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# JPMorgan Indian Investment Trust plc

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Annual Report & Accounts for the year ended 30th September 2016



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## Objective

Capital growth from investments in India.

## Investment Policies

- To invest in a diversified portfolio of equity and equity-related securities of Indian companies.
- To invest also in companies which earn a material part of their revenues from India.
- The Company will not invest in the other countries of the Indian sub-continent nor in Sri Lanka.
- To invest no more than 15% of gross assets in other investment companies (including investment trusts).
- To use gearing when appropriate to increase potential returns to shareholders; the Company's gearing policy is to use short-term gearing for tactical purposes, up to a maximum level of 15% of shareholders' funds.

## Benchmark

MSCI India Index expressed in sterling terms.

## Risk

Investors should note that there can be significant economic and political risks inherent in investing in a single emerging economy such as India. As such, the Indian market can exhibit more volatility than developed markets and this should be taken into consideration when evaluating the suitability of the Company as a potential investment.

## Capital Structure

At 30th September 2016, the Company's share capital comprised 125,617,586 Ordinary shares of 25p each, including 20,300,971 shares held in Treasury.

## Continuation Vote

The Company's Articles require that, at the Annual General Meeting to be held in 2019 and at every fifth year thereafter, the Directors propose a resolution that the Company continues as an investment trust.

## Management Company and Company Secretary

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

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

The Company currently conducts its affairs so that the shares issued by JPMorgan Indian Investment Trust plc can be recommended by Independent Financial Advisers to ordinary retail investors in accordance with the FCA rules 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.

## AIC

The Company is a member of the Association of Investment Companies.

## Website

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

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# Financial Results

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## TOTAL RETURNS

**+25.8%**

Return to shareholders<sup>1</sup>  
(2015: +12.9%)

**+27.9%**

Return on net assets<sup>2</sup>  
(2015: +14.0%)

**+23.8%**

Benchmark total return<sup>3</sup>  
(2015: +0.7%)

## Cumulative Performance

FOR PERIODS ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2016

	Return to shareholders <sup>1</sup>	Return on net assets <sup>2</sup>	Benchmark <sup>3</sup>
3 Year	+105.0%	+102.4%	+71.3%
5 Year	+76.2%	+83.5%	+55.2%
10 Year	+133.0%	+160.4%	+138.0%

<sup>1</sup> Source: Morningstar.

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

<sup>3</sup> Source: MSCI. The Company's benchmark is the MSCI India Index expressed in sterling.

A glossary of terms and definitions is provided on page 65.

## CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT



### Results

The year to 30th September 2016 was a positive one for Indian investors, as measured by the Company's benchmark index, the MSCI India Index (in sterling terms), which returned +23.8%. The weakness of sterling against the Rupee was a significant factor.

I am pleased to report that your Company again outperformed the index, producing a return on net assets of +27.9% over the year. The return to shareholders was a little less than this, at +25.8%, reflecting a widening of the discount from 12.3% to 13.7% over the year.

This continues your Company's excellent long term performance record, as can be seen from the table on page 2. Our Investment Managers deserve credit for the results that they have achieved. They set out the key factors affecting the Indian economy and equity market as well as the portfolio's performance over the financial year, and give their view of the prospects for the future, in their report on pages 6 to 8.

### Conditional Tender

On 29th November 2013, following consultation with the Company's large shareholders and its advisers, the Board announced an obligation to make a tender offer to shareholders at net asset value less costs if, over the three years to 30th September 2016, the Company underperformed its benchmark index, any such tender to be for up to 25% of the Company's issued share capital. I am very pleased to report that the Company has significantly outperformed the index over the three years, producing a return on net assets of +102.4%, which compares very favourably with the index return of +71.3%. The return to shareholders over that three year period was +105.0%. Therefore the Board will not make such a tender offer, but it renews its commitment to shareholders by undertaking to offer a tender for up to 25% of the issued share capital, at net asset value less costs, should the Company underperform the benchmark index over the three years to 30th September 2019. The Board believes this will continue to incentivise the Manager to produce outperformance.

### Tax

As I reported in my half year statement, on 10th May 2016 it was announced that the India-Mauritius tax treaty is to be amended. The advantages of investing in India via Mauritius, whereby gains made on investments held for less than 12 months are not currently subject to capital gains tax, will be removed as a result (the capital gains tax rate on investments held for more than 12 months will continue to be zero). There will be transitional arrangements in place between March 2017 and March 2019, when tax will be applied to short term gains at half of the prevailing rate (i.e. at 8.1%). The new treaty rules become fully effective thereafter. Our Investment Managers tend to hold investments for longer than 12 months and hence, in the normal course of business, it is not expected that the amendments to the tax treaty will have a material effect on the Company.

However, the Board is continuing to take professional advice on this matter, both from JPMorgan and from external lawyers. No decision has yet been taken on whether to continue to invest via the Company's Mauritius subsidiary, or the timetable for any change of structure, but the Board expects to be able to provide more information to shareholders in the first half of 2017.

## CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT *CONTINUED*

### Gearing

During the year, the Company had in place a three year floating rate £70 million loan facility with Scotiabank to provide the Investment Managers with the flexibility to gear the portfolio when they believe it is appropriate. At the end of the financial year £62.8 million was drawn and the portfolio was 7.0% geared. As at the date of this report, the gearing level is approximately 7.4%. Subsequent to the financial year end, the capacity of the loan facility was increased to £100 million to allow the Investment Managers scope to maintain the level of gearing should the market continue to rise.

### Investment Manager

The Board has reviewed the investment management, company secretarial, sales and marketing services provided to the Company by JPMorgan Funds ('JPMF'). This annual review included the performance record, management processes, investment style, resources and risk control mechanisms. The Board was satisfied with the results of the review and therefore in the opinion of the Directors, the continuing appointment of JPMF for the provision of these services, on the terms agreed, is in the best interests of shareholders as a whole.

### Share Issues and Repurchases

At the Annual General Meeting in January 2016 shareholders renewed the Directors' authority to repurchase up to 14.99% of the Company's shares for cancellation or into Treasury. The Company repurchased a total of 391,183 shares into Treasury during the year and there are now a total of 20,329,971 shares held in Treasury. Your Board believes that such a facility is an important tool in the management of discount volatility and is, therefore, seeking approval from shareholders to renew the authority to repurchase the Company's shares at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Shareholders also granted the Directors authority to issue new ordinary shares. At various times in the past, the Company's shares have traded at a premium to net asset value ('NAV'), which has enabled the issue of new shares. The Board has established guidelines relating to the issue of shares and if these conditions are met, this authority will be utilised to enhance the Company's NAV per share and therefore benefit existing shareholders.

To supplement this authority, the Board will reissue shares from Treasury when appropriate. Issuing shares out of Treasury would be cheaper than issuing new shares since it avoids the necessity of the Company paying listing fees to the London Stock Exchange and the UK Listing Authority. The Board will only buy back shares at a discount to their prevailing NAV and issue new shares, or reissue Treasury shares, when they trade at a premium to their NAV, so as not to prejudice continuing shareholders.

### Annual General Meeting

This year's Annual General Meeting will be held at JPMorgan's office at 60 Victoria Embankment, London EC4Y 0JP on Wednesday, 1st February 2017 at 12.30 p.m. As in previous years, in addition to the formal part of the meeting, there will be a presentation from one of the Investment Managers, who will answer questions on the Company's portfolio and performance. There will also be an opportunity to meet the Board and representatives of JPMorgan.

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As we have done at previous Annual General Meetings, in order to prevent overcrowding, entry will be restricted to shareholders only and guests will not be admitted to the meeting.

If you have any detailed or 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 AGM are encouraged to use their proxy votes.

## Outlook

I have learned over the ten years that I have been a Director of our Company that forecasting movements in the Indian stock market is an extraordinarily difficult and unrewarding endeavour. The long term positives are always there - a huge population with a substantial and growing middle class, a firmly rooted democratic system of government, an established if slow legal system, a well understood role for shareholder owned companies in the economic system and, overall, excellent prospects for long term growth. I will not depress you by setting out an equally long list of negative factors, which have often been mentioned in my predecessors' statements!

Now, however, seems to be a peculiarly difficult time to make any kind of short term forecast for the Indian economy and market. In the medium and long term, the passage of legislation to introduce a national Goods and Services Tax should be a very major improvement. But in the immediate future the dramatic move by the Government to withdraw all 500 and 1000 rupee notes (which constitute over 80% of the cash circulating in one of the most cash-dependent economies in the world) from circulation with immediate effect a month ago may have severe short term deleterious effects on economic activity and profits. Or it may not. This is a policy move, designed to root out endemic corruption, that has never been tried on this scale before, anywhere. Economists may be relishing the opportunity to watch and learn from that rare thing, a real life experiment in their discipline, but for investors this is a very uncomfortable time.

At present, we are proceeding on the basis that this event will prove to be of only short term significance to economic activity, comparable perhaps to the 2011 earthquake and tsunami in Japan. If this is right, then the stock market weakness seen in November and the fall in our NAV since the end of the financial year will be only temporary and I will be able to report on another satisfactory year in twelve months time. However, I have to tell you that my confidence in this forecast is lower than I would like.

**Richard Burns**  
Chairman

14th December 2016



## INVESTMENT MANAGERS' REPORT



Rukhshad Shroff



Rajendra Nair

### Market Review

It was yet another year of volatility. This appears to be a permanent feature of markets and investing. The important question is: how do we, as managers of your money respond to this? We think we know how: being macro aware, yet putting even more emphasis on bottom-up, stock level fundamentals – more on this below.

A quick review of the financial year highlights some continuing challenges on the macro front, as well as some meaningful reforms that should lay the foundation for a much more robust overall environment for investment in Indian equities.

Growth has remained weak – green shoots appear, only to disappear. There is certainly no synchronized economic recovery underway, with GDP growth stuck at approximately 7.5% (equivalent to approximately 5.5% under the old calculation method). As a natural consequence, overall corporate earnings growth has remained weak and continued to see downgrades, which is usually a headwind for equities. This has been overcome by hope and optimism about the future. This optimism needs to prove justified if equities are to sustain current levels and indeed rise further.

The coordinated effort of the Reserve Bank of India ('RBI') and the government to manage inflation has so far worked. Consumer price inflation has largely been contained at 5% and wholesale price inflation (better reflecting corporate pricing power) turned from negative to positive. Benign inflation has allowed the RBI to cut interest rates (by 50bp), banks have cut lending rates and the bond market has rallied with yields declining by as much as 100bp. Luck played a role too: India had a good monsoon in 2016, after two consecutive weak seasons: this is good for agricultural output, food price inflation and farm sector prosperity.

Among other key events, India made a smooth transition from one RBI Governor (Dr Rajan) to the next (Dr Patel) and continuity and credibility have been maintained; the passage of the Goods and Services Tax (on which more below) and important changes in the banking sector should eventually lead to healthier banks, better allocation of capital and eventually a new growth cycle. For some banks, the process of reconstruction and repair will inevitably be painful.

### Performance Review

However, investing purely on the basis of the macro view is not our approach. We are confident that, in a more volatile macro environment, focusing on individual company level fundamentals is even more important than in more stable times. The factors we think important include the economics of the business, the duration of the opportunity and the overall quality of management that enable companies to gain market share and further strengthen their competitive advantage during periods of adversity.

Some examples of stocks that helped our portfolio perform well include: UltraTech Cement, which used its strong balance sheet to acquire cement assets at distressed prices; HDFC Bank & Indusind Bank, two private sector banks which we have held for many years, rapidly gaining market share; and Motilal Oswal Financial Services, a small cap financial services company that is an example of strong entrepreneurship in a tough industry.

Needless to say, there were stocks that cost us performance. Some were in the commodity sector, which saw a strong rally, but which we did not own. Given our general preference for more durable businesses we tend, more often than not, not to own deep commodity cyclicals. This can be painful at times. Others are names such as Jubilant Foods, which we



own, but which has suffered from slower than expected growth in discretionary consumption (people are eating less pizzas than we had hoped). This is a well-run business and we continue to own it.

Overall, being disciplined, bottom-up investors with a preference for buying quality companies, yet being macro aware, has worked well this year. The market, as measured by the benchmark index, was up 23.8% over the financial year and your Company's total return on net assets was +27.9%.

### Recent Developments

In an unexpected move Prime Minister Modi announced on 8th November that the Rs 500 and Rs 1000 notes would be withdrawn from circulation with immediate effect, to be replaced by new Rs 500 and Rs 2000 notes. One of Modi's key objectives in this move has been to attack corruption. Unaccounted for or 'black' money is a manifestation of corruption, an aspect of the economy which he wants to clamp down on. This comes after an amnesty scheme, which ended in September 2016, where individuals were allowed to declare their previously unreported wealth, pay the tax due and escape any penalties or prosecution. Reducing counterfeit currency and cracking down on terrorist financing have also been cited as objectives of the Government.

#### PERFORMANCE ATTRIBUTION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2016

	%	%
<b>Contributions to total returns</b>		
<b>Benchmark</b>		<b>+23.8</b>
Asset allocation	+3.1	
Stock selection	+0.4	
Currency effect	+0.7	
Gearing	+1.1	
<b>Investment Manager contribution</b>		<b>+5.3</b>
<b>Portfolio return</b>		<b>+29.1</b>
Management fee/other expenses	-1.2	
<b>Return on net assets</b>		<b>+27.9</b>
<b>Return to shareholders</b>		<b>+25.8</b>

Source: Factset, J.P. Morgan and Morningstar. All figures are on a total return basis.

Performance attribution analyses how the Company achieved its recorded performance relative to its benchmark.

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## INVESTMENT MANAGERS' REPORT *CONTINUED*

There will be several implications, including some unintended consequences given the unprecedented nature of this move and its enormous scale (these notes account for 85% of the cash in circulation). At this stage, it is too early to predict the outcome.

### Outlook

Whilst recovery of economic and earnings growth is taking longer than we expected, India has years, if not decades of consumption and investment growth before it reaches anywhere near saturation. But the real attraction is the vast array of companies across so many sectors (including exciting new ones) which we can choose from – a fertile ecosystem for a bottom-up investor. While macro-economic variables are likely to remain volatile in the short term, we remain focused on and optimistic about the long term.

Amongst the major changes of the last year the establishment of a goods and sales tax is a key medium to long term positive for the Indian economy. This is a marked shift from the Modi government's reforms up to now, which have been purely administrative, and reflects its ability and willingness to engage and negotiate with all parties and stakeholders on reform. Some estimates suggest that, once fully implemented, the tax could add approximately 150 bps to the sustainable GDP growth rate. Eventually, it could be a major contributor to the efficiency of doing business as well as efficiency in tax collection. We would expect the private sector, in which the Company invests, to benefit at the expense of the public sector. Overall we view this as a major positive for India, a stimulant to sustainable growth and a catalyst for improved productivity.

**Rukshad Shroff, CFA**

**Rajendra Nair, CFA**

Investment Managers

14th December 2016

## SUMMARY OF RESULTS

	2016	2015	
<b>Total returns for the year ended 30th September</b>			
Return to shareholders <sup>1</sup>	+25.8%	+12.9%	
Return on net assets <sup>2</sup>	+27.9%	+14.0%	
Benchmark <sup>3</sup>	+23.8%	+0.7%	
<b>Net asset value, share price, discount and market data at 30th September</b>			
			<b>% change</b>
Shareholders' funds (£'000)	770,738	604,952	+27.4
Net asset value per share	731.8p	572.3p	+27.9
Share price	631.5p	502.0p	+25.8
Share price discount to net asset value per share	13.7%	12.3%	
Shares in issue - excluding shares held in Treasury	105,316,615	105,707,798	-0.4
<b>Revenue for the year ended 30th September</b>			
Net loss attributable to shareholders (£'000)	(1,841)	(2,340)	
Loss per share	(1.75)p	(2.21)p	
<b>Gearing at 30th September<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	
<b>Ongoing charges</b>	<b>1.22%</b>	<b>1.24%</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Source: Morningstar.

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

<sup>3</sup> Source: MSCI. The Company's benchmark is the MSCI India Index expressed in sterling.

