period of weaker US inflation data are offset by the continued and synchronized pick-up in global growth. Despite the relative maturity of the US business cycle, recession risks remain muted and a combination of global earnings upgrades and loose financial conditions are supportive for stocks.

Equity returns in the late market cycle are typically positive unless financial conditions tighten sharply. The slow pace of rate normalisation and lack of inflationary pressure create a good environment for equity market returns, but we remain watchful for any deterioration in data, in particular employment, business confidence and consumer lending metrics.

For investment trusts, we would note that discounts to net asset value have generally narrowed, and this warrants some caution. However, in a favourable environment for equities these levels of valuation should not be cause for concern.

**Katy Thorneycroft**

Investment Manager

7th December 2017

## FINANCIAL RECORD

As at 31st August	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Net asset value per share (p)	404.2	356.0	332.0	356.3	389.4	403.8	518.4	567.4	605.2	664.2	785.6
Share price (p)	389.5	346.5	321.0	349.0	382.0	388.5	507.5	554.0	590.5	648.8	764.0
Discount (%)	3.6	2.7	3.3	2.0	1.9	3.8	2.1	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.7

### Year ended 31st August

Revenue return per share (p)	5.06	5.65	7.25	5.02	5.31	6.25	6.77	7.22	6.98	8.94	12.63
Dividend per share (p)	5.25	5.65	7.15	5.05	5.00	5.95	7.00	7.50	6.75	8.70	11.00
Gearing/(Net Cash) (%)	(2.6)	(5.1)	(2.6)	(1.1)	(1.9)	(1.0)	(2.8)	(5.7)	(6.8)	(5.7)	(1.9)
Ongoing Charges (%)	0.44	0.43	0.63	0.49	0.51	0.51	0.58	0.52	0.54	0.58	0.55

### Year ended 31st August

Total return to shareholders (%) <sup>1</sup>	+11.6	-9.5	-5.0	+10.6	+11.1	+3.3	+32.6	+10.7	+7.8	+11.5	+19.6
Total return on net assets (%) <sup>2</sup>	+14.0	-10.6	-4.6	+9.4	+10.9	+5.2	+30.3	+10.8	+8.0	+11.0	+20.2
Benchmark total return (%) <sup>3</sup>	+12.0	-5.2	-6.7	+9.7	+7.7	+9.8	+19.4	+11.7	0.0	+19.1	+16.7

<sup>1</sup> Source: Morningstar. Share price total return.

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MANAGED GROWTH SHARE CLASS *CONTINUED*

## TEN LARGEST INVESTMENTS

Company	31st August 2017		31st August 2016	
	£'000	% <sup>1</sup>	£'000	% <sup>1</sup>
JPMorgan UK Dynamic ('C' shares) <sup>2</sup>	29,130	11.2	23,956	11.3
JPMorgan Claverhouse	26,439	10.2	20,212	9.5
JPMorgan US Equity All Capital ('C' shares) <sup>2</sup>	22,995	8.9	22,528	10.6
JPMorgan American	22,820	8.8	20,292	9.6
JPMorgan US Select Equity ('C' shares) <sup>2</sup>	22,399	8.6	17,880	8.4
Finsbury Growth & Income	19,277	7.4	15,075	7.1
JPMorgan European (Growth Shares)	12,519	4.8	10,014	4.7
JPMorgan Japanese	10,196	3.9	8,534	4.0
Schroder UK Growth	7,772	3.0	7,194	3.4
Murray Income <sup>3</sup>	7,631	2.9	1,151	0.5
<b>Total<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>181,178</b>	<b>69.7</b>		

<sup>1</sup> Based on total investments of £259.9m (2016: £212.0m).

<sup>2</sup> Represents holdings in an Open Ended Investment Company ('OEIC') or a Société d'investissements à Capital Variable ('SICAV').

<sup>3</sup> Not included in the ten largest investments at 31st August 2016.

<sup>4</sup> At 31st August 2016, the value of the ten largest investments amounted to £151.4m, representing 71.3% of the total investments.

Futures positions are excluded for the purpose of this table.

## GEOGRAPHICAL ANALYSIS (ON A LOOK THROUGH BASIS)

Region	31st August 2017		31st August 2016	
	Portfolio <sup>1</sup> %	Benchmark %	Portfolio <sup>1</sup> %	Benchmark %
UK	47.0	50.0	46.1	49.4
North America	30.3	30.5	33.3	30.9
Continental Europe	10.2	8.9	10.8	8.3
Japan	6.7	4.7	3.5	4.7
Asia (excluding Japan)	4.2	3.2	4.2	4.1
Emerging Markets and others	1.6	2.7	2.1	2.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Based on total investments of £259.9m (2016: £213.4m), including open exposure to futures contracts. Refer to notes 12 and 13 on page 65 for further disclosure.

## LIST OF INVESTMENTS AT 31ST AUGUST 2017

Company	Valuation £'000
<b>JPMorgan Managed Investment Trusts</b>	
JPMorgan Claverhouse	26,439
JPMorgan American	22,820
JPMorgan European (Growth Shares)	12,519
JPMorgan Japanese	10,196
The Mercantile Investment Trust	6,983
JPMorgan European Smaller Companies	6,276
JPMorgan Asian	6,216
JPMorgan US Smaller Companies	5,318
JPMorgan Emerging Markets	5,112
JPMorgan Smaller Companies	4,342
JPMorgan Japan Smaller Companies	2,371
JPMorgan Indian	1,860
JPMorgan Income & Capital (Ordinary shares)	1,131
JPMorgan Chinese	737
	<b>112,320</b>
<b>JPMorgan Managed Open Ended Investment Companies</b>	
JPMorgan UK Dynamic ('C' shares) <sup>1</sup>	29,130
JPMorgan US Equity All Capital ('C' shares) <sup>1</sup>	22,995
JPMorgan US Select Equity ('C' shares) <sup>1</sup>	22,399
	<b>74,524</b>

Company	Valuation £'000
<b>Externally Managed Investment Trusts</b>	
Finsbury Growth & Income	19,277
Schroder UK Growth	7,772
Murray Income	7,631
Fidelity European Values	6,259
Allianz Technology	6,252
Edinburgh Investment Trust	6,243
Fidelity Special Values	4,519
Impax Environmental Markets	4,168
BlackRock Frontiers	2,343
Jupiter European Opportunities	2,218
BlackRock Smaller Companies	1,970
Perpetual Income and Growth	1,769
Worldwide Healthcare	1,368
City of London Investment Trust	1,220
	<b>73,009</b>
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>259,853</b>
<b>Derivative Instruments</b>	
<b>Futures<sup>2</sup></b>	
EURO STOXX 50 Index Futures Sep 2017	94
TOPIX Index Futures Sep 2017	25
FTSE 100 Index Futures Sep 2017	(8)
S&P500 E-Mini Index Futures Sep 2017	(23)
<b>Total Derivative Instruments</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>Total Investments and Derivatives</b>	<b>259,941</b>

<sup>1</sup> Unlisted and represents a holding in an Open Ended Investment Company ('OEIC') or a Société d'investissements à Capital Variable ('SICAV').

<sup>2</sup> Representing unrealised gains and losses on futures contracts. Refer to notes 12 and 13 on page 65 for further disclosure.

**MANAGED GROWTH SHARE CLASS CONTINUED****STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (UNAUDITED)**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2017

	Revenue £'000	2017 Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	2016 Capital £'000	Total £'000
Gains on investments held at fair value through profit or loss	–	40,930	40,930	–	19,768	19,768
Net foreign currency gains	–	16	16	–	58	58
Income from investments	4,902	–	4,902	3,740	–	3,740
Interest receivable and similar income	17	–	17	28	–	28
<b>Gross return</b>	<b>4,919</b>	<b>40,946</b>	<b>45,865</b>	<b>3,768</b>	<b>19,826</b>	<b>23,594</b>
Management fee	(234)	(703)	(937)	(186)	(559)	(745)
Other administrative expenses	(418)	–	(418)	(486)	–	(486)
<b>Net return on ordinary activities before finance costs and taxation</b>	<b>4,267</b>	<b>40,243</b>	<b>44,510</b>	<b>3,096</b>	<b>19,267</b>	<b>22,363</b>
Finance costs	–	(1)	(1)	–	–	–
<b>Net return on ordinary activities before taxation</b>	<b>4,267</b>	<b>40,242</b>	<b>44,509</b>	<b>3,096</b>	<b>19,267</b>	<b>22,363</b>
Taxation credit	1	–	1	1	–	1
<b>Net return on ordinary activities after taxation</b>	<b>4,268</b>	<b>40,242</b>	<b>44,510</b>	<b>3,097</b>	<b>19,267</b>	<b>22,364</b>
<b>Return per Managed Growth share</b>	<b>12.63p</b>	<b>119.11p</b>	<b>131.74p</b>	<b>8.94p</b>	<b>55.59p</b>	<b>64.53p</b>

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (UNAUDITED) AT 31ST AUGUST 2017**

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Investments held at fair value through profit or loss	259,853	211,993
<b>Current assets</b>		
Derivative financial assets	119	1,885
Debtors	743	543
Cash and cash equivalents	4,392	10,861
	<b>5,254</b>	<b>13,289</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(134)	(97)
Derivative financial liabilities	(31)	(436)
<b>Net current assets</b>	<b>5,089</b>	<b>12,756</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>264,942</b>	<b>224,749</b>
<b>Net asset value per Managed Growth share</b>	<b>785.6p</b>	<b>664.2p</b>

## MANAGED INCOME SHARE CLASS

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

#### TOTAL RETURNS (INCLUDES DIVIDENDS REINVESTED)

**+15.5%**

Total return to shareholders<sup>1</sup>  
(2016: +6.4%)

**+14.9%**

Total return on net assets<sup>2</sup>  
(2016: +5.9%)

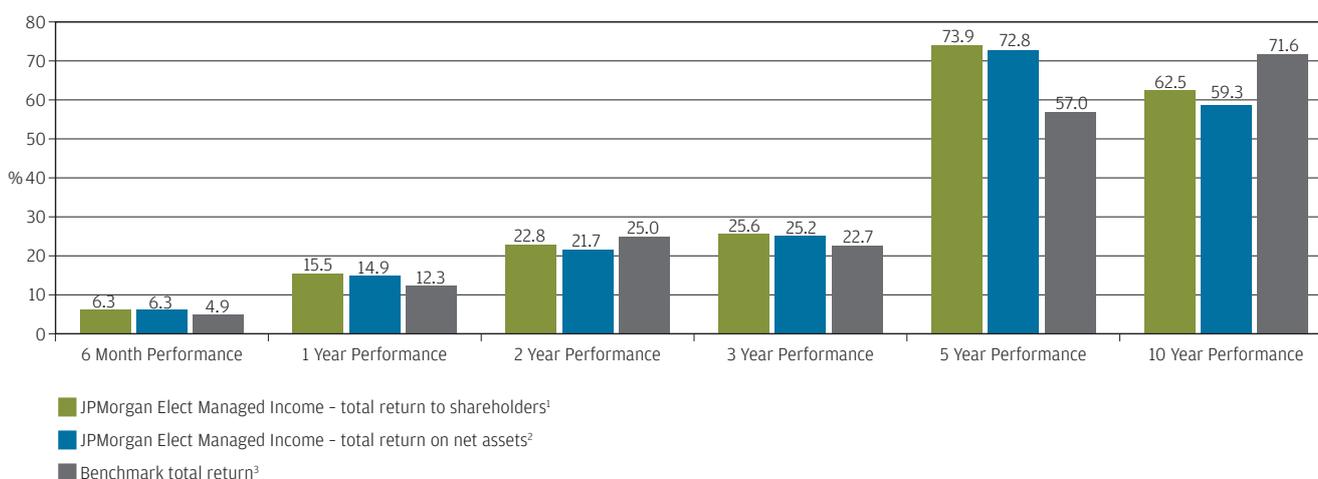
**+12.3%**

Benchmark total return<sup>3</sup>  
(2016: +11.3%)

**+7.7%**

4.20p Dividend  
(2016: +2.6%)

#### Managed Income Long Term Performance



#### Financial Data

	31st August 2017	31st August 2016
Shareholders' funds (£'000)	83,784	54,456
Net asset value per share	117.2p	105.7p
Share price	112.8p	101.5p
Share price discount to net asset value per share	3.8%	4.0%
Dividend per share	4.2p	3.9p
Ongoing Charges	0.71%	0.73%

<sup>1</sup> Source: Morningstar. Share price total return.

<sup>2</sup> Source: Morningstar/J.P. Morgan, using cum income net asset value per share. The 10 year performance is using capital only net asset values, due to a lack of historic cum income net asset values.

<sup>3</sup> Source: J.P. Morgan/Bloomberg. The benchmark is a composite comprising 85% FTSE All-Share Index and 15% Bloomberg Barclays Capital Global Corporate Bond Index (hedged) in sterling terms.

A glossary of terms and alternative performance measures is provided on page 84.

## MANAGED INCOME SHARE CLASS *CONTINUED*

### INVESTMENT MANAGERS' REPORT



John Baker

#### Performance Review

The Managed Income portfolio outperformed its composite benchmark index, delivering a total return of +14.9%, in comparison with the benchmark return of +12.3% over the twelve months to the 31st August 2017. This encouraging result was driven by strong stock selection during both the first and second halves of the year.

Managed Income	6 Mths	1 Yr	3 Yrs pa	5 Yrs pa	10 Yrs pa
Total return on net assets (%)	6.3	14.9	7.8	11.6	4.8
Total return to shareholders (%)	6.3	15.5	7.9	11.7	5.0
Benchmark total return (%)	4.9	12.3	7.1	9.4	5.6

Managed Income has increased its dividend per share by 7.7%, whilst also strengthening its revenue reserves.



Sarah Emly

Headline UK dividends were favourably impacted by the weakness of sterling during the first half of the financial year, in the aftermath of the EU Referendum result of June 2016, with some of the more internationally-oriented stocks, such as the oils and the pharmaceuticals, declaring their dividends in US dollars. Dividend growth to date in 2017 has continued to benefit from this theme. The portfolio has once again benefited from special dividends in this financial year, with incremental payouts from Jupiter Fund Management, Beazley, Taylor Wimpey and ITV, as well as a return to the dividend list of Lloyds Banking Group, which also paid a special dividend. However some of our insurance stocks that previously paid special dividends have not done so this year, Direct Line Insurance being an example. Overall it was an encouraging year for dividend growth from the UK equity market, and there are currently some £4.05 million of revenue reserves available to Managed Income shareholders to help smooth future dividend payments.

The outlook for underlying UK dividend growth remains mixed, with recent headline dividend growth flattered by the weakness of sterling over the last twelve months. The second half of 2017 is likely to show weaker growth than during the first half, as the favourable impact of sterling weakness lessens. Some sectors are currently experiencing some headwinds in terms of their profit outlook, as the domestic economic outlook becomes more uncertain. However, many companies have global operations and so are not dependent on the UK economy, whilst others will continue to make good progress and generate sufficient cash to deliver good underlying dividends and/or special dividends.

For the twelve months as a whole, the most positive contributor to performance was the overweight position in Electrocomponents, the global distributor for engineers, which strongly outperformed the rising market. This industrial company has continued to deliver excellent results, with the relatively new management team focusing on making the business more efficient. Its recent results have beaten market expectations and led to further upgrades to its earnings prospects. Our long term overweight position in the most cost efficient iron ore producer, Rio Tinto, was also a strong contributor to performance this year, particularly during the first half, although being underweight in the mining sector overall was unhelpful to performance as it was one of the strongest sector performers this year.

In contrast to last year, our holdings in selected housebuilding stocks outperformed the rising market, as these attractively valued and premium dividend yielding stocks went on to deliver robust results, despite fears over the short term impact of Brexit on the domestic economy. Our long standing positions in Persimmon, Berkeley Group and Taylor Wimpey performed particularly strongly during the second half of the year, whilst also delivering good dividend income to their shareholders. By contrast, some of the portfolio's more defensive and more globally oriented stocks, such as the international tobacco stock, Imperial Brands, and the pharmaceutical group, GlaxoSmithKline, underperformed the rising market over the year. The performance of our holding in Novae Group, the specialist Lloyds insurer, was

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disappointing as it announced higher loss activity and a worse combined operating ratio for 2016, before then being adversely impacted by the change in discount rate for personal injury claims (the Ogden rate). However, the share price recovered some of its earlier falls when it received a bid approach from AXIS Capital Holdings Limited. Overall the Managed Income portfolio delivered positive absolute and relative performance during the financial year ending 31st August 2017.

### Portfolio Review

There has been no material change to the asset allocation of the portfolio over the course of the second half of the financial year. The portfolio remains over-weight in equities relative to its composite benchmark.

We assess individual investment opportunities on whether earnings estimates are being revised upwards, whether the valuation is attractive and whether the balance sheet and forecast cash flows allow for dividend growth. As such, portfolio construction is determined by stock selection.

Since our report at the half year stage we bought new positions in Carnival, Allied Irish Banks, Evraz and Vodafone. Carnival is a cruise ship operator offering sailing vacations globally. The demand for cruises is growing strongly allowing the company to raise prices and deliver strong profit growth. A sign of the dramatic recovery in the economic position of Ireland was evidenced by a return to the market of Allied Irish Banks. The Irish government successfully listed shares in the bank on the Irish and UK stock markets with investors attracted by a compelling valuation and the prospect of strong dividend growth as the capital strength of the business improves. Evraz mines iron ore and coal, and manufactures steel. The recovery in commodity prices from their lows in 2016 has led to a strong profits recovery and a significant shift in the cash flow profile of the company. Management committed to paying a larger dividend than expected in 2017 equating to an 8.7% yield at the time of purchase. Vodafone was bought as its revenue growth was ahead of market expectations and free cash flow should cover dividends in the future.

Sales over the same period included Fevertree Drinks, WPP and AstraZeneca. We decided to take profits in premium mixers company Fevertree Drinks. The stock had performed strongly, as warranted by excellent results, though we felt that the stock no longer offered a sufficiently interesting valuation. We sold WPP as the outlook for advertising agencies is becoming increasingly uncertain with the growth of alternative avenues such as social media for advertisers to reach their target audiences. Another meaningful sell was AstraZeneca. The company has potential to deliver growth in the medium term from the development of immuno-oncology drugs but unfortunately the company failed to meet required regulatory end points for a lung cancer drug in August leading to marked share price weakness.

### Outlook

The domestic economic and political outlook for the rest of 2017 and beyond has become more uncertain, due to the unexpected UK Election result and by concerns over the Government's negotiating powers for Brexit. Whilst the domestic economy is showing some signs of faltering, the global economy is accelerating and corporate profits have done well on the back of rising global demand. UK equities continue to offer an attractive dividend yield, with the prospect for dividend growth, whilst providing a hedge against rising UK inflation. We continue to prefer equities to low yielding bonds.

**John Baker**  
**Sarah Emly**  
Investment Managers

7th December 2017

**MANAGED INCOME SHARE CLASS CONTINUED****FINANCIAL RECORD**

As at 31st August	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Net asset value per share (p)	113.8	86.4	69.6	72.9	76.9	81.4	94.9	104.3	103.6	105.7	117.2
Share price (p)	109.0	84.5	69.5	70.0	75.0	78.5	91.3	100.8	99.3	101.5	112.8
Discount (%)	4.2	2.2	0.1	4.0	2.5	3.6	3.8	3.4	4.2	4.0	3.8

**Year ended 31st August**

Revenue return per share (p)	5.12	5.52	3.55	2.68	3.32	3.48	3.97	4.16	4.67	4.76	4.83
Dividends per share (p)	4.12	4.30	4.30	3.30	3.35	3.40	3.55	3.65	3.80	3.90	4.20
Special dividends per share (p)	1.00	1.15	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Net yield per share <sup>2</sup> (%)	4.7 <sup>1</sup>	6.4 <sup>1</sup>	6.2	4.7	4.5	4.3	3.9	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.7
Gearing/(Net Cash) (%)	(2.6)	(1.1)	(1.8)	(1.1)	(5.9)	(2.7)	(1.1)	(0.9)	(2.5)	(5.5)	(3.5)
Ongoing Charges (%)	0.79	0.74	0.92	0.66	0.69	0.71	0.73	0.72	0.76	0.73	0.71

**Year ended 31st August**

Total return to shareholders (%) <sup>3</sup>	+6.9	-17.6	-13.8	+7.6	+12.0	+9.5	+21.0	+14.5	+2.3	+6.4	+15.5
Total return on net assets (%) <sup>4</sup>	+8.7	-19.7	-14.1	+10.4	+10.5	+10.6	+21.2	+13.9	+2.8	+5.9	+14.9
Benchmark total return (%) <sup>5</sup>	+8.1	-10.5	-6.3	+10.9	+6.6	+10.2	+16.1	+10.1	-1.8	+11.3	+12.3

<sup>1</sup> Includes special dividends.<sup>2</sup> The net yield calculation is based on total dividends per share, expressed as a percentage of the closing share price.<sup>3</sup> Source: Morningstar. Share price total return.<sup>4</sup> Source: Morningstar/J.P. Morgan, using cum income net asset value per share.<sup>5</sup> Source: Bloomberg. The benchmark is a composite comprising 85% FTSE All-Share Index and 15% Bloomberg Barclays Capital Global Corporate Bond Index (hedged) in sterling terms. Prior to 28th February 2009, the benchmark was a composite comprising 85% FTSE 350 High Yield Index and 15% Merrill Lynch 5-10 year Sterling Corporate Bond Index.

A glossary of terms and alternative performance measures is provided on page 84.

## TEN LARGEST INVESTMENTS

	31st August 2017		31st August 2016	
	£'000	% <sup>1</sup>	£'000	% <sup>1</sup>
Royal Dutch Shell	6,118	7.6	3,896	7.6
HSBC	5,523	6.8	2,339	4.5
British American Tobacco	3,892	4.8	3,029	5.9
GlaxoSmithKline	3,638	4.5	2,766	5.4
BP	3,183	3.9	2,127	4.1
Rio Tinto <sup>3</sup>	3,075	3.8	1,133	2.2
Lloyds Banking <sup>3</sup>	2,808	3.5	387	0.8
JPM Global High Yield Bond Fund ('A' Income Shares) <sup>2</sup>	2,625	3.3	2,625	5.1
Unilever <sup>4</sup>	2,383	3.0	–	–
Vodafone <sup>4</sup>	2,294	2.8	–	–
<b>Total<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>35,539</b>	<b>44.0</b>		

<sup>1</sup> Based on total investments of £80.8m (2016: £51.5m).

<sup>2</sup> Represents holdings in an Open Ended Investment Company ('OEIC') or a Société d'investissements à Capital Variable ('SICAV').

<sup>3</sup> Not included in the ten largest investments at 31st August 2016.

<sup>4</sup> Not included in the total investments at 31st August 2016.

<sup>5</sup> At 31st August 2016, the value of the ten largest investments amounted to £24.9m, representing 48.4% of total investments.

## TEN LARGEST INCOME PAYERS<sup>1</sup> FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2017

	31st August 2017		31st August 2016	
	£'000	% <sup>2</sup>	£'000	% <sup>2</sup>
Royal Dutch Shell	387	11.0	223	8.2
HSBC	267	7.6	172	6.3
BP	206	5.9	140	5.1
GlaxoSmithKline	174	4.9	116	4.3
JPM Global High Yield Bond Fund ('A' Income Shares)	152	4.3	166	6.1
Rio Tinto	147	4.2	53	1.9
British American Tobacco	141	4.0	100	3.7
Lloyds Banking	141	4.0	6	0.2
Imperial Brands	90	2.6	81	3.0
Aviva	84	2.4	43	1.6
<b>Total<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>1,789</b>	<b>50.9</b>		

<sup>1</sup> In terms of amounts of income received by the Managed Income portfolio.

<sup>2</sup> Based on total income from investments of £3.5m (2016: £2.7m).

<sup>3</sup> For the year ended 31st August 2016, the dividends received from the ten largest income payers was £1,374,000, representing 50.4% of the total income from investments.

**MANAGED INCOME SHARE CLASS** *CONTINUED***SECTOR ANALYSIS**

	31st August 2017			31st August 2016		
	Managed Income Portfolio % <sup>1</sup>	Benchmark investments %	Income from investments % <sup>2</sup>	Managed Income Portfolio % <sup>1</sup>	Benchmark investments %	Income from investments % <sup>2</sup>
Financials	29.3	20.2	26.4	17.9	18.2	26.6
Consumer Goods	18.7	13.8	17.2	19.6	14.6	15.1
Oil & Gas	11.5	9.7	16.9	11.7	9.4	13.3
Industrials	10.1	9.5	5.4	7.1	9.1	4.5
Consumer Services	7.1	9.3	7.2	12.7	9.8	11.6
Basic Materials	6.1	6.5	6.4	4.3	4.6	3.8
Health Care	5.6	7.2	6.8	8.5	8.3	7.3
Telecommunications	4.1	3.1	3.1	1.4	3.9	2.6
Utilities	2.9	2.7	2.7	4.1	3.3	3.2
Technology	–	0.7	0.4	0.8	1.7	–
<b>Total UK Equities</b>	<b>95.4</b>	<b>82.7</b>	<b>92.5</b>	<b>88.1</b>	<b>82.9</b>	<b>88.1</b>
Investment Trusts	1.4	2.3	3.2	6.8	2.1	5.8
Bond Funds	3.2	15.0	4.3	5.1	15.0	6.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Based on total investments of £80.8m (2016: £51.5m).

<sup>2</sup> Based on total investment income received during the year of £3.5m (2016: £2.7m).

