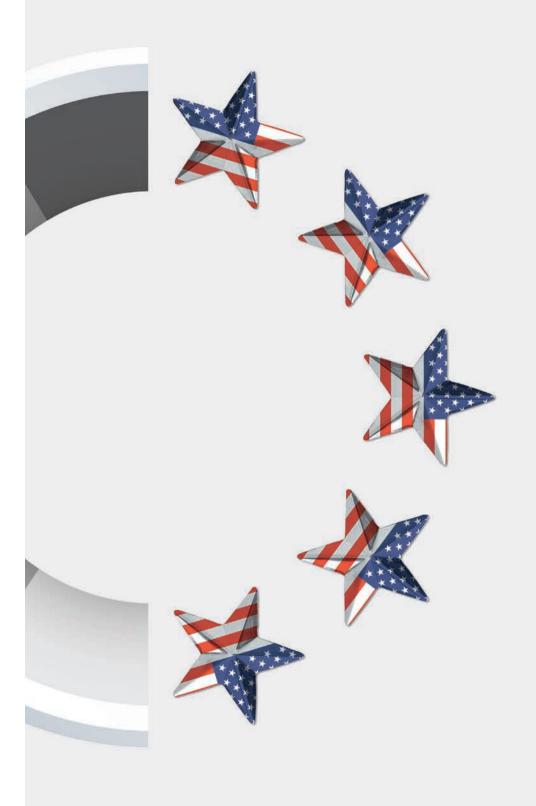
# JPMorgan American Investment Trust plc

Half Year Report & Financial Statements for the six months ended 30th June 2021



## **Your Company**

## **Investment Objective**

To achieve capital growth from North American investments by outperformance of the Company's benchmark. It aims to outperform a benchmark, which is the S&P 500 Index, with net dividends reinvested, expressed in sterling terms.

## **Investment Policies**

- · To invest in North American quoted companies including, when appropriate, exposure to smaller capitalisation companies.
- To emphasise capital growth rather than income.

## **Gearing Policy**

The Company's gearing policy is to operate within a range of 5% net cash to 20% geared in normal market conditions. Within this range, the Board reviews and sets a strategic gearing level, which is currently 10% + or -2%. The current tactical level of gearing is 5% with a permitted range around this level of + or -5%, meaning that currently gearing can vary between 0% and 10%.

### **ESG**

The Manager of the trust considers financially material Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) factors in investment analysis and investment decisions, with the goal of enhancing long-term, risk-adjusted financial returns. For further information, please refer to the Company's website and the latest annual report. Information can also be found on the AIC website – www.theaic.co.uk

#### **Benchmark Index**

The S&P 500 Index, net of appropriate withholding tax, expressed in sterling total return terms.

## **Capital Structure**

As at 30th June 2021, the Company's share capital comprised 281,633,910 ordinary shares of 5p each, including 85,557,657 shares held in Treasury.

The Company's available borrowings are currently made up of two elements: a £80 million floating rate debt facility expiring in August 2022, and a US\$ 65 million fixed-rate 11 year unsecured loan note at an annual coupon of 2.55% which will mature in February 2031. When utilised, all the facilities are drawn in US dollars.

## **Management Fee**

The management fee is charged on a tiered basis as follows:

- 0.35% on the first £500 million of net assets;
- 0.30% on net assets above £500 million and up to £1 billion; and
- 0.25% on any net assets above £1 billion.

## **Management Company**

The Company employs JPMorgan Funds Limited ('JPMF' or the 'Manager') as its Alternative Investment Fund Manager. JPMF delegates the management of the Company's portfolio to JPMorgan Asset Management (UK) Limited ('JPMAM') which further delegates the management to JPMorgan Asset Management, Inc. All of these entities are wholly owned subsidiaries of J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.

# Financial Conduct Authority ('FCA') regulation of 'non-mainstream pooled investments' and MiFID II 'complex instruments'

The Company currently conducts its affairs so that the shares issued by the Company can be recommended by independent financial advisers to ordinary retail investors in accordance with the FCA's 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.

## **Association of Investment Companies ('AIC')**

The Company is a member of the AIC.

## Website

More information about the Company can be found online at www.jpmamerican.co.uk.

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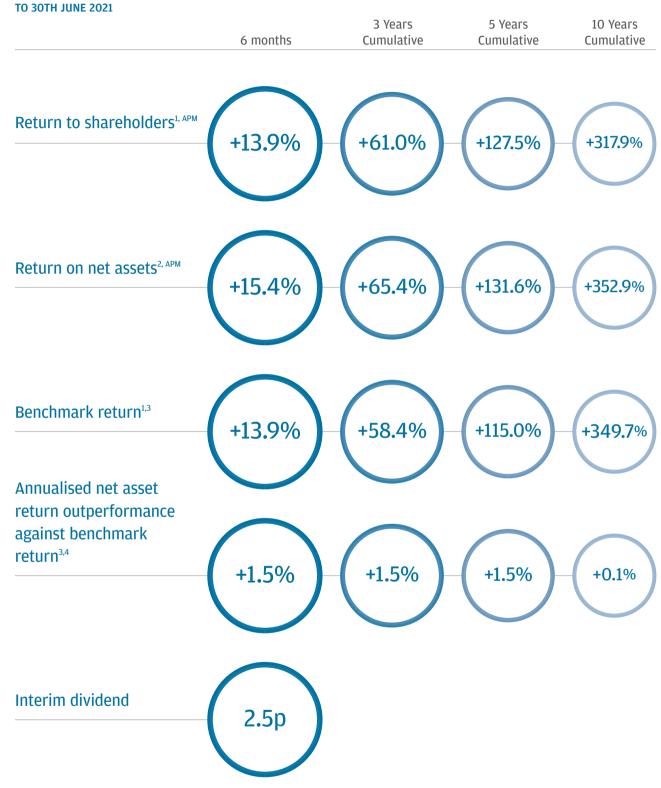
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# TOTAL RETURNS (INCLUDING DIVIDENDS REINVESTED)



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: Morningstar.