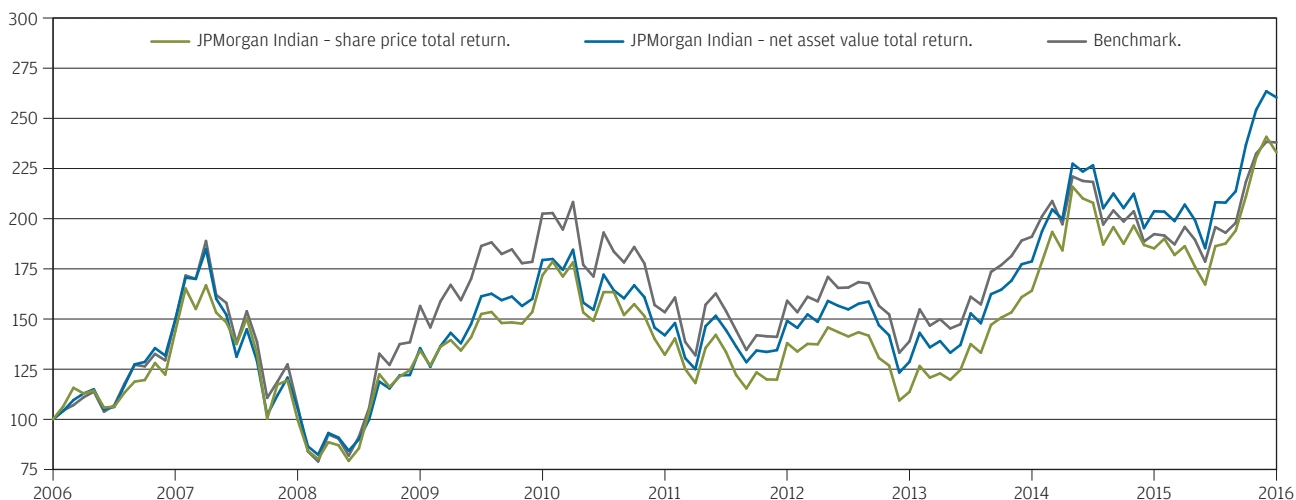
<sup>4</sup> The methodology to calculate gearing has been amended during the year therefore the comparative figure has been recalculated for comparative purposes. Please refer to the glossary of terms and definitions on page 65 for the revised calculation.

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## PERFORMANCE

### Ten Year Performance

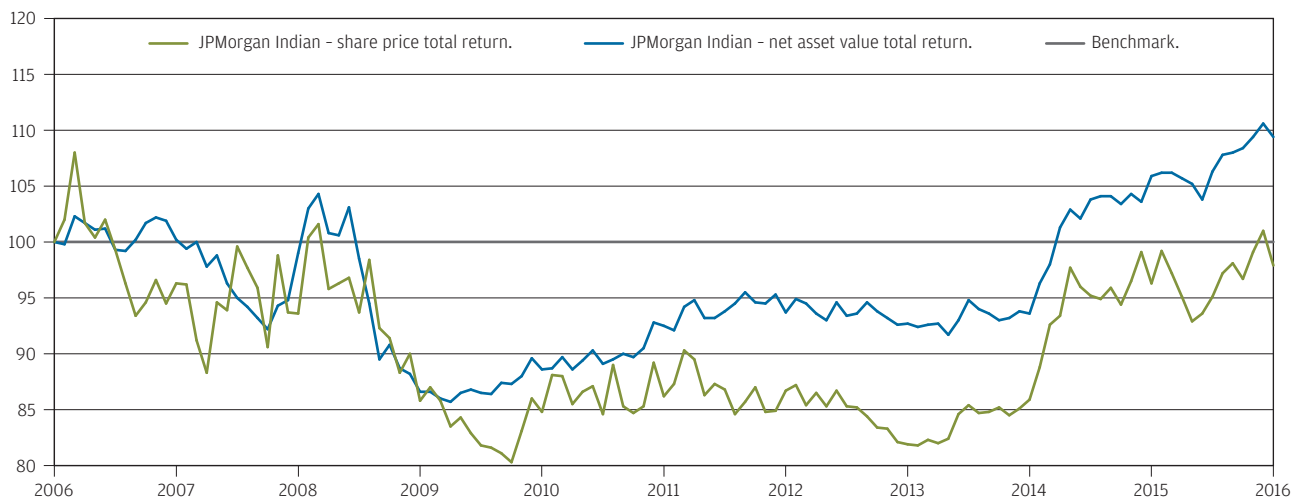
FIGURES HAVE BEEN REBASED TO 100 AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2006



Source: Morningstar/MSCI.

### Performance Relative to Benchmark

FIGURES HAVE BEEN REBASED TO 100 AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2006



Source: Morningstar/MSCI.

## TEN YEAR FINANCIAL RECORD

At 30th September	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Shareholders' funds (£m)	294.2	436.2	304.0	431.5	600.0	473.7	488.2	382.6	530.8	605.0	770.7
Net asset value per share (p)	281.0	421.0	295.8	380.7	504.0	398.7	419.1	361.6	502.2	572.3	731.8
Share price (p)	271.0	390.5	270.0	364.0	465.5	358.3	374.0	308.0	444.8	502.0	631.5
Share price (discount) to net asset value per share	(3.6)	(7.3)	(8.7)	(4.4)	(7.6)	(10.1)	(10.8)	(14.8)	(11.4)	(12.3)	(13.7)
Gearing/(net cash) (%) <sup>1</sup>	(0.2)	0.7	(5.3)	(0.3)	(0.2)	(2.8)	(2.7)	(2.8)	5.5	1.5	7.0
£/INR exchange rate <sup>2</sup>	86.0	81.4	83.7	76.9	70.0	76.3	85.6	101.1	99.9	99.6	86.4

### Year ended 30th September

Gross revenue return (£'000)	2,922	3,759	3,856	3,955	6,273	7,201	6,333	5,886	6,676	6,137	6,759
(Loss)/earnings per share (p)	(1.31)	(2.49)	(2.29)	(0.78)	(1.51)	(1.36)	(0.66)	(1.21)	0.53	(2.21)	(1.75)
Ongoing Charges (%) <sup>3</sup>	1.7	1.5	1.8	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.2

### Rebased to 100 at 30th September 2006

Share price total return <sup>4</sup>	100.0	144.1	99.6	134.3	171.8	132.2	138.0	113.7	164.1	185.2	233.0
Return on net assets <sup>4</sup>	100.0	149.9	105.3	135.5	179.4	141.9	149.1	128.7	178.7	203.7	260.4
Benchmark <sup>5</sup>	100.0	149.6	106.4	156.5	202.5	153.4	159.1	138.9	191.0	192.3	238.0

<sup>1</sup> The methodology to calculate gearing has been amended during the year therefore the comparative figure for 2015 has been recalculated for comparative purposes. Please refer to the glossary of terms and definitions on page 65 for the revised calculation.

<sup>2</sup> Source: Bloomberg.

<sup>3</sup> Ongoing charges represents the management fee and all other operating expenses, excluding finance costs, expressed as a percentage of the average daily net assets during the year and are calculated in accordance with guidance issued by the Association of Investment Companies (the 'AIC') in May 2012.

<sup>4</sup> Source: Morningstar/J.P. Morgan.

<sup>5</sup> Source: MSCI. The Company's benchmark is the MSCI India Index expressed in sterling.

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## TEN LARGEST GROUP EQUITY INVESTMENTS

Company	Sector	At 30th September 2016			At 30th September 2015		
		Valuation £'000	Portfolio % <sup>1</sup>	Benchmark %	Valuation £'000	Portfolio % <sup>1</sup>	Benchmark %
HDFC Bank	Financials	64,543	7.8	–	48,684	7.9	–
Housing Development Finance	Financials	56,876	6.9	9.1	43,000	7.0	9.4
Infosys Limited	Information Technology	50,446	6.1	8.3	49,713	8.1	11.1
UltraTech Cement Limited <sup>2</sup>	Materials	41,712	5.1	0.6	19,037	3.1	0.5
Indusind Bank	Financials	40,315	4.9	–	26,327	4.3	–
Maruti Suzuki India	Consumer Discretionary	39,368	4.8	2.5	26,621	4.4	–
Kotak Mahindra Bank	Financials	35,870	4.4	–	27,062	4.4	–
Sun Pharmaceutical Industries	Health Care	34,054	4.1	3.1	34,689	5.6	4.4
Tata Motors <sup>2</sup>	Consumer Discretionary	33,720	4.1	3.7	7,497	1.2	1.3
Tata Consultancy Services	Information Technology	32,605	3.9	5.0	36,756	6.0	6.4
<b>Total<sup>3</sup></b>		<b>429,509</b>	<b>52.1</b>	<b>32.3</b>			

<sup>1</sup> Based on total investments of £824.9m (2015: £614.2m).

<sup>2</sup> Not held in the ten largest Group investments at 30th September 2015.

<sup>3</sup> At 30th September 2015, the value of the ten largest Group investments amounted to £338.0m representing 55.0% of total investments.

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## GROUP SECTOR ANALYSIS

Sector	At 30th September 2016		At 30th September 2015	
	Portfolio % <sup>1</sup>	Benchmark %	Portfolio % <sup>1</sup>	Benchmark %
Financials	38.8	21.7	35.8	16.7
Materials	17.5	7.3	13.0	5.5
Consumer Discretionary	17.4	14.3	13.5	8.2
Information Technology	10.1	16.9	14.1	22.9
Industrials <sup>2</sup>	8.3	6.1	10.2	6.6
Health Care	7.7	10.4	9.3	13.5
Energy <sup>2</sup>	0.2	9.1	2.3	9.4
Consumer Staples	–	9.6	1.1	11.4
Utilities	–	1.9	0.7	1.7
Telecommunication Services	–	2.7	–	4.1
<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 £824.9m (2015: £614.2m).

<sup>2</sup> Great Eastern Shipping has been reclassified to Energy from Industrials as at 30th September 2016.

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**GROUP LIST OF INVESTMENTS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2016**

Company	Valuation £'000	Company	Valuation £'000
<b>Financials</b>		<b>Information Technology</b>	
HDFC Bank	64,543	Infosys Limited <sup>1</sup>	50,446
Housing Development Finance	56,876	Tata Consultancy Services	32,605
Indusind Bank	40,315	<b>Total Information Technology</b>	<b>83,051</b>
Kotak Mahindra Bank	35,870	<b>Industrials</b>	
Axis Bank	27,541	Ashok Leyland	27,794
Shriram Transport	23,371	Gujarat Pipavav Port	12,328
Mahindra & Mahindra Financial	14,814	Eicher Motors	12,182
Motilal Oswal Financial	12,833	Cummins India	10,051
MCX India	8,772	ABB	5,893
Gruh Finance	7,493	<b>Total Industrials</b>	<b>68,248</b>
Bank of Baroda	7,286	<b>Health Care</b>	
IDFC	5,974	Sun Pharmaceutical Industries	34,054
Godrej Properties	4,983	Divi's Laboratories	15,069
Ascendas India Trust	4,258	Lupin	14,397
State Bank of India	3,408	<b>Total Health Care</b>	<b>63,520</b>
Oberoi Realty	1,992	<b>Energy</b>	
<b>Total Financials</b>	<b>320,329</b>	Great Eastern Shipping	1,459
<b>Materials</b>		<b>Total Energy</b>	<b>1,459</b>
UltraTech Cement Limited	41,712	<b>Total Group investments held at fair value</b>	<b>824,906</b>
ACC	32,572		
Ambuja Cements	30,147		
Shree Cements	19,263		
Godrej Industries	16,565		
HeidelbergCement India	4,536		
<b>Total Materials</b>	<b>144,795</b>		
<b>Consumer Discretionary</b>			
Maruti Suzuki India	39,368		
Tata Motors	33,720		
Bajaj Auto	27,420		
Hero Motocorp	16,197		
Jubilant Foodworks	10,132		
Bosch	5,889		
EIH	5,637		
Balkrishna Industries	5,141		
DC Design <sup>2</sup>	–		
<b>Total Consumer Discretionary</b>	<b>143,504</b>		

<sup>1</sup> Includes ADR.

<sup>2</sup> Unquoted investment.

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## 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, its investment policies and risk management, investment restrictions and guidelines, performance and key performance indicators, share capital, the Company's environmental, social and ethical policy, principal risks and how the Company seeks to manage those risks and finally its long term viability.

### Structure and Objective of the Company

JPMorgan Indian Investment Trust plc is an investment trust company that has a premium listing on the London Stock Exchange. Its objective is to achieve capital growth from investments in India. In seeking to achieve this objective the Company employs JPMF to actively manage the Company's assets. The Board has determined an investment policy and related guidelines and limits, as described below. It aims to outperform the MSCI India Index (expressed in sterling terms).

The Company is subject to UK and European legislation and regulations including UK company law, Financial Reporting Standards, the UKLA Listing, Prospectus, Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules, Market Abuse Regulation, taxation law and the Company's own Articles of Association. 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) for the year ended 30th September 2013 and future years. The Directors have no reason to believe that approval will not continue to be obtained. The Company is not a close company for taxation purposes.

The Company owns 100% of the share capital of its subsidiary undertaking JPMorgan Indian Investment Company (Mauritius) Limited, an investment holding company registered in Mauritius.

### Investment Policies and Risk Management

In order to achieve its investment objective and to seek to manage risk, the Company invests in a diversified portfolio and employs a Manager with a strong focus on research and company visits that enables it to identify what it believes to be the most attractive stocks in the market.

The Company does not invest more than 15% of its gross assets in other UK listed closed-ended investment funds (including investment trusts). The Company does not invest more than 10% of

its gross assets in companies that themselves may invest more than 15% of their gross assets in UK listed closed-ended investment funds.

### Investment Restrictions and Guidelines

The Board seeks to manage the Company's risk by imposing various investment limits and restrictions:

- The Company can invest in companies that earn a material part of their revenues from India.
- The Company will not invest in the other countries of the Indian sub-continent nor in Sri Lanka.
- At the time of purchase, the maximum permitted exposure to any individual stock is 14.99% of total assets.
- No more than 10% of the Company's assets will be invested in unquoted investments.
- To use gearing when appropriate to increase potential returns to shareholders; the Company's gearing policy is to use short-term gearing for tactical purposes, up to a maximum level of 15% of shareholders funds.

Compliance with the Board's investment restrictions and guidelines is monitored regularly by the Manager and is reported to the Board on a monthly basis.

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

### Performance

In the year to 30th September 2016, the Company produced a total return to shareholders of +25.8% (2015: +12.9%), and a return on net assets of +27.9% (2015: +14.0%). This compares with the return on the Company's benchmark index of +23.8% (2015: +0.7%). At 30th September 2016, the value of the Group's investment portfolio was £824.9 million (2015: £614.2 million). The Investment Managers' Report on pages 6 to 8 includes a review of developments during the year as well as information on investment activity within the Company's portfolio and the factors likely to affect the future performance of the Company.

### Total Income and Profit

Total income for the year amounted to £176.3 million (2015: £82.6 million) and the net profit after deducting administration expenses, interest and taxation, amounted to £167.7 million (2015: £74.1 million). Net revenue loss for the year amounted to £1.8 million (2015: £2.3 million loss).

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### Key Performance Indicators ('KPIs')

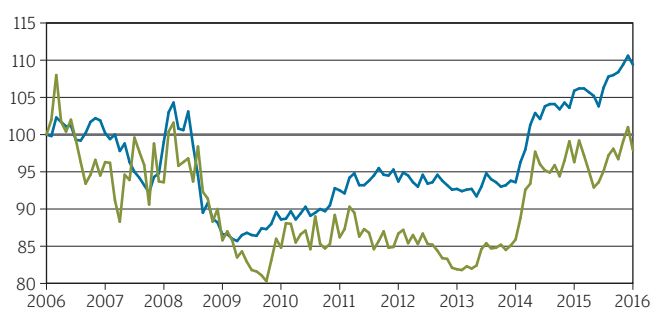
The Board uses a number of financial KPIs to monitor and assess the performance of the Company. The principal KPIs are:

- **Performance against the benchmark**

The principal objective is to achieve capital growth and out-performance relative to the benchmark. This is the most important KPI by which performance is judged.

### Performance Relative to Benchmark Index

FIGURES HAVE BEEN REBASED TO 100 AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2006

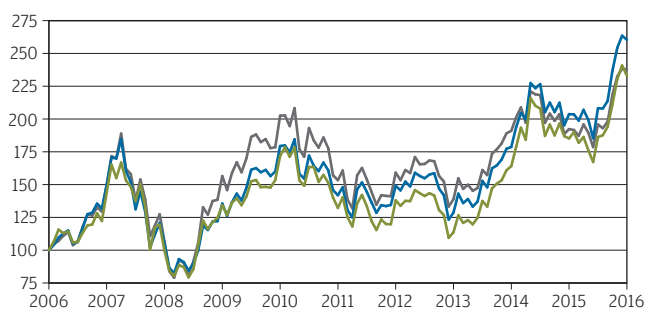


Source: Morningstar/MSCI.

- JPMorgan Indian - share price total return.
- JPMorgan Indian - return on net assets.
- The benchmark is represented by the grey horizontal line.

### Ten Year Performance

FIGURES HAVE BEEN REBASED TO 100 AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2006



Source: Morningstar/MSCI.

- JPMorgan Indian - share price total return.
- JPMorgan Indian - net asset value total return.
- Benchmark.

- **Performance against the Company's peers**

The Board also monitors the performance relative to a broad range of competitor funds.