## LIST OF INVESTMENTS AT 31ST AUGUST 2017

Company	Valuation £'000	Company	Valuation £'000
<b>UK Equities</b>		Weir	811
Royal Dutch Shell	6,118	DCC	799
HSBC	5,523	Headlam	787
British American Tobacco	3,892	Galliford Try	777
GlaxoSmithKline	3,638	DS Smith	775
BP	3,183	Lancashire	745
Rio Tinto	3,075	Card Factory	729
Lloyds Banking	2,808	Jupiter Fund Management	651
Unilever	2,383	Costain	649
Vodafone	2,294	PageGroup	647
Aviva	2,252	Booker	639
Prudential	2,233	Severn Trent	634
Diageo	2,021	Morgan Sindall	625
Beazley	1,737	Schroders	592
National Grid	1,671	Morgan Advanced Materials	562
Imperial Brands	1,664	Evraz	532
Phoenix	1,611	Connect	222
Electrocomponents	1,542		<b>77,049</b>
BAE Systems	1,514	<b>JPMorgan Managed Investment Trusts</b>	
Legal & General	1,465	JPMorgan European (Income Shares)	1,136
Mondi	1,332		<b>1,136</b>
Persimmon	1,329	<b>JPMorgan Managed Bond Funds</b>	
Taylor Wimpey	1,307	JPM Global High Yield Bond Fund ('A' Income shares) <sup>1</sup>	2,625
Carnival	1,256		<b>2,625</b>
WH Smith	1,196	<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>80,810</b>
Intermediate Capital	1,167		
Direct Line Insurance	1,117		
ITV	1,016		
KCOM	1,010		
Berkeley	965		
888	915		
Novae	899		
Indivior	875		
Allied Irish Banks	865		

<sup>1</sup> Unlisted and represents a holding in an Open Ended Investment Company ('OEIC').

**MANAGED INCOME SHARE CLASS** *CONTINUED***STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (UNAUDITED)**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2017

	Revenue £'000	2017 Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	2016 Capital £'000	Total £'000
Gains on investments held at fair value through profit or loss	–	7,726	7,726	–	702	702
Net foreign currency gains/(losses)	–	2	2	–	(1)	(1)
Income from investments	3,517	–	3,517	2,726	–	2,726
Interest receivable and similar income	5	–	5	4	–	4
<b>Gross return</b>	<b>3,522</b>	<b>7,728</b>	<b>11,250</b>	<b>2,730</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>3,431</b>
Management fee	(191)	(191)	(382)	(129)	(129)	(258)
Other administrative expenses	(135)	–	(135)	(128)	–	(128)
<b>Net return on ordinary activities before finance costs and taxation</b>	<b>3,196</b>	<b>7,537</b>	<b>10,733</b>	<b>2,473</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>3,045</b>
Finance costs	(1)	(1)	(2)	–	–	–
<b>Net return on ordinary activities before taxation</b>	<b>3,195</b>	<b>7,536</b>	<b>10,731</b>	<b>2,473</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>3,045</b>
Taxation	(9)	–	(9)	(6)	–	(6)
<b>Net return on ordinary activities after taxation</b>	<b>3,186</b>	<b>7,536</b>	<b>10,722</b>	<b>2,467</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>3,039</b>
<b>Return per Managed Income share</b>	<b>4.83p</b>	<b>11.43p</b>	<b>16.26p</b>	<b>4.76p</b>	<b>1.10p</b>	<b>5.86p</b>

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (UNAUDITED)**

AT 31ST AUGUST 2017

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Investments held at fair value through profit or loss	<b>80,810</b>	<b>51,469</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Debtors	858	541
Cash and cash equivalents	2,163	2,471
	<b>3,021</b>	<b>3,012</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(47)	(25)
<b>Net current assets</b>	<b>2,974</b>	<b>2,987</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>83,784</b>	<b>54,456</b>
<b>Net asset value per Managed Income share</b>	<b>117.2p</b>	<b>105.7p</b>

## MANAGED CASH SHARE CLASS

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

#### TOTAL RETURNS (INCLUDES DIVIDENDS REINVESTED)

<b>+1.1%</b> Total return to shareholders <sup>1</sup> (2016: +0.6%)	<b>+0.8%</b> Total return on net assets <sup>2</sup> (2016: +0.5%)	<b>Unchanged</b> 0.35p Dividend (2016: Unchanged)
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#### Financial Data

	31st August 2017	31st August 2016
Shareholders' funds (£'000)	5,398	3,795
Net asset value per share	102.2p	101.7p
Share price	101.0p	100.3p
Share price discount to net asset value per share	1.2%	1.4%
Dividend per share	0.35p	0.35p
Ongoing Charges	0.02%	0.02%

<sup>1</sup> Source: Morningstar. Share price total return.

<sup>2</sup> Source: Morningstar/J.P. Morgan.

A glossary of terms and alternative performance measures is provided on page 84.

## MANAGED CASH SHARE CLASS *CONTINUED*

### INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT



Katy Thorneycroft

#### Performance and Portfolio Review

The Managed Cash portfolio returned 0.8% for the period, an increase on the returns achieved over the same period last year. The portfolio continues to retain its broad diversification across a range of the UK's leading AAA-rated sterling liquidity funds, each selected to provide a high level of capital security for shareholders. The primary aim of the funds the Managed Cash portfolio invests in is to provide preservation of capital and liquidity with a yield in line with money market rates as a secondary aim.

Whilst it remained a period of low returns for the Managed Cash portfolio, yields did increase slightly over the course of the financial year boosting the returns to NAV. The Bank of England's (BoE) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) kept rates on hold at 0.25% over the period, and at the end of August 2017 voted unanimously to keep the Asset Purchase Programme unchanged at £445 billion. More recently, at the beginning of November the BoE's MPC voted to increase interest rates by a quarter of a percentage point, the first increase since 2007.

#### Outlook

The first rate rise in a decade was widely expected by markets and the Governor Mark Carney suggested that two more rate rises would be required over the next three years in order to return inflation to target. The immediate impact on the UK economy of the increase in interest rates should be manageable but we note that there are already signs of weakness in the housing market, consumer confidence and retail sales. Concerns that the outcome for the UK economy may be less positive than the BoE's assumption would now justify an expectation of less than two rate rises in the next three years.

**Katy Thorneycroft**  
Investment Manager

7th December 2017

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## FINANCIAL RECORD

At 31st August	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Net asset value per share (p)	101.4	101.5	100.3	100.7	101.2	101.1	100.9	101.2	101.5	101.7	102.2
Share price (p)	100.0	100.5	100.0	100.0	100.5	100.5	100.5	100.5	100.0	100.3	101.0
Discount (%)	1.4	1.0	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.7	1.5	1.4	1.2

### Year to 31st August

Revenue return per share (p)	3.98	4.17	1.56	0.22	0.43	0.39	0.17	0.34	0.37	0.39	0.22
Dividends per share (p)	3.93	4.07	1.70	0.00	0.35	0.50	0.15	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35
Ongoing Charges (%)	0.12	0.16	0.21	0.20	0.19	0.24	0.22	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02

A glossary of terms and alternative performance measures is provided on page 84.

**MANAGED CASH SHARE CLASS** *CONTINUED*

**LIST OF INVESTMENTS AT 31ST AUGUST 2017**

Company	Yield % <sup>1</sup>	Rating <sup>2</sup>	Value £'000	%
JPMorgan Sterling Liquidity Fund	0.40	AAA	846	16.9
BlackRock ICS Institutional Sterling Liquidity Fund	0.39	AAA	836	16.7
Deutsche Global Liquidity Fund	0.40	AAA	836	16.7
Insight Sterling Liquidity Fund	0.37	AAA	836	16.7
Aberdeen Sterling Liquidity Fund	0.40	AAA	829	16.6
Fidelity Institutional Sterling Liquidity Fund	0.36	AAA	825	16.4
<b>Total Investments</b>			<b>5,008</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Annual yield to 31st August 2017. Source: IMMFA Money Fund Report, iMoneyNet.

<sup>2</sup> Ratings given by Standard & Poor's as at 31st August 2017.

## STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (UNAUDITED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2017

	Revenue £'000	2017 Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	2016 Capital £'000	Total £'000
Income from investments	12	–	12	18	–	18
<b>Gross return</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>18</b>
Other administrative expenses	(1)	–	(1)	(1)	–	(1)
<b>Net return on ordinary activities before taxation</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>17</b>
Taxation	(1)	–	(1)	(1)	–	(1)
<b>Net return on ordinary activities after taxation</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Return per Managed Cash share</b>	<b>0.22p</b>	<b>0.00p</b>	<b>0.22p</b>	<b>0.39p</b>	<b>0.00p</b>	<b>0.39p</b>

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (UNAUDITED) AT 31ST AUGUST 2017

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Investments held at fair value through profit or loss	5,008	3,795
<b>Current assets</b>		
Debtors	386	–
Cash and cash equivalents	7	2
	393	2
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(3)	(2)
<b>Net current liabilities</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>5,398</b>	<b>3,795</b>
<b>Net asset value per Managed Cash share</b>	<b>102.2p</b>	<b>101.7p</b>

## BUSINESS REVIEW

The aim of the Strategic Report is to provide shareholders with the ability to assess how the Directors have performed their duty to promote the success of the Company during the year under review. To assist shareholders with this assessment, the Strategic Report sets out the structure and objective of the Company, the investment policies and risk management, investment restrictions and guidelines, performance, revenue and dividends, key performance indicators as they relate to each of the share classes, principal risks and how the Company seeks to manage those risks, Board Diversity, the Company's Employees, Social, Community and Human Rights Issues and finally its long term viability.

### Structure and Objective of the Company

JPMorgan Elect plc is an investment trust company that has a premium listing on the London Stock Exchange. In seeking to achieve its objectives, the Company employs JPMF which, in turn, delegates portfolio management to JPMAM to manage the Company's assets actively. The Board has determined investment policies and related guidelines and limits. These objectives, investment policies and related guidelines and limits are detailed below.

The Company is subject to UK and European legislation and regulations including UK company law, UK Financial Reporting Standards, the UK Listing, Prospectus, Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules, Market Abuse Regulation, taxation law, the Company's own Articles of Association and the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive.

The Company is an investment company within the meaning of Section 833 of the Companies Act 2006 and has been approved by HM Revenue & Customs as an investment trust (for the purposes of Sections 1158 and 1159 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010). As a result the Company is not liable for taxation on capital gains. The Directors have no reason to believe that approval will not continue to be retained. The Company is not a close company for taxation purposes.

The Board holds an annual Strategy meeting at which the Company's objectives and policies are reviewed in detail. The Board seeks to determine whether the strategies in place are conducive to meeting the expectations of shareholders. As part of this exercise, the performance of each of the Company's share classes is monitored against the respective objectives, policies and targets. The process also includes the taking into account of shareholder views. Alternative strategies are modelled, considered and discussed to determine whether their implementation may be appropriate.

### Managed Growth

#### Objective

The objective of the Managed Growth portfolio is to achieve long term capital growth from investing in a range of investment trusts and open-ended funds managed principally by J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

#### Investment Policies and Risk Management

In order to achieve its stated investment policy and to seek to manage investment risks, the Managed Growth portfolio is invested in a diversified range of investment trusts and open-ended funds, which themselves invest in the UK and overseas. The number of investments in the portfolio will normally range between 30 and 50.

#### Investment Restrictions and Guidelines

- The Investment Manager must obtain Board approval for any new investment in excess of 10% of the portfolio's gross assets.
- The portfolio does not invest more than 10% of its gross assets in any company that itself may invest more than 15% of its gross assets in UK listed investment companies.
- An investment in any open-ended fund will not exceed 25% of the market capital of the investee fund.
- Investments in third party managed funds will not normally exceed 30% of the portfolio's gross assets.
- Board permission has been granted for the limited use of futures for tactical asset allocation purposes. Other than this, the portfolio will not normally invest in derivative instruments - prior approval is required from the Board if such an investment is desired.
- The Board does not intend to utilise borrowings to increase the funds available for investment. The Board monitors closely the level of indirect gearing through the underlying investments. The underlying portfolio should be invested 95-120%.

These limits and restrictions may be varied by the Board at any time at its discretion.

### Managed Income

#### Objective

The objective of the Managed Income portfolio is to achieve a growing income return with potential for long term capital growth by investing in equities, investment companies and fixed income securities.

### Investment Policies and Risk Management

In order to achieve its stated investment policy and to seek to manage investment risks, the Managed Income portfolio is invested in a diversified portfolio of UK equities (including investment companies) and open-ended funds. The number of investments in the portfolio will normally range between 50 and 80.

### Investment Restrictions and Guidelines

- The portfolio does not invest more than 10% of its gross assets in any company that itself may invest more than 15% of its gross assets in UK listed investment companies.
- The portfolio will be between 90-100% invested in equities (including investment companies) and fixed interest securities.
- The Investment Managers may write options within parameters set by the Board. Prior approval is required from the Board for investment in all other derivative instruments. Board permission has been granted for the limited use of futures for tactical asset allocation purposes.
- The Board does not currently use borrowing. However, a proposal to utilise gearing is being made to Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting. Further details are provided in the Chairman's Statement on page 3 and in the Appendix on page 83.

These limits and restrictions may be varied by the Board at any time at its discretion.

## Managed Cash

### Objective

The objective of the Managed Cash portfolio is to provide preservation of capital with a yield based on short term interest rates by investing in a range of sterling liquidity funds, selected for their yield and credit rating, and short dated AAA-rated UK or G7 government securities hedged into sterling.

### Investment Policies and Risk Management

In order to achieve its stated investment policy and to seek to manage investment risks, the Managed Cash portfolio invests no more than 20% of the value of the portfolio in any one liquidity fund or short dated (i.e. with a maturity of less than two years) UK or G7 government security hedged into sterling. All liquidity funds or government securities shall have a AAA credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's) or equivalent rating from a recognised credit rating agency.

### Investment Restrictions and Guidelines

- No more than 20% of the value of the portfolio to be invested in any one sterling liquidity fund.
- To invest no more than 15% of gross assets in other UK listed companies (including investment companies).

- The Board does not intend to utilise borrowings to increase the funds available for investment.

These limits and restrictions may be varied by the Board at any time at its discretion.

Compliance with the Board's investment restrictions and guidelines for all three portfolios is monitored continuously by the Manager and is reported to the Board on a monthly basis.

## Performance

### Managed Growth:

In the year ended 31st August 2017, the Managed Growth portfolio produced a total return to shareholders of +19.6% and a total return on net assets of +20.2%. This compares with the return on the composite benchmark index of +16.7%. As at 31st August 2017, the value of the Managed Growth investment portfolio was £259.9 million. The Investment Managers' Report on pages 6 to 25 includes a review of developments during the year as well as information on investment activity within the portfolio.

### Managed Income:

In the year ended 31st August 2017, the Managed Income portfolio produced a total return to shareholders of +15.5% and a total return on net assets of +14.9%. This compares with the return on the composite benchmark index of +12.3%. As at 31st August 2017, the value of the Managed Income investment portfolio was £80.8 million. The Investment Managers' Report on pages 6 to 25 includes a review of developments during the year as well as information on investment activity within the portfolio.

### Managed Cash:

In the year ended 31st August 2017, the Managed Cash portfolio produced a total return to shareholders of +1.1% and a total return on net assets of +0.8%. There is no benchmark for this share class other than to maintain the net asset value as close to 100p per share as possible. As at 31st August 2017, the value of the investment portfolio was £5.0 million. The Investment Managers' Report on page 22 includes a review of developments during the year.

## Revenue and Dividends

Full details of the dividends paid and declared on the Managed Growth, Managed Income and Managed Cash share classes during the year are given in note 10 on pages 63 and 64.

## Key Performance Indicators ('KPIs')

The Board uses a number of financial KPIs to monitor and assess the performance of the Company. The principal KPIs are performance against the benchmark index; performance against the Company's peers; share price discount/premium to net asset value per share; ongoing charges; and dividends.

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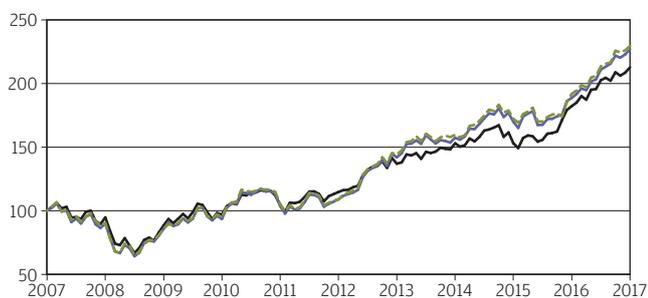
### • Performance against the benchmark index

This is the most important KPI by which performance is judged. Information on the Company's performance is given in the Chairman's Statement and information on the performance of the portfolios is given in the Investment Managers' Reports. It is proposed that with effect from 1st March 2018 the Managed Income Shares benchmark will be the FTSE All-Share Index.

### Performance against the benchmark index - Managed Growth

#### Ten Year Performance

FIGURES HAVE BEEN REBASED TO 100 AT 31ST AUGUST 2007

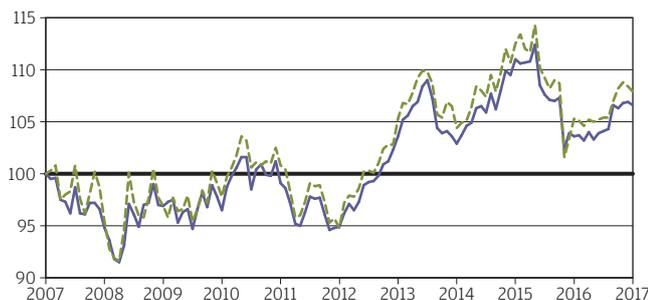


Source: Morningstar/FTSE.

- JPMorgan Elect Managed Growth - share price total return.
- JPMorgan Elect Managed Growth - net asset value per share total return.
- Benchmark index total return.

### Performance Relative to Benchmark Index

FIGURES HAVE BEEN REBASED TO 100 AT 31ST AUGUST 2007



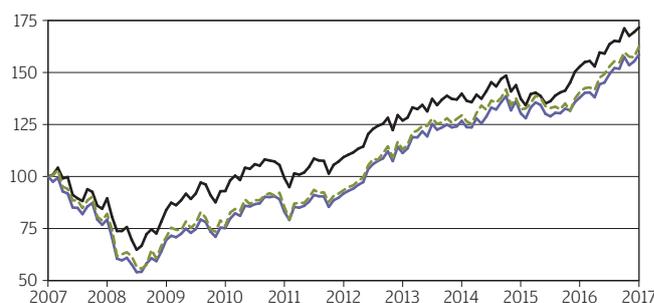
Source: Morningstar/FTSE.

- JPMorgan Elect Managed Growth - share price total return.
- JPMorgan Elect Managed Growth - net asset value per share total return.
- The benchmark index is represented by the horizontal black line.

### Performance against the benchmark index - Managed Income

#### Ten Year Performance

FIGURES HAVE BEEN REBASED TO 100 AT 31ST AUGUST 2007

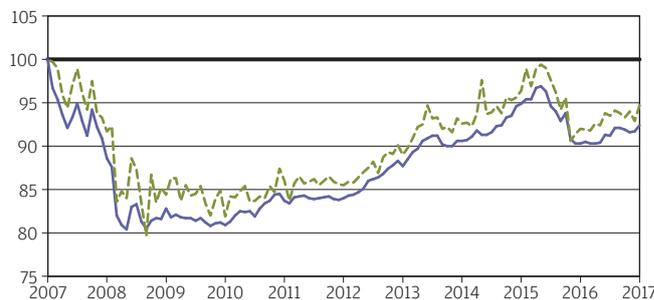


Source: Morningstar/FTSE.

- JPMorgan Elect Managed Income - share price total return.
- JPMorgan Elect Managed Income - net asset value per share total return.
- Benchmark index total return.

### Performance Relative to Benchmark Index

FIGURES HAVE BEEN REBASED TO 100 AT 31ST AUGUST 2007



Source: Morningstar/FTSE.

- JPMorgan Elect Managed Income - share price total return.
- JPMorgan Elect Managed Income - net asset value per share total return.
- The benchmark is represented by the horizontal black line.

### • Performance against the benchmark index - Managed Cash

There is no benchmark for the Managed Cash share class, other than to maintain the net asset value as close to 100p per share as possible.

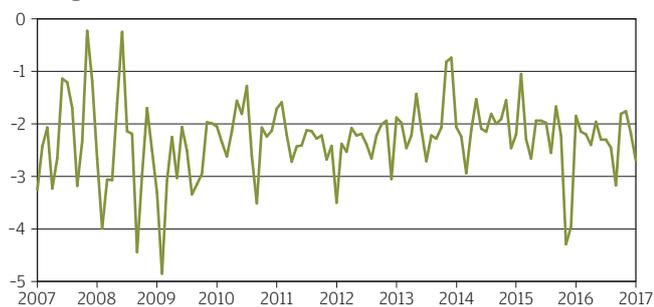
### • Performance against the Company's peers - Managed Growth and Managed Income

The principal objective of the Managed Growth share class is to achieve capital growth. The principal objective of the Managed Income share class is to achieve growing income with the potential for long term capital growth. However, the Board also monitors the performance of the Managed Growth and Managed Income share classes relative to a broad range of competitor funds.

• **Share price discount/premium to net asset value ('NAV') per share**

The Board has for several years operated share issue and repurchase programmes which seek to address imbalances in supply and demand of the Company's shares within the market and thereby seek to reduce the volatility and absolute level of the discount/premium to NAV per share at which the Company's shares trade.

**Share price discount/premium to NAV per share - Managed Growth**

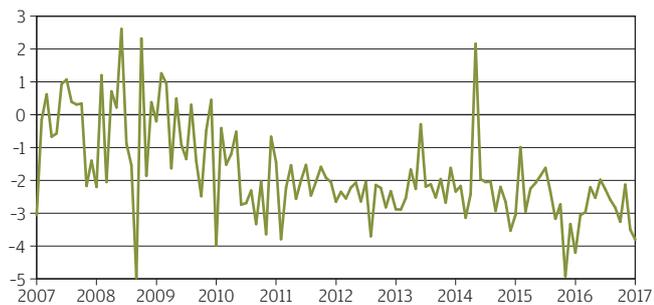


Source: Morningstar.

— JPMorgan Managed Growth - Share price discount to cum income net asset value per share (month end data).

In the year to 31st August 2017, the Managed Growth shares traded between a discount of 1.8% and 3.2% (on a month end to month end basis).

**Share price discount/premium to NAV per share - Managed Income**



Source: Morningstar.

— JPMorgan Managed Income - Share price discount to cum income net asset value per share (month end data).

In the year to 31st August 2017, the Managed Income shares traded between a discount of 2.0% and 3.8% (on a month end to month end basis).

**Share price discount/premium to NAV per share - Managed Cash**



Source: Morningstar.

— JPMorgan Managed Cash - Share price discount to cum income net asset value per share (month end data).

In the year to 31st August 2017, the Managed Cash shares traded between a premium of 1.5% and a discount of 2.0% (on a month end to month end basis).

• **Ongoing charges - Managed Growth, Managed Income and Managed Cash**

The ongoing charges represent the Company's management fee and all other operating expenses, excluding any finance costs, expressed as a percentage of the average daily net assets during the year. The Managed Growth ongoing charges for the year ended 31st August 2017 were 0.55% (2016: 0.58%), the Managed Income ongoing charges were 0.71% (2016: 0.73%) and the Managed Cash ongoing charges were 0.02% (2016: 0.02%). Each year, the Board reviews an analysis which shows a comparison of the Managed Growth and Managed Income ongoing charges and its main expenses with those of its peers.

• **Income Return - Managed Income**

The Board regards growing the income return as the first priority for the Managed Income share class. The Board monitors forecast levels at each Board meeting and receives analyses from the Manager accordingly.

**Board Diversity**

The combination of personalities and experience on the Board provides a range of perspectives and challenge. When recruiting a new director, the Board's policy is to appoint individuals on merit, with due regard to the benefits of diversity.

**Employees, Social, Community and Human Rights Issues**

The Company has a management contract with JPMF. It has no employees and all of its Directors are non-executive. The day to day activities are carried out by third parties. There are therefore

## BUSINESS REVIEW CONTINUED

no disclosures to be made in respect of employees. The Board notes the policy statements of JPMAM in respect of Social, Community and Environmental and Human Rights issues, as set out in italics below:

*“JPMAM believes that companies should act in a socially responsible manner. Although our priority at all times is the best economic interests of our clients, we recognise that, increasingly, non-financial issues such as social and environmental factors have the potential to impact the share price, as well as the reputation of companies. Specialists within JPMAM’s environmental, social and governance (‘ESG’) team are tasked with assessing how companies deal with and report on social and environmental risks and issues specific to their industry.*

*JPMAM is also a signatory to the United Nations Principles of Responsible Investment, which commits participants to six principles, with the aim of incorporating ESG criteria into their processes when making stock selection decisions and promoting ESG disclosure. Our detailed approach to how we implement the principles is available on request”.*

The Manager has implemented a policy which seeks to restrict investments in securities issued by companies that have been identified by an independent third party provider as being involved in the manufacture, production or supply of cluster munitions, depleted uranium ammunition and armour and/or anti-personnel mines. Shareholders can obtain further details on the policy by contacting the Manager.

### Greenhouse Gas Emissions

The Company is managed by JPMF with delegation of the active management of the Company’s assets to JPMAM. The Company itself has no premises, consumes no electricity, gas or diesel fuel and consequently does not have a measurable carbon footprint. JPMAM is a signatory to the Carbon Disclosure Project and JPMorgan Chase is a signatory to the Equator Principles on managing social and environmental risk in project finance.

### The Modern Slavery Act 2015 (the ‘MSA’)

The MSA requires companies to prepare a slavery and human trafficking statement for each financial year of the organisation. As the Company has no employees and does not supply goods and services, the MSA does not apply directly to it. The MSA requirements more appropriately relate to JPMF and JPMAM. JPMorgan’s statement on the MSA can be found on the following website: <https://www.jpmorganchase.com/corporate/Corporate-Responsibility/document/modern-slavery-act.pdf>

### Principal Risks

The Directors confirm that they have carried out a robust assessment of the principal risks facing the Company, including

those that would threaten its business model, future performance, solvency or liquidity.