A glossary of terms and APMs is provided on pages 26 to 28.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Source: Morningstar/J.P. Morgan, using cum income net asset value per share, with debt at fair value.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>The Company's benchmark is the S&P 500 Index, net of the appropriate withholding tax, expressed in sterling total return terms.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Annualised returns calculated on a geometric basis. Six month returns are not annualised.

APM Alternative Performance Measure ('APM').

## **SUMMARY OF RESULTS**

	30th June 2021	31st December 2020	% change
Shareholders' funds (£'000)	1,368,847	1,211,522	+13.0
Shares in issue (excluding shares held in Treasury) <sup>1</sup>	196,106,253	198,574,855	-1.3
Net asset value per share with debt at fair value <sup>2,APM</sup>	697.0p	60 <b>7.</b> 6p	+14.73
Net asset value per share with debt at par value <sup>APM</sup>	698 <b>.</b> 1p	610.1p	<b>+14.4</b> <sup>3</sup>
Share price	653.0p	577 <b>.</b> 0p	+13.24
Share price discount to net asset value per share with debt at fair value <sup>APM</sup>	6.3%	5.0%	
Share price discount to net asset value per share with debt at par value $^{\mbox{\tiny APM}}$	6.5%	5.4%	
Gearing <sup>APM</sup>	5.3%	4.7%	
Ongoing Charges Ratio <sup>5,APM</sup>	0.36%	0.34%	
Exchange rate	1 🖲 = 🌖 1.3814	1 🖲 = 🦃 1.3669	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Excluding 85,557,657 (31st December 2020: 83,059,055) shares held in Treasury.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For the period the fair value of the \$65 million private placement issued by the Company has been calculated using discounted cash flow techniques, using the yield from a similar dated treasury note plus a margin based on the US Broad Market AA 10-15 year spread.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> % change, excluding dividends paid. Including dividends the returns would be +15.4% and +15.2% respectively.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> % change, excluding dividends paid. Including dividends the returns would be +13.9%.

For the year ended 31st December 2020, the Ongoing Charges Ratio (OCR) includes the effect of the two months of the fee waiver. Without this the OCR would have been 0.39%.

APM Alternative Performance Measure ('APM').





Dr Kevin Carter

Dear Shareholders,

The first six months of 2021 has seen a continuation of the buoyant stock market conditions that characterised 2020 after the market low in March. Factors supporting these conditions include the effectiveness of Covid-19 vaccines and their rollout, a more settled political environment in the US, and continuing fiscal and monetary support for the economy. Optimism about the strength of the economic recovery has gradually grown, although with this might well come concerns about raised inflation. The main current debate amongst market participants is whether this raised inflation is temporary or will prove to be more persistent. The resolution of this matter will be material to market behaviour for the balance of the year.

## **Performance**

The total return on net assets per share in sterling terms over the period was +15.4%. The return to Ordinary shareholders per share in sterling terms was +13.9%, reflecting a small widening of the Company's discount to net asset value per share ('NAV') at which the shares traded at the end of the period. The total return from the Company's benchmark, the S&P 500 Index in sterling terms, was +13.9%, an outperformance of +1.5% in asset terms. More information about the portfolio and individual stock performance can be found in the Investment Manager's report on page 9.

## **Share price and Discount Management**

The Company's shares have traded at a discount to the NAV throughout the period under review and the Company has continued to buy back its shares in line with the Board's longstanding position of buying shares back when they stand at anything more than a small discount to NAV. The Company bought into Treasury a total of 2,498,602 shares, or 1.3% of the Company's issued share capital at the beginning of 2021 (30th June 2020: 1.9%). These shares were purchased at an average discount to NAV of 5.2%, producing a modest accretion to the NAV for continuing shareholders.

## Dividend

Whilst capital growth is the primary aim of the Company, the Board is aware that dividend receipts can be an important element of shareholder returns. The Board continues to monitor the net income position of the Company, particularly given the ongoing impact on dividend payments arising from the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. In the absence of unforeseen circumstances the Board is aiming to pay out a total dividend for the financial year of at least 6.75 pence per share, unchanged from that paid in respect of the 2020 financial year.

The Company is declaring a dividend of 2.5 pence per share (2020: 2.5 pence) for the first six months of this year, which will be payable on 8th October 2021 to shareholders on the register on 3rd September 2021.

## Gearing

The Board maintains strong oversight of the Company's gearing policy and the source and use of available leverage. The ability to borrow money for investment is a key differentiating feature of investment trusts.

The Company has a strategic gearing level of 10% plus or minus 2%. Last year, given the Covid-19 pandemic, the Board decided that while the strategic gearing level remained unchanged, the tactical level of gearing would be amended to 5% while the permitted range around this level would be plus or minus 5%. This meant that over the short term gearing could vary between 0% and 10% and it currently stands at 5% at the time of writing. The average gearing level in the period has been 4.6%. The purpose of the wide range around the central level of 5% is to give the Manager some additional flexibility in the current market conditions.