- **Performance attribution**

The purpose of performance attribution analysis is to assess how the Company achieved its performance relative to its benchmark index, i.e. to understand the impact on the Company's relative performance of the various components such as asset allocation,

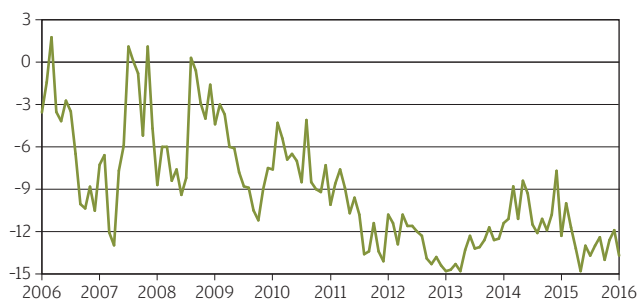
stock selection and gearing. Details of the attribution analysis for the year ended 30th September 2016 are given in the Investment Managers' Report on page 7.

- **Share price discount to net asset value ('NAV') per share**

The Board has for several years operated a share repurchase programme which seeks to address imbalances in supply of and demand for the Company's shares within the market and thereby seeks to reduce the volatility and absolute level of the share price discount to NAV per share at which the Company's shares trade. In the year to 30th September 2016, the shares traded between a discount of 10.0% and 14.8%, based on month end data.

The Board has the ability to purchase shares into Treasury and to issue them at a later date at a premium to NAV.

### Premium/(Discount)



Source: Morningstar.

- JPMorgan Indian - share price discount/premium to net asset value per share.

- **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. The ongoing charges for the year ended 30th September 2016 were 1.22% (2015 1.24%). The Board reviews each year an analysis which shows a comparison of the Company's ongoing charges and its main expenses with those of its competitors.

### Share Capital

The Directors have, on behalf of the Company, authority to issue new shares and shares out of Treasury, to repurchase shares to be held in Treasury and to repurchase shares for cancellation.

During the year to 30th September 2016 the Company repurchased a total of 391,183 shares into Treasury (2015: nil). A total of 29,000 shares have been repurchased into Treasury since the year end.

The Board will seek shareholder approval at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting to renew the Directors' authority to issue new shares and repurchase shares into Treasury or for cancellation. More details are given on pages 23 and 24 and the full text of the resolutions are set out on pages 62 and 63.

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## Board Diversity

When recruiting a new Director, the Board's policy is to appoint individuals on merit. Diversity is important in bringing an appropriate range of skills and experience to the Board. At 30th September 2016, there were three male Directors and two female Directors on the Board.

## 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 being carried out by third parties. There are therefore no disclosures to be made in respect of employees. The Board notes the JPMorgan Asset Management ('JPMAM') policy statements in respect of Social, Community, Environmental and Human Rights issues, as outlined below in italics.

### *Social, Community, Environmental and Human Rights*

*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 has no premises, consumes no electricity, gas or diesel fuel and consequently does not have a measurable carbon footprint. *JPMAM is also a signatory to Carbon Disclosure Project. 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 Human Rights can be found here: [www.jpmorganchase.com/corporate/About-JPMC/ab-human-rights.htm](http://www.jpmorganchase.com/corporate/About-JPMC/ab-human-rights.htm)

## 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. The risks identified and the ways in which they are managed or mitigated are summarised as follows.

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

- **Investment and Strategy:** An inappropriate investment strategy, or poor execution of that strategy, for example stock selection, asset allocation or the level of gearing, may lead to under-performance against the Company's benchmark index and competitor funds.

The Board manages these risks by diversification of investments through its investment restrictions and guidelines which are monitored and reported by the Manager. JPMF also provides the Directors with timely and accurate management information, including performance data and attribution analyses, revenue estimates, liquidity 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 review data which show statistical measures of the Company's risk profile.

The Investment Managers employ the Company's gearing within a strategic range set by the Board.

- **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 monitors performance regularly as set out in the 'Investment Strategy' section above.
- **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

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are given under 'Business of the Company' above. Were the Company to breach Section 1158, it would lose its investment trust status and, as a consequence, gains within the Company's portfolio would 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 and, since its shares are listed on the London Stock Exchange, the UKLA Listing Rules and Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules ('DTRs'). A breach of the Companies Act could result in the Company and/or the Directors being fined or the subject of criminal proceedings. Breach of the UKLA Listing Rules or DTRs 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 and its professional advisers to ensure compliance with the Companies Act and the UKLA Listing Rules and DTRs.

- **Taxation:** Since the Company's launch in 1994, it has held the majority of its investments through its Mauritius based subsidiary company, thereby benefitting from the India/Mauritius Double Tax Treaty (the 'Treaty').

The Board has stated previously that there could be no assurance that the Company's subsidiary would continue to qualify for or receive the benefits of the Treaty or that the terms of the Treaty would not be changed. Indeed, on 10th May 2016 it was announced that the Treaty is to be amended. The advantages of investing in India via Mauritius, whereby gains made on investments held for less than 12 months are not currently subject to capital gains tax, will be removed as a result. There will be transitional arrangements in place between March 2017 and March 2019, when tax will be applied to short term gains at half of the prevailing rate. The new Treaty rules become fully effective thereafter. Our Investment Managers tend to hold investments for longer than 12 months and hence, in the normal course of business, it is not expected that the amendments to the Treaty will have a material effect on the Company.

The Board is taking professional advice on this matter and no decision has yet been taken on whether to continue to invest via the Company's Mauritius subsidiary, or the timetable for any change of structure. The Board expects to be able to provide more information to shareholders in the first half of 2017.

- **Corporate Governance and Shareholder Relations:** If the Company's share price lags the NAV by a significant level, this will result in lower returns to shareholders. The Board seeks to manage the volatility and absolute level of the discount by

judicious use of its share repurchase authority, taking account of market conditions and its peer group discounts.

Details of the Company's compliance with Corporate Governance best practice, including information on relations with shareholders, are set out in the Corporate Governance report on pages 24 to 28.

- **Operational, including Cyber Crime:** Loss of key staff by the Manager, such as the Investment Managers, could affect the performance of the Company. In this respect the Board receives information on contingency and succession planning from JPMF. Disruption to, or failure of, the Manager's accounting, dealing or payments systems or the Depositary's or Custodian's records could prevent accurate reporting and monitoring of the Company's financial position.

Details of how the Board monitors the services provided by the Manager and its associates and the key elements designed to provide effective internal control are included in the Risk Management and Internal Control section of the Corporate Governance statement on pages 27 to 28.

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 a summary of the cyber security policies of its key third party service providers and JPMF has confirmed 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 independent review and reported on every six months against the AAF standard.

The risk of fraud or other control failures or weaknesses within the Manager or other service providers could result in losses to the Company. The Audit and Risk Committee receives independently audited reports on the Manager's and other service providers' internal controls, as well as a report from the Manager's Compliance function. The Company's management agreement obliges the Manager to report on the detection of fraud relating to the Company's investments and the Company is afforded protection through its various contracts with suppliers, of which one of the key protections is the Depositary's indemnification for loss or misappropriation of the Company's assets held in custody. The Company's Mauritian subsidiary company is not subject to the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive and therefore it has not appointed a depositary, but has its own custody agreement.

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- **Financial:** The financial risks faced by the Company include market price risk, currency risk, interest rate risk, liability risk, credit risk and borrowing default risk. Further details are disclosed in note 21 on pages 54 to 59. The Company has exposure to foreign currency as part of the risk reward profile inherent in a company that invests overseas. The income and capital value of the Company's investments can be affected by exchange rate movements.
  - **Political and Economic:** The Company faces risks from possible policy changes including the imposition of restrictions on the free movement of capital.

### Long Term Viability

Taking account of the Company's current position, the principal risks that it faces and their potential impact on its future development and prospects, the Directors have assessed the prospects of the Company, to the extent that they are able to do so, over the next five years. They have made that assessment by considering those principal risks, the Company's investment objective and strategy, the investment capabilities of the Manager and the current outlook for the Indian economy and equity market. They have also taken into account the fact that the Company has a continuation vote at the 2019 AGM and, with input from the Company's major shareholders and its brokers, the likelihood of shareholders voting in favour of continuation.

In determining the appropriate period of assessment the Directors had regard to their view that, given the Company's objective of achieving long term capital growth, shareholders should consider the Company as a long term investment proposition. This is consistent with advice provided by investment advisers, that investors should consider investing in equities for a minimum of five years. Thus the Directors consider five years to be an appropriate time horizon to assess the Company's viability.

The Directors confirm that, assuming a successful continuation vote at the 2019 AGM, they have a reasonable expectation that the Company will be able to continue in operation and meet its liabilities as they fall due over the five year period of assessment.

By order of the Board  
Jonathan Latter, for and on behalf of  
JPMorgan Funds Limited  
Company Secretary

14th December 2016

# Governance

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**Richard Burns\*†‡ (Chairman of the Board and Nomination Committee)**

A Director since December 2006.

Last reappointed to the Board: 2016.

Remuneration: £32,500.

Former Joint Senior Partner and Head of Investment at Baillie Gifford. He is Chairman of Standard Life Equity Income Trust plc and was formerly Chairman of Mid Wynd International Investment Trust plc.

Connections with Manager: None.

Shared directorships with other Directors: None.

Shareholding in Company: 95,000 Ordinary shares.



**Jasper Judd\*†‡ (Chairman of the Audit and Risk Committee)**

A Director since January 2015.

Last reappointed to the Board: 2016.

Remuneration: £27,500.

A qualified chartered accountant. He latterly spent ten years at Brambles Limited, an Australian headquartered multinational company listed on the Australian Stock Exchange (and formerly on the London Stock Exchange), where he held senior finance and strategy roles, including global head of strategy, and was a member of the global Executive Committee. He is a Non-Executive Director of Dunedin Income Growth Investment Trust plc.

Connections with Manager: None.

Shared directorships with other Directors: None.

Shareholding in Company: 3,000 Ordinary shares.



**Rosemary Morgan\*†‡**

A Director since December 2013.

Last reappointed to the Board: 2016.

Remuneration: £24,000.

Director of Schroder Asia Pacific Fund plc, Landau Forte Charitable Trust and a trustee of the London Library Pension Fund. Formerly a manager of Japanese equity portfolios at AIB Govett, she worked in institutional marketing and client liaison at Fidelity International and was Head of Asia and Emerging Markets (Multi Manager Funds) at Royal Bank of Scotland.

Connections with Manager: None.

Shared directorships with other Directors: None.

Shareholding in Company: 2,978 Ordinary shares.





**Nimi Patel\*†‡**

A Director since December 2011.

Last reappointed to the Board: 2016.

Remuneration: £24,000.

Until June 2015, a member of Herbert Smith LLP's corporate division and Head of Herbert Smith India Group. She assisted a number of Indian corporates, including the Tata Group, Reliance Industries and ICICI Limited, public sector undertakings and financial institutions on transactions in India. With over 25 years' experience, Nimi now advises global investors on investment in and outside India, on strategy, governance and business issues.

Connections with Manager: None.

Shared directorships with other Directors: None.

Shareholding in Company: 46,737 ordinary shares.



**Hugh Sandeman\*†‡ (Senior Independent Director)**

A Director since October 2010.

Last reappointed to the Board: 2016.

Remuneration: £24,000.

Over 25 years experience in investment banking, based in New York, Tokyo, London and Frankfurt principally with Dresdner Kleinwort. He is Senior Adviser to Langham Capital Limited.

Connections with Manager: None.

Shared directorships with other Directors: None.

Shareholding in Company: 19,000 ordinary shares.

**\* Member of the Audit and Risk Committee.**

**† Considered independent of the Manager.**

**‡ Member of the Nomination Committee.**

## DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors present their report and the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 30th September 2016.

### Management of the Company

The Manager and Secretary is JPMorgan Funds Limited ('JPMF'), a company authorised and regulated by the FCA. The active Management of the Company's assets is delegated by JPMF to an affiliate JPMorgan Asset Management (UK) Limited ('JPMAM'). The Manager is a wholly-owned subsidiary of JPMorgan Chase Bank which, through other subsidiaries, also provides marketing, banking, dealing and custodian services to the Company.

The Manager is employed under a contract which can be terminated on six months' notice for performance reasons and 12 months for all other reasons, without penalty. If the Company wishes to terminate the contract on shorter notice, the balance of remuneration is payable by way of compensation.

The Board conducts a formal evaluation of the performance of, and contractual relationship with, the Manager on an annual basis. No separate management engagement committee has been established as all of the Directors are considered to be independent of the Manager. The Board has evaluated the performance of the Manager and confirms that it is satisfied that the continuing appointment of the Manager is in the interests of shareholders as a whole. In arriving at this view, the Board considered the investment strategy and process of the Manager, noting performance against the benchmark over the long term and the quality of the support that the Company receives from JPMF. The Board confirms that it is satisfied that the continuing of the Manager is in the interests of shareholders as a whole.

### 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.jpmindian.co.uk](http://www.jpmindian.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.

The Company's leverage and JPMF's remuneration disclosures are set out on page 61.

### Management Fee

The management fee is charged at the rate of 1.0% of the Group's assets less current liabilities. Fees are paid monthly in arrears. Investments in funds managed or advised by the Manager or any of its associated companies are excluded from the calculation and therefore attract no additional management fee.

### Directors

The Directors of the Company who held office at the end of the year are detailed on pages 20 and 21. There were no changes of Directors during the year.

Details of Directors' beneficial shareholdings may be found in the Directors' Remuneration Report on page 30.

In accordance with corporate governance best practice, all Directors will retire at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting and being eligible, offer themselves for reappointment. The Nomination Committee, having considered their qualifications, performance and contribution to the Board and its Committees, confirms that each Director standing for reappointment continues to be effective and to demonstrate commitment to the role. The Board recommends to shareholders that they be reappointed.

### Director Indemnification and Insurance

As permitted by the Company's Articles of Association, each Director has the benefit of an indemnity which is a qualifying third party indemnity, as defined by Section 234 of the Companies Act 2006. The indemnities were 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.

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## 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 (as defined in the Companies Act 2006) of which the Company's auditors are 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 auditors are aware of that information.

The above confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provision of Section 418(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

## Independent Auditors

PricewaterhouseCoopers have expressed their willingness to continue in office as Auditors to the Company and a resolution proposing their reappointment and authorising the Directors to determine their remuneration for the ensuing year will be put to shareholders at the Annual General Meeting.

## Section 992 Companies Act 2006

The following disclosures are made in accordance with Section 992 Companies Act 2006.

### Capital Structure

The Company's capital structure is summarised on the inside front cover of this report.

### Voting Rights in the Company's shares

Details of the voting rights in the Company's shares as at the date of this report are given in note 16 to the Notice of Annual General Meeting on page 64.

### Notifiable Interests in the Company's Voting Rights

At the year end, the following had declared a notifiable interest in the Company's voting rights:

Shareholders	Number of voting rights	%
City of London Investment Management Company Limited	24,672,988	23.4

No changes have been disclosed since the year end.

The Company is also aware that approximately 8.4% of the Company's total voting rights were held by individuals through the savings products managed by JPMAM and registered in the name of Chase Nominees Limited as at the year end. 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, JPMAM 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 and replacement of Directors, amendment of the Articles of Association and powers to issue or buy back the Company's shares are contained in the Articles of Association of the Company and the Companies Act 2006.

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

## Listing Rule 9.8.4R

Listing Rule 9.8.4R requires the Company to include certain information in the 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 such disclosures to be made in this report.

## 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 advisor 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 issue relevant securities and disapply pre-emption rights (resolutions 10 and 11)

The Directors will seek renewal of the authority at the AGM to issue 10,528,761 new shares or shares held in Treasury other than by a pro rata issue to existing shareholders up to an aggregate nominal amount of £2,632,190, such amount being equivalent to approximately 10% of the present issued share capital. The full text of the resolutions is set out in the Notice of Meeting on page 62.

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It is advantageous for the Company to be able to issue new shares to investors 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 NAV, thereby increasing the assets underlying each share and spreading the Company's administrative expenses, other than the management fee which is charged on the value of the Company's assets, over a greater number of shares. The issue proceeds would be available for investment in line with the Company's investment policies.

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

The authority to repurchase up to 14.99% of the Company's issued share capital, renewed by shareholders at the 2016 Annual General Meeting, will expire on 26th July 2017 unless renewed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. The Directors consider that the renewal of the authority is in the interests of shareholders as a whole as the repurchase of shares at a discount to NAV enhances the NAV of the remaining shares. The Board will therefore seek shareholder approval at the Annual General Meeting to renew this authority, which will last until 31st July 2018 or until the whole of the 14.99% has been acquired, whichever is the earlier. The full text of the resolution is set out in the Notice of Meeting on pages 62 and 63. 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, as and when market conditions are appropriate.

### Recommendation

The Board considers that resolutions 10 to 12 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 amount in aggregate to 166,715 shares representing approximately 0.16% of the existing issued share capital of the Company.

## 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 32, indicates how the Company has applied the principles of good governance of the Financial Reporting Council 2014 UK Corporate Governance Code (the 'UK Corporate Governance Code') and the AIC's Code of Corporate Governance (the 'AIC Code'), which complements the UK Corporate

Governance Code and provides a framework of best practice for investment trusts.