With the assistance of the Manager, the Board has drawn up a risk matrix, which identifies the key risks to the Company. In assessing the risks and how they can be mitigated, the Board has given particular attention to those issues that threaten the viability of the Company. These key risks fall broadly under the following categories:

- **Investment Strategy:** An inappropriate investment strategy, for example asset allocation, or the level of indirect gearing, may lead to underperformance against the relevant benchmark index and peer companies, resulting in the Company’s shares trading on a wider discount. The Board manages these risks by diversification of investments through its investment restrictions and guidelines which are monitored and reported on by the Manager. The Manager provides the Directors with timely and accurate management information, including performance data and attribution analyses, revenue estimates, transaction reports and shareholder analyses. The Board monitors the implementation and results of the investment process with the Investment Managers, who attend all Board meetings, and reviews data which show statistical measures of the Company’s risk profile. The Board does not intend that the Managed Growth and Managed Cash portfolios will use borrowings to increase the funds available for investment but a proposal to use gearing for the Managed Income portfolio is being put to Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting and at a Separate Class Meeting of the Managed Income Shareholders. The Board also monitors closely the level of indirect gearing through the underlying investments. The Board holds a separate meeting each year devoted to strategy.
- **Market:** Market risk arises from uncertainty about the future prices of the Company’s investments. It represents the potential loss that the Company might suffer through holding investments in the face of negative market movements. The Board considers asset allocation, stock selection and levels of indirect gearing on a regular basis and has set investment restrictions and guidelines which are monitored and reported on by the Manager. The Board monitors the implementation and results of the investment process with the Manager.
- **Accounting, Legal and Regulatory:** In order to qualify as an investment trust, the Company must comply with Section 1158 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 (‘Section 1158’). Details of the Company’s approval are given under ‘Structure and Objective of the Company’ above. Were the Company to breach Section 1158, it might lose investment trust status and, as a consequence, gains within the Company’s portfolios could be subject to Capital Gains Tax. The Section 1158 qualification criteria are continually monitored by the Manager and the results reported to the Board

each month. The Company must also comply with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and, since its shares have premium listings on the London Stock Exchange, the UKLA Listing Rules, the Disclosure and Transparency Guidelines ('DTGs'), the Market Abuse Regulations ('MAR') and, as an investment trust, the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive ('AIFMD'). A breach of the Companies Act 2006 could result in the Company and/or the Directors being fined or being the subject of criminal proceedings. Breach of the UKLA Listing Rules or DTGs could result in the Company's shares being suspended from listing which in turn would breach Section 1158. The Board relies on the services of its Company Secretary, the Manager and its professional advisers to ensure compliance with the Companies Act 2006, the UKLA Listing Rules, DTGs, MAR and AIFMD. The Board conducts an annual evaluation of the Company Secretary and the Manager, further details can be found on page 38.

- **Corporate Governance and Shareholder Relations:** Details of the Company's compliance with Corporate Governance best practice, including information on relations with shareholders, are set out in the Corporate Governance Statement on pages 37 to 40.
- **Operational:** Loss of key staff by the Manager or JPMorgan Asset Management (UK) Limited, such as the Investment Managers, could affect the performance of the Company. Disruption to, or failure of, the Manager's accounting, dealing or payments systems or the Depositary or Custodian's records could prevent accurate reporting and monitoring of the Company's financial position. Under the terms of its agreement, the Depositary has strict liability for the loss or misappropriation of assets held in custody. Details of how the Board monitors the services provided by JPMF and its associates and the key elements designed to provide effective internal controls are included within the Risk Management and Internal Controls section of the Corporate Governance Statement on pages 37 and 40.
- **Cyber Crime:** The threat of cyber attack, in all its guises, is regarded as at least as important as more traditional physical threats to business continuity and security. The Board has received the cyber security policies for its key third party service providers and JPMF has assured Directors that the Company benefits directly or indirectly from all elements of JPMorgan's cyber security programme. The information technology controls around the physical security of JPMorgan's data centres, security of its networks and security of its trading applications are tested by an independent third party and reported every six months against the AAF Standard.
- **Financial:** The financial risks faced by the Company include market price risk, interest rate risk, liquidity risk and credit risk. Further details are disclosed in note 20 on pages 39 to 73.

## Long Term Viability

In accordance with the 2016 UK Corporate Governance Code, the Board has assessed the prospects of the Company over a longer period than the 12 months required by the 'Going Concern' provision. The provisions require the Board to explain, taking account of the Company's current position and principal risks, how they have assessed its prospects and over what period and why they consider that period to be appropriate.

The Directors have determined that a five year period is an appropriate period over which to provide its viability statement. This period aligns with the Company's objective of providing long term capital growth and is the minimum period of time that shareholders ought to consider an investment in the Company.

In making this assessment the Directors have taken into account the Company's current position and have conducted a robust assessment of its principal risks and uncertainties (as detailed on pages 30 and 31), in particular the risk that the portfolio's securities could reduce in value in a falling market.

The assessment identified the following features which support the Company's ability to continue in operation and meet its liabilities as they fall due over the five year period:

- the vast majority of the Company's investments are readily realisable and can be sold to meet its liabilities as they fall due;
- the essential services required by the Company are outsourced to third party service providers. This allows key service providers to be replaced at relatively short notice where necessary;
- as at 31st August 2017 the Company had a cash balance of £6,562,000 which can be used to meet its liabilities in the short term; and
- the expenses of the Company are predictable and modest in comparison with the assets and there are no capital commitments currently foreseen which would alter that position.

Based on the results of its review, and taking into account the long term nature of the Company and its financing, the Board has a reasonable expectation that the Company will be able to continue its operations and meet its expenses and liabilities as they fall due for at least the next five years.

By order of the Board  
Faith Pengelly, for and on behalf of  
JPMorgan Funds Limited,  
Company Secretary

7th December 2017

# Directors' Report

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS



### **Angus Macpherson**

#### **Chairman of the Board and Nomination Committee.**

A Director since March 2008.

Last reappointed to the Board 2016.

Remuneration: £36,000.

Angus Macpherson is the Chief Executive of Noble & Company (UK) Limited, chairman of Henderson Diversified Income Trust plc, chairman of the Belhaven Hill School Trust Ltd and Trustee of the Scottish Policy Foundation. Mr Macpherson spent much of his career working overseas for Merrill Lynch, latterly as head of Capital Markets and Financing for Asia. He also serves as a member of the Scottish Government's Financial Services Advisory Board.

Connections with Manager: None.

Shared directorships with other Directors: None.

Current shareholding in the Company: 5,568 Managed Growth shares.



### **James Robinson**

#### **Chairman of the Audit Committee.**

A Director since April 2012.

Last reappointed to the Board 2016.

Remuneration: £30,000.

James Robinson is chairman of Polar Capital Global Healthcare Trust plc and a director of Fidelity European Values PLC and Montanaro UK Smaller Companies Investment Trust plc. He was chief investment officer, investment trusts and director of hedge funds at Henderson Global Investors prior to his retirement in 2005. A chartered accountant, Mr Robinson has 37 years' investment experience.

Connections with Manager: None.

Shared directorships with other Directors: None.

Current shareholding in the Company: 5,000 Managed Growth shares.



### **Alan Hodson**

#### **Senior Independent Director.**

A Director since January 2012.

Last reappointed to the Board 2016.

Remuneration: £25,000.

Alan Hodson is a non-executive Director of HarbourVest Global Private Equity Limited and Woodford Patient Capital Trust plc. Mr Hodson joined SGWarburg (subsequently UBS) in 1984, rising to Global Head of Equities, a member of the Executive Committee of UBS Investment Bank and of the UBS AG Group Managing Board until his retirement in June 2005.

Connections with Manager: None.

Shared directorships with other Directors: None.

Current shareholding in the Company: 10,000 Managed Growth shares and  
25,000 Managed Income shares.



### **Carla Stent**

A Director since April 2015.

Last reappointed to the Board 2016.

Remuneration: £25,000.

Carla Stent is a director of Marex Spectron Limited and Post Office Limited (including Chair of the Audit, Compliance and Risk Committees) and is Deputy Chair of the Power to Change Trust. Ms Stent also serves as chairwoman of several start-up companies. She spent over 20 years in senior, international executive positions in banking, branded private equity and retail industries for blue chip organisations such as Barclays Bank plc, Thomas Cook AG and the Virgin Group. Ms Stent is a qualified Chartered Accountant, she has had direct responsibility for finance, post-merger integration, strategy, business operations, brand development and business transformation.

Connections with Manager: None.

Shared directorships with other Directors: None.

Current shareholding in the Company: 4,919 Managed Growth Shares.



### **Roger Yates**

A Director since August 2009.

Last reappointed to the Board 2016.

Remuneration: £25,000.

Roger Yates is chairman of Pioneer Investments and a non-executive director of St James's Place plc and Jupiter Fund Management Plc. He was chief executive of Henderson Group plc from 1999 to 2008 and, prior to that, chief investment officer of Invesco Global and Morgan Grenfell Investment Management Limited. He has 35 years' experience in the fund management industry having begun his career with GT Management Limited in 1981.

Connections with Manager: None.

Shared directorships with other Directors: Jupiter Fund Management plc.

Current shareholding in the Company: 25,000 Managed Income shares.



### **Karl Sternberg**

A Director since December 2016.

Last reappointed to the Board: N/A.

Current remuneration: £25,000.

Karl Sternberg is a Director of Jupiter Fund Management plc, Lowland Investment Company, Monks Investment Trust, Clipstone Logistics REIT, Herald Investment Trust, Alliance Trust and Railway Pension Investments. He is formerly the Chief Investment officer of Deutsche Asset Management Ltd and he was the Chief Executive of Oxford Investment Partnership. He is also a Fellow of St Catherine's College Oxford.

Connections with Manager: None.

Shared directorships with other Directors: Jupiter Fund Management plc.

Current shareholding in Company: 2,085 Managed Growth Shares and  
13,650 Managed Income Shares.

**All Directors are members of the Audit and Nomination Committees and are considered independent of the Manager.**

## DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st August 2017.

### Management of the Company

The Manager and Company Secretary is a wholly owned subsidiary of JPMorgan Chase Bank which, through other subsidiaries, also provides banking, dealing and custodial services to the Company.

### Principal Activities

The principal activities of the Company throughout the year ended 31st August 2017 are disclosed in the Investment Managers' Reports on pages 6 to 25.

### The Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive ('AIFMD')

JPMF is the Company's alternative investment fund manager ('AIFM'). It is approved as an AIFM by the FCA. For the purposes of the AIFMD the Company is an alternative investment fund ('AIF'). JPMF has delegated responsibility for the day to day management of the Company's portfolio to JPMAM. The Company has appointed BNY Mellon Trust and Depositary (UK) Limited ('BNY') as its depositary. BNY has appointed JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as the Company's custodian. BNY is responsible for the oversight of the custody of the Company's assets and for monitoring its cash flows.

The AIFMD requires certain information to be made available to investors in AIFs before they invest and requires that material changes to this information be disclosed in the annual report of each AIF. An Investor Disclosure Document, which sets out information on the Company's investment strategy and policies, leverage, risk, liquidity, administration, management, fees, conflicts of interest and other shareholder information is available on the Company's website at [www.jpmelect.co.uk](http://www.jpmelect.co.uk) There have been no material changes (other than those reflected in these financial statements) to this information requiring disclosure. Any information requiring immediate disclosure pursuant to the AIFMD will be disclosed to the London Stock Exchange through a primary information provider.

As an authorised AIFM, JPMF makes the requisite disclosures on remuneration levels and policies to the FCA at the appropriate time.

### Management Fee

The management fee is calculated and paid quarterly in arrears and is charged at the following rates:

- Managed Growth assets: The management fee is 0.3% per annum on assets invested in JPMorgan managed funds and 0.6% per annum on assets invested in non-JPMorgan managed funds and direct investments. Investments in JPMorgan's retail

open-ended pooled funds qualify for a partial rebate of 50% of the underlying fee which is paid back to the Company.

- Managed Income assets: There is no management fee on assets invested in JPMorgan managed funds. The management fee is 0.6% per annum on assets invested in non-JPMorgan managed funds and direct investments. Investments in JPMorgan's retail open-ended pooled funds qualify for a partial rebate of 50% of the underlying fee.
- Managed Cash assets: no management fee charged.

The management fees in the financial statements are shown net of rebates.

### Director Indemnification and Insurance

As permitted by the Company's Articles of Association, the Directors have the benefit of an indemnity which was in place during the year and as at the date of this report. An insurance policy is maintained by the Company which indemnifies the Directors of the Company against certain liabilities arising in the conduct of their duties. There is no cover against fraudulent or dishonest actions.

### Independent Auditors

Ernst & Young LLP have expressed their willingness to continue in office as auditors to the Company and a resolution proposing their reappointment and to authorise the Directors to determine their remuneration for the ensuing year will be put to shareholders at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

### Disclosure of information to Auditors

In the case of each of the persons who are Directors of the Company at the time when this report was approved:

- (a) so far as each of the Directors is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware, and
- (b) each of the Directors has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken as a Director in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information (as defined) and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

### Share Capital Structure and Voting Rights

As at 31st August 2017 there were 110,488,010 fully paid Ordinary shares in issue (excluding shares held in Treasury) made up of 33,725,314 Managed Growth shares, 71,482,274 Managed Income shares and 5,280,422 Managed Cash shares. Each of the Ordinary shares are listed on the London Stock Exchange. Ordinary shares carry the right to attend, speak and vote at General Meetings of the Company. The percentage of total voting rights is calculated by

reference to the NAVs per share which, as at 31st August 2017 were as follows:

Managed Growth	7.86
Managed Income	1.17
Managed Cash	1.02

Of all Ordinary shares outstanding at the year-end 30.5% were Managed Growth Shares, 64.7% were Managed Income Shares and 4.8% were Managed Cash Shares.

There are no restrictions concerning the transfer of Ordinary shares in the Company, no special rights with regard to control attached to Ordinary shares, no agreements between holders of Ordinary shares regarding their transfer known to the Company; and no agreements to which the Company is party that affect its control following a takeover bid.

The Directors have, on behalf of the Company, the authority both to repurchase shares, in the market for cancellation, or holding in Treasury and to issue new shares for cash or for holding in Treasury on behalf of the Company. Resolutions to renew the authority to issue new Ordinary shares and to repurchase Ordinary shares for cancellation and/or for holding in Treasury will be put to shareholders for approval at the Annual General Meeting. The full text of these Resolutions is set out in the Notice of Annual General Meeting on pages 77 and 78.

The Company's capital structure allows shareholders the opportunity, four times each year, to convert part or all of their shareholdings into shares of the Company's other share classes without such conversions being treated, under current law as a disposal for UK capital gains tax purposes.

Details of the Ordinary shares issued, repurchased and converted during the year are set out in note 14 on page 66.

There are also 50,000 Founder shares of £1 each in issue, partly paid as to 25p each. The Founder shares are non-voting and carry the right to receive a fixed dividend at the rate of 0.01% on their nominal value. However, the holders of the Founder shares have waived the right to receive such dividends. The Founder shares are not listed on a regulated market.

## Notifiable Share Interests

At 31st August 2017 the following had declared a notifiable interest in the Company's voting rights:

Shareholder	Number of Managed Cash Shares	Number of Managed Growth Shares	Number of Managed Income Shares	Percentage of Total Voting Rights
Brewin Dolphin Limited	32,132	659,398	7,074,068	3.90%

There have been no changes to this disclosure since the year end to the date of this report.

The Company is aware that as at 31st August 2017, approximately 31.2% of the Company's total voting rights were held by individuals through the savings products managed by J.P. Morgan Asset Management and registered in the name of Chase Nominees Limited. If those voting rights are not exercised by the beneficial holders, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the savings products, under certain circumstances J.P. Morgan Asset Management has the right to exercise those voting rights. That right is subject to certain limits and restrictions and falls away at the conclusion of the relevant general meeting.

The rules concerning the appointment, reappointment and replacement of Directors, amendment of the Company's Articles of Association and powers to issue or repurchase the Company's shares are contained in the Articles of Association of the Company and the Companies Act 2006.

## Listing Rule 9.8.4R

Listing Rule 9.8.4R requires the Company to include certain information in a single identifiable section of the Annual Report or a cross reference table indicating where the information is set out. The Directors confirm that there are no disclosures to be made in this regard.

## Criminal Corporate Offence

The Company has zero tolerance for tax evasion. Shares in the Company are purchased through intermediaries or brokers, therefore no funds flow directly into the Company. As the Company has no employees, the Board's focus is to ensure that the risk of the Company's service providers facilitating tax evasion is also low. To this end it is seeking assurance from its service providers that effective policies and procedures are in place.

## Annual General Meeting

**NOTE: THIS SECTION IS IMPORTANT AND REQUIRES YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. If you are in any doubt as to the action you should take, you should seek your own personal financial advice from your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor or other financial adviser authorised under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.**

Resolutions relating to the following items of special business will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

### (i) Authority to allot new shares and disapply statutory pre-emption rights (resolutions 10 and 11)

The Directors will seek renewal of the authority at the Annual General Meeting to issue new ordinary shares for cash or by way of a sale of Treasury shares up to 3,305,704 Managed Growth shares, 7,379,615 Managed Income shares and 497,055 Managed Cash shares (excluding Treasury shares) or, if different, the number of Ordinary shares which is equal to approximately 10% of the issued share capital (excluding Treasury shares) of each share class of the

## DIRECTORS' REPORT CONTINUED

Company as at the date of the passing of the resolution. This authority will expire at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held in 2019 unless renewed at a prior general meeting.

Resolution 11 will enable the allotment of shares otherwise than by way of a pro rata issue to existing shareholders. It is advantageous for the Company to be able to issue new shares (or to sell Treasury shares) to participants purchasing shares through the JPMorgan savings products and also to other investors when the Directors consider that it is in the best interests of shareholders to do so. Any such issues would only be made at prices greater than the net asset value ('NAV'), thereby increasing the NAV per share and spreading the Company's administrative expenses over a greater number of shares. The issue proceeds would be available for investment in line with the Company's investment policies. No issue of shares will be made which would effectively alter the control of the Company without the prior approval of shareholders in general meeting.

### (ii) Authority to repurchase the Company's shares (resolution 12)

The authority to repurchase up to 14.99% of the shares of any class of the Company's issued share capital, granted by shareholders at the 2016 Annual General Meeting, will expire on 21st June 2018 unless renewed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. The Directors consider that the renewal of this authority is in the interests of shareholders as a whole, as the repurchase of shares at a discount to the underlying NAV of a particular share class enhances the NAV of the remaining shares of that share class.

Resolution 12 gives the Company authority to repurchase its own issued ordinary shares of any class in the market as permitted by the Companies Act 2006. The authority limits the number of shares that could be purchased to a maximum number of Ordinary shares which is equal to 14.99% of the Company's issued share capital (excluding Treasury shares) of each share class as at the date of the passing of this resolution. The authority also sets minimum and maximum prices.

If resolution 12 is passed at the Annual General Meeting, the Board may repurchase the shares for cancellation or hold them in Treasury pursuant to the authority granted to it for possible reissue at a premium to NAV. During the year ended 31st August 2017, shares repurchased were held in Treasury or cancelled. Repurchases will be made at the discretion of the Board and will only be made in the market at prices below the prevailing NAV per share, thereby enhancing the NAV of the remaining shares of that share class as and when market conditions are appropriate. This authority will expire at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held in 2019, or, if earlier, on the date immediately preceding the date which is 18 months after the passing of resolution 13. However, it is the Board's intention to seek renewal of the authority at the next Annual General Meeting.

### (iii) Approval of the proposed Contingent Purchase Contract (resolution 13)

The purchase contract is part of the mechanism by which shareholders are entitled to require the Company to repurchase Managed Cash shares. This resolution gives the Company authority to buy its Managed Cash shares and Deferred shares arising on conversion of any of the Managed Growth, Managed Income or Managed Cash shares into other classes of share. This resolution follows the requirements of Section 694 of the Companies Act 2006. The Deferred shares are repurchased for nominal consideration (as they have no economic value) in order to keep the balance sheet manageable. By law the Company can only purchase these shares off-market if such purchase is pursuant to a contract in the form approved at a general meeting of the Company.

### (iv) Approval of the proposed change of the Managed Income investment policy (resolution 14)

As described in the Chairman's letter, it is proposed to amend the investment policy of the Managed Income portfolio by permitting the Manager to introduce modest levels of gearing, with a view to enhancing returns. Resolution 14, if approved, would bring the Managed Income portfolio's investment policy into line with most of its competitors and would provide the Manager with a tool that the Board hopes will benefit the capital and income returns to Managed Income shareholders. It is expected that the Managed Income portfolio would employ a gearing range of 85% to 112.5%.

In accordance with the Company's articles, only Managed Income shareholders are entitled to vote on Resolution 14 which will be proposed as an ordinary resolution.

The full text of the resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting is set out in the Notice of Annual General Meeting on pages 77 and 78.

## Separate Class Meeting of Managed Income Shareholders

The proposed change of investment policy will also require the approval of the Managed Income shareholders which will be sought at a Separate Class Meeting to be held immediately following the conclusion or adjournment of the Company's Annual General Meeting.

The notice of the Separate Class Meeting of the Managed Income shareholders is set out on pages 81 and 82.

The full text of the Managed Income Shares Class current investment objective and the investment policy marked up to show the proposed changes if resolution 14 and the class consent resolutions are passed is set out in the Appendix on page 83.

## Recommendation

The Board considers that resolutions 10 to 13 are likely to promote the success of the Company and are in the best interests of the

Company and its shareholders as a whole. The Directors unanimously recommend that you vote in favour of the resolutions as they intend to do, where voting rights are exercisable, in respect of their own beneficial holdings which amounted in aggregate to 27,572 Managed Growth and 63,650 Managed Income shares representing less than 1% of the voting rights of the Company as at the year end.

The Board also considers that resolution 14 to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting and the ordinary resolution to be proposed at the separate class meeting of the Managed Income shareholders are in the best interests of the Managed Income shareholders as a whole. The Directors unanimously recommend the Managed Income shareholders to vote in favour of these resolutions as they intend to do so, where voting rights are exercisable, in respect of their own beneficial holdings of Managed Income shares representing less than 1% of the voting rights attaching to the Managed Income shares

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

### Compliance

The Company is committed to high standards of corporate governance. This statement, together with the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities on page 46, indicates how the Company has applied the principles and complied with the provisions set out in the Financial Reporting Council's UK Corporate Governance Code September 2016 version (the 'UK Code'), which can be accessed at [www.frc.org.uk](http://www.frc.org.uk). The Company is also required to comply with the Code of Corporate Governance issued by the Association of Investment Companies (the 'AIC Code'), which can be accessed at [www.theaic.co.uk](http://www.theaic.co.uk).

Companies who report against the AIC Code and who follow the AIC Guide meet their obligations in relation to the UK Code and paragraph 9.8.6 of the UKLA Listing Rules.

The Board has considered the principles and recommendations of the UK Code and the AIC Code and considers that, throughout the year under review and insofar as they are relevant to the Company's business, the Company has complied with the best practice provisions except for the following:

- Role of the CEO as the Company does not appoint a CEO;
- Executive Director remuneration as the Company does not appoint Executive Directors; and
- Internal audit function as the Company relies on the internal audit department of the Manager.

### Board Composition

The Board, chaired by Angus Macpherson, currently consists of six non-executive Directors, all of whom are regarded by the Board as independent, including the Chairman. The Directors have a breadth of investment, business and financial skills and experience

relevant to the Company's business and brief biographical details of each Director are set out on pages 32 and 33. There have been no changes to the Chairman's other significant commitments during the year under review. The Board constructively challenges the Manager, who assists the Board in the development of the Company's strategy.

Karl Sternberg joined the Board on 16th December 2016 as a result of the successful reconstruction of JPMorgan Income & Growth Trust. He will seek reappointment at the Annual General Meeting. With the exception of Karl Sternberg all other Directors served in office throughout the year. Angus Macpherson will retire as Chairman and a Director of the Company at the Annual General Meeting, and will be succeeded by Alan Hodson.

A review of Board composition and balance is included as part of the annual performance evaluation of the Board, details of which may be found on page 39.

### Meetings and Committees

The Board meets on at least four occasions during the year and additional meetings are arranged as necessary. Full and timely information is provided to the Board to enable it to function effectively and to allow Directors to discharge their responsibilities.

The Board delegates certain responsibilities and functions to its Committees. Committee membership is detailed in the Directors' biographies on pages 32 and 33. The table below details the number of formal Board and Committee meetings attended by each Director. During the year there were eight Board meetings, three Audit Committee meetings and one Nomination Committee meeting. These meetings were supplemented by additional meetings held to cover procedural matters and formal approvals. In addition there is regular contact between the Directors, the Manager and Company Secretary throughout the year.

	Board	Audit Committee	Nomination Committee
Angus Macpherson	8	3	1
Alan Hodson	8	3	1
James Robinson	8	3	1
Carla Stent	8	3	1
Karl Sternberg <sup>1</sup>	5	2	1
Roger Yates	8	3	1

<sup>1</sup> Appointed 16th December 2016.

### Training and Appraisal

On appointment, the Manager and Company Secretary provide all Directors with a formal and tailored induction. Thereafter regular briefings and training is provided on changes in regulatory requirements that affect the Company and Directors. Directors are encouraged to attend industry and other seminars covering issues and developments relevant to the Company.