The Company's gearing strategy is implemented through the use of bank borrowing facilities, with the Company currently having access to a £80 million floating rate debt facility with ING Bank expiring in August 2022. The Company also has available \$65 million fixed-rate unsecured loan notes via a private

placement with a UK based life assurance company at a fixed interest rate of 2.55% per annum. These notes, which are due for repayment in February 2031, provide the Company with long-dated, fixed-rate financing at an attractive rate of interest over the term of the notes, diversifying the source, tenor and cost of the leverage available to the Company. With the increase in the Company's net assets, the Board is currently considering options for further debt facilities which will enable the strategic gearing level of 10% to be attained if desired. Shareholders will be kept up to date with any new facilities which are put into place.

## **Annual General Meeting**

At the AGM held on 14th May 2021, all resolutions were duly passed by shareholders. Circumstances meant that only a purely functional meeting could be held and I am grateful to shareholders for their support and forbearance in light of the pandemic. Prior to the AGM, we held a webinar for shareholders and other interested parties on 28th April 2021, which included a presentation from our two investment managers, Timothy Parton and Jonathan Simon. This was followed by a live question and answer session. The recording of the presentation is available on our website (www.ipmamerican.co.uk) for those who were not able to attend. I would also encourage shareholders to regularly visit our website for updated information on the Company.

## **ESG**

As reported in the 2020 Annual Report, the Board has noted with approval the increasing attention paid by the Manager to Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) issues in their research process and stock selection decisions for the Company's portfolio. In the current period two stocks, Marathon Petroleum and Raytheon Technologies, were exited substantially on poor ESG grounds. The Manager's report on page 9 has more information on these decisions. In the Annual Report for 2021 we will expand further on the evolving incorporation of ESG factors into the construction and management of the Company's portfolio.

## **Board**

As mentioned in the Annual Report, Mr. Simon Bragg, current Audit Committee Chair, will be retiring from the Board later this year, on 31st August 2021. Ms. Claire Binyon, who joined the Board on 1st June 2020, will then become the new Audit Committee Chair. Shareholders will be kept up to date with recruitment plans to the Board as these evolve.

On behalf of the Board and all shareholders I would like to record our sincere thanks to Simon for his expert leading of the Audit Committee and his significant contribution to the Company's affairs during his nine years on the Board. Simon made a critical contribution to the process that resulted in the Company's changed investment policy in June 2019, including the negotiations at the time with the Manager involving new fee arrangements. He has also been a significant architect of the way the Company has executed its share buyback strategy in past years.

## Outlook

After the strong start to 2021 the US stockmarket appears to be entering a period of consolidation and potentially higher volatility as the 'debate' about the strength of the economic recovery, the persistence of heightened inflation, and the evolution of the Delta virus weigh upon investors' thinking. It seems likely that there will be further periods of alternating relative strength between growth and value stocks. Fortunately the Company's investment policy has explicit exposure to both of these investing styles and the managers will be able to continue their focus of bottom up stock picking in this environment without undue concern about these style rotations.

## **Dr Kevin Carter**

Chair 23rd August 2021





**Timothy Parton** 



Jonathan Simon

#### **Market Review**

The S&P 500 Index rose by +15.2% (in US dollar terms) in an overall steady first half of the year, despite several intermittent bouts of volatility due to inflation fears.

The US equity markets started the year on a weaker footing, amid an unprecedented short squeeze which resulted in a more volatile market environment. A confluence of encouraging economic data, strong corporate earnings, the rollout of the vaccines and fresh spending programmes from the Biden administration helped the S&P 500 Index reach record highs during the six-month period ended 30th June 2021. Investors also welcomed strong quarterly earnings reports, which came in well above already high expectations.

Meanwhile, oil prices surged, hitting their highest level in over a year as the US economy grew by an annualised 6.4% in the first quarter. Inflation fears that sent spikes through longer-term Treasury interest rates earlier in the year also saw a resurgence following a 5.0% year-on-year rise in the US consumer price index for May. However, the Federal Reserve continued to affirm its commitment to its ultra-loose policy stance, alleviating fears of rapid rate hikes.

Within the S&P 500 index, every sector ended in the green, with the energy (+45.7%) and financials (+25.7%) sectors leading the way, while the utilities (+2.4%) and consumer staples (+5.0%) sectors were the primary laggards.

Large cap stocks, as represented by the S&P 500 Index, returned +15.2%, underperforming the small cap Russell 2000 Index, which returned +17.5%. The small cap outperformance against large cap stocks was entirely driven by the small cap value space. Overall, value started to outperform growth in the fourth quarter of 2020 and that trend continued in the first half of 2021, as companies that were most negatively impacted last year by the pandemic began to be favoured following the approval of vaccines. The Russell 3000 Value Index rose by +17.7% and the Russell 3000 Growth Index increased by +12.7%.

## Performance and Overall Asset Allocation

The Company's net asset value rose by 15.4% in total return terms over the first six months of 2021, outperforming the benchmark, the S&P 500, which rose 13.9% in sterling terms. The main drivers of the Trust's outperformance during the period were sector allocation and gearing. The level of gearing was continuously monitored and maintained at fairly modest levels to keep it within the guidelines laid down by the Board.