The Board is responsible for ensuring the appropriate level of corporate governance and considers that the Company has complied with the best practice provisions of the UK Corporate Governance Code and the AIC Code throughout the year under review.

### Role of the Board

A management agreement between the Company and JPMF sets out the matters over which the Manager has authority. 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, following the introduction of The Bribery Act 2010, has adopted appropriate procedures designed to prevent bribery. It confirms that the procedures have operated effectively during the year under review.

The Board meets at least quarterly 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.

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, JPMF, which is responsible to the Board for ensuring that the Board procedures are followed and that applicable rules and regulations are complied with.

### Board Composition

The Board, chaired by Richard Burns, consists entirely of non-executive Directors, all of whom are considered to be independent of the Company's Manager, including the Chairman. The Directors have a breadth of investment knowledge, business and financial skills and experience relevant to the Company's business. Brief biographical details of each Director are set out on pages 20 and 21.

The Board does not feel that it would be appropriate to adopt a policy whereby Directors serve for a limited period of time, given the specialist nature of the Company's investment universe. However, in order to achieve a balance of skills, experience, length of service and ages, it is the Board's policy to induct new Directors to provide an orderly succession over time.

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

The Board is responsible for ensuring an appropriate level of corporate governance and considers that the Company has complied with the best practice provisions of the UK Corporate Governance Code and the AIC Code, insofar as they are relevant to the Company's business, throughout 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. Thereafter, a Director's reappointment is subject to the performance evaluation carried out each year and the approval of shareholders at each annual general meeting, in accordance with corporate governance best practice. The Board does not believe that 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 Corporate Governance Code, including the need to refresh the Board and its Committees.

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.

## Induction and Training

On appointment, the Manager and Company Secretary provide all Directors with induction training. Thereafter regular briefings are provided on changes in regulatory requirements that affect the Company and Directors, who are encouraged to attend industry and other seminars covering issues and developments relevant to investment trusts. Reviews of the Directors' training needs are carried out as part of the annual evaluation process.

## Meetings and Committees

The Board delegates certain responsibilities and functions to committees. Details of membership of committees are shown with the Directors' profiles on pages 20 and 21. Directors who are not members of committees may attend by invitation.

The table below details the number of Board, Audit and Risk Committee and Nomination Committee meetings attended by each Director. During the year there were four Board meetings, three Audit and Risk Committee meetings and one meeting of the Nomination Committee:

Director	Board Meetings Attended	Audit and Risk Committee Meetings Attended	Nomination Committee Meetings Attended
Richard Burns	4	3	1
Jasper Judd	4	3	1
Rosemary Morgan	4	3	1
Nimi Patel	4	3	1
Hugh Sandeman	4	3	1

## Board Committees

### Nomination Committee

The Nomination Committee, chaired by Richard Burns, consists of all of the Directors and meets at least annually to ensure that the Board has an appropriate balance of skills and experience to carry out its fiduciary duties and to select and propose suitable candidates for appointment when necessary.

The Committee conducts an annual performance evaluation to ensure that all members of the Board have devoted sufficient time and contributed adequately to the work of the Board. The Committee also reviews Directors' fees and makes recommendations to the Board as and when required.

### Audit and Risk Committee

The Audit and Risk Committee was formerly called the 'Audit Committee'. The revised title more accurately represents the activities of the committee and reflects the fact that the risk assessment is intimately linked to monitoring the effectiveness of the Company's internal control systems.

The Committee, chaired by Jasper Judd and comprising all of the Directors, meets at least twice each year. The members of the Audit and Risk Committee consider that they have the requisite skills and

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experience to fulfil the responsibilities of the Committee and are satisfied that at least one member has recent and relevant financial experience.

The Committee reviews the actions and judgements of the Manager in relation to the half year and annual accounts and the Company's compliance with the UK Corporate Governance Code.

It examines the effectiveness of the Company's risk management and internal control systems, receives information from the Manager's Compliance department and reviews the scope and results of the external audit, its effectiveness and cost effectiveness, the balance of audit and non-audit services and the independence and objectivity of the external Auditors. In the Directors' opinion the Auditors are considered independent. In order to safeguard the Auditors' objectivity and independence, any significant non-audit services are carried out through a partner other than the audit engagement partner. The Audit and Risk Committee also receives confirmations from the Auditors, as part of their reporting, with regard to their objectivity and independence. Representatives of the Company's Auditors attend the Audit and Risk Committee meeting at which the draft annual report and accounts are considered.

The Audit and Risk Committee also has a primary responsibility for making recommendations to the Board on the reappointment and removal of external auditors. The Board reviews and approves the Auditors' fees and any non-audit services provided by the independent auditors and assesses the impact of any non-audit work on the ability of the auditor to remain independent. Details of the Auditors' fees are disclosed in note 6 on page 46. PricewaterhouseCoopers were appointed in 2015. The audit engagement partner rotates every five years in accordance with ethical guidelines and 2016 is the second year for the current partner.

During its review of the Company's financial statements for the year ended 30th September 2016, the Audit and Risk Committee considered the following significant issues, in particular those communicated by the Auditors during their reporting:

Significant issue	How the issue was addressed
Viability of the Company	The Board's statement on the long term viability of the Company is set out on page 19.
Going concern	The Directors have considered the Company's investment objective, risk management policies, capital management policies and procedures, the nature of the portfolio and expenditure and cash flow projections. As a result, they have determined that the Company has adequate resources, an appropriate financial structure and suitable management arrangements in place to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

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 2(e) to the accounts on page 44. Controls are in place to reconcile regularly records to custodian books.
Recognition of investment income	The recognition of investment income is undertaken in accordance with accounting policy note 2(f) to the accounts on page 44.
Compliance with Sections 1158 and 1159 Corporation Tax Act 2010 ('Sections 1158 and 1159')	Approval for the Company as an investment trust under Sections 1158 and 1159 for financial years commencing on or after 1st October 2013 has been obtained and ongoing compliance with the eligibility criteria is monitored on a regular basis.

The Board was made fully aware of any significant financial reporting issues and judgements made in connection with the preparation of the financial statements.

As a result of the work performed, the Committee has concluded that the Annual Report for the year ended 30th September 2016, 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, and has reported on these findings to the Board. The Board's conclusions in this respect are set out in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities on page 32.

The Directors' statement on the Company's system of risk management and internal control is set out on pages 27 to 28.

### Terms of Reference

Both the Nomination Committee and the Audit and Risk Committee have written terms of reference which define clearly their respective responsibilities, copies of which are available on the Company's website and for inspection on request at the Company's registered office and at the Company's Annual General Meeting.

### Going Concern

The Directors believe that having considered the Company's investment objective (see page 15), risk management policies (see pages 54 to 59), capital management policies and procedures (see page 60), the nature of the portfolio and expenditure projections that the Company has adequate resources, an appropriate financial structure and suitable management arrangements in place to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For these reasons, the Directors consider it appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the Company's financial statements. They have not identified any material uncertainties to the Company's ability to continue to do so over a period of at least twelve months from the date of approval of these financial statements.



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## 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 twice a year by way of the half year and annual report and accounts. This is supplemented by the daily publication, through the London Stock Exchange, of the net asset value of the Company's shares.

All shareholders have the opportunity and 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, a presentation is given by the Investment Managers who review the Company's performance. The Company's brokers, the Investment Managers and the Manager 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 address shareholder queries. The Directors may be contacted through the Company Secretary whose details are shown on page 67.

The Company's Annual Report and Accounts is 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 submit questions via the Company's website or write to the Company Secretary at the address shown on page 67.

Details of the proxy voting position on each resolution will be published on the Company website shortly after the Annual General Meeting.

## Risk Management and Internal Control

The UK Corporate Governance 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.

The Directors are 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 misstatement or loss.

Since investment management, custody of assets and all administrative services are provided to the Company by JPMF and its associates, the Company's system of risk management and internal control mainly comprises monitoring the services provided by JPMF and its associates, including the operating controls established by them, to ensure they meet the Company's business objectives. There is an ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the significant risks faced by the Company (see Principal Risks on pages 17 to 19). This process, which was in place during the year under review, accords with the Financial Reporting Council's guidance. The Company does not have an internal audit function of its own, but relies on the internal audit department of the Manager which reports any material failings or weaknesses. 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 Board of key investment and financial data, including management accounts, revenue projections, analysis of transactions and performance comparisons.

*Information Technology Systems* - the Manager and the Company's other suppliers have security systems in place to protect the Company's information. Information technology controls are tested and reported on regularly by independent third parties.

*Management Agreement* - Appointment of a manager and custodian regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority ('FCA'), whose responsibilities are clearly defined in a written agreement.

*Management Systems* - The Manager's system of risk management and 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 and Risk 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:

- reviews the terms of the management agreement and receives regular reports from the Manager's Compliance department;



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- reviews reports on the internal controls and the operations of its custodian, JPMorgan Chase Bank, which is itself independently reviewed;
- reviews every six months an independent report on the internal controls and the operations of the Manager; and
- reviews quarterly reports from the Company's depository.

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 30th September 2016 and to the date of approval of this Annual Report and Accounts.

During the course of its review of the system of risk management and internal control, the Board has not identified or been advised of any failings or weaknesses which it has determined to be significant.

### Corporate Governance and Voting Policy

The Company delegates responsibility for voting to the Manager. The following text in italics is a summary of the Manager's policy statements on corporate governance, voting policy and social and environmental issues, which has been reviewed and noted by the Board.

#### **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 FRC 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.*

The Manager'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.

By order of the Board  
Jonathan Latter, for and on behalf of  
JPMorgan Funds Limited,  
Secretary

14th December 2016

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## DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION REPORT

The Board presents the Directors' Remuneration Report for the year ended 30th September 2016, which has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Section 421 of the Companies Act 2006.

The law requires the Company's Auditors to audit certain of the disclosures provided. Where disclosures have been audited, they are indicated as such. The Auditors' opinion is included in the Independent Auditors' Report on pages 33 to 37.

### Directors' Remuneration Policy

The Company's Remuneration Policy is subject to a triennial binding vote, however the Board has decided to seek approval annually and therefore an ordinary resolution to approve this policy will be put to shareholders at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. 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. The Chairman of the Board and the Chairman of the Audit and Risk Committee are paid higher fees than the other Directors, reflecting the greater time commitment involved in fulfilling those roles.

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. Reviews 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 there was no consultation of employees, 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. The Directors do not have service contracts with the Company, they are not granted exit payments and are not paid compensation for loss of office. No other payments are made to Directors, other than the reimbursement of reasonable

out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with attending the Company's business.

In the year under review Directors' Fees were paid at the following rates: Chairman £32,500; Audit and Risk Committee Chairman £27,500; and other Directors £24,000.

With effect from 1st October 2016, the fees were increased to the following rates: Chairman £34,000; Chairman of the Audit and Risk Committee £29,000; and other Directors £24,500.

The Articles stipulate that aggregate fees must not exceed £150,000 per annum. Any increase in the maximum aggregate amount requires both Board and shareholder approval.

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 as well as receiving outside advice from suitable consultants as appropriate.

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 25.

The Company's Remuneration policy also applies to new Directors.

### Directors' Remuneration Policy Implementation

The Directors' Remuneration Report, which includes details of the Directors' remuneration 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 30th September 2014 and no changes are proposed for the year ending 30th September 2016.

At the Annual General Meeting held on 27th January 2016, of votes cast, 99.8% of votes cast were in favour of (or granted discretion to the Chairman who voted in favour of) the remuneration report and 0.2% voted against. Abstentions were received from less than 0.1% of the 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 30th September 2017.

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

## DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION REPORT *CONTINUED*

### Single total figure of remuneration

A single figure for the total remuneration of each Director is set out in the table below, together with the prior year comparative.

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

Directors' Name	2016			2015		
	Taxable		Total	Taxable		Total
	Fees	expenses <sup>2</sup>		Fees	expenses <sup>2</sup>	
£	£	£	£	£	£	
Hugh Bolland <sup>3</sup>	–	–	–	20,750	–	10,750
Richard Burns	32,500	–	32,500	30,852	–	30,852
Jasper Judd <sup>4</sup>	27,500	319	27,819	20,347	–	20,347
Rosemary Morgan	24,000	24	24,024	24,000	–	24,000
Nimi Patel	24,000	–	24,000	24,000	–	24,000
Hugh Sandeman	24,000	–	24,000	24,000	–	24,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>132,000</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>132,343</b>	<b>133,949</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>133,949</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> Retired 29th January 2015.

<sup>4</sup> Appointed 1st January 2015.

A table showing the total remuneration for the Chairman over the five years ended 30th September 2016 is below:

### Remuneration for the Chairman over the five years ended 30th September 2016

Year ended 30th September	Fees	Performance related benefits received as a percentage of maximum payable
2016	£32,500	n/a
2015	£30,852 <sup>1</sup>	n/a
2014	£31,667	n/a
2013	£30,000	n/a
2012	£30,000	n/a

<sup>1</sup> Mr. Burns was appointed Chairman with effect from 29th January 2015.

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

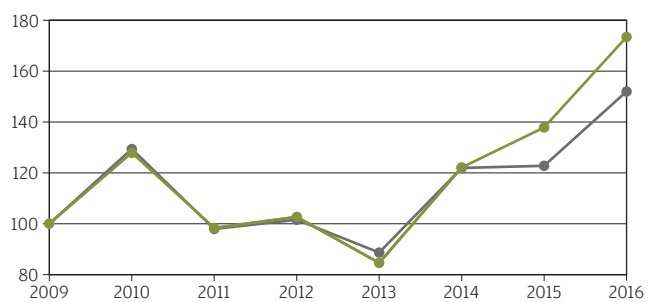
There are no requirements pursuant to the Company's Articles of Association for the Directors to own shares in the Company. The beneficial share holdings of the Directors are detailed below. The Directors have no other share interests or share options in the Company and no share schemes are available.

Directors' Name	30th September 2016	1st October 2015
Richard Burns	95,000	90,000
Jasper Judd	3,000	2,000
Rosemary Morgan	2,978	2,978
Nimi Patel	46,737	46,737
Hugh Sandeman	19,000	19,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>166,715</b>	<b>160,715</b>

<sup>1</sup> Audited information.

A graph showing the Company's share price total return compared with its benchmark, the MSCI India Index expressed in sterling terms over the last seven years, is shown below. The Board believes that this index is the most appropriate for performance comparison purposes because of those available, it is the best comparator.

### Seven Year Share Price and Benchmark Total Return Performance to 30th September 2016



Source: Morningstar/MSCI.

— Share price total return.

— Benchmark.

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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 30th September	
	2016	2015
Remuneration paid to all		
Directors	£132,343	£133,949
Distribution to shareholders		
– by way of dividend	n/a	n/a
– by way of share repurchases	£1,884,000	£nil

By order of the Board  
Jonathan Latter, for and on behalf of  
JPMorgan Funds Limited,  
Secretary

14th December 2016

## STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements 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 are required to prepare the Group financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ('IFRS') as adopted by the European Union and Article 4 of the IAS Regulation and have also chosen to prepare the Parent Company financial statements under IFRS as adopted by the EU. Under company law the Directors must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that, taken as a whole, the annual report and accounts 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 must be satisfied that, taken as a whole, the annual report and accounts are fair, balanced and understandable; and the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable IFRSs as adopted by the European Union have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the 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 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.jpmindian.co.uk](http://www.jpmindian.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 auditors does not involve consideration of the maintenance and integrity of this website and, accordingly, the auditors accept no responsibility for any changes that have occurred to the Annual Report since they were initially presented on the website. The Annual Report is 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 Strategic Report, a Directors' Report and Directors' Remuneration Report that comply with that law and those regulations.

Each of the Directors, whose names and functions are listed on pages 20 and 21, confirms that, to the best of his or her knowledge the financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with IFRS and applicable law, give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and return or loss of the Company.

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  
Richard Burns  
Chairman

14th December 2016

# Independent Auditors' Report

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## TO THE MEMBERS OF JPMORGAN INDIAN INVESTMENT TRUST PLC

### Report on the financial statements

#### Our opinion

In our opinion:

- JPMorgan Indian Investment Trust plc's Group financial statements and parent Company financial statements (the 'financial statements') give a true and fair view of the state of the Group's and of the parent Company's affairs as at 30th September 2016 and of the Group's profit and the Group's and the parent Company's cash flows for the year then ended;
- the Group financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ('IFRSs') as adopted by the European Union;
- the parent Company financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the European Union and as applied in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006; and
- the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and, as regards the Group financial statements, Article 4 of the IAS Regulation.

#### What we have audited

The financial statements, included within the Annual Report and Accounts (the 'Annual Report'), comprise:

- the Group and Company Statement of Financial Position as at 30th September 2016;
- the Group Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year then ended;
- the Group and Company Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended;
- the Group and Company Statement of Changes in Equity for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in the preparation of the financial statements is IFRSs as adopted by the European Union and, as regards the parent Company financial statements, as applied in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006, and applicable law.