## DIRECTORS' REPORT CONTINUED

### Role of the Board

A management agreement between the Company and the Manager sets out the matters which have been delegated to the Manager. This includes management of the Company's assets and the provision of accounting, company secretarial, administration and some marketing services. All other matters are reserved for the approval of the Board. A formal schedule of matters reserved to the Board for decision has been approved. This includes determination and monitoring of the Company's investment objectives and policy and its future strategic direction, gearing policy, management of the capital structure, appointment and removal of third party service providers, review of key investment and financial data and the Company's corporate governance and risk control arrangements.

The Board has procedures in place to deal with potential conflicts of interest and confirms that the procedures have operated effectively during the year under review.

There is an agreed procedure for Directors to take independent professional advice if necessary and at the Company's expense. This is in addition to the access that every Director has to the advice and services of the Company Secretary, who is responsible to the Board for ensuring that Board procedures are followed and for compliance with applicable rules and regulations.

Following the introduction of The Bribery Act 2010, the Board has adopted appropriate procedures to prevent bribery, it confirms that the procedures have operated effectively during the year under review.

### Tenure

Directors are initially appointed until the following Annual General Meeting when, under the Company's Articles of Association, it is required that they be reappointed by shareholders. Subject to the performance evaluation carried out each year, the Board will agree whether it is appropriate for the Director to seek an additional term. The Board does not believe that the length of service in itself necessarily disqualifies a Director from seeking reappointment but when making a recommendation, the Board will take into account the requirements of the UK Code and AIC code, including the need to refresh the Board and its Committees.

The Company's Articles of Association require that Directors stand for reappointment at least every three years. However, the Board has taken a decision to adopt corporate governance best practice, resulting in annual reappointment for all Directors.

The terms and conditions of Directors' appointments are set out in formal letters of appointment, copies of which are available for inspection on request at the Company's registered office and at the Annual General Meeting.

### Evaluation of the Manager

The Board has reviewed the investment management, company secretarial, sales and marketing services provided to the Company by the Manager. This review, which is conducted on an annual basis, included investment performance, risk management, administration, controls and compliance. The review concluded that the Manager's overall performance for the year was satisfactory. The Board therefore believes that the continuing appointment of the Manager for the provision of these services, on the terms agreed, continues to be in the best interests of shareholders as a whole.

### Evaluation of Other Service Providers

The Board also carried out reviews of its other key service providers.

### Role of the Depositary

The Depositary is responsible for the safekeeping of all custodial assets of the Company, for verifying and maintaining a record of all other assets of the Company and for the collection of income that arises from those assets. The Board conducts an annual evaluation of the services provided to the Company by the Depositary.

### Board Committees

#### Audit Committee

The Report of the Audit Committee is set out on pages 41 and 42.

#### Nomination Committee

##### *Purpose and Responsibilities*

The purpose of the Nomination Committee is to review the size, structure and composition of the Board, lead the process for Board appointments, review the adequacy of succession plans, oversee an annual performance evaluation of the Board, the Committees and each of the Directors and to make recommendations on the appropriateness of Directors' fees and the Board's policy on diversity. A full list of the Committee's responsibilities is detailed in the terms of reference, which can be found on the Company's website at [www.jpmelect.co.uk](http://www.jpmelect.co.uk).

##### *Composition, Skills and Experience*

The Nomination Committee, chaired by Angus Macpherson consists of all the Directors and meets at least annually. All members of the Nomination Committee are independent non-executive Directors.

##### *Board and Board Committee Composition*

The Nomination Committee assists the Chairman of the Board in his assessment of the skills, experience, knowledge, composition and diversity of the Board and its Committees. Non-executive Directors are appointed by the Board for an initial period which expires at the next Annual General Meeting where they are required to retire and submit themselves for election by shareholders.

The Board's policy on diversity, including gender, is to take account of the benefits of these during the appointment process. However,

the Board remains committed to appointing the most appropriate candidate, regardless of gender or other forms of diversity. Therefore, no targets have been set against which to report.

#### *Effectiveness*

The Committee conducts an annual performance evaluation of the Board, its Committees and individual Directors to ensure that all Directors have devoted sufficient time and contributed adequately to the work of the Board and its Committees. The evaluation of the Board considers the balance of experience, skills, independence, corporate knowledge, its diversity, including gender, and how it works together.

The Board recommends to shareholders that each Director be re-elected at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

#### *Independence*

The Nomination Committee is responsible for the ongoing assessment of the independence of non-executive Directors, including the independence of the Chairman. In assessing independence, in particular independence from the Manager, the Committee considers whether a Director is independent in character and judgement and whether there are relationships or circumstances, including those contained in the UK Code, which are likely to affect, or could appear to affect, the Director's judgement. It does this with reference to the individual's performance and conduct in reaching decisions.

The Board does not believe that length of service in itself necessarily disqualifies a Director from seeking re-election but, when making a recommendation, the Board will take into account the ongoing requirements of the UK Code, including the need to refresh the Board and its Committees.

The Committee is satisfied that, throughout the year, all non-executive Directors, including the Chairman, who was independent on appointment, remained independent as to both character and judgement.

## **Relations with Shareholders**

The Board regularly monitors the shareholder profile of the Company. It aims to provide shareholders with a full understanding of the Company's activities and performance and reports formally to shareholders by way of the annual report and accounts and the half year financial report. These are supplemented by the daily publication, through the London Stock Exchange, of the net asset values of the Company's shares.

All shareholders are encouraged to attend the Company's Annual General Meeting at which the Directors and representatives of the Manager are available in person to meet shareholders and answer their questions. In addition, presentations are given by the Investment Managers who review the Company's performance.

During the year the Company's brokers, the Investment Managers and JPMF hold regular discussions with larger shareholders. The

Directors are made fully aware of their views. The Chairman and Directors make themselves available as and when required to support these meetings and to address shareholder queries. The Directors may be contacted through the Company Secretary whose details are shown on page 87. The Chairman can also be contacted via the Company's website by following the 'Ask the Chairman' link at [www.jpmelect.co.uk](http://www.jpmelect.co.uk).

The Company's annual report and accounts are usually published in time to give shareholders at least 20 working days' notice of the Annual General Meeting. Shareholders wishing to raise questions in advance of the meeting are encouraged to do so via the Company's website or by writing to the Company Secretary at the address shown on page 87.

The Senior Independent Director is available to shareholders if they have concerns that cannot be resolved through discussion with the Chairman.

## **Risk Management and Internal Control**

The UK Code requires the Directors, at least annually, to review the effectiveness of the Company's system of risk management and internal control and to report to shareholders that they have done so. This encompasses a review of all controls, which the Board has identified as including business, financial, operational, compliance and risk management controls.

The Board is responsible for the Company's system of risk management and internal control, which is designed to safeguard the Company's assets, maintain proper accounting records and ensure that financial information used within the business, or published, is reliable. However, such a system can only be designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives and therefore can only provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against fraud, material mis-statement or loss.

Since investment management, custody of assets and all administrative services are provided to the Company by the Manager, its associates and the Bank of New York Mellon, the Company's system of risk management and internal control mainly comprises the monitoring of their services including the operating controls established by them, to ensure they meet the Company's business objectives.

The Company does not have an internal audit function of its own, but relies on the internal audit department of the Manager. This arrangement is kept under review. The key elements designed to provide effective risk management and internal control are as follows:

*Financial Reporting* – Regular and comprehensive review by the Audit Committee and the Board of key investment and financial data, including management accounts, revenue projections, analysis of transactions and performance comparisons.

## DIRECTORS' REPORT CONTINUED

*Management Agreement* – Appointment of a manager, regulated by the FCA, whose responsibilities are clearly defined in a written agreement.

*Management Systems* – The Manager's system of internal control includes organisational agreements which clearly define the lines of responsibility, delegated authority, control procedures and systems. These are monitored by the Manager's compliance department which regularly monitors compliance with FCA rules.

*Investment Strategy* – Authorisation and monitoring of the Company's investment strategy and exposure limits by the Board.

The Board, either directly or through the Audit Committee, keeps under review the effectiveness of the Company's system of risk management and internal control by monitoring the operation of the key operating controls of the Manager and its associates as follows:

- maintaining a risk matrix and reviewing the key risks to the Company at each quarterly meeting;
- reviewing the quarterly compliance report received from the Manager;
- receiving a report from the Depositary on the results of its monitoring of the Company's transactions;
- reviewing the terms of the agreements and undertaking an evaluation of each service provider;
- reviewing reports on the internal controls and operations of the custodian, JPMorgan Chase Bank, which is itself independently reviewed; and
- reviewing every six months an independent report on the internal controls and the operations of the Manager.

By means of the procedures set out above, the Board confirms that it has reviewed the effectiveness of the Company's system of risk management and internal control for the year ended 31st August 2017, and to the date of approval of this Annual Report and Financial Statements.

During the course of its review of the system of risk management and internal control, the Board did not identify nor was it advised of any failings or weaknesses which it determined to be significant.

### Corporate Governance and Voting Policy

The Company delegates responsibility for voting to the Manager. Set out below in italics is a summary of the policy statements of JPMAM on corporate governance, voting policy and social and environmental issues, which has been reviewed and noted by the Board. Details on social and environmental issues are included in the Strategic Report on pages 29 and 30.

### Corporate Governance

*JPMAM believes that corporate governance is integral to our investment process. As part of our commitment to delivering superior investment performance to our clients, we expect and encourage the companies in which we invest to demonstrate the highest standards of corporate governance and best business practice. We examine the share structure and voting structure of the companies in which we invest, as well as the board balance, oversight functions and remuneration policy. These analyses then form the basis of our proxy voting and engagement activity.*

### Proxy Voting

*JPMAM manages the voting rights of the shares entrusted to it as it would manage any other asset. It is the policy of JPMAM to vote in a prudent and diligent manner, based exclusively on our reasonable judgement of what will best serve the financial interests of our clients. So far as is practicable, we will vote at all of the meetings called by companies in which we are invested.*

### Stewardship/Engagement

*JPMAM recognises its wider stewardship responsibilities to its clients as a major asset owner. To this end, we support the introduction of the FRC Stewardship Code, which sets out the responsibilities of institutional shareholders in respect of investee companies. Under the Code, managers should:*

- *publicly disclose their policy on how they will discharge their stewardship responsibilities to their clients;*
- *disclose their policy on managing conflicts of interest;*
- *monitor their investee companies;*
- *establish clear guidelines on how they escalate engagement;*
- *be willing to act collectively with other investors where appropriate;*
- *have a clear policy on proxy voting and disclose their voting record; and*
- *report to clients.*

*JPMAM endorses the Stewardship Code for its UK investments and supports the principles as best practice elsewhere. We believe that regular contact with the companies in which we invest is central to our investment process and we also recognise the importance of being an 'active' owner on behalf of our clients.*

JPMAM's Voting Policy and Corporate Governance Guidelines are available on request from the Company Secretary or can be downloaded from JPMAM's website:

<http://www.jpmorganinvestmenttrusts.co.uk/governance>, which also sets out its approach to the seven principles of the FRC Stewardship Code, its policy relating to conflicts of interest and its detailed voting record.

## AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

### Purpose and Responsibilities

The purpose of the Audit Committee is to monitor and review the principles, policies and practices adopted in the preparation and audit of the accounts of the Company and the integrity of the financial statements and any other announcement relating to the Company's financial performance. The Committee also monitors the effectiveness of the internal controls and the risk management framework, the external auditors' independence and objectivity, the effectiveness of the audit process, corporate governance standards and regulatory compliance and reports its findings to the Board. A full list of the Committee's responsibilities is detailed in the terms of reference, which can be found on our website at [www.jpmelect.co.uk](http://www.jpmelect.co.uk)

### Composition, Skills and Experience

All members of the Audit Committee, which includes the Chairman of the Board, are independent non-executive Directors. The Chairman of the Audit Committee is James Robinson. Whilst all members assist the Committee in discharging its responsibilities, for the purposes of the UK Code, the Board is satisfied that Mr Robinson has recent and relevant financial experience.

### Significant Financial Judgments

During its review of the Company's financial statements for the year ended 31st August 2017, the Audit Committee considered the following significant issues, including those communicated by the Auditors during their reporting:

### Going Concern

The Directors, having assessed the Company's investment objective (see page 26), risk management policies (see pages 69 to 73), capital management policies and procedures (see page 74), the nature of the portfolio and expenditure projections, considered it appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the 2017 annual financial statements. As part of its assessment, the Directors concluded that there are no material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that might cast significant doubt upon the continuing use of the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Significant issue	How the issue was addressed
Valuation, existence and ownership of investments	The valuation of investments is undertaken in accordance with the accounting policies, disclosed in note 1(b) to the accounts on page 56. Controls are in place to ensure that valuations are appropriate and existence is verified through Depositary and Custodian reconciliations. The Company has appointed BNY Mellon Trust and Depositary (UK) Limited ('BNY') as its depositary. BNY has appointed JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as the custodian. The audit includes the review of the existence of the investments.
Recognition of investment income	The recognition of investment income is undertaken in accordance with accounting policy note 1(d) to the accounts on page 57. The Board regularly reviews subjective elements of income such as special dividends and agrees their accounting treatment.
Compliance with Sections 1158 and 1159 Corporation Tax Act 2010	Approval for the Company as an investment trust under Sections 1158 and 1159 for financial years commencing on or after 1st September 2012 has been obtained and ongoing compliance with the eligibility criteria is monitored on a regular basis.
Calculation of management fee	The management fee is calculated in accordance with the Investment Management Agreement and details of the allocation of rebates are reviewed by the Board. These items are also subject to external audit.
Share capital	The conversions undertaken on a quarterly basis are calculated in accordance with the terms of the Company's Articles of Association and separately reviewed by the Company's auditor.

### Whistleblowing

The Committee is satisfied that the Manager has in place a whistleblowing framework through which employees of the Manager, including temporary workers and independent contractors, can make confidential disclosures concerning possible improprieties in financial reporting or other matters, including those that affect the Company. Disclosures can be made directly to the Manager's Compliance team, or anonymously via reporting hotlines which are administered externally.

### Fair, Balanced and Understandable

Having taken all available information into consideration and having discussed the content of the Annual Report and Accounts with the Manager and other third party service providers, the Audit Committee has concluded that the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2017 taken as a whole, are fair, balanced and understandable and provide the information necessary for shareholders to assess the Company's performance, business model and strategy, and has reported these findings to the Board. The Board's conclusions in this respect are set out in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities on page 46.

## AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT *CONTINUED*

### Auditor Objectivity and Independence

The Committee has implemented safeguards to ensure that the provision of non-audit services does not impair the external Auditors' objectivity or independence. All non-audit fees are approved by the Committee and an assessment of the safeguards is carried out on an annual basis. For the year ended 31st August 2017 the Auditor was paid £8,000 to perform a review of the share conversions, and £67,000 for services provided with regards to the JPMorgan Income & Growth Investment Trust and M&G High Income Investment Trust rollovers.

Ernst & Young LLP are the Company's Auditors. They were appointed in 2000 and again, following a public tender exercise, in 2013.

### Assessment of the Effectiveness of the External Audit Process

The Audit Committee has a primary responsibility for making recommendations to the Board on the reappointment and removal of external Auditors. Representatives of the Company's Auditors attended the Audit Committee meeting at which the draft Annual Report & Accounts were considered and also engage with Directors as and when required.

Having considered the external Auditors' performance, including their technical competence, strategic knowledge, the quality of work, communications and reporting, the Committee was satisfied with the effectiveness of the external audit process and considered it appropriate to recommend their reappointment. The Board supported this recommendation which will be put to shareholders at the Annual General Meeting to be held in January 2018.

By order of the Board  
Faith Pengelly, for and behalf of  
JPMorgan Funds Limited

7th December 2017

## DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION REPORT

The Board presents the Directors' Remuneration Report for the year ended 31st August 2017, which has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Section 421 of the Companies Act 2006 as amended.

The law requires the Company's Auditor to audit certain of the disclosures provided. Where disclosures have been audited, they are indicated as such. The Auditor's opinion is included in its report on pages 47 to 52.

As all of the Directors are non-executive, the Board has not established a Remuneration Committee. Instead, the Nomination Committee reviews Directors' fees on a regular basis and makes recommendations to the Board as and when appropriate.

### Directors' Remuneration Policy

An ordinary resolution to approve the Directors' Remuneration Policy will be put to shareholders at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. It is the Board's intention to put this resolution to shareholders annually. The policy subject to the vote is set out in full below and is currently in force.

The Board's policy for this and subsequent years is that Directors' fees should properly reflect the time spent by the Directors on the Company's business and should be at a level to ensure that candidates of a high calibre are recruited to the Board and retained. The Chairman of the Board and the Chairman of the Audit Committee are paid higher fees than the other Directors, reflecting the greater time commitment involved in fulfilling those roles.

Reviews of the levels of Directors' remuneration are based on information provided by the Manager, and industry research carried out by third parties on the level of fees paid to the directors of the Company's peers and within the investment trust industry generally. The involvement of remuneration consultants has not been deemed necessary as part of this review. The Company has no Chief Executive Officer and no employees and therefore no consultation of employees is required and there is no employee comparative data to provide, in relation to the setting of the remuneration policy for Directors.

All of the Directors are non-executive. There are no performance-related elements to their fees and the Company does not operate any type of incentive, share scheme, award or pension scheme and therefore no Directors receive bonus payments or pension contributions from the Company or hold options to acquire shares in the Company. Directors are not granted exit payments and are not provided with compensation for loss of office. No other payments are made to Directors, other than the reimbursement of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in attending the Company's business.

In the year under review, Directors' fees were paid at the following rates: Chairman £34,500; Chairman of the Audit Committee £28,500; and other Directors £24,000.

During the year the Board decided to increase the fees paid to Directors to better reflect current market rates, the time spent on the Company's business and to ensure that candidates of a high calibre are recruited to the Board and retained. From 1st September 2017 Director's fees will be paid at the following rates: Chairman £36,000; Chairman of the Audit Committee £30,000; and other Directors £25,000. The increase in Directors' fees remains within the shareholder approved maximum aggregate annual limit of £200,000.

The Company has not sought shareholder views on its remuneration policy. The Nomination Committee considers any comments received from shareholders on remuneration policy on an ongoing basis and takes account of those views.

The terms and conditions of Directors' appointments are set out in formal letters of appointment which are available for review at the Company's Annual General Meeting and the Company's registered office. Details of the Board's policy on tenure are set out on page 38.

### Directors' Remuneration Policy Implementation

The Directors' Remuneration Report, which includes details of the Directors' remuneration policy and its implementation, is subject to an annual advisory vote and therefore an ordinary resolution to approve this report will be put to shareholders at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. There have been no changes to the policy compared with the year ended 31st August 2016 and no changes are proposed for the year ending 31st August 2018.

At the Annual General Meeting held on 22nd November 2016, of all votes cast on the Directors' Remuneration Policy (including those votes over which the Chairman was granted discretion) 99.73% were in favour whilst 0.27% were against. Of all votes cast on the Directors' Remuneration implementation report (including those votes over which the Chairman was granted discretion) 99.77% were in favour whilst 0.23% were against. Both resolutions received abstentions from less than 1.0% of all votes cast.

Details of voting on both the Remuneration Policy and the Directors' Remuneration Report from the 2017 Annual General Meeting will be given in the annual report for the year ending 31st August 2018. The reporting is annually for both the advisory vote on the Directors' Remuneration Report and the binding vote on the Remuneration Policy.

## DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION REPORT CONTINUED

Details of the implementation of the Company's remuneration policy are given below.

### Single total figure of remuneration

The single total figure of remuneration for each Director is detailed below together with the prior year comparative.

#### Single total figure table<sup>1</sup>

Directors	Fees £	2017 Taxable expenses <sup>2</sup> £	Total £
Alan Hodson	24,000	–	24,000
Angus Macpherson	34,500	– <sup>4</sup>	34,500
James Robinson	28,500	530	29,030
Carla Stent	24,000	–	24,000
Karl Sternberg <sup>3</sup>	17,043	–	17,043
Roger Yates	24,000	–	24,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>152,043</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>152,573</b>

Directors	Fees £	2016 Taxable expenses <sup>2</sup> £	Total £
Alan Hodson	23,000	–	23,000
Angus Macpherson	33,500	– <sup>4</sup>	33,500
James Robinson	27,000	–	27,000
Carla Stent	23,000	–	23,000
Karl Sternberg <sup>3</sup>	–	–	–
Roger Yates	23,000	–	23,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>129,500</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>129,500</b>

<sup>1</sup> Audited information. Other subject headings for the single figure table as prescribed by regulation are not included because there is nothing to disclose in relation thereto.

<sup>2</sup> Taxable travel and subsistence expenses incurred in attending Board and Committee meetings.

<sup>3</sup> Appointed 16th December 2016.

<sup>4</sup> Angus Macpherson's expenses of £901 (2016: £1,924) are not taxable due to him claiming them through his Company.

A table showing the total remuneration for the Chairman over the five years ended 31st August 2017 is below:

### Remuneration for the Chairman over the five years ended 31st August 2017

Year ended 31st August	Fees
2017	£34,500
2016	£33,500
2015	£33,500
2014	£33,500
2013	£32,000

### Directors' Shareholdings<sup>1</sup>

There are no requirements pursuant to the Company's Articles of Association for the Directors to own shares in the Company. The Directors' shareholdings are detailed below. All shares are held beneficially.

Directors	31st August 2017 or at date of appointment		
	Managed Growth Shares	Managed Income Shares	Managed Cash Shares
Alan Hodson	10,000	25,000	–
Angus Macpherson	5,568	–	–
James Robinson	5,000	–	–
Carla Stent	4,919	–	–
Karl Sternberg <sup>2</sup>	2,085	13,650	–
Roger Yates	–	25,000	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,572</b>	<b>63,650</b>	<b>–</b>

Directors	31st August 2016		
	Managed Growth Shares	Managed Income Shares	Managed Cash Shares
Alan Hodson	10,000	25,000	–
Angus Macpherson	5,568	–	–
James Robinson	5,000	–	–
Carla Stent	4,919	–	–
Roger Yates	–	25,000	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,487</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>–</b>

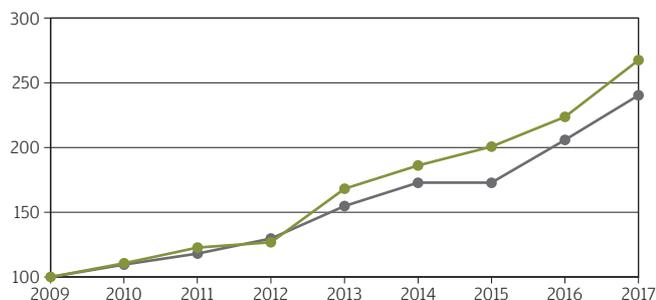
<sup>1</sup> Audited information.

<sup>2</sup> Appointed 16th December 2016.

As at the latest practicable date before the publication of this document, there have been no changes to the Directors' shareholdings. The Directors have no other share interests or share options in the Company and no share schemes are available.

In accordance with the Companies Act 2006, graphs showing the total return of the Managed Growth and Managed Income share classes compared with their respective benchmarks over the last eight years is shown below. (The benchmarks are a composite comprising 50% FTSE All-Share Index and 50% FTSE World Index (ex-UK) for Managed Growth and a composite comprising 85% FTSE All-Share Index and 15% Bloomberg Barclays Capital Global Corporate Bond Index (hedged) in sterling terms for Managed Income.) Because these benchmarks are the adopted benchmarks for Managed Growth and Managed Income, they are deemed by the Board to be the most representative comparators for these share classes.

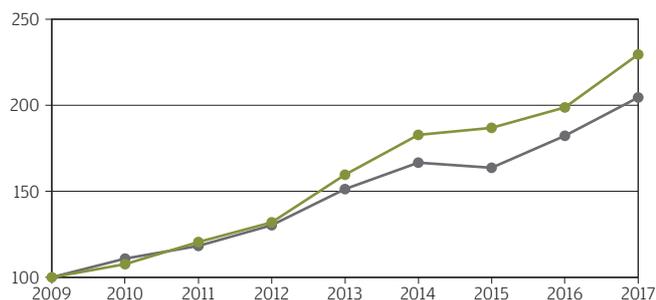
**Managed Growth:  
Eight Year Share Price and Benchmark Total Return to  
31st August 2017**



Source: Morningstar.

— Share price total return.  
— Benchmark total return.

**Managed Income:  
Eight Year Share Price and Benchmark Total Return to  
31st August 2017**



Source: Morningstar.

— Share price total return.  
— Benchmark total return.

Although the Managed Cash share class has no adopted benchmark, it is a requirement of the Companies Act 2006 to provide a benchmark against which to measure performance for the purposes of the Directors' Remuneration Report. The Board's main objective is to protect investors' capital and so the Managed Cash share price is measured relative to a benchmark of 100p. The Managed Cash share price traded in the range of 98.5p to 103.0p in the eight year period ended 31st August 2017.

A table showing actual expenditure by the Company on remuneration and distributions to shareholders for the year and the prior year is below:

**Expenditure by the Company on remuneration and distributions to shareholders**

	Year ended 31st August	
	2017 £	2016 £
Remuneration paid to all Directors		
- by way of fees	£152,043	£129,500
Distribution to shareholders		
- by way of dividends paid	£6,104,000	£4,451,000
- by way of share repurchases	£13,204,000	£10,116,000

By order of the Board  
Angus Macpherson  
Director

7th December 2017

# Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The Directors are responsible for preparing the annual report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the Directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards), including FRS 102. The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, and applicable law. Under company law the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that, taken as a whole, the annual report and accounts are fair, balanced and understandable, provide the information necessary for shareholders to assess the Company's performance, business model and strategy and that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the total return or loss of the Company for that period. In order to provide these confirmations, and in preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business

and the Directors confirm that they have done so.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The accounts are published on the [www.jpmelect.co.uk](http://www.jpmelect.co.uk) website, which is maintained by the Company's Manager. The maintenance and integrity of the website maintained by the Manager is, so far as it relates to the Company, the responsibility of the Manager. The work carried out by the Auditor does not involve consideration of the maintenance and integrity of this website and, accordingly, the Auditor accepts no responsibility for any changes that have occurred to the accounts since they were initially presented on the website. The accounts are prepared in accordance with UK legislation, which may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Under applicable law and regulations the Directors are also responsible for preparing a Directors' Report, Strategic Report, Statement of Corporate Governance and Directors' Remuneration Report that comply with that law and those regulations.