In terms of the other components of the portfolio, the large cap portion posted a positive return and outperformed its benchmark for the six-month period. The small cap growth allocation weighed on returns as it underperformed the S&P 500, with most of that underperformance coming during the first quarter. The market environment during this period has been very challenging for our small cap growth investment style. In particular, areas of the small cap market that are perceived to be more direct beneficiaries of the reopening of the economy have performed relatively strongly, while stocks that are higher growth and higher quality in nature have consolidated or posted more modest gains. As a result, the cheapest stocks with the lowest growth rates and the lowest market caps performed the best, out pacing our higher growth and higher market cap approach. The overall allocation to the small cap portfolio has been maintained at approximately 5% during this period.

In general terms, the portfolio benefited from allocations to the energy and consumer staples sectors, as well as overall positioning in the financials sector. Within financials, our overweight positions in Capital One Financial and Bank of America were the largest contributors. Financial companies benefited from a favourable macroeconomic environment and the expectations that interest rates will move higher sooner than previously assumed. Shares of Capital One Financial also rallied on the back of strong quarterly results that reflected an improvement in overall numbers and stable expenses. We continue to like Capital One's approach to online banking and its disciplined capital management. As for Bank of America, we remain confident in the ability of the bank's management team to grow margins through efficiency improvements and in the diversified nature of its business mix. Furthermore, both companies have strong reserves, which creates a compelling case for capital return in the form of additional buybacks and/or dividends.

Within energy, owning Marathon Petroleum for part of the period helped performance. Energy companies benefited from higher crude oil prices as a result of a reduction in daily output arising from cold weather in Texas, and a suspension in the oil supply agreement between Iraq, China and Saudi Arabia, which kept production consistent. We exited the position as the company has been challenged by a structural decline in gasoline and diesel demand, as well as environmental, social and governance (ESG) concerns. Specific to our ESG concerns, we have recently made improvements to our ESG integration process and have incorporated new data points including reviewing the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) severe violators list. As a result we have replaced Marathon Petroleum and Raytheon Technologies, both of which appear on this list, with ConocoPhillips and Bristol Myers Squibb. These names are attractive investments with better ESG credentials.

Our portfolio holdings in the information technology and consumer discretionary sectors lagged their benchmark peer groups and detracted from performance. Within information technology, our overweight positions in **Qualcomm** and **Mastercard** hindered relative performance. Shares of Qualcomm underperformed as the company reported weak results at the start of the year, facing supply issues that held back revenues and set conservative guidance for their new incoming CEO. An additional negative factor has been the concern that Apple is looking to develop its own modem in-house, although in our view this would take several years. With the steady global roll out of 5G, we believe Qualcomm will continue to enjoy strong revenue and margin growth. Shares of Mastercard underperformed due to depressed spending caused by the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions, which especially impacted higher margin cross-border travel-related transactions. We remain overweight, as we believe these near-term headwinds have little-to-no impact on Mastercard's long-term earnings power.

Among individual names, our overweight position in the communication services company **Discovery Communications**, was the largest detractor. The shares underperformed as a result of mixed earnings results, which saw the take-up of Discovery+ streaming subscriptions slow in March. In addition, the deal to combine Discovery with AT&T's media assets (Warner Media Group) in a large and complex deal was not well received by investors.

In terms of portfolio positioning, our sector weights remain a by-product of our bottom-up investment analysis and our disciplined approach to portfolio construction. We remain focused on owning high quality businesses with durable competitive advantages, which we believe will provide stability should uncertainty persist and economic fundamentals deteriorate.

During the first six months of this year we did make some changes in the names we hold in the large cap portfolio as we added 12 new names and exited the same number. One name added during this period was **Deere & Co.**, a leader in agricultural equipment including tractors. The company is developing cutting edge technology including using AI to drive automation, which significantly increases productivity for farmers. This development has led to share gains and should help improve pricing power and profitability, supporting a higher valuation for the stock. More recently, we exited our position in **Tesla**. While we still like the company, we felt it was prudent given the strong recent share price rally and current valuation to take our profits and use the proceeds to build a position in **Facebook**, which we believe has a better risk/reward profile.

On a sector basis, financials and information technology remain the largest allocations in the portfolio and represent 39% of the overall large cap allocation. However, their representation diverges relative to the S&P 500 as we are overweight financials and underweight information technology. Financials remain the largest overweight in the portfolio. Even we have reduced exposure to stocks with high valuations, while adding to higher



quality stocks in other sectors. As the market strongly favoured technology names last year, we have been mindful with regard to risk management and have been trimming our positions selectively within the space, particularly those companies that were most boosted by the impact of Covid-19. As a result, the information technology sector remains an underweight allocation relative to the S&P 500 benchmark. Other underweights include the industrials and consumer staples sectors. We are underweight industrials and consumer staples as we continue to find names with better risk/reward profiles in other sectors.

The construction of the large cap portfolio allocates between value and growth stocks, with the allocation allowed to vary between 60:40 and 40:60. At the end of the review period, value stocks comprised some 51% of the large cap portfolio and growth stocks comprised the remaining 49%. On the next page is an overview of the split between value and growth in the strategy over the long term.

#### PERFORMANCE ATTRIBUTION

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30TH JUNE 2021

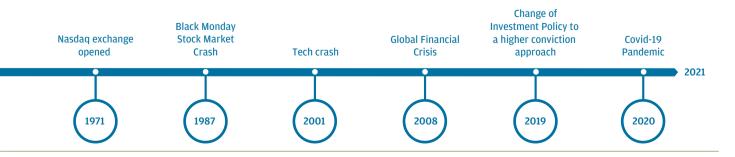
	%	%
Contributions to total returns		
Net asset value total return (in sterling term	15.4	
Benchmark total return (in sterling terms)	13.9	
Excess return		1.5
Contributions to total returns		
Large cap Portfolio		1.8
Allocation effect	2.2	
Selection effect	-0.4	
Small cap Portfolio		-1.0
Allocation and selection effect	-1.0	
Gearing		0.6
Share buybacks		0.1
Management fee and expenses		-0.2
Impact of fair value valuation <sup>1</sup>		0.2
Total		1.5

<sup>1</sup> The impact of fair valuation includes the effect of valuing the \$65 million private placement at fair value. It is the sum of the impact on the closing NAV of the fair value adjustment and its impact on the calculation of total returns arising from the reinvestment of dividends paid in the period into the Company's NAV.