#### Our audit approach

##### Overview



- Overall group materiality: £7.7 million which represents 1% of net assets.
- The Company is an investment trust company with a subsidiary in Mauritius and engages JPMorgan Funds Limited (the 'Manager') to manage its assets.
- We conducted our audit of the financial statements using information from JPMorgan Corporate & Investment Bank (the 'Administrator') to whom the Manager has, with the consent of the Directors, delegated the provision of certain administrative functions.
- We tailored the scope of our audit taking into account the types of investments within the Company, the involvement of the third parties referred to above, the accounting processes and controls and the industry in which the Company operates.
- Income from investments.
- Valuation and Existence of Investments.

#### The scope of our audit and our areas of focus

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) ('ISAs (UK & Ireland)').

We designed our audit by determining materiality and assessing the risks of material misstatement in the financial statements. In particular, we looked at where the Directors made subjective judgements, for example in respect of significant accounting estimates that involved

making assumptions and considering future events that are inherently uncertain. As in all of our audits we also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls, including evaluating whether there was evidence of bias by the Directors that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

The risks of material misstatement that had the greatest effect on our audit, including the allocation of our resources and effort, are identified as 'areas of focus' in the table below. We have also set out how we tailored our audit to address these specific areas in order to provide an opinion on the financial statements as a whole and any comments we make on the results of our procedures should be read in this context. This is not a complete list of all risks identified by our audit.

Area of focus	How our audit addressed the area of focus
<p><b>Income from investments</b>  <i>Refer to page 26 (Directors' Report), page 42 (Accounting Policies) and page 46 (notes).</i></p> <p>We focused on the accuracy and completeness of income recognition from investments and its presentation in the Statement of Comprehensive Income as set out in the requirements of The Association of Investment Companies Statement of Recommended Practice (the 'AIC SORP').</p> <p>Income from investments includes both revenue and capital income. This is because inaccurate or incomplete income could have a material impact on the Company's net asset value and dividend cover.</p>	<p>We found that the accounting policies implemented were in accordance with accounting standards and the AIC SORP and that income has been accounted for in accordance with the stated accounting policy.</p> <p>We understood and assessed the design and implementation of key controls surrounding income recognition.</p> <p>We tested dividend receipts by agreeing the dividend rates from a sample of investments to independent third party sources.</p> <p>To test for completeness of revenue transactions, we tested that the appropriate dividends had been received in the year by reference to independent data of dividends declared from a sample of investment holdings in the portfolio. Our testing did not identify any unrecorded dividends which required reporting to those charged with governance.</p> <p>We tested the allocation and presentation of income from investments between the revenue and capital return columns of the Statement of Comprehensive Income in line with the requirements set out in the AIC SORP.</p> <p>To test capital gains we tested a sample of realised gains and losses recorded to supporting evidence such as bank statements and tested unrealised gains through testing the valuation of 100% of the listed portfolio using third party prices.</p> <p>No misstatements were identified by our testing which required reporting to those charged with governance.</p>
<p><b>Valuation and existence of investments</b>  <i>Refer to page 26 (Directors' Report), page 42 (Accounting Policies) and page 48 (notes).</i></p> <p>The investment portfolio at the year-end principally comprised listed equity investments valued at £825 million.</p> <p>We focused on the valuation and existence of investments because investments represent the principal element of the net asset value as disclosed on the Statement of Financial Position in the financial statements.</p>	<p>We tested the valuation of the listed equity investments by agreeing the prices used in the valuation to independent third party sources.</p> <p>We tested the existence of the investment portfolio by agreeing the holdings for investments to an independent Custodian confirmation from JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.</p> <p>No misstatements were identified by our testing which required reporting to those charged with governance.</p>

### **How we tailored the audit scope**

We tailored the scope of our audit to ensure that we performed enough work to be able to give an opinion on the financial statements as a whole, taking into account the geographic structure of the Group, the accounting processes and controls and the industry in which the group operates.

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The Company is an investment trust company with a subsidiary company in Mauritius, JPMorgan Indian Investment Company (Mauritius) Limited, and engages JPMorgan Funds Limited (the 'Manager') to manage its assets. We instructed PwC Mauritius to perform a full scope audit of JPMorgan Indian Investment Company (Mauritius) Limited.

We conducted our audit of the financial statements using information from JPMorgan Corporate & Investment Bank (the 'Administrator') to whom the Manager has, with the consent of the Directors, delegated the provision of certain administrative functions.

We tailored the scope of our audit taking into account the types of investments within the Company, the involvement of the third parties referred to above, the accounting processes and controls and the industry in which the Company operates.

### **Materiality**

The scope of our audit was influenced by our application of materiality. We set certain quantitative thresholds for materiality. These, together with qualitative considerations, helped us to determine the scope of our audit and the nature, timing and extent of our audit procedures on the individual financial statement line items and disclosures and in evaluating the effect of misstatements, both individually and on the financial statements as a whole.

Based on our professional judgement, we determined materiality for the financial statements as a whole as follows:

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<b>Overall materiality</b>	£7.7 million (2015: £6.0 million).
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<b>How we determined it</b>	1% of net assets.
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<b>Rationale for benchmark applied</b>	We have applied this benchmark, a generally accepted auditing practice for investment trust company audits, in the absence of indicators that an alternative benchmark would be appropriate and because we believe this provides an appropriate and consistent year-on-year basis for our audit.
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We agreed with the Audit and Risk Committee that we would report to them misstatements identified during our audit above £385,369 (2015: £302,474) as well as misstatements below that amount that, in our view, warranted reporting for qualitative reasons.

### **Going concern**

Under the Listing Rules we are required to review the Directors' statement, set out on page 26, in relation to going concern. We have nothing to report having performed our review.

Under ISAs (UK & Ireland) we are required to report to you if we have anything material to add or to draw attention to in relation to the Directors' statement about whether they considered it appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. We have nothing material to add or to draw attention to.

As noted in the Directors' statement, the Directors have concluded that it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. The going concern basis presumes that the Group and parent Company have adequate resources to remain in operation and that the Directors intend them to do so, for at least one year from the date the financial statements were signed. As part of our audit we have concluded that the Directors' use of the going concern basis is appropriate. However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, these statements are not a guarantee as to the Group's and parent Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

## **Other required reporting**

### **Consistency of other information**

#### **Companies Act 2006 opinion**

In our opinion, 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.

#### **ISAs (UK & Ireland) reporting**

Under ISAs (UK & Ireland) we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• information in the Annual Report is:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– materially inconsistent with the information in the audited financial statements; or</li><li>– apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, our knowledge of the group and parent company acquired in the course of performing our audit; or</li><li>– otherwise misleading.</li></ul></li></ul> | We have no exceptions to report. |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>the statement given by the Directors on page 32, in accordance with provision C.1.1 of the UK Corporate Governance Code (the 'Code'), that they consider the Annual Report taken as a whole to be fair, balanced and understandable and provides the information necessary for members to assess the Group's and parent Company's position and performance, business model and strategy is materially inconsistent with our knowledge of the Group and parent Company acquired in the course of performing our audit.</li></ul> | We have no exceptions to report. |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>the section of the Annual Report on pages 25 and 26, as required by provision C.3.8 of the Code, describing the work of the Audit and Risk Committee does not appropriately address matters communicated by us to the Audit and Risk Committee.</li></ul>   | We have no exceptions to report. |
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### **The Directors' assessment of the prospects of the Group and of the principal risks that would threaten the solvency or liquidity of the Group**

Under ISAs (UK & Ireland) we are required to report to you if we have anything material to add or to draw attention to in relation to:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>the Directors' confirmation on page 19 of the Annual Report, in accordance with provision C.2.1 of the Code, that they have carried out a robust assessment of the principal risks facing the Group, including those that would threaten its business model, future performance, solvency or liquidity.</li></ul>  | We have nothing material to add or to draw attention to. |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>the disclosures in the Annual Report that describe those risks and explain how they are being managed or mitigated.</li></ul>  | We have nothing material to add or to draw attention to. |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>the Directors' explanation on page 19 of the Annual Report, in accordance with provision C.2.2 of the Code, as to how they have assessed the prospects of the Group, 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 Group 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.</li></ul> | We have nothing material to add or to draw attention to. |
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Under the Listing Rules we are required to review the Directors' statement that they have carried out a robust assessment of the principal risks facing the Group and the Directors' statement in relation to the longer-term viability of the Group. Our review was substantially less in scope than an audit and only consisted of making inquiries and considering the Directors' process supporting their statements; checking that the statements are in alignment with the relevant provisions of the Code; and considering whether the statements are consistent with the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing our audit. We have nothing to report having performed our review.

### **Adequacy of accounting records and information and explanations received**

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent Company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent Company financial statements and the part of the Directors' Remuneration Report to be audited are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns.

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

### **Directors' remuneration**

#### ***Directors' remuneration report – Companies Act 2006 opinion***

In our opinion, the part of the Directors' Remuneration Report to be audited has been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

#### ***Other Companies Act 2006 reporting***

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion, certain disclosures of Directors' remuneration specified by law are not made. We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

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### **Corporate governance statement**

Under the Listing Rules we are required to review the part of the Corporate Governance Statement relating to ten further provisions of the Code. We have nothing to report having performed our review.

### **Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit**

#### **Our responsibilities and those of the Directors**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities set out on page 32, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and ISAs (UK & Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the parent Company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

#### **What an audit of financial statements involves**

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of:

- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Group's and the parent Company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed;
- the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Directors; and
- the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We primarily focus our work in these areas by assessing the Directors' judgements against available evidence, forming our own judgements, and evaluating the disclosures in the financial statements.

We test and examine information, using sampling and other auditing techniques, to the extent we consider necessary to provide a reasonable basis for us to draw conclusions. We obtain audit evidence through testing the effectiveness of controls, substantive procedures or a combination of both.

In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Annual Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

**Jeremy Jensen** (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors  
London

14th December 2016

# Financial Statements

## GROUP STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2016

	Notes	Revenue £'000	2016 Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	2015 Capital £'000	Total £'000
Investment income	4	6,725	–	6,725	6,136	–	6,136
Other income	4	34	–	34	1	–	1
Gains from investments held at fair value through profit or loss	10(d)	–	168,925	168,925	–	76,601	76,601
Foreign exchange gains/(losses)		–	586	586	–	(155)	(155)
<b>Total income</b>		<b>6,759</b>	<b>169,511</b>	<b>176,270</b>	<b>6,137</b>	<b>76,446</b>	<b>82,583</b>
Management fee	5	(6,379)	–	(6,379)	(6,151)	–	(6,151)
Other administrative expenses	6	(1,463)	–	(1,463)	(1,462)	–	(1,462)
<b>(Loss)/profit before finance costs and taxation</b>		<b>(1,083)</b>	<b>169,511</b>	<b>168,428</b>	<b>(1,476)</b>	<b>76,446</b>	<b>74,970</b>
Finance costs	7	(691)	–	(691)	(759)	–	(759)
<b>(Loss)/profit before taxation</b>		<b>(1,774)</b>	<b>169,511</b>	<b>167,737</b>	<b>(2,235)</b>	<b>76,446</b>	<b>74,211</b>
Taxation	8	(67)	–	(67)	(105)	–	(105)
<b>Net (loss)/profit</b>		<b>(1,841)</b>	<b>169,511</b>	<b>167,670</b>	<b>(2,340)</b>	<b>76,446</b>	<b>74,106</b>
<b>(Loss)/earnings per share</b>	9	<b>(1.75)p</b>	<b>160.68p</b>	<b>158.93p</b>	<b>(2.21)p</b>	<b>72.32p</b>	<b>70.11p</b>

The Group does not have any income or expense that is not included in the net (loss)/profit for the year. Accordingly the 'Net (loss)/profit' for the year, is also the 'Total comprehensive income' for the year, as defined in IAS1 (revised).

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 represents the Group's Statement of Comprehensive Income, prepared in accordance with IFRS. The supplementary 'Revenue' and 'Capital' columns are prepared under guidance published by the Association of Investment Companies.

Details of revenue and capital items, together with the associated reserves are contained in note 16.

All of the (loss)/profit and total comprehensive income is attributable to the equity shareholders of JPMorgan Indian Investment Trust plc, the Company. There are no minority interests.

The notes on pages 42 to 60 form an integral part of these financial statements.

## GROUP AND COMPANY STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2016

	Group							
	Called up share capital £'000	Share premium £'000	Other reserve £'000	Exercised warrant reserve £'000	Capital redemption reserve £'000	Capital reserves £'000	Revenue reserve £'000	Total £'000
<b>At 30th September 2014</b>	31,404	97,316	41,929	5,886	6,362	363,920	(15,971)	530,846
Profit/(loss) for the year	–	–	–	–	–	76,446	(2,340)	74,106
<b>At 30th September 2015</b>	31,404	97,316	41,929	5,886	6,362	440,366	(18,311)	604,952
Repurchase of shares into Treasury	–	–	–	–	–	(1,884)	–	(1,884)
Profit/(loss) for the year	–	–	–	–	–	169,511	(1,841)	167,670
<b>At 30th September 2016</b>	31,404	97,316	41,929	5,886	6,362	607,993	(20,152)	770,738

	Company							
	Called up share capital £'000	Share premium £'000	Other reserve £'000	Exercised warrant reserve £'000	Capital redemption reserve £'000	Capital reserves £'000	Revenue reserve £'000	Total £'000
<b>At 30th September 2014</b>	31,404	97,316	41,929	5,886	6,362	369,449	(21,500)	530,846
Profit/(loss) for the year	–	–	–	–	–	74,819	(713)	74,106
<b>At 30th September 2015</b>	31,404	97,316	41,929	5,886	6,362	444,268	(22,213)	604,952
Repurchase of shares into Treasury	–	–	–	–	–	(1,884)	–	(1,884)
Profit/(loss) for the year	–	–	–	–	–	168,221	(551)	167,670
<b>At 30th September 2016</b>	31,404	97,316	41,929	5,886	6,362	610,605	(22,764)	770,738

The notes on pages 42 to 60 form an integral part of these financial statements.

## GROUP AND COMPANY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2016

	Notes	Group 2016 £'000	Group 2015 Restated £'000	Company 2016 £'000	Company 2015 Restated £'000
<b>Non current assets</b>					
Investments held at fair value through profit or loss	10	824,906	614,242	766,644	598,338
<b>Current assets</b>					
Other receivables	11	46	2,718	46	47
Cash and cash equivalents		8,960	11,344	4,147	6,674
	12	<b>9,006</b>	<b>14,062</b>	<b>4,193</b>	<b>6,721</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Other payables	13	(374)	(352)	(99)	(107)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>8,632</b>	<b>13,710</b>	<b>4,094</b>	<b>6,614</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>833,538</b>	<b>627,952</b>	<b>770,738</b>	<b>604,952</b>
<b>Creditors:</b> amounts falling due after more than one year	14	(62,800)	(23,000)	–	–
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>770,738</b>	<b>604,952</b>	<b>770,738</b>	<b>604,952</b>
<b>Amounts attributable to equity holders</b>					
Called up share capital	15	31,404	31,404	31,404	31,404
Share premium	16	97,316	97,316	97,316	97,316
Other reserve	16	41,929	41,929	41,929	41,929
Exercised warrant reserve	16	5,886	5,886	5,886	5,886
Capital redemption reserve	16	6,362	6,362	6,362	6,362
Capital reserves	16	607,993	440,366	610,605	444,268
Revenue reserve	16	(20,152)	(18,311)	(22,764)	(22,213)
<b>Total equity shareholders' funds</b>		<b>770,738</b>	<b>604,952</b>	<b>770,738</b>	<b>604,952</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>		<b>731.8p</b>	<b>572.3p</b>	<b>731.8p</b>	<b>572.3p</b>

As disclosed in note 2(a), certain comparatives have been restated.

The Company's net profit for the financial year to 30th September 2016 was £167,670,000.

The financial statements on pages 38 to 60 were approved by the Directors and authorised for issue on 14th December 2016 and signed on their behalf by:

**Nimi Patel**

Director

The notes on pages 42 to 60 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Registered in England. No: 2915926.