Each of the Directors, whose names and functions are listed on pages 32 and 33, confirms that, to the best of their knowledge:

- the financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards) and applicable law, give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and return of the Company; and
- the Strategic Report and Directors' Report include a fair review of the development and performance of the business and the position of the Company, together with a description of the principal risks and uncertainties that it faces.

The Board confirms that it is satisfied that the annual report and accounts taken as a whole are fair, balanced and understandable and provide the information necessary for shareholders to assess the strategy and business model of the Company.

For and on behalf of the Board  
Angus Macpherson  
Chairman

7th December 2017

# Independent Auditor's Report

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## TO THE MEMBERS OF JPMORGAN ELECT PLC

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of JPMorgan Elect PLC for the year ended 31st August 2017 which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Statement of Changes in Equity, the Statement of Financial Position, and the related notes 1 to 21, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the Company's affairs as at 31st August 2017 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report below. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard as applied to public interest entities, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Conclusions relating to principal risks, going concern and viability statement

We have nothing to report in respect of the following information in the annual report, in relation to which the ISAs(UK) require us to report to you whether we have anything material to add or draw attention to:

- the disclosures in the annual report as set out on pages 30 and 31 in the annual report that describe the principal risks and explain how they are being managed or mitigated;
- the directors' confirmation as set out on page 30 in the annual report that they have carried out a robust assessment of the principal risks facing the entity, including those that would threaten its business model, future performance, solvency or liquidity;
- the directors' statement as set out on page 41 in the financial statements about whether they considered it appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing them, and their identification of any material uncertainties to the entity's ability to continue to do so over a period of at least twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements;
- whether the directors' statement in relation to going concern required under the Listing Rules in accordance with Listing Rule 9.8.6R(3) is materially inconsistent with our knowledge obtained in the audit; or
- the directors' explanation set out on page 31 in the annual report as to how they have assessed the prospects of the entity, over what period they have done so and why they consider that period to be appropriate, and their statement as to whether they have a reasonable expectation that the entity will be able to continue in operation and meet its liabilities as they fall due over the period of their assessment, including any related disclosures drawing attention to any necessary qualifications or assumptions.

### Overview of our audit approach

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#### Key audit matters

- Incomplete or inaccurate revenue recognition through failure to recognise proper income entitlements or apply appropriate accounting treatment.
- Incorrect valuation and existence of the investment portfolio.
- Incorrect accounting for share capital transactions.

#### Materiality

- Overall materiality of £3.5 million which represents 1% of total shareholders' funds of the Company (2016: £2.8 million).
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## Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period and include the most significant assessed risks of material misstatement (whether or not due to fraud) that we identified. These matters included those which had the greatest effect on: the overall audit strategy, the allocation of resources in the audit; and directing the efforts of the engagement team. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Risk	Our response to the risk	Key observations communicated to the Audit Committee
<p><b>Incomplete or inaccurate income recognition through failure to recognise proper income entitlements or apply appropriate accounting treatment</b> (as described on page 41 of the Audit Committee Report).</p> <p>Substantially all of the Company's income is received in the form of dividends and distributions from investments, being £8.4 million for the year (2016: £6.5 million).</p> <p>The investment income receivable by the Company during the period directly affects the Company's ability to pay a dividend to shareholders. Given the manual and judgemental element in allocating special dividends between revenue and capital, we considered there to be a fraud risk, in accordance with Auditing Standards, in this area of our audit.</p> <p>During the year, the Company received 12 special dividends, with aggregate value of £0.53 million.</p>	<p>We performed the following procedures:</p> <p>We assessed the Manager's and Administrator's systems to gain understanding of the process in relation to the special dividends; and</p> <p>We performed a review of all special dividends received which are above our testing threshold and assessed the appropriateness of the accounting treatment adopted for evidence of management bias.</p> <p>We agreed a sample of dividends received from the income report to an independent source;</p> <p>We agreed a sample of investee company dividends from an external third party source to the income report; and</p> <p>We agreed 100% of accrued dividends to an independent source.</p>	<p>The results of our procedures are:</p> <p>We noted no issues in assessing the Manager's and Administrator's systems;</p> <p>We noted no issues in performing a review of all special dividends above our testing threshold and have correctly assessed the appropriateness of the accounting treatment adopted;</p> <p>We noted no issue in agreeing a sample of dividends received from the income report to an independent source;</p> <p>We noted no issue in agreeing a sample of investee company dividends from an external third party source to the income report; and</p> <p>We noted no issues in agreeing 100% of accrued dividends to an independent source.</p>
<p><b>Incorrect valuation and existence of the investment portfolio</b> (as described on page 41 of the Audit Committee Report).</p> <p>The Company's investment portfolios consist of listed equities, open-ended funds and liquidity funds with a total valuation of £350.8 million as at 31st August 2017 (2016: £267.3 million).</p> <p>The valuation of the assets held in the investment portfolios is the key driver of the Company's net asset value and total return. Incorrect asset pricing or a failure to maintain proper legal title of the assets held by the Company could have a significant impact on the portfolio valuation and the return generated for shareholders.</p>	<p>We performed the following procedures:</p> <p>We agreed 100% of investment valuations and exchange rates to relevant independent sources and assessed any differences between the prices obtained and those quoted by the Company; and</p> <p>We obtained independent confirmation from the Custodian and Depository of all securities held at the year end and agreed all securities held from the Company's records to the confirmations received.</p>	<p>The results of our procedures are:</p> <p>We noted no issues in agreeing the investment valuations and exchange rates to relevant independent sources; and</p> <p>We noted no issues in agreeing the securities held to confirmations obtained from Custodian and Depository.</p>

Risk	Our response to the risk	Key observations communicated to the Audit Committee
<p><b>Incorrect accounting for share capital transactions</b> (as described on page 41 of the Audit Committee Report).</p> <p>The Company is authorised to issue and buy back shares. For the year ended 31st August 2017, there were 528,403 shares repurchased for cancellation costing £0.5 million, 3,556,626 shares repurchased into Treasury costing £12.4 million and nil shares issued from Treasury (2016: 34,923 shares repurchased for cancellation costing £0.04 million, 2,248,568 shares repurchased into Treasury costing £10.0 million and 125,000 shares issues from Treasury for a consideration of £0.01 million).</p> <p>The Articles also allow for the quarterly conversion of shares between each of the three share classes of the Company at the option of the shareholder. The net impact in the year was a reduction in Managed Growth shares by 51,818 shares, an increase in Managed Income shares by 184,155 and an increase in Managed Cash shares by 157,573 (2016: reduction in Managed Growth shares by 32,623 shares, an increase in Managed Income shares by 167,432 and Managed Cash shares by 7,188).</p> <p>During the year, there was an allotment of Company's shares in return for non-cash and cash consideration from JPMorgan Income Growth Investment Trust plc and M&amp;G High Income Investment Trust plc.</p>	<p>We performed the following procedures:</p> <p>We reviewed the methodology for share conversions and ensured that the conversion of shares between classes is calculated and accounted for correctly;</p> <p>We agreed the issue of new shares as a consequence of the transfer of assets from JPMorgan Income Growth Investment Trust plc and M&amp;G High Income Investment Trust plc to appropriate external confirmations and we agreed, on a sample basis, the value of the assets transferred to the Company to independent sources;</p> <p>We agreed movements in the Company's share capital to appropriate external confirmations; and</p> <p>We assessed the appropriateness of the accounting treatment and disclosures in the financial statements in respect of the movements in the Company's share capital.</p>	<p>The results of our procedures are:</p> <p>We noted no issues in our review of the methodology for share conversions;</p> <p>We noted no issues in agreeing the issue of shares as a consequence of the transfer of assets from JPMorgan Income Growth Investment Trust plc and M&amp;G High income Investment Trust plc to appropriate external confirmations and independent sources or in agreeing, on a sample basis, the value of assets transferred to the Company to independent sources;</p> <p>We noted no issues in agreeing movements of Company's share capital to external confirmations; and</p> <p>We noted no issues in assessing the appropriateness of the accounting treatment and disclosures in the financial statements in respect of the movements in the Company's share capital.</p>

### An overview of the scope of our audit

Our assessment of audit risk, our evaluation of materiality and our allocation of performance materiality determine our audit scope for the Company. This enables us to form an opinion on the financial statements. We take into account size, risk profile, the organisation of the company and effectiveness of controls, including controls and changes in the business environment when assessing the level of work to be performed. All audit work was performed directly by the audit engagement team.

### Our application of materiality

We apply the concept of materiality in planning and performing the audit, in evaluating the effect of identified misstatements on the audit and in forming our audit opinion.

### Materiality

*The magnitude of an omission or misstatement that, individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of the users of the financial statements. Materiality provides a basis for determining the nature and extent of our audit procedures.*

We determined materiality for the Company to be £3.5 million (2016: £2.8 million) which is 1% (2016: 1%) of equity shareholders' funds of the Company. We believe that net assets of the Company provides us with the basis for the key measurement of the Company's performance.

### Performance materiality

*The application of materiality at the individual account or balance level. It is set at an amount to reduce to an appropriately low level the probability that the aggregate of uncorrected and undetected misstatements exceeds materiality.*

On the basis of our risk assessments, together with our assessment of the Company's overall control environment, our judgement was that performance materiality was 75% (2016: 75%) of our planning materiality, namely £2.7 million (2016 £2.1 million). We have set performance materiality at this percentage due to our past experience of the audit that indicates a lower risk of misstatements, both corrected and uncorrected.

Given the importance of the distinction between revenue and capital for the Company we also applied a separate testing threshold of £0.4 million (2016: £0.3 million) for the revenue column of the Income Statement being 1% of the income.

### Reporting threshold

*An amount below which identified misstatements are considered as being clearly trivial.*

We agreed with the Audit Committee that we would report to them all uncorrected audit differences in excess of £0.1 million (2016: £0.1 million), which is set at 5% of planning materiality, as well as differences below that threshold that, in our view, warranted reporting on qualitative grounds.

We evaluate any uncorrected misstatements against both the quantitative measures of materiality discussed above and in light of other relevant qualitative considerations in forming our opinion.

### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report as set out on pages 3 to 46 other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of the other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

In this context, we also have nothing to report in regard to our responsibility to specifically address the following items in the other information and to report as uncorrected material misstatements of the other information where we conclude that those items meet the following conditions:

- **Fair, balanced and understandable [set out on page 41]** – the statement given by the directors that they consider the annual report and financial statements taken as a whole is fair, balanced and understandable and provides the information necessary for shareholders to assess the Company’s performance, business model and strategy, is materially inconsistent with our knowledge obtained in the audit; or
- **Audit committee reporting [set out on pages 41 and 42]** – the section describing the work of the audit committee does not appropriately address matters communicated by us to the audit committee ; or
- **Directors’ statement of compliance with the UK Corporate Governance Code [set out on page 37]** – the parts of the directors’ statement required under the Listing Rules relating to the Company’s compliance with the UK Corporate Governance Code containing provisions specified for review by the auditor in accordance with Listing Rule 9.8.10R(2) do not properly disclose a departure from a relevant provision of the UK Corporate Governance Code.

### Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion:

- the part of the Directors’ Remuneration Report to be audited has been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006;
- In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:
- the information given in the Strategic Report and the Directors’ Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and the Directors’ Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic Report or Directors’ Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements and the part of the Directors’ Remuneration Report to be audited are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors’ remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

### Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors’ Responsibilities statement set out on page 46, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the Company’s ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### Auditor’s responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor’s report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The objectives of our audit, in respect to fraud, are: to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses; and to respond appropriately to fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and management.

Our approach was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the Company and determined that the most significant are the Companies Act 2006, the Listing Rules, the UK Corporate Governance Code and section 1158 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010.
- We understood how the Company is complying with those frameworks through discussions with the Audit Committee and Company Secretary and review of the Company's documented policies and procedures.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the Company's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur by considering the key risks impacting the financial statements. We identified fraud risk with respect to incomplete or inaccurate revenue recognition relation to the allocation of special dividends. Further discussion of our approach is set out in the section on key audit matters above.
- Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations. Our procedures involved review of the reporting to the Directors with respect to the application of the documented policies and procedures and review of the financial statements to ensure compliance with the reporting requirements of the Company.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

### Other matters we are required to address

- We were appointed as auditors by the Company and signed an engagement letter prior to our audit of the financial statements for the period ending 31st August 2000 and subsequent financial periods. Our appointment was subsequently ratified at the first annual general meeting of the Company held on 6th December 2000. The period of total uninterrupted engagement is 18 years, covering the years ending 31st August 2000 to 31st August 2017.
- The non-audit services prohibited by the FRC's Ethical Standard were not provided to the Company and we remain independent of the Company in conducting the audit.
- The audit opinion is consistent with the additional report to the audit committee.

#### **Caroline Mercer (Senior statutory auditor)**

for and on behalf of  
Ernst & Young LLP  
Statutory Auditor  
London

7th December 2017

# Financial Statements

## STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2017

	Notes	Revenue £'000	2017 Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	2016 Capital £'000	Total £'000
<b>Gains on investments held at fair value through profit or loss</b>	3	–	48,656	48,656	–	20,470	20,470
Net foreign currency gains		–	18	18	–	57	57
Income from investments	4	8,431	–	8,431	6,484	–	6,484
Interest receivable and similar income	4	22	–	22	32	–	32
<b>Gross return</b>		<b>8,453</b>	<b>48,674</b>	<b>57,127</b>	<b>6,516</b>	<b>20,527</b>	<b>27,043</b>
Management fee	5	(425)	(894)	(1,319)	(315)	(688)	(1,003)
Other administrative expenses	6	(554)	–	(554)	(615)	–	(615)
<b>Net return on ordinary activities before finance costs and taxation</b>		<b>7,474</b>	<b>47,780</b>	<b>55,254</b>	<b>5,586</b>	<b>19,839</b>	<b>25,425</b>
Finance costs	7	(1)	(2)	(3)	–	–	–
<b>Net return on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		<b>7,473</b>	<b>47,778</b>	<b>55,251</b>	<b>5,586</b>	<b>19,839</b>	<b>25,425</b>
Taxation	8	(9)	–	(9)	(6)	–	(6)
<b>Net return on ordinary activities after taxation</b>		<b>7,464</b>	<b>47,778</b>	<b>55,242</b>	<b>5,580</b>	<b>19,839</b>	<b>25,419</b>
<b>Return per share:</b>	9						
Managed Growth		12.63p	119.11p	131.74p	8.94p	55.59p	64.53p
Managed Income		4.83p	11.43p	16.26p	4.76p	1.10p	5.86p
Managed Cash		0.22p	0.00p	0.22p	0.39p	0.00p	0.39p

All revenue and capital items in the above statement derive from continuing operations. No operations were acquired or discontinued in the year.

The 'Total' column of this statement is the profit and loss account of the Company and the 'Revenue' and 'Capital' columns represent supplementary information prepared under guidance issued by the Association of Investment Companies. Net return on ordinary activities after taxation represents the profit for the year and also Total Comprehensive Income.

The notes on pages 56 to 74 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2017**

	Called up share capital £'000	Share premium £'000	Capital redemption reserve £'000	Other reserve £'000	Capital reserves £'000	Revenue reserve <sup>1</sup> £'000	Total £'000
<b>At 31st August 2015</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>84,094</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>56,013</b>	<b>128,468</b>	<b>3,421</b>	<b>272,020</b>
Repurchase and cancellation of the Company's own shares	–	–	–	(84)	–	–	(84)
Issue of shares from Treasury	–	5	–	123	–	–	128
Repurchase of shares into Treasury	–	–	–	(10,032)	–	–	(10,032)
Share conversions during the year	–	1,326	–	(1,326)	–	–	–
Net return on ordinary activities	–	–	–	–	19,839	5,580	25,419
Dividends paid in the year (note 10)	–	–	–	–	–	(4,451)	(4,451)
<b>At 31st August 2016</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>85,425</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>44,694</b>	<b>148,307</b>	<b>4,550</b>	<b>283,000</b>
Repurchase and cancellation of the Company's own shares	–	–	–	(816)	–	–	(816)
Repurchase of shares into Treasury	–	–	–	(12,388)	–	–	(12,388)
Shares issued as a result of Company rollovers (net of costs)	–	35,190	–	–	–	–	35,190
Share conversions during the year	–	2,253	–	(2,253)	–	–	–
Adjustment on repurchase of deferred shares issued arising from share conversions	(8)	–	8	–	–	–	–
Net return on ordinary activities	–	–	–	–	47,778	7,464	55,242
Dividends paid in the year (note 10)	–	–	–	–	–	(6,104)	(6,104)
<b>At 31st August 2017</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>122,868</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>29,237</b>	<b>196,085</b>	<b>5,910</b>	<b>354,124</b>

<sup>1</sup> This reserve forms the distributable reserve of the Company and may be used to fund the distribution of profits to investors via dividend payments.

The notes on pages 56 to 74 form an integral part of these financial statements.

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AT 31ST AUGUST 2017

	Notes	2017			Audited Total £'000	2016 Audited Total £'000
		Growth £'000	Income £'000	Cash £'000		
<b>Fixed assets</b>						
Investments held at fair value through profit or loss	11	259,853	80,810	5,008	345,671	267,257
<b>Current assets</b>						
Derivative financial assets	12	119	–	–	119	1,885
Debtors	12	743	858	386	1,987	1,084
Cash and cash equivalents		4,392	2,163	7	6,562	13,334
		<b>5,254</b>	<b>3,021</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>8,668</b>	<b>16,303</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>						
<b>Creditors:</b> amounts falling due within one year	13	(134)	(47)	(3)	(184)	(124)
Derivative financial liabilities	13	(31)	–	–	(31)	(436)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>5,089</b>	<b>2,974</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>8,453</b>	<b>15,743</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>264,942</b>	<b>83,784</b>	<b>5,398</b>	<b>354,124</b>	<b>283,000</b>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>						
Called up share capital	15	15	1	–	16	24
Share premium	15	39,009	61,069	22,790	122,868	85,425
Capital redemption reserve	15	3	3	2	8	–
Other reserve	15	44,530	2,178	(17,471)	29,237	44,694
Capital reserves	15	179,815	16,281	(11)	196,085	148,307
Revenue reserve	15	1,570	4,252	88	5,910	4,550
<b>Total shareholders' funds</b>		<b>264,942</b>	<b>83,784</b>	<b>5,398</b>	<b>354,124</b>	<b>283,000</b>

	Note	31st August 2017		31st August 2016	
		Net asset value per share (pence)	Net assets attributable £'000	Net asset value per share (pence)	Net assets attributable £'000
Managed Growth	16	785.6	264,942	664.2	224,749
Managed Income	16	117.2	83,784	105.7	54,456
Managed Cash	16	102.2	5,398	101.7	3,795

The financial statements on pages 53 to 55 were approved and authorised for issue by the Directors on 7th December 2017 and are signed on their behalf by:

James Robinson  
Director

The notes on pages 56 to 74 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Company registration number: 3845060

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2017

### 1. Accounting policies

#### (a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include fixed asset investments at fair value, and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice ('UK GAAP'), including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Financial Statements of Investment Trust Companies and Venture Capital Trusts' (the 'SORP') issued by the Association of Investment Companies in November 2014 and updated in January 2017.

All of the Company's operations are of a continuing nature.

The financial statements for the Company comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Statement of Changes in Equity, the 'Total' column of the Statement of Financial Position and the 'Total' column within the Notes to the financial statements.

The Managed Growth, Managed Income and Managed Cash Statement of Comprehensive Income and Statement of Financial Position, together with the notes to those statements are not required under UK GAAP or the SORP, and have not been audited but have been disclosed to assist shareholders' understanding of the net assets and liabilities, and income and expenses of the different share classes.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The disclosures on going concern on page 41 of the Directors' Report form part of these financial statements.

The policies applied in these financial statements are consistent with those applied in the preceding year.

The Company has elected not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows for the current year on the basis that substantially all of its investments are liquid and carried at market value and a Statement of Changes in Equity is provided.

#### (b) Investments

The Company has chosen to adopt Sections 11 and 12 of FRS 102 in respect of financial instruments.

The Company's business is investing in financial assets with a view to profiting from their total return in the form of income and capital growth. The portfolio of financial assets is managed and its performance evaluated on a fair value basis, in accordance with a documented investment strategy and information is provided internally on that basis to the Company's Board of Directors.

Accordingly, upon initial recognition the investments are designated by the Company as 'held at fair value through profit or loss'. They are included initially at fair value which is taken to be their cost, excluding expenses incidental to purchase which are written off to capital at the time of acquisition. Subsequently the investments are valued at fair value, which are quoted bid prices for investments traded in active markets. For investments which are not traded in active markets, unlisted and restricted investments, the Board takes into account the latest traded prices, other observable market data and net asset values based on the latest management accounts.

All purchases and sales are accounted for on a trade date basis.

#### (c) Accounting for reserves

Gains and losses on sales of investments and derivatives, including the related foreign exchange gains and losses, management fees allocated to capital and any other capital charges, are included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and dealt with in capital reserves within 'Gains and losses on sales of investments'.

Increases and decreases in the valuation of investments and derivatives held at the year end including the related foreign exchange gains and losses, are included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and dealt with in capital reserves within 'Investment holding gains and losses'.

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**(d) Income**

Dividends receivable are included in revenue on an ex-dividend basis except where, in the opinion of the Board, the dividend is capital in nature, in which case it is included in capital.

Overseas dividends are included gross of any withholding tax.

Special dividends are looked at individually to ascertain the reason behind the payment. This will determine whether they are treated as income or capital.

Where the Company has elected to receive scrip dividends in the form of additional shares rather than in cash, the amount of the cash dividend foregone is recognised in revenue. Any excess in the value of the shares received over the amount of the cash dividend is recognised in capital.

Underwriting commission and deposit interest are recognised in revenue on an accruals basis.

**(e) Expenses**

All expenses are accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenses are allocated wholly to revenue except for items in (i) to (iii) below.

- (i) The management fee on the Managed Growth pool of assets is allocated 25% to revenue and 75% to capital in line with the Board's expected split of the revenue and capital return from the Managed Growth investment portfolio;
- (ii) The management fee on the Managed Income pool of assets is allocated 50% to revenue and 50% to capital in line with the Board's expected split of the revenue and capital return from the Managed Income investment portfolio.
- (iii) Expenses incidental to the purchase of an investment are charged to capital and those incidental to the sale are deducted from the sales proceeds and then recognised in capital alongside the realised gain or loss on the investment. These expenses are commonly referred to as transaction costs and include items such as stamp duty and brokerage commissions.

0.25% of the total costs of the Company as a whole, excluding savings scheme costs, are allocated to Managed Cash. Expenses charged to the Company, common to Managed Growth and Managed Income are apportioned to the revenue account of each pool in the same proportion as their net assets on a quarterly basis. Expenses charged to the Company in relation to a specific pool are allocated directly to that pool, with the other two pools remaining unaffected.

**(f) Finance costs**

Finance costs are accounted for on an accruals basis using the effective interest method and are allocated to revenue and capital in line with the management fee.

**(g) Financial instruments**

Cash and cash equivalents may comprise cash including demand deposits which are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value. For the Managed Growth and Managed Income pools liquidity funds are considered cash equivalents as they are held for cash management purposes as an alternative to cash.

Other debtors and creditors do not carry any interest, are short term in nature and are accordingly stated at nominal value, with debtors reduced by appropriate allowances for estimated irrecoverable amounts.

Derivative financial instruments, including futures contracts are based on their quoted price on the futures exchange and are included in current assets or current liabilities. Any profits or losses on the closure or revaluation of positions are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and taken to capital reserves. Derivative financial instruments are initially recognised and de-recognised on a trade date basis.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *CONTINUED*

### 1. Accounting policies *continued*

#### (h) Taxation

Tax expense represents the sum of tax currently payable and deferred tax. Any tax payable is based on taxable profit for the period.

Taxable profit differs from profit before tax as reported in the Statement of Comprehensive Income because it excludes items of income or expenses that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible.

The Company's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

For the Company, any allocation of tax relief to capital is based on the marginal basis, such that tax allowable capital expenses are offset against taxable income.

As an investment trust which has received approval under the appropriate tax regulations, the Company is not liable for taxation on capital gains.

Deferred tax is provided on all timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the balance sheet date. Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for all taxable timing differences but deferred tax assets are only recognised to the extent that it is more likely than not that taxable profits will be available against which those timing differences can be utilised.

Tax is computed for each pool of assets separately. Where unrelieved expenses in one pool are utilised in another pool, a credit is made in the donor pool and a charge in the recipient pool, based on half the value of these expenses to the Company as a whole.

#### (i) Value Added Tax ('VAT')

Expenses are disclosed inclusive of the related irrecoverable VAT. Recoverable VAT is calculated using the partial exemption method based on the proportion of zero rated supplies to total supplies.

#### (j) Functional currency

The Company is required to identify its functional currency, being the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates. The Board, having regard to the currency of the Company's income, expenses, share capital and the predominant currency in which its shareholders operate, has determined that sterling is the functional currency. Sterling is also the currency in which the financial statements are presented.

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are converted at actual exchange rates at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets, liabilities and equity investments held at fair value, denominated in foreign currencies at the year end are translated at the rates of exchange prevailing at the year end.