Source: JPMAM and Morningstar. All figures are on a total return basis.

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

A glossary of terms and APMs is provided on pages 26 to 28.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>™</sup> Alternative Performance Measure ('APM').

## Valuation and growth exposure

Equity Focus Strategy As of 30th June 2021



Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management. The portfolio is actively managed. Holdings, sector weights, allocations and leverage, as applicable, are subject to change at the discretion of the investment manager without notice.

When looking at a few key characteristics at the portfolio level, the large cap portfolio is trading at a 9% discount to the market on a free cash flow basis as we are not paying a premium for good cash flow. Additionally, we continue to be confident that our names will deliver earnings growth of around 19% for the next 12 months, which is higher than the market and especially remarkable given that the portfolio is trading at a lower price-to-earnings (P/E) multiple than the index.

Characteristics	Large Cap Portfolio	S&P 500
Weighted Average Market Cap	USD 528.4bn	USD 543.1bn
Price/Earnings, 12-month forward <sup>1</sup>	19.4x	20.7x
Price/Free Cash Flow, last 12-months	20.0x	22.0x
EPS Growth, 12-month forward	18.8%	18.0%
Predicted Beta	1.00	_
Predicted Tracking Error	2.30	_
Number of holdings	40	501
Active Share	68%	_

Source: Factset, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Data as of 30th June 2021.

#### **Market Outlook**

The US economic recovery is well underway and current economic data seems to indicate that we are moving towards mid cycle. While the economy is rebounding, we recognise that there are risks, and we continue to monitor incremental risks that could represent headwinds for US stocks. Unemployment levels, inflation concerns, and the actions and commentary of the Federal Reserve are all likely to be integral to investor sentiment. In addition, new variants of Covid-19 and the rollout of the vaccines will also have a crucial role to play.

The spread of the Delta variant has amplified talk of the US economy moving past the peak point of growth, and the Federal Reserve's relatively more hawkish tone since June has indicated that there is a limit to how hot the central bank is willing to run the economy.

There seems to be little evidence at this stage to suggest that the recovery will be derailed as economic activity remains strong and the US consumer in aggregate is in good health with plenty of spending power. The easiest part of this recovery may be behind us, but overall we feel comfortable that economic growth as well as earnings growth are likely to exceed our pre-pandemic levels this year, which provides scope for the US equity market to move higher from here.

Timothy Parton Jonathan Simon

Investment Managers 23rd August 2021

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes negatives.

## TEN LARGEST EQUITY INVESTMENTS

		30th Jun Valuat		31st December 2020 Valuation		
Company	Sub Sector	£'000	<b>%</b> 1	£'000	%¹	
Microsoft	Information Technology	78,422	5.4	69,254	5.5	
Apple	Information Technology	67,899	4.7	70,807	5.6	
Alphabet²	Communication Services	66,034	4.6	33,862	2.7	
AutoZone²	Consumer Discretionary	54,119	3.8	34,862	2.7	
Amazon.com	Consumer Discretionary	52,890	3.7	62,298	4.9	
Berkshire Hathaway	Financials	50,037	3.5	44,713	3.5	
Loews	Financials	46,781	3.2	53,458	4.2	
Capital One Financial	Financials	42,966	3.0	43,754	3.5	
Bank of America	Financials	42,495	2.9	42,840	3.4	
Weyerhaeuser³	Real Estate	39,960	2.8	_		
Total		541,603	37.6			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on total investments of £1,441.6m (2020: £1,268.3m).

At 31st December 2020 the value of the ten largest equity investments amounted to £507.6 million representing 40.2% of total investments.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 2}\,$  Not included in the ten largest equity investments at 31st December 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Not included in the total investments at 31st December 2020.