## GROUP AND COMPANY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2016

	Group 2016 £'000	Group 2015 Restated £'000	Company 2016 £'000	Company 2015 Restated £'000
<b>Operating activities</b>				
Profit before taxation	167,737	74,211	167,670	74,106
Deduct dividends received	(6,725)	(6,136)	(382)	(264)
Deduct bank interest received	(34)	(1)	(24)	–
Add back interest paid	691	759	–	3
Deduct gains on investments held at fair value through profit or loss	(168,925)	(76,601)	(167,475)	(74,731)
Add back exchange gain on liquidity holding	–	94	–	94
Decrease/(increase) in prepayments, VAT and other receivables	51	61	1	(24)
Decrease in amounts due from brokers	2,621	1,531	–	–
Increase/(decrease) in other payables	22	(13)	(8)	(16)
Decrease in amount due to brokers	–	(1,452)	–	–
<b>Net cash outflow from operating activities before interest and taxation</b>	<b>(4,562)</b>	<b>(7,547)</b>	<b>(218)</b>	<b>(832)</b>
Interest paid	(691)	(759)	–	(3)
Tax paid	(67)	(105)	–	–
Dividends received	6,725	6,136	382	264
Interest received	34	1	24	–
<b>Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities</b>	<b>1,439</b>	<b>(2,274)</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>(571)</b>
<b>Investing activities</b>				
Purchases of investments held at fair value through profit or loss	(123,412)	(126,601)	(831)	(1,402)
Sales of investments held at fair value through profit or loss	81,673	146,340	–	8,086
<b>Net cash (outflow)/inflow from investing activities</b>	<b>(41,739)</b>	<b>19,739</b>	<b>(831)</b>	<b>6,684</b>
<b>Financing activities</b>				
Repurchase of shares into Treasury	(1,884)	–	(1,884)	–
Drawdown of ING short term loans	–	37,200	–	–
Drawdown of Scotiabank long term loans	39,800	23,000	–	–
Repayment of ING short term loans	–	(67,100)	–	–
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities</b>	<b>37,916</b>	<b>(6,900)</b>	<b>(1,884)</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>(Decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(2,384)</b>	<b>10,565</b>	<b>(2,527)</b>	<b>6,113</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the start of the year	11,344	779	6,674	561
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	<b>8,960</b>	<b>11,344</b>	<b>4,147</b>	<b>6,674</b>

As disclosed in note 2(a), certain comparatives have been restated.

The notes on pages 42 to 60 form an integral part of these financial statements.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2016

### 1. Principal activity

The principal activity of the Company is that of an investment holding company within the meaning of Section 1158 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010. The principal activity of its subsidiary company, JPMorgan Indian Investment Company (Mauritius) Limited, is that of an investment company.

### 2. Accounting policies

#### (a) Basis of accounting

The Group and Company financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and International Financial Reporting Standards ('IFRS'), which comprise standards and interpretations approved by the International Accounting Standards Board ('IASB'), the International Accounting Standards and Standing Interpretations Committee and interpretations approved by the International Accounting Standards Committee ('IASC') that remain in effect and to the extent that they have been adopted by the European Union.

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis. The disclosures on going concern in the Directors' Report on page 26 form part of these financial statements. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below. Where presentational guidance set out in the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Financial Statements of Investment Trust Companies and Venture Capital Trusts' (the 'SORP') issued by the Association of Investment Companies ('AIC') in January 2009 is consistent with the requirements of IFRS, the Directors have sought to prepare the financial statements on a basis compliant with the recommendations of the SORP.

The Company's share capital is denominated in sterling and this is the currency in which its shareholders operate and expenses are generally paid. The Directors have therefore determined the functional currency to be sterling.

#### Restatement

The investments in liquidity funds in the prior year have been re-presented as a current asset and cash equivalent rather than as a non-current asset as previously presented. This change in classification has also resulted in a restatement of the Group and Company Statement of Cash Flows. Consequently, prior year balances have been restated to make the required adjustments based on IAS 8. There was no impact on net assets, NAV per share, earnings or earnings per share as a result of the restatement. In addition, no comparative statement of financial position at 1st October 2014 has been presented as no liquidity funds were held at this date.

The affected financial statement line items for the prior year have been restated as follows:

#### Impact on Group and Company Statement of Financial Position

	Group 30th September 2015 £'000	Company 30th September 2015 £'000
Investments in liquidity fund held at fair value through profit or loss	(9,741)	(5,941)
Cash and cash equivalents	9,741	5,941
<b>Net impact on equity</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>

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## Impact on Group and Company Statement of Cash Flows

	Group 30th September 2015 £'000	Company 30th September 2015 £'000
<b>Operating activities</b>		
Exchange gain on liquidity holding	94	94
<b>Investing activities</b>		
Purchases of investments held at fair value through profit or loss	49,161	5,853
Sales of investments held at fair value through profit or loss	(39,435)	(6)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	<b>(9,741)</b>	<b>(5,941)</b>
<b>Net impact on cash flows</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>

### (b) Accounting Standards

These standards and amendments are relevant to the Company, however they are currently not expected to have a significant impact on the amounts reported in the financial statements. No new standards were adopted in the current year.

#### **New standards, amendments and interpretations issued but not effective for the current financial year:**

- Amendments to IAS 27 – Equity Method in Separate Financial Statements (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1st January 2016).
- Amendments to IAS 1 – Disclosure Initiative (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1st January 2016).
- IFRS 9 – Financial Instruments (effective to annual periods beginning on or after 1st January 2018).
- IFRS 15 – Revenue from Contracts with Customers (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1st January 2018).
- Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2012-2014 Cycle – various standards (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1st January 2016).
- Amendments to IFRS 10, IFRS 12 and IAS 28 – Investment Entities: Applying the Consolidation Exception (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1st January 2016).
- Amendments to IAS 7 – Disclosure Initiative (effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2016).

The Directors are currently considering the impact of the above standards, amendments, and interpretations. The Company intends to apply each relevant standard at the date it becomes effective. The impact of all other IFRS' issued but not yet adopted is not expected to be material.

### (c) Basis of consolidation

The Group financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiary, JPMorgan Indian Investment Company (Mauritius) Limited. Intra group balances are eliminated on consolidation.

### (d) Presentation of the Statement of Comprehensive Income

In order to better reflect the activities of an investment trust company and in accordance with guidance issued by the AIC, supplementary information which analyses the Statement of Comprehensive Income between items of a revenue nature and a capital nature has been presented alongside the Statement of Comprehensive Income. In accordance with the Company's status as a UK investment company under Section 833 of the Companies Act 2006, net capital returns may not be distributed by way of dividend.



## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *CONTINUED*

### 2. Accounting policies *continued*

#### (d) Presentation of the Statement of Comprehensive Income *continued*

Additionally, the net revenue is the measure the Directors believe appropriate in assessing compliance with certain requirements set out in Section 1158 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010.

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption conferred by Section 408 of the Companies Act 2006, and omitted the Company's Statement of Comprehensive Income from the annual accounts.

#### (e) Investments held at fair value through profit or loss

Investments are recognised and derecognised on the trade date where a purchase or sale is under a contract whose terms require delivery within a timeframe established by the market concerned.

Investments are designated upon initial recognition as 'held at fair value through profit or loss'. At subsequent reporting dates investments are valued at fair values which are quoted bid market prices for investments traded in active markets. Fair values for unquoted investments, or for investments for which there is only an inactive market, are established by using various valuation techniques. These may include recent arm's length market transactions, the current fair value of another instrument that is substantially the same or discounted cash flow analysis or net asset value. Where there is a valuation technique commonly used by market participants to price the instrument and that technique has been demonstrated to provide reliable estimates of prices obtained in actual market transactions, that technique is used.

Changes in the fair value of investments 'held at fair value through profit or loss' and gains or losses on disposal are included in the capital column of the Statement of Comprehensive Income within 'Gains or losses on investments held at fair value through profit or loss'. Transaction costs incurred on the acquisition and disposal of investments are also included within this caption.

Gains and losses on sales of investments, increases and decreases in the valuation of investments held at the year end, foreign exchange gains and losses and other capital receipts and payments are dealt within capital reserves.

The Company's investment in its subsidiary undertaking is held at fair value, which is deemed to be the net assets of the subsidiary.

The subsidiary company holds a portfolio of listed investments which are measured at their quoted bid prices. The financial statements of the subsidiary are prepared for the same reporting year end as the Company, using consistent accounting policies.

#### (f) Income

Dividends receivable from equity shares are included in the revenue column of the Statement of Comprehensive Income on an ex-dividend basis except where, in the opinion of the Directors, the dividend is capital in nature, in which case it is included in the capital column.

Income from fixed interest debt securities is recognised using the effective interest rate method.

Interest receivable is included in the revenue column on an accruals basis.

#### (g) Expenses

All expenses and interest payable are accounted for on an accruals basis. All administration expenses and finance costs, including the management fee and interest payable, are charged to the revenue column of the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### (h) Financial instruments

Cash and cash equivalents may comprise cash and demand deposits which are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to insignificant risk of changes in value, and liquidity funds. Other receivables are non interest bearing, short term in nature and are accordingly stated at nominal value as reduced by appropriate allowances for estimated irrecoverable amounts.

Interest bearing bank loans are recorded as the proceeds received net of direct issue costs. Other payables are non interest bearing, short term in nature and are accordingly stated at nominal value.

Finance costs, including any premiums payable on settlement or redemption and direct issue costs, are accounted for on an accruals basis in profit or loss using the effective interest rate method.

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The Company does not hold or issue derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes. Derivative financial instruments are recognised initially at fair value on the contract date and subsequently remeasured to the fair value at each reporting date. The resulting gain or loss is recognised as revenue or capital in the Statement of Comprehensive Income depending on the nature and motive of each derivative transaction. Derivative financial instruments with a positive fair value are recognised as financial assets and derivative financial instruments with a negative fair value are recognised as financial liabilities. A derivative is presented as a non-current asset or a non-current liability if the remaining maturity of the instrument is more than 12 months and it is not expected to be realised or settled within 12 months.

**(i) Taxation**

The tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax. Tax payable is based on the taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from profit before tax as reported in the Statement of Comprehensive Income because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The Group's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is the tax expected to be payable or recoverable on differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit and is accounted for using the balance sheet liability method. Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for all taxable temporary differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is more likely than not that taxable profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised.

Investment trusts which have approval under Section 1158 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 are not liable for taxation on capital gains. The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each balance sheet date and reduced to the extent that, on the balance of probabilities, it is not likely that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled or the asset is realised. Deferred tax is charged or credited in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, except when it relates to items charged or credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is also dealt with in equity.

**(j) Foreign currency**

For the purpose of the consolidated financial statements, the results and financial position of both entities in the Group are expressed in sterling which is the functional currency of the Company and the presentational currency of the Group.

Transactions in currencies other than sterling are recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing on the dates of the transactions. At each balance sheet date, monetary items and non monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the balance sheet date. Gains or losses arising on retranslation are included in net profit or loss for the year and presented as revenue or capital as appropriate.

**(k) Value Added Tax (VAT)**

Irrecoverable VAT is included in the expense on which it has been suffered. Recoverable VAT is calculated using the partial exemption method based on the proportion of zero rated supplies to total supplies.

**(l) Share repurchases**

The cost of repurchasing shares including the related stamp duty is charged to capital reserves and dealt with in the statement of changes in equity. Transactions are accounted for on a trade date basis. If shares are repurchased for cancellation, the nominal value of the repurchased shares is deducted from share capital.

### **3. Significant accounting judgements and estimates**

The preparation of the financial statements requires the Company to make estimations where uncertainty exists. It also requires the Company to exercise judgement in the process of applying the accounting policies. The critical accounting estimates and areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity comprise the fair value of financial instruments.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *CONTINUED*

### 3. Significant accounting judgements and estimates *continued*

The Directors use their judgement in selecting an appropriate valuation technique for financial instruments not quoted on an active market. Valuation techniques commonly used by market practitioners are applied. Other financial instruments are valued where possible, by observable market prices or using a discounted cash flow analysis based on assumptions supported.

Management do not believe that any other accounting judgements 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.

### 4. Investment and other income

	Group	
	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
<b>Investment income</b>		
Dividends from investments listed overseas	6,725	6,136
	<b>6,725</b>	<b>6,136</b>
<b>Other income</b>		
Interest from liquidity funds	34	–
Deposit interest	–	1
<b>Total income</b>	<b>6,759</b>	<b>6,137</b>

### 5. Management fee

	Group	
	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Management fee	6,379	6,151

Details of the basis of calculation of the management fee are given in the Directors' Report on page 22.

### 6. Other administrative expenses

	Group	
	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Other administration expenses	961	960
Savings scheme costs <sup>1</sup>	182	182
Directors' fees <sup>2</sup>	150	150
Depositary fee	123	121
Auditors' remuneration for audit services <sup>3</sup>	47	49
	<b>1,463</b>	<b>1,462</b>

<sup>1</sup> These fees were payable to the Manager for the marketing and administration of savings scheme products.

<sup>2</sup> Directors' fees include £18,000 (2015: £16,000) payable to the Directors of JPMorgan Indian Investment Company (Mauritius) Limited.

<sup>3</sup> Includes £18,000 (2015: £17,000) payable to PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP in respect of the audit for JPMorgan Indian Investment Company (Mauritius) Limited.

## 7. Finance costs

	Group	
	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Interest on bank loans and overdrafts	691	759

## 8. Taxation

### (a) Taxation on ordinary activities

	Group	
	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Overseas taxation	67	105
<b>Total tax</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>105</b>

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

The tax charge for the year is lower (2015: lower) than the Company's applicable rate of corporation tax for the year of 20.0% (2015: 20.5%). The difference is explained below.

	Group	
	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Profit before taxation	167,737	74,211
Corporation tax at 20.0% (2015: 20.5%)	33,547	15,213
Effects of:		
Non taxable capital gains	(33,902)	(15,671)
Movement in excess management expenses	1,700	1,712
Non taxable overseas dividends	(1,345)	(1,254)
Overseas taxation	67	105
<b>Total tax</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>105</b>

### (c) Provision for deferred taxation

No provision for deferred taxation has been made in the current year or prior year. Neither the Company nor its Subsidiary have provided for deferred tax on any capital gains or losses arising on the revaluation or disposal of investments as they are exempt from tax on these items due to their status as Investment Companies.

### (d) Factors that may affect future tax charges

The Company has an unrecognised deferred tax asset of £3,914,000 (2015: £4,423,000) based on a prospective corporation tax rate of 17% (2015: 20%). The deferred tax asset has arisen because cumulative deductible expenses have exceeded taxable income over the life of the Company. A deferred tax asset has not been recognised in the financial statements as it is not likely that this asset will be utilised in the foreseeable future. The UK government announced in July 2015 that the corporation tax rate is set to be cut to 19% in 2017 and 17% in 2020. These rate reductions in the standard rate of corporation tax were substantively enacted on 26th October 2015 and became effective from 18th November 2015.

Deferred tax for the subsidiary company is calculated at the applicable tax rate enacted by the balance sheet date of 15% (2015: 15%).

For further information on developments relating to taxation please refer to the Chairman's Statement on page 3.

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

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Earnings per share is based on the following:		
Revenue loss	(1,841)	(2,340)
Capital return	169,511	76,446
<b>Total return</b>	<b>167,670</b>	<b>74,106</b>
Weighted average number of shares in issue	105,496,718	105,707,798
Revenue loss per share	(1.75)p	(2.21)p
Capital return per share	160.68p	72.32p
<b>Total return per share</b>	<b>158.93p</b>	<b>70.11p</b>

**10. Investments held at fair value through profit or loss**
**(a) Group and Company**

	Group		Company	
	2016 £'000	2015 <sup>1</sup> £'000	2016 £'000	2015 <sup>1</sup> £'000
Investments listed on a recognised stock exchange	824,906	614,242	14,029	12,099
Investment in subsidiary held at fair value	–	–	752,615	586,239
<b>Total investments held at fair value through profit or loss</b>	<b>824,906</b>	<b>614,242</b>	<b>766,644</b>	<b>598,338</b>

	Group 2016 £'000	Company <sup>2</sup> 2016 £'000
Opening book cost	377,523	8,974
Opening investment holding gains	236,719	3,125
Opening valuation	614,242	12,099
Movements in the year:		
Purchases at cost	123,356	830
Sales - proceeds	(81,673)	–
Losses on sales of investments based on the carrying value at the previous balance sheet date	(3,923)	(42)
Net movement in investment holding gains and losses	172,904	1,142
Closing valuation	824,906	14,029
Closing book cost	426,201	9,804
Closing investment holding gains	398,705	4,225
<b>Closing valuation</b>	<b>824,906</b>	<b>14,029</b>

<sup>1</sup> Prior year balances have been amended to reflect the treatment of liquidity funds as cash and cash equivalents as outlined in note 2(a).

<sup>2</sup> Excluding investment in subsidiary.

**(b) Transaction costs**

	Group		Company	
	2016 £'000	2015 £'000	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Transaction costs on purchases	395	425	2	8
Transaction costs on sales	234	402	–	10
	<b>629</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>

The above costs comprise mainly brokerage commission.

**(c) Investment in subsidiary company**

	Company	
	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Historic cost of investment in Subsidiary <sup>1</sup>	62,868	62,868
Opening cumulative contributions to Subsidiary	79,637	79,637
Opening cumulative holding gains	443,734	369,224
Opening valuation	586,239	511,729
Net movement in investment holding gains and losses	166,376	74,510
<b>Closing valuation</b>	<b>752,615</b>	<b>586,239</b>

<sup>1</sup> The historic cost of the investment in the Subsidiary represents the cost of the ordinary shares and warrants subscribed on its incorporation in 1994.