#### (k) Dividends

Dividends are included in the financial statements in the year in which they are paid.

#### (l) Repurchase of Ordinary shares for cancellation or to be held in Treasury

The cost of repurchasing ordinary shares including the related stamp duty and transactions costs is charged to 'Other reserves' and dealt with in the Statement of Changes in Equity. Share repurchase transactions are accounted for on a trade date basis. The nominal value of ordinary share capital repurchased and cancelled is transferred out of 'Called up share capital' and into 'Capital redemption reserve'.

Should shares held in Treasury be reissued, the sale proceeds will be treated as recognised in 'Other reserves' at the value of the original purchase price of those shares. The excess of the sale proceeds over the purchase price will be credited to share premium.

#### (m) Share issue costs

The costs of issuing shares are charged against any premium received on those shares. If no premium is receivable, the costs are included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and charged to capital reserves.

## 2. Significant accounting judgments, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the Company's financial statements on occasion requires the Board to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the primary financial statements and the accompanying disclosures. These assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets or liabilities affected in the current and future periods, depending on circumstance.

The Board do not believe that any significant accounting judgments or estimates have been applied to this set of financial statements, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

## 3. Gains on investments held at fair value through profit or loss

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Realised gains on sales of investments held at fair value through profit or loss based on historical cost	7,117	8,892
Amounts recognised in investment holding gains and losses in the previous year in respect of investments sold during the year	(5,910)	(12,388)
Gains/(losses) on sales of investments based on the carrying value at the previous balance sheet date	1,207	(3,496)
Realised gains/(losses) on close out of futures contracts	1,549	(973)
Net movement in investment holding gains and losses	47,271	22,529
Unrealised (losses)/gains on futures contracts	(1,361)	2,422
Other capital charges	(10)	(12)
<b>Total capital gains on investments held at fair value through profit or loss</b>	<b>48,656</b>	<b>20,470</b>

## 4. Income

	Managed Growth 2017 £'000	Managed Income 2017 £'000	Managed Cash 2017 £'000	Audited Total 2017 £'000	Audited Total 2016 £'000
<b>Income from investments</b>					
UK dividends	4,515	3,194	–	7,709	5,234
Income from OEICs	387	152	–	539	1,041
Overseas dividends	–	171	12	183	194
Property income distribution from UK REITS	–	–	–	–	15
	<b>4,902</b>	<b>3,517</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8,431</b>	<b>6,484</b>
<b>Interest receivable and similar income</b>					
Liquidity and deposit interest	15	3	–	18	32
Underwriting commission	2	2	–	4	–
	<b>17</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Total income</b>	<b>4,919</b>	<b>3,522</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8,453</b>	<b>6,516</b>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED**
**5. Management fee**

	Managed Growth 2017 £'000	Managed Income 2017 £'000	Managed Cash 2017 £'000	Audited Total 2017 £'000	Audited Total 2016 £'000
Charged to revenue	234	191	–	425	315
Charged to capital	703	191	–	894	688
	<b>937</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>1,319</b>	<b>1,003</b>

The management fees are included net of rebates. Details of the management fee of each share class are given in the Directors' Report on page 34.

**6. Other administrative expenses**

	Managed Growth 2017 £'000	Managed Income 2017 £'000	Managed Cash 2017 £'000	Audited Total 2017 £'000	Audited Total 2016 £'000
Administration expenses	155	48	1	204	216
Savings scheme costs <sup>1</sup>	74	26	–	100	175
Directors' fees <sup>2</sup>	116	36	–	152	129
Depositary fees <sup>3</sup>	44	14	–	58	54
Fees paid to the Company's Auditor for the audit of the financial statements <sup>4</sup>	23	9	–	32	33
Audit related assurance services <sup>5</sup>	6	2	–	8	8
<b>Total charged to revenue</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>615</b>

<sup>1</sup> Paid to the Manager for administration of saving scheme products. Includes £17,000 (2016: £29,000) irrecoverable VAT.

<sup>2</sup> Full disclosure is given in the Directors' Remuneration Report on pages 43 to 45.

<sup>3</sup> Includes £10,000 (2016: £8,000) irrecoverable VAT.

<sup>4</sup> Includes £5,000 (2016: £5,000) irrecoverable VAT.

<sup>5</sup> Review of quarterly conversion calculations, includes £1,600 (2016: £1,600) irrecoverable VAT. Other non-audit services provided include £67,000 with regards to the JPMorgan Income and Growth and M&G High Income rollovers. These expenses have been capitalised and are disclosed within the £366,000 rollover costs in note 15, on page 67.

Further details on how expenses are apportioned between each portfolio are given in note 1(e) on page 57.

**7. Finance costs**

	Revenue £'000	2017 Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	2016 Capital £'000	Total £'000
Interest on bank overdrafts	1	2	3	–	–	–

## 8. Taxation

### (a) Analysis of tax charge in the year

	2017			2016		
	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000
Overseas withholding tax	9	–	9	6	–	6
<b>Total tax charge for the year</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>6</b>

### (b) Factors affecting total tax charge for the year

The tax charge for the year is lower (2016: lower) than the Company's applicable rate of corporation tax for the year of 19.58% (2016: 20.00%). The factors affecting the total tax charge for the year are as follows:

	2017			2016		
	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000
Net return on ordinary activities before taxation	7,473	47,778	55,251	5,586	19,839	25,425
Net return on ordinary activities before taxation multiplied by the applicable rate of corporation tax of 19.58% (2016: 20.00%)	1,464	9,355	10,819	1,117	3,968	5,085
Effects of:						
Non taxable capital gains	–	(9,531)	(9,531)	–	(4,105)	(4,105)
Non taxable UK dividends	(1,509)	–	(1,509)	(1,163)	–	(1,163)
Non taxable overseas dividends	(110)	–	(110)	(94)	–	(94)
Unutilised expenses	155	176	331	140	137	277
Overseas withholding tax	9	–	9	6	–	6
<b>Total tax charge for the year</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>6</b>

### (c) Deferred taxation

The Company has an unrecognised deferred tax asset of £1,517,000 (2016: £1,302,000) based on a prospective corporation tax rate of 17% (2016: 18%). The UK Government announced in July 2015 that the corporation tax rate is set to be cut to 19% in 2017 and 18% in 2020. In March 2016 a further cut to 17% in 2020 was announced. These reductions in the standard rate of corporation tax were substantively enacted on 15th September 2016 and became effective from 1st April 2017. The deferred tax asset has arisen due to the cumulative excess of deductible expenses over taxable income. Given the composition of the Company's portfolio, it is not likely that this asset will be utilised in the foreseeable future and therefore no asset has been recognised in the financial statements.

Given the Company's status as an investment trust company, and the intention to continue meeting the conditions required to obtain approval, the Company has not provided deferred tax on any capital gains or losses arising on the revaluation or disposal of investments.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED**
**9. Return per share**

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
<b>Managed Growth</b>		
Return per Managed Growth share is based on the following:		
Revenue return	4,268	3,097
Capital return	40,242	19,267
<b>Total return</b>	<b>44,510</b>	<b>22,364</b>
Weighted average number of shares in issue during the year	33,786,098	34,658,666
Revenue return per share	12.63p	8.94p
Capital return per share	119.11p	55.59p
<b>Total return per share</b>	<b>131.74p</b>	<b>64.53p</b>
<b>Managed Income</b>		
Return per Managed Income share is based on the following:		
Revenue return	3,186	2,467
Capital return	7,536	572
<b>Total return</b>	<b>10,722</b>	<b>3,039</b>
Weighted average number of shares in issue during the year	65,954,477	51,769,108
Revenue return per share	4.83p	4.76p
Capital return per share	11.43p	1.10p
<b>Total return per share</b>	<b>16.26p</b>	<b>5.86p</b>
<b>Managed Cash</b>		
Return per Managed Cash share is based on the following:		
Revenue return	10	16
Capital return	–	–
<b>Total return</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>16</b>
Weighted average number of shares in issue during the year	4,527,799	3,792,884
Revenue return per share	0.22p	0.39p
Capital return per share	0.00p	0.00p
<b>Total return per share</b>	<b>0.22p</b>	<b>0.39p</b>

## 10. Dividends

### (a) Dividends paid

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Managed Growth shares 2016 4th interim dividend paid of 3.15p (2015: 1.50p)	1,066	535
Managed Growth shares 2017 1st interim dividend paid of 2.90p (2016: 2.55p)	974	892
Managed Growth shares 2017 2nd interim dividend paid of 2.55p (2016: 1.50p)	855	522
Managed Growth shares 2017 3rd interim dividend paid of 2.55p (2016: 1.50p)	869	515
Managed Income shares 2016 4th interim dividend paid of 1.35p (2015: 1.25p)	692	650
Managed Income shares 2017 1st interim dividend paid of 0.85p (2016: 0.85p)	436	441
Managed Income shares 2017 2nd interim dividend paid of 0.85p (2016: 0.85p)	584	441
Managed Income shares 2017 3rd interim dividend paid of 0.85p (2016: 0.85p)	614	441
Managed Cash 2016 interim dividend of 0.35p (2015: 0.35p)	14	14
<b>Total dividends paid in the year</b>	<b>6,104</b>	<b>4,451</b>

In respect of dividends paid during the year ended 31st August 2017:

The 2016 4th interim dividends were paid on 23rd September 2016 to shareholders on the register as at the close of business on 26th August 2016.

The 1st interim dividends were paid on 21st December 2016 to shareholders on the register as at the close of business on 25th November 2016.

The 2nd interim dividends were paid on 22nd March 2017 to shareholders on the register as at the close of business on 17th February 2017.

The 3rd interim dividends were paid on 14th June 2017 to shareholders on the register as at the close of business on 19th May 2017.

### (b) Dividends declared

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Managed Growth shares 2017 4th interim dividend of 3.00p (2016: 3.15p)	1,012	1,066
Managed Income shares 2017 4th interim dividend of 1.65p (2016: 1.35p)	1,182	692
Managed Cash shares 2017 interim dividend of 0.35p (2016: 0.35p)	17	14
<b>Total dividends declared</b>	<b>2,211</b>	<b>1,772</b>

In respect of the dividends declared, but not paid, during the year ended 31st August 2017, the dividends were paid on 20th September 2017 to shareholders on the register as at the close of business on 25th August 2017.

All dividends in the year have been funded from the revenue reserve.

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**10. Dividends *continued***
**(c) Dividends for the purposes of Section 1158 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 ('Section 1158')**

The requirements of Section 1158 are considered on the basis of dividends paid and declared in respect of the financial year, as follows:

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Managed Growth shares 2017 1st interim dividend paid of 2.90p (2016: 2.55p)	974	892
Managed Growth shares 2017 2nd interim dividend paid of 2.55p (2016: 1.50p)	855	522
Managed Growth shares 2017 3rd interim dividend paid of 2.55p (2016: 1.50p)	869	515
Managed Growth shares 2017 4th interim dividend payable of 3.00p (2016: 3.15p)	1,012	1,066
Managed Income shares 2017 1st interim dividend paid of 0.85p (2016: 0.85p)	436	441
Managed Income shares 2017 2nd interim dividend paid of 0.85p (2016: 0.85p)	584	441
Managed Income shares 2017 3rd interim dividend paid of 0.85p (2016: 0.85p)	614	441
Managed Income shares 2017 4th interim dividend payable of 1.65p (2016: 1.35p)	1,182	692
Managed Cash shares interim dividend of 0.35p (2016: 0.35p)	17	14
<b>Total dividends for Section 1158 purposes</b>	<b>6,543</b>	<b>5,024</b>

The revenue available for distribution by way of dividend for the year is £7,464,000 (2016: £5,580,000). The revenue reserve after payment of the final dividends will amount to £3,699,000 (2016: £2,778,000).

**11. Investments**

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Investments listed on a recognised stock exchange	263,514	196,473
Unlisted investments <sup>1</sup>	82,157	70,784
<b>Total investments held at fair value</b>	<b>345,671</b>	<b>267,257</b>

<sup>1</sup> Unlisted investments comprise investments in mutual funds, bond funds and liquidity funds.

	Listed £'000	Unlisted £'000	2017 Total £'000
Opening book cost	135,959	56,902	192,861
Opening investment holding gains	60,514	13,882	74,396
Opening valuation	196,473	70,784	267,257
Movement in the year:			
Purchases at cost	65,865	8,000	73,865
Sales - proceeds	(36,498)	(7,431)	(43,929)
Gains on sales of investments based on the carrying value at the previous balance sheet date	883	324	1,207
Net movement in investment holding gains	36,791	10,480	47,271
	263,514	82,157	345,671
Closing book cost	170,846	59,068	229,914
Closing investment holding gains	92,668	23,089	115,757
<b>Total investments held at fair value through profit or loss</b>	<b>263,514</b>	<b>82,157</b>	<b>345,671</b>

Transaction costs on purchases during the year amounted to £241,000 (2016: £206,000) and on sales during the year amounted to £30,000 (2016: £41,000). These costs comprise mainly brokerage commission.

During the year, prior year investment holding losses amounting to £5,910,000 were transferred to gains on sales of investments as disclosed in note 15.

## 12. Current assets

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
<b>Derivative financial assets</b>		
Futures contracts <sup>1</sup>	119	1,885
<b>Total</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>1,885</b>

<sup>1</sup> Short Euro Stoxx 50 Index Futures at a contract cost of £2,925,000 and a market value of £2,831,000 giving an unrealised asset of £94,000. Long TOPIX Index futures at a contract cost of £2,131,000 and a market value of £2,156,000 giving an unrealised asset of £25,000.

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
<b>Debtors</b>		
Securities sold awaiting settlement	150	–
Overseas tax recoverable	–	9
Dividends and interest receivable	1,394	994
UK Income tax recoverable	50	70
Other debtors	7	11
Amounts due from brokers	386	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,987</b>	<b>1,084</b>

The Directors consider that the carrying amount of debtors approximates to their fair value.

### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise bank balances and short term deposits. The carrying amount of these represents their fair value.

## 13. Current liabilities

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Repurchase of the Company's own shares awaiting settlement	1	–
Other creditors and accruals	183	124
	<b>184</b>	<b>124</b>

The Directors consider that the carrying amount of creditors falling due within one year approximates to their fair value.

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
<b>Derivative financial liabilities</b>		
Futures contracts <sup>1</sup>	31	436
	<b>31</b>	<b>436</b>

<sup>1</sup> Long FTSE 100 Index futures at a contract value of £6,772,000 and a market value of £6,764,000 giving an unrealised liability of £8,000 and short S&P500 E-Mini Index futures at a contract value of £1,239,000 and a market value of £1,262,000 giving an unrealised liability of £23,000.

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## 14. Called up share capital

	2017 Number of shares	2016 Number of shares
<b>Managed Growth<sup>1</sup></b>		
Shares in issue at the beginning of the year	33,838,279	35,423,887
Shares issued as a result of rollover	1,337,982	–
Net share conversion reduction	(51,818)	(32,623)
Shares repurchased into Treasury	(1,399,129)	(1,552,985)
<b>Closing balance of shares in issue (excluding Treasury shares)</b>	<b>33,725,314</b>	<b>33,838,279</b>
Shares held in Treasury at the beginning of the year	3,640,338	2,087,353
Shares repurchased into Treasury	1,399,129	1,552,985
<b>Closing balance of shares held in Treasury</b>	<b>5,039,467</b>	<b>3,640,338</b>
<b>Closing balance of shares in issue (including Treasury shares)</b>	<b>38,764,781</b>	<b>37,478,617</b>
<b>Managed Income<sup>2</sup></b>		
Shares in issue at the beginning of the year	51,506,786	51,909,937
Shares issued as a result of rollover	21,948,830	–
Net share conversion increase	184,155	167,432
Shares issued from Treasury	–	125,000
Shares repurchased into Treasury	(2,157,497)	(695,583)
<b>Closing balance of shares in issue (excluding Treasury shares)</b>	<b>71,482,274</b>	<b>51,506,786</b>
Shares held in Treasury at the beginning of the year	2,398,499	1,827,916
Shares repurchased into Treasury	2,157,497	695,583
Shares issued from Treasury	–	(125,000)
<b>Closing balance of shares held in Treasury</b>	<b>4,555,996</b>	<b>2,398,499</b>
<b>Closing balance of shares in issue (including Treasury shares)</b>	<b>76,038,270</b>	<b>53,905,285</b>
<b>Managed Cash<sup>3</sup></b>		
Shares in issue at the beginning of the year	3,731,318	3,807,243
Shares issued as a result of rollover	2,205,281	–
Net share conversion increase	157,573	7,188
Shares redeemed	(285,347)	(48,190)
Shares repurchased for cancellation	(528,403)	(34,923)
<b>Closing balance of shares in issue</b>	<b>5,280,422</b>	<b>3,731,318</b>
<b>Founder Shares<sup>4</sup></b>		
<b>Shares of £1 each 25p partly paid in issue at the beginning and end of the year</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>

<sup>1</sup> Fully paid ordinary shares, which have a par value of 0.004p each, carry 7.86 votes per share and carry the right to receive dividends.

<sup>2</sup> Fully paid ordinary shares, which have a par value of 0.001p each, carry 1.17 votes per share and carry the right to receive dividends.

<sup>3</sup> Fully paid ordinary shares, which have a par value of 0.001p each, carry 1.02 votes per share and carry the right to receive dividends.

<sup>4</sup> Partly paid as to 25p each Founder shares, which have a par value of £1 each, carry no voting rights and carry the right to receive a fixed dividend at the rate of 0.01% of their nominal value. However, the holders have waived the right to receive such dividends.

During the year Managed Growth issued 313,428 shares, Managed Income issued 18,059,588 shares and Managed Cash issued 422,142 shares for an aggregate consideration of £21,512,000 to the shareholders of JPMorgan Income & Growth Investment Trust plc, who opted for the rollover option, as a result of the reconstruction of their Trust on 2nd December 2016.

During the year Managed Growth issued 1,024,554 shares, Managed Income issued 3,889,242 shares and Managed Cash issued 1,783,139 shares for an aggregate consideration of £14,044,000 to the shareholders of M&G High Income Investment Trust plc, who opted for the rollover option, as a result of the reconstruction of their Trust on 21st March 2017.

During the year, nil Managed Growth shares, nil Managed Income shares and 528,403 (2016: 34,923) Managed Cash shares were repurchased for cancellation for an aggregate consideration of £528,000 (2016: £35,000). The reason for these purchases was to address imbalances in supply of and demand for the Company's shares within the market and thereby reduce the volatility and absolute level of the discount to net asset value per share at which those shares trade.

During the year, 1,399,129 (2016: 1,552,985) Managed Growth shares, 2,157,497 (2016: 695,583) Managed Income shares and nil Managed Cash shares were repurchased into Treasury for a total consideration of £12,388,000 (2016: £10,032,000).

Shareholders of Managed Growth, Managed Income and Managed Cash shares are entitled to convert some or all of their holdings in any of these share classes into one or more of the other two share classes on 28th February, 31st May, 31st August and 30th November each year (or, if such days are not business days, the next business day).

Managed Cash shareholders can also elect to have all or part of their holding of such shares repurchased by the Company for cash at the net asset value on each conversion date. During the year, the holders of 285,347 (2016: 48,190) Managed Cash shares elected to have those holdings repurchased by the Company in these conversion opportunities for a total consideration of £288,000 (2016: £49,000).

During the year, nil Managed Growth shares and nil (2016: 125,000) Managed Income shares were issued from Treasury for a total net consideration of £nil (2016: £128,000).

The Founder shares are non-voting and carry the right to receive a fixed dividend at the rate of 0.01% on their nominal value, but the holders have waived the right to receive such dividends.

## 15. Reserves

	Called up share capital £'000	Share premium £'000	Capital redemption reserve £'000	Other reserve £'000	Capital reserves <sup>2</sup>		Revenue reserve <sup>1,2</sup> £'000
					Gains and losses on sales of investments £'000	Investment holding gains and losses £'000	
Opening balance	24	85,425	–	44,694	72,453	75,854	4,550
Realised foreign currency gains on cash and cash equivalents	–	–	–	–	18	–	–
Realised gains on investments	–	–	–	–	1,207	–	–
Unrealised gains on investments	–	–	–	–	–	47,271	–
Transfer on disposal of investments	–	–	–	–	5,910	(5,910)	–
Realised gains on close out of futures	–	–	–	–	100	–	–
Unrealised gains on futures from prior period now realised	–	–	–	–	1,449	(1,449)	–
Unrealised gains on futures	–	–	–	–	–	88	–
Repurchase of ordinary shares into Treasury	–	–	–	(12,388)	–	–	–
Repurchase of ordinary shares for cancellation	–	–	–	(528)	–	–	–
Shares redeemed during the year (at Conversion point)	–	–	–	(288)	–	–	–
Shares issued as a result of rollover elections	–	35,556	–	–	–	–	–
Expenses in relation to rollovers	–	(366)	–	–	–	–	–
Issue proceeds arising from ordinary share conversion	–	2,253	–	–	–	–	–
Repurchase of ordinary shares for cancellation arising from share conversion	–	–	–	(2,253)	–	–	–
Adjustment on repurchase of deferred shares issued arising from share conversions	(8)	–	8	–	–	–	–
Management fee and finance costs charged to capital	–	–	–	–	(896)	–	–
Other capital charges	–	–	–	–	(10)	–	–
Dividends paid in the year	–	–	–	–	–	–	(6,104)
Net revenue return for the year	–	–	–	–	–	–	7,464
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>122,868</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>29,237</b>	<b>80,231</b>	<b>115,854</b>	<b>5,910</b>

<sup>1</sup> This reserve forms the distributable reserve of the Company and may be used to fund distribution of profits to investors via dividend payments.

<sup>2</sup> During the year £1.1m of Managed Growth's revenue reserve was transferred to Managed Income's revenue reserve and a corresponding transfer was made from Managed Income's capital reserves to Managed Growth's.

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### 16. Net asset value per share

The net asset values per share are calculated as follows:

	Managed Growth	2017 Managed Income	Managed Cash	Managed Growth	2016 Managed Income	Managed Cash
Net assets (£'000)	264,942	83,784	5,398	224,749	54,456	3,795
Number of shares in issue (excluding shares held in Treasury)	33,725,314	71,482,274	5,280,422	33,838,279	51,506,786	3,731,318
Net asset value per share	785.6p	117.2p	102.2p	664.2p	105.7p	101.7p

### 17. Contingent liabilities and capital commitments

At the balance sheet date there were no contingent liabilities or capital commitments (2016: none).

### 18. Transactions with the Manager and related parties

Details of the management contracts are set out in the Directors' Report on page 34. The total amount payable to the Manager for the year in respect of these contracts was £1,319,000 (2016: £1,003,000) net of rebates, of which £nil (2016: £nil) was outstanding at the year end. In addition £100,000 (2016: £175,000) was payable to the Manager for the administration of savings scheme products of which £48,000 (2016: £nil) was outstanding at the year end.

Included in other administration expenses in note 6 on page 60 are safe custody fees amounting to £4,000 (2016: £3,000) payable to JPMorgan Chase of which £1,000 (2016: £1,000) was outstanding at the year end.

The Manager may carry out some of its dealing transactions through group subsidiaries. These transactions are carried out at arm's length. Commission amounting to £9,000 (2016: £32,000) was payable to JPMorgan Securities Limited for the year of which £nil (2016: £nil) was outstanding at the year end.

The Company holds investments in funds managed by JPMAM. At 31st August 2017 these were valued at £191.5 million (2016: £164.6 million) and represented 55.39% (2016: 61.57%) of the Company's investment portfolio. During the year the Company made £11.8 million purchases of such investments (2016: £4.3 million) and sales with a total value of £10.6 million (2016: £17.2 million). Income amounting to £3.7 million (2016: £3.2 million) was receivable from these investments during the year of which £775,000 (2016: £608,000) was outstanding at the year end.

The Managed Growth and Managed Income pools also hold cash in JPM Sterling Liquidity Fund, managed by JPMorgan. At the year end this was valued at £5.1 million (2016: £nil). Interest amounting to £18,000 (2016: £nil) was receivable during the year of which £nil (2016: £nil) was outstanding at the year end.

Handling charges on dealing transactions amounting to £10,000 (2016: £12,000) were payable to JPMorgan Chase during the year of which £2,000 (2016: £4,000) was outstanding at the year end.

At the year end, total cash of £746,000 (2016: £1,780,000) was held with JPMorgan Chase. A net amount of interest of £1,000 (2016: £1,000) was receivable by the Company during the year from JPMorgan Chase of which £nil (2016: £nil) was outstanding at the year end.

Full details of Directors' remuneration and shareholdings can be found on page 44 and in note 6 on page 60.

## 19. Disclosures regarding financial instruments held at fair value

The Company's financial instruments within the scope of FRS 102 that are held at fair value comprise its investment portfolio and derivative financial instruments.

The investments are categorised into a hierarchy consisting of the following three levels:

- (1) The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date
- (2) Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable (i.e.: developed using market data) for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly
- (3) Inputs are unobservable (i.e.: for which market data is unavailable) for the asset or liability

Categorisation within the hierarchy has been determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement of the relevant asset.

Details of the valuation techniques used by the Company are given in note 1(b) on page 56.

The following table sets out the fair value measurements using the FRS 102 hierarchy at 31st August.

	2017		2016	
	Assets £'000	Liabilities £'000	Assets £'000	Liabilities £'000
Level 1 <sup>1</sup>	268,641	(31)	202,153	(436)
Level 2 <sup>2</sup>	77,149	–	66,989	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>345,790</b>	<b>(31)</b>	<b>269,142</b>	<b>(436)</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes liquidity funds held by the Managed Cash pool and futures currency contracts.

<sup>2</sup> Includes investments in Open Ended Investment Schemes (OEIC's) and Société d'investissement à Capital Variable (SICAV).