## **LIST OF INVESTMENTS** AT 30TH JUNE 2021

Company	Valuation £'000	Company	Valuation £'000	Company	Valuation £'000
LARGE COMPANIES		Global Payments	20,782	Everbridge	795
These are generally defined as o	companios	Gap	19,090	Elastic	791
which have a market capitalisati		Discovery	18,222	Globant	787
than US\$3 billion.		Freeport-McMoRan	17,806	Blackline	778
Microsoft	78,422	Martin Marietta Materials	17,570	MSA Safety	777
Apple	67,899		1,368,953	Smartsheet	774
Alphabet	66,034			Biohaven Pharmaceutical	773
AutoZone	54,119	SMALL COMPANIES		Fox Factory	772
Amazon.com	52,890	These are generally defined as co	mpanies	Bandwidth	747
Berkshire Hathaway	50,037	which, at the date of investment,		First Financial Bankshares	741
Loews	46,781	market capitalisation of less than		Cree	739
Capital One Financial	42,966	The investments within the Small portfolio are listed separately as t		SolarEdge Technologies	729
Bank of America	42,495	managed as a discrete portfolio.		Simpson Manufacturing	715
Weyerhaeuser	39,960	Shockwave Medical	1,266	Amedisys	695
Mastercard	39,863	Saia	1,134	Carlisle	688
AbbVie	39,631	Itron	1,101	Entegris	676
Xcel Energy	39,152	Performance Food	1,095	Arvinas	658
Procter & Gamble	38,075	Halozyme Therapeutics	1,070	ManTech International	653
UnitedHealth	37,127	National Vision	1,049	Acadia Healthcare	646
Facebook	35,629	MKS Instruments	1,005	Winnebago Industries	640
Packaging Corp. of America	35,523	Boyd Gaming	992	Anaplan	638
Charter Communications	31,847	Natera	982	Floor & Decor	627
T-Mobile US	31,167	ITT	979	Duck Creek Technologies	625
PayPal	31,111	Texas Roadhouse	971	Planet Fitness	624
Bristol-Myers Squibb	29,917	Applied Industrial Technologies	964	CONMED	623
Charles Schwab	29,183	Freshpet	962	Revance Therapeutics	615
ConocoPhillips	27,814	John Bean Technologies	949	Focus Financial Partners	614
Booking	26,165	II-VI	940	Blueprint Medicines	609
Deere	26,069	Helen of Troy	931	Vertiv	605
Public Storage	26,014	Twist Bioscience	907	Graco	594
DexCom	24,865	Advanced Drainage Systems	903	Cardlytics	591
Zebra Technologies	24,338	AZEK	882	Semtech	586
Intuitive Surgical	24,204	Evercore	875	Q2	580
Stanley Black & Decker	23,924	Arrowhead Pharmaceuticals	834	Sonos	577
Lam Research	23,666	Nevro	832	Digital Turbine	539
Regeneron Pharmaceuticals	23,227	Lithia Motors	828	Bridgebio Pharma	523
Advanced Micro Devices	22,293	Littelfuse	815	Outset Medical	523
QUALCOMM	21,983	NuVasive	813	SiteOne Landscape Supply	520
Kinder Morgan	21,093	Envestnet	809	JFrog	511

Company	Valuation £'000	Company	Valuation £'000	Company	Valuation £'000
Rush Enterprises	505	Vertex	398	Alector	261
Repay	496	Atara Biotherapeutics	396	G1 Therapeutics	259
RealReal	489	Array Technologies	390	FibroGen	259
Fate Therapeutics	488	Eventbrite	390	REVOLUTION Medicines	243
Evolent Health	470	Frontier	385	PMV Pharmaceuticals	228
Grocery Outlet	468	iRhythm Technologies	384	Leslie's	227
Bloom Energy	464	13 Verticals	383	Xometry	225
TRI Pointe	463	LiveRamp	370	Sage Therapeutics	222
Accolade	461	Trex	370	Kronos Bio	215
DigitalOcean	454	Personalis	365	Viant Technology	197
Bumble	449	Hexcel	365	Lemonade	178
New York Times	439	Zymergen	365	Seer	169
Amicus Therapeutics	431	Verve Therapeutics	359	Avrobio	158
Heron Therapeutics	428	Bright Horizons Family Solutions	353	Sana Biotechnology	157
Ciena	428	ADC Therapeutics	350	Allogene Therapeutics	156
CyberArk Software	427	MediaAlpha	350	ACV Auctions	152
REGENXBIO	426	Pinnacle Financial Partners	347	Generation Bio	136
Shoals Technologies	423	ACADIA Pharmaceuticals	345	Intercept Pharmaceuticals	91
Figs	421	Coherus Biosciences	334	Orchard Therapeutics, ADR	72
Petco Health & Wellness	418	Relay Therapeutics	329		72,663
Terreno Realty	417	Rubius Therapeutics	295	TOTAL INVESTMENTS	1,441,616
Medallia	406	Berkeley Lights	292		
CubeSmart	404	Six Flags Entertainment	282		



## FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30TH JUNE 2021

	(Unaudited) Six months ended 30th June 2021		(Unaudited) Six months ended 30th June 2020		(Audited) Year ended 31st December 2020				
	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000
Gains on investments held at fair value through profit									
or loss  Net foreign currency gains/(losses)	_	177,362	177,362	_	29,801	29,801	_	211,795	211,795
Income from investments Interest receivable	7,563 33	129 - -	129 7,563 33	8,930 214	(6,369) – –	(6,369) 8,930 214	16,776 268	4/4 - -	16,776 268
Gross return Management fee Other administrative expenses	<b>7,596</b> (389) (346)	<b>177,491</b> (1,556)	185,087 (1,945) (346)	<b>9,144</b> (210) (342)	<b>23,432</b> (839)	<b>32,576</b> (1,049) (342)	<b>17,044</b> (559) (671)	<b>212,269</b> (2,236) –	<b>229,313</b> (2,795) (671)
Net return before finance costs and taxation Finance costs	<b>6,861</b> (187)	<b>175,935</b> (750)	<b>182,796</b> (937)	<b>8,592</b> (265)	<b>22,593</b> (1,061)	<b>31,185</b> (1,326)	<b>15,814</b> (448)	<b>210,033</b> (1,791)	<b>225,847</b> (2,239)
Net return before taxation Taxation	<b>6,674</b> (960)	175,185 –	<b>181,859</b> (960)	<b>8,327</b> (1,275)	21,532 –	<b>29,859</b> (1,275)	<b>15,366</b> (2,473)	208,242	<b>223,608</b> (2,473)
Net return after taxation	5,714	175,185	180,899	7,052	21,532	28,584	12,893	208,242	221,135
Return per share (note 3)	2.90p	88.87p	91.77p	3.40p	10.38p	13.78p	6.31p	101.98p	108.29p

The interim dividend declared in respect of the six months ended 30th June 2021 amounts to 2.5p (2020: 2.5p) per share, costing £4,901,906 (2020: £5,054,000).