The Company owns 100% of the ordinary share capital of its subsidiary company JPMorgan Indian Investment Company (Mauritius) Limited, an investment company registered in Mauritius.

**(d) Gains on investments held at fair value through profit or loss**

	Group		Company	
	2016 £'000	2015 £'000	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Gains on investments held at fair value through profit or loss based on historical cost	6,995	13,966	–	415
Amounts recognised as investment holding gains in the previous year in respect of investments sold during the year	(10,918)	(8,147)	(42)	(2,874)
Gains on sales of investments based on the carrying value at the previous balance sheet date	(3,923)	5,819	(42)	(2,459)
Net movement in investment holding gains and losses	172,904	70,848	167,518	77,196
Other capital charges	(56)	(66)	(1)	(6)
<b>Total gains on investments held at fair value through profit or loss</b>	<b>168,925</b>	<b>76,601</b>	<b>167,475</b>	<b>74,731</b>

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### 11. Other receivables

	Group		Company	
	2016 £'000	2015 £'000	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Securities sold awaiting settlement	–	2,621	–	–
Prepayments and accrued income	46	97	46	47
	<b>46</b>	<b>2,718</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>47</b>

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

### 12. Cash and cash equivalents

	Group		Company	
	2016 £'000	2015 £'000	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Cash held in liquidity funds	7,849	7,741	3,849	5,941
Cash held at bank	1,111	1,603	298	733
	<b>8,960</b>	<b>11,344</b>	<b>4,147</b>	<b>6,674</b>

### 13. Other payables

	Group		Company	
	2016 £'000	2015 £'000	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Loan interest payable	120	–	–	–
Other creditors and accruals	254	352	99	107
	<b>374</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>107</b>

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

### 14. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Group		Company	
	2016 £'000	2015 £'000	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Bank loans	62,800	23,000	–	–

The Company's subsidiary company has a £100 million loan facility with Scotiabank, expiring in 2018. Under the terms of the facility, the subsidiary company may draw down up to £100 million at an interest rate of LIBOR, plus a margin and mandatory costs. At 30th September 2016, £62.8 million was drawn down (2015: £23 million).

## 15. Called up share capital

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
<b>Allotted and fully-paid share capital</b>		
<b>Ordinary shares of 25p each</b>		
Opening balance of 105,707,798 (2015: 105,707,798) Ordinary shares excluding shares held in Treasury	26,427	26,427
Repurchase of 391,183 shares into Treasury (2015: nil)	(98)	–
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>26,329</b>	<b>26,427</b>
Opening balance of 19,909,788 (2015: 19,909,788) Ordinary shares held in Treasury	4,977	4,977
Repurchase of 391,183 shares into Treasury (2015: nil)	98	–
<b>Closing balance<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>31,404</b>	<b>31,404</b>

<sup>1</sup> Comprises 125,617,586 (2015: 125,617,586) Ordinary shares of 25p each including 20,300,971 (2015: 19,909,788) shares held in Treasury.

## 16. Reserves

	Share premium £'000	Other reserve <sup>1</sup> £'000	Exercised warrant reserve £'000	Group Capital redemption reserve £'000	Capital reserves <sup>2</sup> £'000	Revenue reserve <sup>3</sup> £'000
Opening balance	97,316	41,929	5,886	6,362	440,366	(18,311)
Realised foreign currency gains on cash and short term deposits	–	–	–	–	586	–
Realised losses on investments	–	–	–	–	(3,923)	–
Unrealised gains on investments	–	–	–	–	172,904	–
Repurchase of shares into Treasury	–	–	–	–	(1,884)	–
Other capital charges	–	–	–	–	(56)	–
Net losses for the year	–	–	–	–	–	(1,841)
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>97,316</b>	<b>41,929</b>	<b>5,886</b>	<b>6,362</b>	<b>607,993</b>	<b>(20,152)</b>

<sup>1</sup> The 'Other reserve' was formerly share premium which was cancelled for the purpose of financing share buybacks.

<sup>2</sup> Capital reserves comprise gains and losses on sales of investments and holding gains and losses on investments held at the year end. Net holding gains on investments held at the year end amounted to £168,981,000.

<sup>3</sup> Revenue reserves represent the distributable reserves of the Group/Company from which dividends may be paid.



## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *CONTINUED*

### 16. Reserves *continued*

	Company					
	Share premium £'000	Other reserve <sup>1</sup> £'000	Exercised warrant reserve £'000	Capital redemption reserve £'000	Capital reserves <sup>2</sup> £'000	Revenue reserve £'000
Opening balance	97,316	41,929	5,886	6,362	444,268	(22,213)
Realised foreign currency gains on cash and short term deposits	–	–	–	–	746	–
Realised losses on investments	–	–	–	–	(42)	–
Unrealised gains on investments	–	–	–	–	167,518	–
Repurchase of shares into Treasury	–	–	–	–	(1,884)	–
Other capital charges	–	–	–	–	(1)	–
Net losses for the year	–	–	–	–	–	(551)
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>97,316</b>	<b>41,929</b>	<b>5,886</b>	<b>6,362</b>	<b>610,605</b>	<b>(22,764)</b>

<sup>1</sup> The 'Other reserve' was formerly share premium which was cancelled for the purpose of financing share buybacks.

<sup>2</sup> Capital reserves comprise gains and losses on sales of investments and holding gains and losses on investments held at the year end. Net holding gains on investments held at the year end amounted to £167,476,000.

### 17. Net asset value per share

	Group	
	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Net assets (£'000)	770,738	604,952
Number of shares in issue excluding shares held in Treasury	105,316,615	105,707,798
Net asset value per share	731.8p	572.3p

The Company will only re-issue shares held in Treasury at a premium and therefore these shares have no dilutive potential.

### 18. Contingent liabilities and capital commitments

There were no contingent liabilities or capital commitments at the balance sheet date (2015: £nil).

### 19. Related party transactions

Details of the management contract are set out in the Directors' Report on page 22. The management fee payable to the Manager by the Group and Company for the year was £6,379,000 and £182,000 respectively (2015: £6,151,000 and £204,000 respectively) of which £nil (2015: £nil) was outstanding in the Group financial statements at the year end. In addition £182,000 (2015: £182,000) was payable by the Group and Company to the Manager for the marketing and administration of savings scheme products of which £nil (2015: £nil) was outstanding in both the Group's and Company's financial statements at the year end.

Included in other administration expenses in note 6 on page 46 are safe custody fees payable to JPMorgan Chase as custodian of the Group and Company amounting to £633,000 and £11,000 respectively (2015: £613,000 and £11,000 respectively) of which £129,000 and £2,000 respectively (2015: £156,000 and £3,000 respectively) was outstanding at the year end.

The Manager carries out some of its dealing transactions through group subsidiaries. These transactions are carried out at arm's length. The commission payable to JPMorgan Securities for the year by the Group and Company was £31,000 and £nil respectively (2015: £38,000 and £nil respectively) of which £nil (2015: £nil) was outstanding in both the Group's and Company's financial statements at the year end.

Handling charges payable on dealing transactions undertaken by overseas sub custodians on behalf of the Group and Company amounted to £56,000 and £1,000 respectively (2015: £66,000 and £6,000 respectively) of which £8,000 and £nil respectively (2015: £9,000 and £5,000 respectively) was outstanding at the year end.

The Group also holds cash in the JPMorgan Sterling Liquidity Fund and JPMorgan US Dollar Liquidity Fund. At 30 September 2016, the holding in JPMorgan Sterling Liquidity Fund was valued at £4,000,000 (2015: £3,800,000). During the year, the subsidiary company made purchases in this fund amounting to £34,600,000 (2015: £44,700,000) and sales of £34,400,000 (2015: £40,900,000). Income receivable from this fund amounted to £10,000 (2015: £17,000) of which £nil (2015: £nil) was outstanding at the year end. At 30th September 2016, the holding in JPMorgan US Dollar Liquidity Fund was valued at £3,849,000 (2015: £5,941,000). During the year, the Company made no purchases (2015: £5,847,000) and sales of this fund amounting to £2,774,000 (2015: £nil). Income receivable from this fund amounted to £24,000 (2015: £2,000) of which £nil (2015: £nil) was outstanding at the year end. JPMorgan earns no management fee on the share class of these funds in which the Company is invested.

At the year end, the Group and Company held bank balances of £1,111,000 and £298,000 respectively with JPMorgan Chase (2015: £1,603,000 and £733,000 respectively).

Interest amounting to £nil received by the Group and Company respectively (2015: £1,000 and £nil respectively) during the year from JPMorgan Chase, of which £nil (2015: £nil) was outstanding in both the Group's and Company's financial statements at the year end.

Details of the Directors' shareholdings and the remuneration payable to Directors are given in the Directors' Remuneration Report on page 30.

Balances and transactions between the Company and its subsidiary company, which are related parties, have been eliminated on consolidation and are not disclosed in this note.

## 20. Disclosures regarding financial instruments measured at fair value

The disclosures required by the IFRS 13: 'Fair Value Measurement' are given below. The Company's financial instruments within the scope of IFRS 13 that are held at fair value comprise its investment portfolio.

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

Level 1 - valued using unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities.

Level 2 - valued by reference to valuation techniques using other observable inputs not included within Level 1.

Level 3 - valued by reference to valuation techniques using unobservable inputs.

The recognition and measurement policies for financial instruments measured at fair value are consistent with those disclosed in the last annual financial statements.

Categorisation within the hierarchy has been determined on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement of the relevant asset. Details of the valuation techniques used are given in note 2(e).

The following tables set out the fair value measurements using the IFRS 13 hierarchy at the relevant year end:

	Group 2016				Company 2016			
	Level 1 £'000	Level 2 £'000	Level 3 £'000	Total £'000	Level 1 £'000	Level 2 £'000	Level 3 £'000	Total £'000
<b>Financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss</b>								
Equity investments	824,906	–	–	824,906	14,029	752,615	–	766,644
<b>Total</b>	<b>824,906</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>824,906</b>	<b>14,029</b>	<b>752,615</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>766,644</b>

	Group 2015				Company 2015			
	Level 1 £'000	Level 2 £'000	Level 3 £'000	Total £'000	Level 1 £'000	Level 2 £'000	Level 3 £'000	Total £'000
<b>Financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss</b>								
Equity investments	614,242	–	–	614,242	12,099	586,239	–	598,338
<b>Total</b>	<b>614,242</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>614,242</b>	<b>12,099</b>	<b>586,239</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>598,338</b>

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### 20. Disclosures regarding financial instruments measured at fair value *continued*

The Company's policy for determining transfers between levels is to ascertain the listing status and trading levels at each period end and for each investment determine if any changes have occurred that would necessitate a transfer.

There have been no transfers between Levels 1, 2 or 3 during the current or comparative year. There is one holding in Level 3 which comprises an unquoted investment in DC Design which is valued £nil (2015: rounds down to less than £1,000). There have been no purchases or sales of this stock and the fair value has changed in the current year to nil.

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

The Company is an investment trust and its wholly owned subsidiary is an investment company and they both invest in equities and other securities for the long term so as to secure the investment objective stated on the 'Features' page. In pursuing the objective, the Group is exposed to a variety of risks that could result in a reduction in net assets or a reduction in profits. These 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 in the following pages. The Company Secretary, in close cooperation with the Board and the Manager, coordinates the Group's risk management strategy.

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

The Group's financial instruments may comprise the following:

- investments in equity shares of Indian companies and other securities which are held in accordance with the investment objective;
- investment in the subsidiary company;
- cash held in liquidity funds;
- short term receivables, payables and cash arising directly from its operations; and
- a credit facility for the purpose of raising finance for the Company's operations and providing leveraged returns for the Company's shareholders.

#### (a) Market risk

The fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument held by the Group will 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 previous 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

Most of the Group's assets and income and certain of its liabilities are denominated in currencies other than sterling, which is the Company's functional currency and the presentational currency of the Group. As a result, movements in exchange rates may affect the sterling value of those items.

##### Management of currency risk

The Manager monitors the Group's exposure to foreign currencies on a daily basis and reports to the Board, which meets on at least four occasions each year. The Manager measures the risk to the Group of the foreign currency exposure by considering the effect on the Group's net asset value and income of a movement in the rates of exchange to which the Group's assets, liabilities, income and expenses are exposed. Income denominated in foreign currencies is converted to sterling on receipt. The Group may use short term forward currency contracts to manage working capital requirements.

##### Foreign currency exposure

The fair value of the Group's and Company's monetary items that have foreign currency exposure at 30th September are shown below. Where equity investments, which are not monetary items, are priced in a foreign currency, they have been included separately in the analysis so as to show the overall level of exposure.

	Group				Company			
	At 30th September 2016				At 30th September 2016			
	Indian Rupees £'000	US\$ £'000	Others £'000	Total £'000	Indian Rupees £'000	US\$ £'000	Others £'000	Total £'000
Current assets	153	4,130	–	4,283	–	4,113	–	4,113
Foreign currency exposure to net monetary items	153	4,130	–	4,283	–	4,113	–	4,113
Equity investments held at fair value	810,877	9,771	4,258	824,906	–	9,771	4,258	14,029
<b>Total net foreign currency exposure</b>	<b>811,030</b>	<b>13,901</b>	<b>4,258</b>	<b>829,189</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>13,884</b>	<b>4,258</b>	<b>18,142</b>

	Group				Company			
	At 30th September 2015				At 30th September 2015			
	Indian Rupees £'000	US\$ £'000	Others £'000	Total £'000	Indian Rupees £'000	US\$ £'000	Others £'000	Total £'000
Current assets	2,672	6,629	–	9,301	–	6,590	–	6,590
Foreign currency exposure to net monetary items	2,672	6,629	–	9,301	–	6,590	–	6,590
Equity investments held at fair value	602,143	10,132	1,967	614,242	–	10,132	1,967	12,099
<b>Total net foreign currency exposure</b>	<b>604,815</b>	<b>16,761</b>	<b>1,967</b>	<b>623,543</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>16,722</b>	<b>1,967</b>	<b>18,689</b>

The above year end amounts are broadly representative of the exposure to foreign currency risk during the current and comparative year.

### Foreign currency sensitivity

The following tables illustrate the sensitivity of profit after taxation for the year and net assets with regard to the monetary financial assets and financial liabilities, equity investments and exchange rates. The sensitivity analysis is based on equity investments, monetary currency financial instruments held at each balance sheet date and assumes a 10% (2015: 10%) appreciation or depreciation in sterling against the Indian Rupee and US Dollar and the income receivable in foreign currency to which the Group and Company are exposed, which is deemed a reasonable illustration based on the volatility of exchange rates during the year.

If sterling had weakened by 10% this would have had the following effect:

	Group		Company	
	2016 £'000	2015 £'000	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Statement of comprehensive income return after taxation				
Revenue return	675	612	41	26
Capital return	428	930	411	659
Total return after taxation for the year	1,103	1,542	452	685
Equity investments held at fair value	82,491	61,424	1,403	1,210
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>83,594</b>	<b>62,966</b>	<b>1,855</b>	<b>1,895</b>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED**
**21. Financial instruments' exposure to risk and risk management policies *continued***
**(a) Market risk *continued***
**(i) Currency risk *continued***
**Foreign currency sensitivity *continued***

Conversely if sterling had strengthened by 10% this would have had the following effect:

	Group		Company	
	2016 £'000	2015 £'000	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Statement of comprehensive income return after taxation				
Revenue return	(675)	(612)	(41)	(26)
Capital return	(428)	(930)	(411)	(659)
Total return after taxation for the year	(1,103)	(1,542)	(452)	(685)
Equity investments held at fair value	(82,491)	(61,424)	(1,403)	(1,210)
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>(83,594)</b>	<b>(62,966)</b>	<b>(1,855)</b>	<b>(1,895)</b>

In the opinion of the Directors, the above sensitivity analysis with respect to monetary financial assets, financial liabilities and equity investments is broadly representative of the whole year.

**(ii) Interest rate risk**

Interest rate movements may affect the level of income receivable on cash deposits and liquidity funds and the interest payable on variable rate cash borrowings.

**Management of interest rate risk**

The Group does not normally hold significant cash balances. Short term borrowings are used when required and derivative contracts are not used to hedge against the exposure to interest rate risk. The Group may finance part of its activities through borrowings at levels approved and monitored by the Board. The possible effects on cash flows that could arise as a result of changes in interest rates are taken into account when the Subsidiary borrows on its loan facility. However, amounts drawn down on this facility are for short term periods and therefore exposure to interest rate risk is not significant.