## 20. Financial instruments' exposure to risk and risk management policies

As an investment trust, the Company invests in equities and other securities for the long term so as to secure its investment objective stated on the 'Features' page of this report. In pursuing this objective, the Company is exposed to a variety of financial risks that could result in a reduction in the Company's net assets or a reduction in the revenue available for dividends.

These financial risks include market risk (comprising currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk), liquidity risk and credit risk. The Directors' policy for managing these risks is set out below. The Company Secretary, in close cooperation with the Board and the Manager, coordinates the Company's risk management policy.

The objectives, policies and processes for managing the risks and the methods used to measure the risks that are set out below, have not changed from those applying in the comparative year.

The Company's financial instruments may comprise the following:

- investments in investment trusts, equities, investment companies, open ended investment companies, bond funds and sterling liquidity funds;
- derivative financial instruments including futures contracts; and
- short term debtors, creditors and cash arising directly from its operations.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED****20. Financial instruments' exposure to risk and risk management policies *continued*****(a) Market risk**

The fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument held by the Company may fluctuate because of changes in market prices. This market risk comprises three elements - currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk. Information to enable an evaluation of the nature and extent of these three elements of market risk is given in parts (i) to (iii) of this note, together with sensitivity analyses where appropriate. The Board reviews and agrees policies for managing these risks and these policies have remained unchanged from those applying in the comparative year. The Manager assesses the exposure to market risk when making each investment decision and monitors the overall level of market risk on the whole of the investment portfolio on an ongoing basis.

**(i) Currency risk**

The Company has no direct material exposure to foreign currencies. The Company's investments and other financial assets are almost entirely denominated in sterling (the Company's functional currency and the currency in which it reports). As a result, movements in exchange rates will have no direct material effect on the value of those items. The investments in the Managed Cash pool of assets comprise sterling liquidity funds and consequently there is no foreign currency exposure. The investments in the Managed Growth and Managed Income pools of assets are almost entirely priced in sterling. However, there is some indirect exposure to foreign currencies, particularly in the Managed Growth portfolio which includes holdings in investment trusts and open ended investment companies which invest in overseas markets.

**(ii) Interest rate risk**

Interest rate movements may affect the level of income receivable on cash deposits and the yield on the liquidity funds. The Company had no borrowings at the year end (2016: none). Interest rate movements may also affect the income receivable from and the fair value of investments in bond funds held by the Company. However, it is not possible to assess the impact of interest rate movements on the value of these investments accurately and therefore the exposure has been included in other price risk in part (iii) to this note. The Company has no other direct exposure to fair value interest rate risk.

**Management of interest rate risk**

The Company does not normally hold significant cash balances other than for short term working capital management and would expect to be fully invested in normal market conditions.

**Interest rate exposure**

The exposure of financial assets and liabilities to floating interest rates using the year end figures, giving cash flow interest rate risk when rates are reset, is shown below.

	2017				2016			
	Managed Growth £'000	Managed Income £'000	Managed Cash £'000	Total £'000	Managed Growth £'000	Managed Income £'000	Managed Cash £'000	Total £'000
Exposure to floating interest rates:								
Cash and cash equivalents	4,392	2,163	7	6,562	10,861	2,471	2	13,334
Investments in liquidity funds	–	–	5,008	5,008	–	–	3,795	3,795
<b>Total exposure</b>	<b>4,392</b>	<b>2,163</b>	<b>5,015</b>	<b>11,570</b>	<b>10,861</b>	<b>2,471</b>	<b>3,797</b>	<b>17,129</b>

Interest receivable on cash balances, or paid on overdrafts, is at a margin below or above LIBOR respectively (2016: same). The liquidity funds generally aim to produce a yield comparable to the seven day sterling London Interbank Bid Rate.

**Interest rate sensitivity**

The following tables illustrate the sensitivity of the return after taxation for the year and net assets to a 1% (2016: 1%) increase or decrease in interest rates in regards to the Company's monetary financial assets and financial liabilities. This level of change is considered to be a reasonable illustration based on observation of current market conditions. The sensitivity analysis is based on the Company's monetary financial instruments with a direct interest rate exposure held at the balance sheet date with all other variables held constant.

A 1% increase in interest rates would have the following effect:

	2017				2016			
	Managed Growth £'000	Managed Income £'000	Managed Cash £'000	Total £'000	Managed Growth £'000	Managed Income £'000	Managed Cash £'000	Total £'000
Statement of Comprehensive Income - return after taxation								
Revenue return	44	22	50	116	109	25	38	172
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>172</b>

In the event of a 1% decrease in interest rates, the interest receivable on cash balances and liquidity funds would fall to zero, as the interest earned on these balances is currently less than 1%.

In the opinion of the Directors, the above sensitivity analysis may not be representative of the Company's future exposure to an interest rate rise due to fluctuations in the level of cash balances and liquidity funds.

### (iii) Other price risk

Other price risk includes changes in market prices, other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency movements, which may affect the value of investments.

#### Management of other price risk

The Board meets on at least four occasions each year to consider the asset allocation of the portfolio and the risk associated with particular industry sectors. The investment management team has responsibility for monitoring the portfolio, which is selected in accordance with the Company's investment objectives and seeks to ensure that individual stocks meet an acceptable risk profile.

#### Other price risk exposure

The Company's exposure to changes in market prices at the year end comprises its holdings in equity investments, OEIC funds, bond funds and futures contracts as follows. Holdings in liquidity funds are not deemed to be exposed to other price risk.

	2017				2016			
	Managed Growth £'000	Managed Income £'000	Managed Cash £'000	Total £'000	Managed Growth £'000	Managed Income £'000	Managed Cash £'000	Total £'000
Equity investments held at fair value through profit or loss <sup>1</sup>	259,853	78,185	–	338,038	211,993	48,844	–	260,837
Investments in bond funds held at fair value through profit or loss	–	2,625	–	2,625	–	2,625	–	2,625
Derivative instruments - futures contracts	88	–	–	88	1,449	–	–	1,449
	<b>259,941</b>	<b>80,810</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>340,751</b>	<b>213,442</b>	<b>51,469</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>264,911</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes investments in OEIC funds shown on page 11.

The above data is broadly representative of the exposure to other price risk during the current and comparative year.

#### Concentration of exposure to other price risk

A list of investments in the Managed Growth and Managed Income portfolios is given on pages 11 and 19. This shows that the Managed Growth portfolio comprises investments with a broad geographical exposure through investment in UK listed investment trusts and open-ended funds, with no concentration of exposure to any one country with the exception of the UK. A substantial proportion of the Managed Income portfolio is invested in UK equities and accordingly there is a concentration of exposure. However it should be noted that an investment may not necessarily be wholly exposed to the economic conditions in its country of domicile or of listing.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED**
**20. Financial instruments' exposure to risk and risk management policies *continued***
**(a) Market risk *continued***
**(iii) Other price risk *continued***
**Other price risk sensitivity**

The following table illustrates the sensitivity of revenue return after taxation for the year and net assets to an increase or decrease of 10% (2016: 10%) in the fair value of equity investments, bond funds and futures contracts held in the Managed Growth and Managed Income portfolios. This level of change is considered to be a reasonable illustration based on observation of current market conditions. The sensitivity analysis is based on the Company's investments and adjusting for a change in the management fee, but with all other variables held constant.

A 10% increase in fair values would have the following effect:

	2017				2016			
	Managed Growth £'000	Managed Income £'000	Managed Cash £'000	Total £'000	Managed Growth £'000	Managed Income £'000	Managed Cash £'000	Total £'000
Statement of Comprehensive Income – return after taxation:								
Revenue return	(26)	(23)	–	(49)	(22)	(14)	–	(36)
Capital return	26,380	8,058	–	34,438	22,371	5,133	–	27,504
Total return after taxation	26,354	8,035	–	34,389	22,349	5,119	–	27,468
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>26,354</b>	<b>8,035</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>34,389</b>	<b>22,349</b>	<b>5,119</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>27,468</b>

A 10% decrease in fair values would have the following effect:

	2017				2016			
	Managed Growth £'000	Managed Income £'000	Managed Cash £'000	Total £'000	Managed Growth £'000	Managed Income £'000	Managed Cash £'000	Total £'000
Statement of Comprehensive Income – return after taxation:								
Revenue return	26	23	–	49	22	14	–	36
Capital return	(26,380)	(8,058)	–	(34,438)	(22,371)	(5,133)	–	(27,504)
Total return after taxation	(26,354)	(8,035)	–	(34,389)	(22,349)	(5,119)	–	(27,468)
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>(26,354)</b>	<b>(8,035)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(34,389)</b>	<b>(22,349)</b>	<b>(5,119)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(27,468)</b>

**(b) Liquidity risk**

This is the risk that the Company will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset.

**Management of the risk**

Liquidity risk is not significant as the Company's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities, which can be sold to meet funding requirements if necessary. The Board would expect to be fully invested in normal market conditions but to retain sufficient cash balances to settle short term liabilities. The Company has no fixed term borrowings.

### Liquidity risk exposure

Contractual maturities of the financial liabilities at the year end, based on the earliest date on which payment can be required are as follows:

	2017			2016		
	Three months or less £'000	More than three months but less than six months £'000	Total £'000	Three months or less £'000	More than three months but less than six months £'000	Total £'000
<b>Creditors:</b>						
Repurchase of the Company's own shares awaiting settlement	1	–	1	–	–	–
Other creditors and accruals	183	–	183	124	–	124
Derivative financial liabilities - futures contracts	31	–	31	436	–	436
	<b>215</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>560</b>

### (c) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that the failure of the counterparty to a transaction to discharge its obligations under that transaction could result in loss to the Company.

#### Management of credit risk

##### Portfolio dealing

The Company invests in markets that operate DVP (Delivery Versus Payment) settlement. The process of DVP mitigates the risk of losing the principal of a trade during the settlement process. The Manager continuously monitors dealing activity to ensure best execution, a process that involves measuring various indicators including the quality of trade settlement and incidence of failed trades. Counterparty lists are maintained and adjusted accordingly.

##### Cash and cash equivalents

Counterparties are subject to regular credit analysis by the Manager and deposits can only be placed with counterparties that have been approved by JPMAM's Counterparty Risk Group.

##### Exposure to JPMorgan Chase

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. is the custodian of the Company's assets. The Company's assets are segregated from JPMorgan Chase's own trading assets. Therefore these assets are designed to be protected from creditors in the event that JPMorgan Chase were to cease trading. The Depository, BNY Mellon Trust and Depository (UK) Limited, is responsible for the safekeeping of all custodial assets of the Company and for verifying and maintaining a record of all other assets of the Company. However, no absolute guarantee can be given on the protection of all the assets of the Company.

##### Credit risk exposure

The Company's investments in liquidity funds and the amounts shown in the Statement of Financial Position under current assets represent the maximum exposure to credit risk at the current and comparative year ends. None of these are past due or impaired.

The credit ratings of the liquidity funds held in the Managed Cash portfolio are disclosed in the list of investments for Managed Cash.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *CONTINUED*

### 21. Capital management policies and procedures

The Company's capital is divided into three share classes, each with distinct objectives and investment policies. The capital of the three share classes is as disclosed in the Statement of Financial Position and is managed on a basis consistent with the investment objectives and policies disclosed in the Business Review on pages 26 and 27.

The Company's capital structure is as detailed in note 14 on pages 66 and 67. The Company currently has no gearing. A proposal to utilise gearing in respect of the Managed Income portfolio is being made to Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting and at the Separate Class Meeting of the Managed Income Shareholders. Further details are provided in the Chairman's Statement on page 3. The Board, with the assistance of the Manager, monitors and reviews the broad structure of the Company's capital on an ongoing basis. This review includes:

- the need to buy back equity shares, either for cancellation or to be held in Treasury, which takes into account the share price discount or premium; and the need for issues of new shares;
- the Board does not intend to utilise borrowings to increase the funds available for investment in respect of the Managed Growth and Managed Cash Shares;
- the opportunity for issues of new shares, including from Treasury; and
- the level of dividend distribution in excess of that which is required to be distributed.

# Regulatory Disclosures

## ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT FUND MANAGERS' DIRECTIVE ('AIFMD') DISCLOSURES (UNAUDITED)

### Leverage

For the purposes of the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive (the 'AIFMD'), leverage is any method which increases the Company's exposure, including the borrowing of cash and the use of derivatives. It is expressed as a ratio between the Company's exposure and its net asset value and is calculated on a gross and a commitment method, in accordance with the AIFMD. Under the gross method, exposure represents the sum of the Company's positions without taking into account any hedging and netting arrangements. Under the commitment method, exposure is calculated after certain hedging and netting positions are offset against each other.

The Company is required to state its maximum and actual leverage levels, calculated as prescribed by the AIFMD, as at 31st August 2017, which gives the following figures:

	Gross Method	Commitment Method
<b>Managed Growth</b>		
Maximum limit	200%	200%
Actual	104%	104%
<b>Managed Income</b>		
Maximum limit	200%	200%
Actual	100%	98%
<b>Managed Cash</b>		
Maximum limit	200%	200%
Actual	100%	100%

### JPMF Remuneration

JPMF is the authorised manager of the Company and is part of the JPMorgan Chase & Co. group of companies. In this disclosure, the terms 'JPMorgan' or 'Firm' refer to that group, and each of the entities in that group globally, unless otherwise specified.

This disclosure has been prepared in accordance with the AIFMD, the European Commission Delegated Regulation supplementing the AIFMD and the 'Guidelines on sound remuneration policies' under the AIFMD issued by the European Securities and Markets Authority under the AIFMD. The disclosure has also been prepared in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Financial Conduct Authority Handbook (FUND 3.3.5 and COLL 4.5.7).

### JPMF Remuneration Policy

The current remuneration policy for the Management Company (the 'Remuneration Policy') can be found at <https://am.jpmorgan.com/gb/en/asset-management/gim/adv/legal/emea-remuneration-policy>. This policy includes details of how remuneration benefits are calculated, including the financial and non-financial criteria used to evaluate performance, the responsibilities and composition of the Firm's Compensation and Management Development and the measures adopted to avoid or manage conflicts of interest. A copy of this policy can be requested free of charge from the Management Company. The Remuneration Policy applies to all employees of the Management Company, including individuals whose professional activities may have a material impact on the risk profile of the Management Company or the funds it manages ('Identified Staff'). The Identified Staff include members of the Board of the Management Company (the 'Board'), senior management, the heads of relevant Control Functions, and holders of other key functions. Individuals are notified of their identification and the implications of this status on at least an annual basis.

JPMF reviews and adopts the Remuneration Policy on an annual basis, and oversees its implementation, including the classification of Identified Staff.

### JPMF Quantitative Disclosures

Disclosures in accordance with FUND 3.3.5, Article 22(2)e and 22(2)f of the AIFMD and Article 107 of the Delegated Regulation are disclosed on the Company's website at [www.jpmelect.co.uk](http://www.jpmelect.co.uk)

## SECURITIES FINANCING TRANSACTIONS REGULATION ('SFTR') DISCLOSURE (UNAUDITED)

The Company does not engage in Securities Financing Transactions (as defined in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2365, securities financing transactions include repurchase transactions, securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing, buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions and margin lending transactions) or total return swaps. Accordingly, disclosures required by Article 13 of the Regulation are not applicable for the year ended 31st August 2017.

# Shareholder Information

## CAPITAL STRUCTURE AND CONVERSION BETWEEN SHARE CLASSES

The name JPMorgan Elect plc reflects the capital structure and the investment flexibility the Company offers to shareholders.

### Capital Structure

- **Managed Growth Shares**

Designed to provide long term capital growth by investing in a range of closed and open-ended funds managed principally by JPMAM.

- **Managed Income Shares**

Designed to provide a growing income together with the potential for long term capital growth by investing in equities, investment trusts and fixed income securities.

- **Managed Cash Shares**

Designed to preserve capital with a yield based on short term interest rates by investing in a range of liquidity funds, selected for their yield and credit rating, and short dated AAA-rated UK or G7 government securities hedged into sterling.

### Investing in Managed Cash Shares

Based on its return characteristics and the costs incurred in transacting in its shares, an investment in Managed Cash should only be considered by existing holders of Managed Growth and/or Managed Income who wish to switch into Managed Cash on the designated quarterly conversion dates. Accordingly, Managed Cash shares are not available for purchase through the J.P. Morgan Investment Account, J.P. Morgan ISA or J.P. Morgan SIPP or on J.P. Morgan WealthManager+.

### Repurchase of Managed Cash Shares

In order to mitigate the impact of the market spread on the Managed Cash shares it is possible for holders of Managed Cash shares to elect to have all or part of their holding of such shares repurchased by the Company for cash at a price close to net asset value on each conversion date (set out below).

The amount payable per Managed Cash share on repurchase is the net asset value of a Managed Cash share at the date of the relevant conversion calculation, less the applicable stamp duty at a rate of 0.5%.

### Conversion Opportunities

Shareholders in any of the three share classes are able to convert some or all of their shares into shares of the other classes on a quarterly basis without such conversion being treated, under current law, as a disposal for UK capital gains tax purposes.

The conversion mechanism allows shareholders to alter their investment profile to match their changing investment needs in a tax-efficient manner. Conversion dates arise every three months on 28th/29th February, 31st May, 31st August and 30th November (if such a date is not a business day, then the conversion date will move to the next business day). The Company, or its Manager, will make no administrative charge for any of the above conversions.

### Conversion Between the Share Classes

Those who hold shares through the J.P. Morgan Investment Account, J.P. Morgan ISA or J.P. Morgan SIPP must complete and submit a conversion instruction form which can be found at [www.jpmelect.co.uk](http://www.jpmelect.co.uk). Instructions for CREST holders can also be found at this address. Those who hold shares in certificated form on the main register must complete the conversion notice printed on the reverse of their certificate and send it to the Company's Registrars at the following address:

Equiniti Limited  
Repayments Team  
Corporate Actions  
Aspect House  
Spencer Road  
Lancing  
West Sussex  
BN99 6DA

Instructions must be received no earlier than 45 and no later than 14 calendar days before the chosen conversion date.

The number of shares that will arise upon conversion will be determined on the basis of the relative net asset values of each share class, taking into account the costs of the conversion process. Conversion will not affect the net asset value per share of those shares held by any shareholder who does not convert.

With regard to those who hold shares through the J.P. Morgan Investment Account, J.P. Morgan ISA or J.P. Morgan SIPP, the minimum number of shares of any class which may be converted is 1,000 shares (subject to a minimum value of £500). Conversion of fewer shares may only take place if the number to be converted constitutes the shareholder's entire holding in that class.

Shareholders who hold shares in certificated form on the main register or those who hold their shares in electronic form through CREST may convert a minimum of 1,000 shares or, if lower, their entire holding.

More details concerning conversion dates and conversion instruction forms can be found on the Company's website: [www.jpmelect.co.uk](http://www.jpmelect.co.uk).

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of JPMorgan Elect plc will be held at 60 Victoria Embankment, London EC4Y 0JP on Friday, 12th January 2018 at 12 noon for the following purposes:

1. To receive the Directors' Report, the Annual Accounts and the Auditor's Report for the year ended 31st August 2017.
2. To approve the Directors' Remuneration Policy.
3. To approve the Directors' Remuneration Report for the year ended 31st August 2017.
4. To reappoint Alan Hodson as a Non-Executive Director of the Company.
5. To reappoint James Robinson as a Non-Executive Director of the Company.
6. To reappoint Karl Sternberg as a Non-Executive Director of the Company.
7. To reappoint Carla Stent as a Non-Executive Director of the Company.
8. To reappoint Roger Yates as a Non-Executive Director of the Company.
9. To reappoint Ernst & Young LLP as the Auditor of the Company and to authorise the Directors to determine their remuneration.

### Special Business

To consider the following resolutions:

#### Authority to allot relevant securities – Ordinary Resolution

10. THAT the Board be and is hereby generally and unconditionally authorised (in substitution of any authorities previously granted to the Directors) pursuant to and in accordance with Section 551 of the Companies Act 2006, to exercise all the powers of the Company to allot relevant securities in the Company and to grant rights to subscribe for, or to convert any security into, shares in the Company, up to 3,305,704 Managed Growth Shares, 7,379,615 Managed Income Shares and 497,055 Managed Cash Shares or, if different, the aggregate amount representing approximately 10% of the issued share capital of each share class of the Company as at the date of this document provided that this authority shall expire at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held in 2019 unless renewed at a general meeting prior to such time, save that the Company may before such expiry make offers, agreements or arrangements which would or might require relevant securities to be allotted, or rights to be granted, after such expiry and so that the Directors of the

Company may allot relevant securities, and grant rights, in pursuance of such offers, agreements or arrangements as if the authority conferred hereby had not expired.

#### Authority to disapply pre-emption rights on allotment of relevant securities – Special Resolution

11. THAT, subject to the passing of resolution 10 set out above, the Directors of the Company be and are hereby empowered pursuant to Sections 570 and 573 of the Companies Act 2006 to allot equity securities (within the meaning of Section 560 of the Act) for cash pursuant to the authority conferred by resolution 10 or by way of a sale of Treasury shares as if Section 561(1) of the Companies Act 2006 did not apply to any such allotment, provided that this power shall be limited to:
  - (a) the allotment of equity securities in the Company by way of rights issue, open offer or otherwise to holders of Managed Growth shares, Managed Income shares and Managed Cash shares where the equity securities respectively attributable to the interest of all Managed Growth shares, Managed Income shares and Managed Cash shares are proportionate to the respective numbers of Managed Growth shares, Managed Income shares and Managed Cash shares held by them subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the Board may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or local or practical problems under the laws of, or the requirements of, any regulatory body or any stock exchange or any territory or otherwise howsoever; and/or
  - (b) the allotment (otherwise than pursuant to sub-paragraph (a) above) of equity securities for cash or by way of a sale of Treasury shares up to 3,305,704 Managed Growth Shares, 7,379,615 Managed Income Shares and 497,055 Managed Cash Shares or, if different, the aggregate amount representing approximately 10% of the issued share capital of each share class of the Company as at the date of this document at a price not less than the net asset value per share; and shall expire upon the expiry of the general authority conferred by resolution 10 above, save that the Company may before such expiry make offers or agreements which would or might require equity securities to be allotted after such expiry and the Board may allot equity securities in pursuance of such offers, agreements or arrangements as if the power conferred hereby had not expired.

#### Authority to repurchase the Company's shares – Special Resolution

12. THAT the Company be generally and, subject as hereinafter appears, unconditionally authorised in accordance with Section 701 of the Companies Act 2006 to make market purchases (within the meaning of Section 693 of the Companies Act 2006)

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of its issued Managed Growth shares, Managed Income shares and Managed Cash shares (all being classes of ordinary shares in the capital of the Company), on such terms and in such manner as the Directors may from time to time determine.

PROVIDED ALWAYS THAT:

- (i) the maximum number of Managed Growth, Managed Income and Managed Cash shares hereby authorised to be purchased shall be that number of Managed Growth, Managed Income and Managed Cash shares which is equal to 14.99% of the issued share capital of the relevant share class as at the date of the passing of this resolution;
- (ii) the minimum price which may be paid for a Managed Growth, Managed Income and Managed Cash share shall be 0.001p, 0.001p and 0.001p respectively;
- (iii) the maximum price which may be paid for a share shall be an amount equal to the highest of: (a) 105% of the average of the middle market quotations for the share taken from and calculated by reference to the London Stock Exchange Daily Official List for the five business days immediately preceding the day on which the share is purchased; (b) the price of the last independent trade; or (c) the highest current independent bid;
- (iv) any purchase of shares will be made in the market for cash at prices below the prevailing net asset value per share (as determined by the Directors) at the date following not more than seven days before the date of purchase;
- (v) the authority hereby conferred by this resolution shall expire at the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company after the passing of this resolution, or on the date immediately preceding the date which is 18 months after the passing of this resolution, whichever is the earlier; and
- (vi) the Company may make a contract to purchase shares under the authority hereby conferred prior to the expiry of such authority which contract will or may be executed wholly or partly after the expiry of such authority and may

make a purchase of shares pursuant to any such contract notwithstanding such expiry.

### Authority to make off-market purchases – Special Resolution

13. THAT the proposed Contingent Purchase contract between Winterflood Securities Limited and JPMorgan Elect plc to enable the Company to make off-market purchases of its own securities pursuant to Section 694 of the Companies Act 2006 in the form produced at the meeting and initialled by the Chairman, be and is hereby approved and the Company be and is hereby authorised to enter into and perform such contract, but so that the approval and authority conferred by this resolution shall expire on the day immediately preceding the date which is 18 months after the passing of this resolution or, if earlier, the next Annual General Meeting of the Company.

### Amendment to Managed Income investment policy – Ordinary Resolution

14. THAT the investment policy of the Managed Income portfolio be and is hereby amended so as to permit the Manager to introduce modest levels of gearing with a view to enhancing returns and such amendment be effected by deleting the existing Investment Restrictions and Guidelines which state ‘The Board does not intend to utilise borrowings to increase the funds available for investment’ and ‘The portfolio will be between 90-100 per cent. invested in equities (including investment companies) and fixed interest securities,’ and replacing them with the following new Investment Restrictions and Guidelines ‘The portfolio will utilise gearing within a range of 85 per cent. to 112.5 per cent.’ and ‘The Company may utilise gearing to achieve its investment exposure with a maximum gearing limit of 12.5 per cent. of net asset value, measured at the time of drawdown.’<sup>1</sup>

By order of the Board  
Faith Pengelly, for and on behalf of  
JPMorgan Funds Limited,  
Company Secretary.

7th December 2017

<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the Company’s articles, only Managed Income Shareholders are entitled to vote on Resolution 14.

## Notes

These notes should be read in conjunction with the notes on the reverse of the proxy form.