All revenue and capital items in the above statement derive from continuing operations. The return per share represents the profit per share for the period and also the total comprehensive income per share.

The 'Total' column of this statement is the profit and loss account of the Company and the 'Revenue' and 'Capital' columns represent supplementary information prepared under guidance issued by the Association of Investment Companies.

## FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30TH JUNE 2021

	Called up share capital £'000	Share premium £'000	Capital redemption reserve £'000	Capital reserves¹ £'000	Revenue reserve¹ £'000	Total £'000
Six months ended 30th June 2021						
(Unaudited)	14.003	151.050	0.151	1 00/ 007	21 422	1 211 522
At 31st December 2020	14,082	151,850	8,151	1,006,007	31,432	1,211,522
Repurchase of shares into Treasury	_	_	_	(15,224)		(15,224)
Net return	_	_	_	175,185	5,714	180,899
Dividends paid in the period (note 4)					(8,350)	(8,350)
At 30th June 2021	14,082	151,850	8,151	1,165,968	28,796	1,368,847
Six months ended 30th June 2020 (Unaudited)						
At 31st December 2019	14,082	151,850	8,151	850,826	31,887	1,056,796
Repurchase of shares into Treasury	_	_	_	(18,480)	_	(18,480)
Net return	_	_	_	21,532	7,052	28,584
Dividends paid in the period (note 4)	-	_	_	_	(8,294)	(8,294)
At 30th June 2020	14,082	151,850	8,151	853,878	30,645	1,058,606
Year ended 31st December 2020 (Audited)						
At 31st December 2019	14,082	151,850	8,151	850,826	31,887	1,056,796
Repurchase of shares into Treasury	_	_	_	(53,061)	_	(53,061)
Net return	_	_	_	208,242	12,893	221,135
Dividends paid in the year (note 4)	-	-	_	_	(13,348)	(13,348)
At 31st December 2020	14,082	151,850	8,151	1,006,007	31,432	1,211,522

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> These reserves form the distributable reserves of the Company and may be used to fund distributions to investors.

## AT 30TH JUNE 2021

	(Unaudited) 30th June 2021 £'000	(Unaudited) 30th June 2020 £'000	(Audited) 31st December 2020 £'000
Fixed assets			
Investments held at fair value through profit or loss	1,441,616	1,126,917	1,268,283
Current assets			
Debtors	676	629	483
Cash and cash equivalents	26,979	42,370	43,360
	27,655	42,999	43,843
Current liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(1,496)	(732)	(643)
Net current assets	26,159	42,267	43,200
Total assets less current liabilities	1,467,775	1,169,184	1,311,483
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	(98,928)	(110,578)	(99,961)
Net assets	1,368,847	1,058,606	1,211,522
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	14,082	14,082	14,082
Share premium	151,850	151,850	151,850
Capital redemption reserve	8,151	8,151	8,151
Capital reserves	1,165,968	853,878	1,006,007
Revenue reserve	28,796	30,645	31,432
Shareholders' funds	1,368,847	1,058,606	1,211,522
Net asset value per share (note 5)	698.1p	515.7p	610.1p

The financial statements on pages 17 to 20 were approved and authorised for issue by the Directors on 23rd August 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Simon Bragg Director

The notes on pages 21 to 22 form an integral part of these financial statements.

The Company's registration number is 15543.

## FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30TH JUNE 2021

	(Unaudited) Six months ended 30th June 2021 £'000	(Unaudited) Six months ended 30th June 2020 £'000	(Audited) Year ended 31st December 2020 £'000
Net cash outflow from operations before dividends and interest (note 6) Dividends received Interest received Overseas tax recovered Loan interest paid	(5,241) 6,299 33 239 (359)	(1,917) 7,586 214 63 (955)	(6,070) 14,330 268 64 (1,210)
Private placement interest paid  Net cash inflow from operating activities	(588)	4,991	(652) <b>6,730</b>
Purchases of investments Sales of investments Settlement of foreign currency contracts  Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities	(482,238) 486,369 (21) <b>4,110</b>	(403,301) 392,813 14 (10,474)	(640,912) 671,022 170 <b>30,280</b>
Dividends paid Repayment of bank loans Draw down of bank loans Draw down of private placement loan Repurchase of shares into Treasury	(8,350) - - - - (14,552)	(8,294) (24,798) 90,360 – (18,418)	(13,348) (24,804) 40,069 50,296 (53,061)
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from financing activities	(22,902)	38,850	(848)
(Decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(18,409)	33,367	36,162
Cash and cash equivalents at start of period/year Unrealised gain/(loss) on foreign currency cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at end of period/year	43,360 2,028 26,979	8,601 402 42,370	8,601 (1,403) 43,360
(Decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(18,409)	33,367	36,162
Cash and cash equivalents consist of: Cash and short term deposits Cash held in JPMorgan US Dollar Liquidity Fund Total	16 26,963 <b>26,979</b>	64 42,306 <b>42,370</b>	76 43,284 43,360
RECONCILIATION OF NET DEBT			
As at 31st December 2020 £'000	Cash flows £'000	Other non-cash charges £'000	As at 30th June 2021 £'000
Cash and cash equivalents  Cash 76 Cash equivalents 43,284	(142) (18,267)	82 1,946	16 26,963
43,360  Borrowings  Debt due after one year (99,961)	(18,409)	2,028 1,033	26,979 (98,928)
(99,961)	_	1,033	(98,928)
Total (56,601)	(18,409)	3,061	(71,949)

## FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30TH JUNE 2021

#### **Financial statements** 1.

The information contained within the financial statements in this half year report has not been audited or reviewed by the Company's auditors.