**Interest rate exposure**

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

	Group		Company	
	2016 £'000	2015 £'000	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Exposure to floating interest rates				
JPM US Dollar Liquidity Fund	3,849	5,941	3,849	5,941
JPM Sterling Liquidity Fund	4,000	3,800	–	–
Cash deposits	1,111	1,603	298	733
Bank loans	(62,800)	(23,000)	–	–
<b>Total exposure</b>	<b>(53,840)</b>	<b>(11,656)</b>	<b>4,147</b>	<b>6,674</b>

Interest receivable on cash balances is at a margin below LIBOR.

The terms of the bank loan are disclosed in note 14.

The following table illustrates the sensitivity of profit after taxation for the year and net assets to a 1% (2015: 1%) increase or decrease in interest rate in regards to 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 monetary financial instruments held at the balance sheet date, with all other variables held constant.

Effect of a 1% increase in interest rate:

	2016		2015	
	Group £'000	Company £'000	Group £'000	Company £'000
Statement of comprehensive income - return after taxation				
Revenue return	(538)	41	(116)	67
<b>Total return after taxation for the year and net assets</b>	<b>(538)</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>(116)</b>	<b>67</b>

Effect of a 1% decrease in interest rate:

	2016		2015	
	Group £'000	Company £'000	Group £'000	Company £'000
Statement of comprehensive income - return after taxation				
Revenue return	538	(41)	116	(67)
<b>Total return after taxation for the year and net assets</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>(41)</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>(67)</b>

In the opinion of the Directors, the above sensitivity analysis is broadly representative of the whole year as the level of exposure to floating interest rates may fluctuate.

### (iii) Other price risk

Other price risk includes changes in market prices, other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk, 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 investment objective and seeks to ensure that individual stocks meet an acceptable risk/reward profile.

#### Other price risk exposure

The exposure to changes in market prices at 30th September comprises holdings in equity investments as follows:

	2016		2015	
	Group £'000	Company £'000	Group £'000	Company £'000
Equity investments held at fair value through profit or loss	824,906	766,644	614,242	598,334

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

An analysis of the Group's investments is given on pages 12 to 14. This shows that the investments' value is entirely in India. Accordingly there is a concentration of exposure to that country. However it should be noted that an investment may not necessarily be wholly exposed to the economic conditions in its country of domicile.

#### Other price risk sensitivity

The following table illustrates the sensitivity of profit after taxation for the year and net assets to an increase or decrease of 10% (2015: 10%) in the fair value of equity investments or a change in the sterling/rupee exchange rate. This level of change is considered to be a reasonable illustration based on observation of current market conditions. The sensitivity analysis is based on equity investments and adjusting for change in the management fee, but with all other variables held constant.

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

Effect of a 10% increase in fair value:

	2016		2015	
	Group £'000	Company £'000	Group £'000	Company £'000
Statement of comprehensive income - return after taxation				
Revenue return	(825)	(14)	(614)	(12)
Capital return	82,491	1,403	61,424	1,210
<b>Total return after taxation and net assets</b>	<b>81,666</b>	<b>1,389</b>	<b>60,810</b>	<b>1,198</b>

Effect of a 10% decrease in fair value:

	2016		2015	
	Group £'000	Company £'000	Group £'000	Company £'000
Statement of comprehensive income - return after taxation				
Revenue return	825	14	614	12
Capital return	(82,491)	(1,403)	(61,424)	(1,210)
<b>Total return after taxation and net assets</b>	<b>(81,666)</b>	<b>(1,389)</b>	<b>(60,810)</b>	<b>(1,198)</b>

**(b) Liquidity risk**

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

**Management of liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk is not significant as the Group's assets comprise readily realisable securities, which can be sold to meet funding requirements if necessary. Short term flexibility is achieved through the use of overdraft facilities. The Board's policy is to remain fully invested in normal market conditions and that short term borrowings be used to manage short term liabilities and working capital requirements. A bank loan facility is used to gear the Group as appropriate. Details of the current facility are given in note 14.

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

	2016					
	Group			Total £'000	Company	
	Less than three months £'000	More than three months but not more than one year £'000	More than one year £'000		Less than three months £'000	Total £'000
<b>Other payables</b>						
Other creditors and accruals	254	–	–	254	99	99
Bank loan	358	728	63,658	64,744	–	–
	<b>612</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>63,658</b>	<b>64,998</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>99</b>

	2015					
	Group			Total £'000	Company	
	Less than three months £'000	More than three months but not more than one year £'000	More than one year £'000		Less than three months £'000	Total £'000
<b>Other payables</b>						
Other creditors and accruals	352	–	–	352	107	107
Bank loan	99	302	23,757	24,158	–	–
	<b>451</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>23,757</b>	<b>24,510</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>107</b>

**(c) Credit risk**

Credit risk is the risk that the counterparty to a transaction fails to discharge its obligations under that transaction which could result in a loss to the Group.

**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**

Counterparties are subject to daily credit analysis by the Manager and trades can only be placed with counterparties that have been approved by both the JPMorgan Counterparty Risk Group and the Board.

**Exposure to JPMorgan Chase**

JPMorgan Chase is the custodian of the Company's assets. The custody agreement grants a general lien over the securities credited to the securities account. The Company's assets are segregated from JPMorgan Chase's own trading assets. Therefore, in the event that JPMorgan Chase were to cease trading, these assets would be protected. However, no absolute guarantee can be given to investors on the protection of all assets of the Group.

**Credit risk exposure**

The amounts shown in the statement of financial position under investments in liquidity fund, other receivables and cash and cash equivalents represent the maximum exposure to credit risk at the current and comparative year ends.

Cash and cash equivalents comprise balances held at JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. The liquidity funds which the Group invests in have credit ratings of AAAM.

**(d) Fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities**

All financial assets and liabilities are either included in the statement of financial position at fair value, or the carrying amount in the statement of financial position is a reasonable approximation of fair value.



## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *CONTINUED*

### 22. Capital management policies and procedures

The Group's capital comprises the following:

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
<b>Debt</b>		
Bank loan	62,800	23,000
<b>Equity</b>		
Share capital	31,404	31,404
Reserves	739,334	573,548
<b>Total capital</b>	<b>833,538</b>	<b>627,952</b>

The capital management objectives are to ensure that the Group will continue as a going concern and to optimise capital return to the Company's equity shareholders. Gearing is permitted up to a maximum level of 15% of shareholders' funds.

	2016		2015	
	Group £'000	Company £'000	Group £'000	Company £'000
Investments held at fair value	824,906	766,644	614,242	598,338
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>770,738</b>	<b>770,738</b>	<b>604,952</b>	<b>604,952</b>
<b>Gearing/(net cash)</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>(0.5)%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>(1.1)%</b>

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 planned level of gearing, which takes into account the Manager's views on the market;
- the covenants associated with bank loans, to ensure they are complied with at all times;
- the need to buy back equity shares, either for cancellation or to hold in Treasury, which takes into account the share price discount or premium; and
- the need for issues of new shares, including issues from Treasury.

# Regulatory Disclosures

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

### Leverage

For the purposes of the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive ('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 can be calculated on a gross and a commitment method in accordance with 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 30th September 2016, which gives the following figures:

Leverage Exposure	Gross Method	Commitment Method
Maximum limit	200%	200%
Actual	107%	108%

### JPMF Remuneration

JPMF is the authorised manager of the Company and is part of the J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. group of companies. In this disclosure, the terms 'J.P. Morgan' 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, the 'Guidelines on Sound Remuneration Policies' under the AIFMD issued by the European Securities and Markets Authority and the Financial Conduct Authority Handbook (SYSC 19B: The AIFM Remuneration Code and FUND 3.3).

#### JPMF Remuneration Policy

The current remuneration policy for the EMEA Global Investment business of J.P. Morgan can be found at <https://am.jpmorgan.com/gb/en/asset-management/gim/adv/legal/emea-remuneration-policy>. This policy includes details of the alignment with risk management, the financial and non-financial criteria used to evaluate performance and the measures adopted to avoid or manage conflicts of interest.

#### JPMF Quantitative Disclosures

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

# Shareholder Information

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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the twenty-third Annual General Meeting of JPMorgan Indian Investment Trust plc will be held at 60 Victoria Embankment, London EC4Y 0JP on Wednesday, 1st February 2017 at 12.30 p.m. for the following purposes:

1. To receive the Directors' Report, the Annual Accounts and the Auditors' Report for the year ended 30th September 2016.
2. To approve the Directors' remuneration policy.
3. To approve the Directors' Remuneration Report for the year ended 30th September 2016.
4. To reappoint Richard Burns as a Director of the Company.
5. To reappoint Jasper Judd as a Director of the Company.
6. To reappoint Rosemary Morgan as a Director of the Company.
7. To reappoint Nimi Patel as a Director of the Company.
8. To reappoint Hugh Sandeman as a Director of the Company.
9. To reappoint PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as Auditors 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 Directors of the Company be and they are 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 (the 'Act') to exercise all the powers of the Company to allot shares in the Company and to grant rights to subscribe for, or to convert any security into, shares in the Company ('Rights') up to an aggregate nominal amount of £2,632,190, representing approximately 10% of the Company's issued Ordinary share capital as at the date of this notice, provided that this authority shall expire at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held in 2018 unless renewed at a general meeting prior to such time, save that the Company may before such expiry make offers or agreements which would or might require shares to be allotted or Rights to be granted after such expiry and so that the Directors of the Company may allot shares and grant Rights in pursuance of such offers or agreements as if the authority conferred hereby had not expired.

#### Authority to disapply pre-emption rights – Special Resolution

11. THAT subject to the passing of Resolution 10 set out above, the Directors of the Company be and they are hereby empowered pursuant to Sections 570 to 573 of the Act 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 Act did not apply to any such allotment, provided that this power shall be limited to the allotment of equity securities for cash up to an aggregate nominal amount of £2,632,190 representing approximately 10% of the issued Ordinary share capital as at the date of the passing of this resolution at a price of 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 so that the Directors of the Company may allot equity securities pursuant to such offers or agreements 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 Act to make market purchases (within the meaning of Section 693 of the Act) of its issued Ordinary shares on such terms and in such manner as the Directors may from time to time determine.

PROVIDED ALWAYS THAT

- (i) the maximum number of Ordinary shares hereby authorised to be purchased shall be 15,782,613 or if different, that number of Ordinary shares which is equal to 14.99% of the Company's issued Ordinary share capital as at the date of the passing of this Resolution;
- (ii) the minimum price which may be paid for an Ordinary share shall be 25 pence;
- (iii) the maximum price which may be paid for an Ordinary share shall be an amount equal to: (a) 105% of the average of the middle market quotations for an Ordinary 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 Ordinary share is purchased; or (b) the price of the last independent trade; or (c) the highest current independent bid;

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- (iv) any purchase of Ordinary shares will be made in the market for cash at prices below the prevailing net asset value per Ordinary share (as determined by the Directors);
  - (v) the authority hereby conferred shall expire on 31st July 2018 unless the authority is renewed at the Company's Annual General Meeting in 2018 or at any other general meeting prior to such time; and
  - (vi) the Company may make a contract to purchase Ordinary 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 Ordinary shares pursuant to any such contract.

By order of the Board  
Jonathan Latter, for and on behalf of  
JPMorgan Funds Limited,  
Secretary

21st December 2016

#### 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.
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 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.
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 (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 working 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 working 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.

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING *CONTINUED*

6. Entry to the Meeting will be restricted to shareholders and their proxy or proxies. No guests will be admitted.
  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(s) 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 Auditors' report and the conduct of the audit) that are to be laid before the 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 Auditors 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 2006 Act, 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 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 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 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 will be available on the Company's website [www.jpmindian.co.uk](http://www.jpmindian.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 Annual General Meeting. 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 Instruction 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). 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 13th December 2016 (being the latest business day prior to the publication of this Notice), the Company's issued share capital, excluding those shares held in Treasury, consists of 105,287,615 Ordinary shares, carrying one vote each. Therefore the total voting rights in the Company are 105,287,615.
- 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.

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## GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

### **Benchmark Return**

Total return on the benchmark, on a last-market value to mid-market value basis, assuming that all dividends received were reinvested into the shares of the underlying companies at the time the shares were quoted ex-dividend. The benchmark is a recognised index of stocks which should not be taken as wholly representative of the Company's investment universe. The Company's investment strategy does not 'track' this index and consequently, there may be some divergence between the Company's performance and that of the benchmark.

### **Return on Net Assets**

Return on the net asset value per share, on a bid value to bid value basis.

### **Return to Shareholders**

Total return to the shareholder on a last-market price to mid-market price basis.

### **Gearing/Net Cash**

Gearing represents the excess amount above shareholders' funds of total investments, expressed as a percentage of the shareholders' funds. Previously gearing represented the excess amount above shareholders' funds of total assets expressed as a percentage of shareholders' funds. Total assets included total investments and net current assets/liabilities less cash/cash equivalents and excluding bank loans of less than one year. 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 of the daily net assets during the year and is calculated in accordance with guidance issued by the AIC Association of Investment Companies.

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

If the share price of an investment trust is lower than the NAV per share, the 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.

### **Earnings/(Loss) Per Share**

The earnings/(loss) per share represents the profit/(loss) on ordinary activities after taxation divided by the weighted average number of shares in issue during the year.

### **Active Position**

The active position shows the difference between the Company's holding of an individual stock, sector or country compared with that stock, sector or country's weighting in the Company's benchmark index. A positive number indicates an active decision by the investment manager to own more of (i.e. be overweight) a particular stock, sector or country versus the benchmark and a negative number a decision to hold less of (i.e. be underweight) a particular stock, sector or country versus the benchmark.

### **Performance Attribution**

Analysis of how the Company achieved its recorded performance relative to its benchmark.

## **Performance Attribution Definitions:**

### **Asset Allocation**

Measures the impact of allocating assets differently from those in the benchmark, via the portfolio's weighting in different countries, sectors or asset types.

### **Stock Selection**

Measures the effect of investing in securities to a greater or lesser extent than their weighting in the benchmark, or of investing in securities which are not included in the benchmark.

### **Currency Effect**

Measures the effect of currency exposure differences between the Company's portfolio and its benchmark.

### **Gearing/Cash**

Measures the impact on returns of borrowings or cash balances on the Company's relative performance.

### **Management Fee/Other Expenses**

The payment of fees and expenses reduces the level of total assets, and therefore has a negative effect on relative performance.

## 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 2016/17 tax year, from 6th April 2016 and ending 5th April 2017, the total ISA allowance is £15,240. 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
Hargreaves Lansdown	The Share Centre

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)

## Financial Conduct Authority

### Beware of share fraud

**Fraudsters use persuasive and high-pressure tactics to lure investors into scams. They may offer to sell shares that turn out to be worthless or non-existent, or to buy shares at an inflated price in return for an upfront payment. While high profits are promised, if you buy or sell shares in this way you will probably lose your money.**

#### How to avoid share fraud

- Keep in mind that firms authorised by the FCA are unlikely to contact you out of the blue with an offer to buy or sell shares.
- Do not get into a conversation, note the name of the person and firm contacting you and then end the call.
- Check the Financial Services Register from [www.fca.org.uk](http://www.fca.org.uk) to see if the person and firm contacting you is authorised by the FCA.
- Beware of fraudsters claiming to be from an authorised firm, copying its website or giving you false contact details.
- Use the firm's contact details listed on the Register if you want to call it back.
- Call the FCA on **0800 111 6768** if the firm does not have contact details on the Register or you are told they are out of date.
- Search the list of unauthorised firms to avoid at [www.fca.org.uk/scams](http://www.fca.org.uk/scams).
- Consider that if you buy or sell shares from an unauthorised firm you will not have access to the Financial Ombudsman Service or Financial Services Compensation Scheme.
- Think about getting independent financial and professional advice before you hand over any money.
- Remember:** if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!

#### Report a scam

If you are approached by fraudsters please tell the FCA using the share fraud reporting form at [www.fca.org.uk/scams](http://www.fca.org.uk/scams), where you can find out more about investment scams.

You can also call the FCA Consumer Helpline on **0800 111 6768**.

If you have already paid money to share fraudsters you should contact Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040**.

**5,000 people contact the Financial Conduct Authority about share fraud each year, with victims losing an average of £20,000**



# Information about the Company

## FINANCIAL CALENDAR

Financial year end	30th September
Final results announced	December
Half year end	31st March
Half year results announced	May
Dividends	N/A
Annual General Meeting	January/February

## History

The Company was launched in May 1994, under the name of The Fleming Indian Investment Trust PLC, by a public offer of shares which raised £84 million before expenses. In February 2002, the Company changed its name to JPMorgan Fleming Indian Investment Trust plc. In November 2005 it adopted its present name JPMorgan Indian Investment Trust plc.

## Company Numbers

Company registration number: 2915926

London Stock Exchange number: 0345035

ISIN: GB0003450359

Bloomberg Code: JII LN

## Market Information

The Company's net asset value ('NAV') is 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 Company's website at [www.jpmindian.co.uk](http://www.jpmindian.co.uk) where the share price is updated every fifteen minutes during trading hours.

## Website

[www.jpmindian.co.uk](http://www.jpmindian.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

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