1. A member entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting may appoint another person(s) (who need not be a member of the Company) to exercise all or any of his rights to attend, speak and vote at the Meeting. A member can appoint more than one proxy in relation to the Meeting, provided that each proxy is appointed to exercise the rights attaching to different shares held by him.

In accordance with the Company's articles, only Management Income shareholders (or their duly appointed proxy or corporate representative) are entitled to vote on Resolution 14 which relates to the proposed amendment to the investment policy of the Management Income portfolio.

2. A proxy does not need to be a member of the Company but must attend the Meeting to represent you. Your proxy could be the Chairman, another Director of the Company or another person who has agreed to attend to represent you. Details of how to appoint the Chairman or another person(s) as your proxy or proxies using the proxy form are set out in the notes to the proxy form. If a voting box on the proxy form is left blank, the proxy or proxies will exercise his/their discretion both as to how to vote and whether he/they abstain(s) from voting. Your proxy must attend the Meeting for your vote to count. Appointing a proxy or proxies does not preclude you from attending the Meeting and voting in person.
3. Any instrument appointing a proxy, to be valid, must be lodged in accordance with the instructions given on the proxy form no later than 12 noon two business days prior to the Meeting (i.e. excluding weekends and bank holidays).
4. You may change your proxy instructions by returning a new proxy appointment. The deadline for receipt of proxy appointments also applies in relation to amended instructions. Any attempt to terminate or amend a proxy appointment received after the relevant deadline will be disregarded. Where two or more valid separate appointments of proxy are received in respect of the same share in respect of the same Meeting, the one which is last received (regardless of its date or the date of its signature) shall be treated as replacing and revoking the other or others as regards that share; if the Company is unable to determine which was last received, none of them shall be treated as valid in respect of that share.
5. To be entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting (and for the purpose of the determination by the Company of the number of votes they may cast), members must be entered on the Company's register of members as at 6.30 p.m. two business days prior to the Meeting (the 'specified time'). If the Meeting is adjourned to a time not more than 48 hours after the specified time applicable to the original Meeting, that time will also apply for the purpose of determining the entitlement of members to attend and vote (and for the purpose of determining the number of votes they may cast) at the adjourned Meeting. If, however, the Meeting is adjourned for a longer period then, to be so entitled, members must be entered on the Company's register of members as at 6.30 p.m. two business days prior to the adjourned Meeting or, if the Company gives notice of the adjourned Meeting, at the time specified in that notice. Changes to entries on the register after this time shall be

disregarded in determining the rights of persons to attend or vote at the Meeting or adjourned Meeting.

6. Entry to the Meeting will be restricted to shareholders and their proxy or proxies, with guests admitted only by prior arrangement.
7. A corporation, which is a shareholder, may appoint an individual(s) to act as its representative(s) and to vote in person at the Meeting (see instructions given on the proxy form). In accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006, each such representative may exercise (on behalf of the corporation) the same powers as the corporation could exercise if it were an individual member of the Company, provided that they do not do so in relation to the same shares. It is therefore no longer necessary to nominate a designated corporate representative.  
  
Representatives should bring to the meeting evidence of their appointment, including any authority under which it is signed.
8. Members that satisfy the thresholds in Section 527 of the Companies Act 2006 can require the Company to publish a statement on its website setting out any matter relating to: (a) the audit of the Company's accounts (including the Auditor's report and the conduct of the audit) that are to be laid before the Annual General Meeting ('AGM'); or (b) any circumstances connected with an Auditor of the Company ceasing to hold office since the previous AGM, which the members propose to raise at the Meeting. The Company cannot require the members requesting the publication to pay its expenses. Any statement placed on the website must also be sent to the Company's Auditor no later than the time it makes its statement available on the website. The business which may be dealt with at the AGM includes any statement that the Company has been required to publish on its website pursuant to this right.
9. Pursuant to Section 319A of the Companies Act 2006, the Company must cause to be answered at the AGM any question relating to the business being dealt with at the AGM which is put by a member attending the Meeting except in certain circumstances, including if it is undesirable in the interests of the Company or the good order of the Meeting or if it would involve the disclosure of confidential information.
10. Under Sections 338 and 338A of the Companies Act 2006, members meeting the threshold requirements in those sections have the right to require the Company: (i) to give, to members of the Company entitled to receive notice of the Meeting, notice of a resolution which those members intend to move (and which may properly be moved) at the Meeting; and/or (ii) to include in the business to be dealt with at the Meeting any matter (other than a proposed resolution) which may properly be included in the business at the Meeting. A resolution may properly be moved, or a matter properly included in the business unless: (a) (in the case of a resolution only) it would, if passed, be ineffective (whether by reason of any inconsistency with any enactment or the Company's constitution or otherwise); (b) it is defamatory of any person; or (c) it is frivolous or vexatious. A request made pursuant to this right may be in hard copy or electronic form, must identify the resolution of which notice is to be given or the matter to be included in the business, must be accompanied by a statement setting out the grounds for the request, must be authenticated by the person(s) making it and must be received by the Company not later than the date that is six clear weeks before the Meeting, and (in the

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case of a matter to be included in the business only) must be accompanied by a statement setting out the grounds for the request.

11. A copy of this Notice of Meeting has been sent for information only to persons who have been nominated by a member to enjoy information rights under Section 146 of the Companies Act 2006 (a 'Nominated Person'). The rights to appoint a proxy can not be exercised by a Nominated Person: they can only be exercised by the member. However, a Nominated Person may have a right under an agreement between him and the member by whom he was nominated to be appointed as a proxy for the Meeting or to have someone else so appointed. If a Nominated Person does not have such a right or does not wish to exercise it, he may have a right under such an agreement to give instructions to the member as to the exercise of voting rights.
12. In accordance with Section 311A of the Companies Act 2006, the contents of this Notice of Meeting, details of the total number of shares in respect of which members are entitled to exercise voting rights at the AGM, the total voting rights members are entitled to exercise at the AGM and, if applicable, any members' statements, members' resolutions or members' matters of business received by the Company after the date of this Notice of Meeting will be available on the Company's website [www.jpmelect.co.uk](http://www.jpmelect.co.uk).
13. The register of interests of the Directors and connected persons in the share capital of the Company and the Directors' letters of appointment are available for inspection at the Company's registered office during usual business hours on any weekday (Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted). It will also be available for inspection at the AGM. No Director has any contract of service with the Company.

14. You may not use any electronic address provided in this Notice of Meeting to communicate with the Company for any purposes other than those expressly stated.
15. As an alternative to completing a hard copy Form of Proxy/Voting Direction Form, you can appoint a proxy or proxies electronically by visiting [www.sharevote.co.uk](http://www.sharevote.co.uk). You will need your Voting ID, Task ID and Shareholder Reference Number (this is the series of numbers printed under your name on the Form of Proxy/Voting Direction Form). Alternatively, if you have already registered with Equiniti Limited's online portfolio service, Shareview, you can submit your Form of Proxy at [www.shareview.co.uk](http://www.shareview.co.uk). Full instructions are given on both websites.
16. As at 30th November 2017 (being the latest business day prior to the publication of this Notice of Meeting), the Company's issued share capital consists of 33,057,047 Managed Growth shares, 73,796,157 Managed Income shares and 4,970,557 Managed Cash shares. Voting rights are calculated by reference to the Share Voting numbers which, as at 31st August 2017, were 7.86 (Managed Growth), 1.17 (Managed Income) and 1.02 (Managed Cash). Therefore the total voting rights in the Company as at 30th November 2017 was 351,329,860.

### **Electronic appointment - CREST members**

CREST members who wish to appoint a proxy or proxies by utilising the CREST electronic proxy appointment service may do so for the Meeting and any adjournment(s) thereof by using the procedures described in the CREST Manual. See further instructions on the proxy form.

## NOTICE OF SEPARATE CLASS MEETING OF MANAGED INCOME SHAREHOLDERS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a separate class meeting of holders of Managed Income Shares in JPMorgan Elect plc (**JPM Elect**) (**the Managed Income Class Meeting**) will be held at 60 Victoria Embankment, London, EC4Y OJP at 12.15 p.m. (or, if later, immediately following the conclusion or adjournment of the Company's Annual General Meeting to be held at 12 noon) on Friday, 12th January 2018 for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following class consent which shall be proposed as an ordinary resolution:

**THAT** the investment policy of the Managed Income portfolio be and is hereby amended so as to permit the Manager to introduce modest levels of gearing with a view to enhancing returns and such amendment be effected by deleting the existing Investment Restrictions and Guidelines which state 'The Board does not intend to utilise borrowings to increase the funds available for investment' and 'The portfolio will be between 90-100 per cent. invested in equities (including investment companies) and fixed interest securities' and replacing them with the following new Investment Restrictions and Guidelines 'The portfolio will utilise gearing within a range of 85 per cent. to 112.5 per cent.' and 'The Company may utilise gearing to achieve its investment exposure with a maximum gearing limit of 12.5 per cent. of net asset value, measured at the time of drawdown.'

By order of the Board  
Faith Pengelly, for and on behalf of  
JPMorgan Funds Limited,  
Company Secretary.

*Registered office:*  
60 Victoria Embankment  
London EC4Y OJP

7th December 2017

### Notes

These notes should be read in conjunction with the notes on the reverse of the proxy form.

1. Only Managed Income Shareholders are entitled to attend and vote at the Managed Income Class Meeting. A Managed Income Shareholder may appoint another person(s) (who need not be a member of the Company) to exercise all or any of his rights to attend, speak and vote at the Managed Income Class Meeting. A Managed Income Shareholder can appoint more than one proxy in relation to the Managed Income Class Meeting, provided that each proxy is appointed to exercise the rights attaching to different shares held by him. If a Managed Income Shareholder wishes to appoint more than one proxy and so requires additional proxy forms, the Managed Income Shareholder should contact the Company's Registrars Equiniti Limited, Reference 2018, Aspect House, Spencer Road, Lancing, West Sussex, BN99 6DA.
2. A proxy does not need to be a Managed Income Shareholder but must attend the Managed Income Class Meeting to represent you. Your proxy could be the Chairman, another Director of the Company or another person who has agreed to attend to represent you. Details of how to appoint the Chairman or another person(s) as your proxy or proxies using the proxy form are set out in the notes to the proxy form. If a voting box on the proxy form is left blank, the proxy or proxies will exercise his/their discretion both as to how to vote and whether he/they abstain(s) from voting. Your proxy must attend the Managed Income Class Meeting for your vote to count. Appointing a proxy or proxies does not preclude you from attending the Managed Income Class Meeting and voting in person.
3. Any instrument appointing a proxy, to be valid, must be lodged in accordance with the instructions given on the proxy form no later than 48 hours prior to the Managed Income Class Meeting (i.e. excluding weekends and bank holidays).
4. You may change your proxy instructions by returning a new proxy appointment. The deadline for receipt of proxy appointments also applies in relation to amended instructions. Any attempt to terminate or amend a proxy appointment received after the relevant deadline will be disregarded. Where two or more valid separate appointments of proxy are received in respect of the same Managed Income Share in respect of the same Managed Income Class Meeting, the one which is last received (regardless of its date or the date of its signature) shall be treated as replacing and revoking the other or others as regards that Managed Income Share; if the Company is unable to determine which was last received, none of them shall be treated as valid in respect of that Managed Income Share.

## NOTICE OF SEPARATE CLASS MEETING OF MANAGED INCOME SHAREHOLDERS *CONTINUED*

5. The quorum for the Managed Income Class Meeting shall be two persons entitled to vote and holding or representing by proxy not less than one-third in nominal value of the issued Managed Income Shares. In the event that a quorum of Managed Income Shareholders is not present in person or by proxy within five minutes of the start time of the Managed Income Class Meeting, the Chairman shall adjourn the Managed Income Class Meeting for a further period of five minutes. The Managed Income Class Meeting will then be re-convened, subject to a quorum of one person holding Managed Income Shares being present in person or by proxy.
6. To be entitled to attend and vote at the Managed Income Class Meeting (and for the purpose of the determination by the Company of the number of votes they may cast), Managed Income Shareholders must be entered as such on the Company's register of members as at 6.30 p.m. two business days prior to the Managed Income Class Meeting (the 'specified time'). If the Managed Income Class Meeting is adjourned to a time not more than 48 hours after the specified time applicable to the original Managed Income Class Meeting, that time will also apply for the purpose of determining the entitlement of Managed Income Shareholders to attend and vote (and for the purpose of determining the number of votes they may cast) at the adjourned Managed Income Class Meeting. If, however, the Managed Income Class Meeting is adjourned for a longer period then, to be so entitled, Managed Income Shareholders must be entered as such on the Company's register of members as at 6.30 p.m. two business days prior to the adjourned Managed Income Class Meeting or, if the Company gives notice of the adjourned Managed Income Class Meeting, at the time specified in that notice. Changes to entries on the register after this time shall be disregarded in determining the rights of persons to attend or vote at the Managed Income Class Meeting or adjourned Managed Income Class Meeting. Entry to the Managed Income Class Meeting will be restricted to Managed Income Shareholders and their proxy or proxies, with guests admitted only by prior arrangement.
7. A corporation, which is a Managed Income Shareholder, may appoint an individual(s) to act as its representative(s) and to vote in person at the Managed Income Class Meeting (see instructions given on the proxy form). In accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006, each such representative may exercise (on behalf of the corporation) the same powers as the corporation could exercise if it were an individual member of the Company, provided that they do not do so in relation to the same Managed Income Shares. It is therefore no longer necessary to nominate a designated corporate representative. Representatives should bring to the Managed Income Class Meeting evidence of their appointment, including any authority under which it is signed.
8. A copy of this Notice of Separate Class Meeting of Managed Income Shareholders has been sent for information only to persons who have been nominated by a member to enjoy information rights under Section 146 of the Companies Act 2006 (a 'Nominated Person'). The rights to appoint a proxy cannot be exercised by a Nominated Person: they can only be exercised by the member. However, a Nominated Person may have a right under an agreement between him and the member by whom he was nominated to be appointed as a proxy for the Managed Income Class Meeting or to have someone else so appointed. If a Nominated Person does not have such a right or does not wish to exercise it, he may have a right under such an agreement to give instructions to the member as to the exercise of voting rights.
9. You may not use any electronic address provided in this Notice of Separate Class Meeting of Managed Income Shareholders to communicate with the Company for any purposes other than those expressly stated.
10. As an alternative to completing a hard copy Form of Proxy, you can appoint a proxy or proxies electronically by visiting [www.sharevote.co.uk](http://www.sharevote.co.uk). You will need your Voting ID, Task ID and Shareholder Reference Number (this is the series of numbers printed under your name on the Form of Proxy). Alternatively, if you have already registered with Equiniti Limited's online portfolio service, Shareview, you can submit your Form of Proxy at [www.shareview.co.uk](http://www.shareview.co.uk). Full instructions are given on both websites.
11. As at 30th November 2017 (being the latest business day prior to the publication of this Notice of Separate Class Meeting of Managed Income Shareholders), 73,796,157 Managed Income Shares were in issue, each of which carries the right to cast one vote on a poll at the Managed Income Class Meeting. Therefore the voting rights which may be cast at the Managed Income Class Meeting as at 30th November 2017 were 86,341,503.
12. CREST members who wish to appoint a proxy or proxies by utilising the CREST electronic proxy appointment service may do so for the Managed Income Class Meeting and any adjournment(s) thereof by using the procedures described in the CREST Manual. See further instructions on the proxy form.

## APPENDIX

### JPMorgan Elect plc's Managed Income share class current investment objective and investment policy marked up to show the proposed changes

#### Objective of the Managed Income portfolio

The objective of the Managed Income portfolio is to achieve a growing income return with potential for long term capital growth by investing in equities, investment companies and fixed income securities.

#### Investment Policies and Risk Management

In order to achieve its stated investment policy and to seek to manage investment risks, the Managed Income portfolio is invested in a diversified portfolio of UK equities (including investment companies), fixed income securities and open-ended funds. The number of investments in the portfolio will normally range between 50 and 80.

#### Investment Restrictions and Guidelines

- No more than 10% of the value of the portfolio's gross assets will be invested in any single investment.
- The portfolio does not invest more than 10% of its gross assets in any company that itself may invest more than 15% of its gross assets in UK listed investment companies.
- ~~The portfolio will be between 90-100 per cent invested in equities (including investment companies) and fixed interest securities.~~
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ The investment managers may write options within parameters set by the Board. Prior approval is required from the Board for investment in all other derivative instruments. Board permission has been granted for the limited use of futures for tactical asset allocation purposes. Investments in derivatives will only be made for the purposes of efficient portfolio management.
- The Company will seek to maintain investment exposure in a range of 85 per cent. to 112.5 per cent. measured as a percentage of net asset value.
- The Company may utilise gearing to achieve its investment exposure with a maximum gearing limit of 12.5 per cent. of net asset value, measured at the time of drawdown.  
~~The Board does not intend to utilise borrowing to increase the funds available for investment.~~

~~These limits and restrictions may be varied by the Board at any time at its discretion.~~

## GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND ALTERNATIVE PERFORMANCE MEASURES

### Return to Shareholders

Total return to the investor, on a last traded price to last traded price basis, assuming that all dividends received were reinvested, without transaction costs, into the relevant share class of the Company at the time the shares were quoted ex-dividend.

### Return on Net Assets

Total return on net asset value ('NAV') per share, on a bid value to bid value basis, assuming that all dividends paid out by the Company were reinvested, without transaction costs, into the relevant share class of the Company at the NAV per share at the time the shares were quoted ex-dividend.

In accordance with industry practice, dividends payable which have been declared but which are unpaid at the balance sheet date are deducted from the NAV per share when calculating the total return on net assets.

### Benchmark Return

Total return on the relevant benchmark, on a closing-market value to closing-market value basis, assuming that all dividends received were reinvested, without transaction costs, into the shares of the underlying companies at the time the shares were quoted ex-dividend.

The benchmarks are composites of recognised indices of stocks which should not be taken as wholly representative of the Company's investment universe. The Company's investment strategy does not track these indices and consequently, there may be some divergence between the performance of the relevant portfolio and that of its benchmark.

### Gearing/Net Cash

Gearing represents the excess amount above shareholders' funds of total investments, expressed as a percentage of the shareholders' funds. If the amount calculated is negative, this is shown as a 'net cash' position.

### Ongoing Charges

The ongoing charges represent the Company's management fee and all other operating expenses, excluding finance costs, expressed as a percentage of the average daily net assets during the year and is calculated in accordance with guidance issued by the Association of Investment Companies.

### Share Price Discount/Premium to Net Asset Value ('NAV') Per Share

If the share price of an investment trust is lower than the NAV per share, the Company's shares are said to be trading at a discount. The discount is shown as a percentage of the NAV per share. The opposite of a discount is a premium. It is more common for an investment trust's shares to trade at a discount than at a premium.

## WHERE TO BUY J.P. MORGAN INVESTMENT TRUSTS

You can invest in a J.P. Morgan investment trust through the following;

### 1. Directly from J.P. Morgan

#### Investment Account

The Company's shares are available in the J.P. Morgan Investment Account, which facilitates both regular monthly investments and occasional lump sum investments in the Company's ordinary shares. Shareholders who would like information on the Investment Account should call J.P. Morgan Asset Management free on 0800 20 40 20 or visit its website at [am.jpmorgan.co.uk/investor](http://am.jpmorgan.co.uk/investor)

#### Stocks & Shares Individual Savings Accounts (ISA)

The Company's shares are eligible investments within a J.P. Morgan ISA. For the 2017/18 tax year, from 6th April 2017 and ending 5th April 2018, the total ISA allowance is £20,000. The shares are also available in a J.P. Morgan Junior ISA. Details are available from J.P. Morgan Asset Management free on 0800 20 40 20 or via its website at [am.jpmorgan.co.uk/investor](http://am.jpmorgan.co.uk/investor)

### 2. Via a third party provider

Third party providers include;

AJ Bell	Interactive Investor
Alliance Trust Savings	James Brearley
Barclays Stockbrokers	James Hay
Bestinvest	Selftrade
Charles Stanley Direct	TD Direct
FundsNetwork	The Share Centre
Hargreaves Lansdown	Trustnet Direct

Please note this list is not exhaustive and the availability of individual trusts may vary depending on the provider. These websites are third party sites and J.P. Morgan Asset Management does not endorse or recommend any. Please observe each site's privacy and cookie policies as well as their platform charges structure.

### 3. Through a professional adviser

Professional advisers are usually able to access the products of all the companies in the market and can help you find an investment that suits your individual circumstances. An adviser will let you know the fee for their service before you go ahead. You can find an adviser at [unbiased.co.uk](http://unbiased.co.uk)

You may also buy investment trusts through stockbrokers, wealth managers and banks.

To familiarise yourself with the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) adviser charging and commission rules, visit [fca.org.uk](http://fca.org.uk)

## Be ScamSmart

### Investment scams are designed to look like genuine investments

#### Spot the warning signs

Have you been:

- contacted out of the blue
- promised tempting returns and told the investment is safe
- called repeatedly, or
- told the offer is only available for a limited time?

If so, you might have been contacted by fraudsters.

### Avoid investment fraud

#### 1 Reject cold calls

If you've received unsolicited contact about an investment opportunity, chances are it's a high risk investment or a scam. You should treat the call with extreme caution. The safest thing to do is to hang up.

#### 2 Check the FCA Warning List

The FCA Warning List is a list of firms and individuals we know are operating without our authorisation.

#### 3 Get impartial advice

Think about getting impartial financial advice before you hand over any money. Seek advice from someone unconnected to the firm that has approached you.

**Remember: if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!**

### Report a Scam

If you suspect that you have been approached by fraudsters please tell the FCA using the reporting form at [www.fca.org.uk/consumers/report-scam-unauthorised-firm](http://www.fca.org.uk/consumers/report-scam-unauthorised-firm). You can also call the FCA Consumer Helpline on **0800 111 6768**

If you have lost money to investment fraud, you should report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or online at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)

**Find out more at**  
[www.fca.org.uk/scamsmart](http://www.fca.org.uk/scamsmart)



# Information about the Company

## FINANCIAL CALENDAR

Financial year end	31st August
Final results announced	November
Half year end	28th February
Half year results announced	April
Dividends payable (if any)	March, June, September and December
Annual General Meeting	January

## History

The Company was incorporated on 16th September 1999 and launched as an investment trust on 24th November 1999 with assets of £28 million. The Company changed its name to JPMorgan Fleming Managed Growth plc on 5th December 2002. The Company's name was changed to JPMorgan Fleming Elect plc on 14th January 2004 following the capital reorganisation and combination of JPMorgan Fleming Managed Growth plc and JPMorgan Fleming Managed Income plc. The Company adopted its present name on 2nd February 2006.

There are three share classes, each with distinct investment policies, objectives and underlying investment portfolios. Each share class is listed separately and traded on the London Stock Exchange. This capital structure means that shareholders may benefit from greater investment flexibility in a tax-efficient manner.

## Company Numbers

Company registration number: 3845060  
London Stock Exchange Sedol numbers:  
Managed Growth: 0852814, Managed Income: 3408021,  
Managed Cash: 3408009

### ISIN:

Managed Growth:	GB0008528142
Managed Income:	GB0034080217
Managed Cash:	GB0034080092

Bloomberg Codes:

Managed Growth:	JPE LN
Managed Income:	JPEI LN
Managed Cash:	JPEC LN

## Market Information

Net asset values per share for each share class are published daily via the London Stock Exchange. The Company's shares are listed on the London Stock Exchange. The market price is shown daily in the Financial Times, The Times, The Daily Telegraph, The Scotsman and on the JPMorgan internet site at [www.jpmelect.co.uk](http://www.jpmelect.co.uk), where the share prices are updated every fifteen minutes during trading hours.

## Website

[www.jpmelect.co.uk](http://www.jpmelect.co.uk)

## Share Transactions

The Company's shares may be dealt in directly through a stockbroker or professional adviser acting on an investor's behalf. They may also be purchased and held through the J.P. Morgan Investment Account, J.P. Morgan ISA and J.P. Morgan Junior ISA. These products are all available on the online service at [jpmorgan.co.uk/online](http://jpmorgan.co.uk/online)

## Manager and Company Secretary

JPMorgan Funds Limited

## Company's Registered Office

60 Victoria Embankment  
London EC4Y 0JP  
Telephone number: 020 7742 4000

For company secretarial matters, please contact Faith Pengelly.

## Depository

BNY Mellon Trust & Depository (UK) Limited  
BNY Mellon Centre  
160 Queen Victoria Street  
London EC4V 4LA

The Depository has appointed JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as the Company's custodian.

## Registrars

Equiniti Limited  
Reference 2018  
Aspect House  
Spencer Road  
Lancing  
West Sussex BN99 6DA  
Telephone number: 0371 384 2530

Lines open 8.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Monday to Friday. Calls to the helpline will cost no more than a national rate call to a 01 or 02 number. Callers from overseas should dial +44 121 415 0225.

Notifications of changes of address and enquiries regarding share certificates or dividend cheques should be made in writing to the Registrars quoting reference 2018.

Registered shareholders can obtain further details on their holdings on the internet by visiting [www.shareview.co.uk](http://www.shareview.co.uk).

## Independent Auditors

Ernst & Young LLP  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor  
1 More London Place  
London SE1 2AF

## Brokers

Winterflood Securities Limited  
The Atrium Building  
Cannon Bridge  
25 Dowgate Hill  
London EC4R 2GA  
Telephone number: 020 7621 0004

## Savings Product Administrators

For queries on the J.P. Morgan Investment Account, J.P. Morgan ISA and J.P. Morgan SIPP, see contact details on the back cover of this report.

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Telephone lines are open Monday to Friday,  
9.00am to 5.30pm.

Telephone calls may be recorded and monitored for security and training purposes.