The figures and financial information for the year ended 31st December 2020 are extracted from the latest published financial statements of the Company and do not constitute statutory accounts for that year. Those financial statements have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies, including the report of the auditors which was unqualified and did not contain a statement under either section 498(2) or 498(3) of the Companies Act 2006.

#### 2. **Accounting policies**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' of the United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice ('UK GAAP') and with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Financial Statements of Investment Trust Companies and Venture Capital Trusts' (the revised 'SORP') issued by the Association of Investment Companies in October 2019.

FRS 104, 'Interim Financial Reporting', issued by the Financial Reporting Council ('FRC') in March 2015 has been applied in preparing this condensed set of financial statements for the six months ended 30th June 2021.

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

The accounting policies applied to this condensed set of financial statements are consistent with those applied in the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2020.

#### 3. Return per share

	(Unaudited) Six months ended 30th June 2021	(Unaudited) Six months ended 30th June 2020	(Audited) Year ended 31st December 2020
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Return per share is based on the following:			
Revenue return	5,714	7,052	12,893
Capital return	175,185	21,532	208,242
Total return	180,899	28,584	221,135
Weighted average number of shares in issue	197,114,911	207,468,884	204,206,883
Revenue return per share	2.90p	3.40p	6.31p
Capital return per share	88.87p	10 <b>.</b> 38p	101.98p
Total return per share	91.77p	13.78p	108.29p

## Dividends paid

•	(Unaudited) Six months ended 30th June 2021 £'000	(Unaudited) Six months ended 30th June 2020 £'000	(Audited) Year ended 31st December 2020 £'000
Final dividend in respect of the year ended 31st December 2020 of 4.25p (2019: 4.0p) Interim dividend in respect of the six months ended	8,350	8,294	8,294
30th June 2020 of 2.5p  Total dividends paid in the period/year	8,350	8,294	5,054 13,348

All the dividends paid in the period/year have been funded from the Revenue Reserve.

## 5. Net asset value per share

	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	Six months ended	Six months ended	Year ended
	30th June 2021	30th June 2020	31st December 2020
Net assets (£'000)	1,368,847	1,058,606	1,211,522
Number of shares in issue	196,076,253	205,294,035	198,574,855
Net asset value per share	698.1p	515 <b>.</b> 7p	610.1p

# 6. Reconciliation of net return before finance costs and taxation to net cash outflow from operations before dividends and interest

	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	Six months ended	Six months ended	Year ended
	30th June 2021	30th June 2020	31st December 2020
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Net return before finance costs and taxation	182,796	31,185	225,847
Less capital return before finance costs and taxation	(175,935)	(22,593)	(210,033)
(Increase)/decrease in accrued income and other debtors	(100)	(44)	76
Decrease in accrued expenses	(15)	(40)	(38)
Management fee charged to capital	(1,556)	(839)	(2,236)
Amortisation of bank loan charges	16	_	16
Overseas withholding tax	(1,190)	(1,340)	(2,518)
Dividends received	(6,299)	(7,586)	(14,330)
Interest received	(33)	(214)	(268)
Realised losses on foreign currency transactions	(825)	(1,000)	(923)
Foreign exchange (loss)/gain on liquidity funds	(2,100)	554	(1,663)
Net cash outflow from operations before dividends			
and interest	(5,241)	(1,917)	(6,070)

## 7. Fair valuation of financial instruments

The fair value hierarchy analysis for financial instruments held at fair value at the period end is as follows:

	,	Unaudited)		Unaudited)		(Audited)
	Six mo	nths ended	Six mo	nths ended		Year ended
	30th June 2021		30th June 2020		31st December 2020	
	Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Level 1	1,441,616	_	1,126,917	_	1,268,283	_
Total value of investments	1,441,616	_	1,126,917	_	1,268,283	_



The Company is required to make the following disclosures in its half year report.

## **Principal and Emerging Risks and Uncertainties**

The principal and emerging risks and uncertainties faced by the Company fall into the following broad categories: investment and strategy; market; accounting, legal and regulatory; loss of investment team or Investment Managers; operational, including cyber crime; financial; political and economic; share price relative to Net Asset Value ('NAV') per share; Climate Change, Global Pandemic and US and China Technology Competition. Information on each of these areas is given in the Business Review within the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2020.

## **Related Parties Transactions**

During the first six months of the current financial year, no transactions with related parties have taken place which have materially affected the financial position or the performance of the Company.

## **Going Concern**

The Directors believe, having considered the Company's investment objectives, risk management policies, capital management policies and procedures, 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 and, more specifically, that there are no material uncertainties pertaining to the Company that would prevent its ability to continue in such operation existence for at least 12 months from the date of the approval of this half yearly financial report. In reaching that view, the Directors have considered the impact of the current Covid-19 pandemic on the Company's financial and operational position. For these reasons, they consider there is reasonable evidence to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the accounts.

## **Directors' Responsibilities**

The Board of Directors confirms that, to the best of its knowledge:

- the condensed set of financial statements contained within the half year financial report has been prepared in accordance with FRS 104 'Interim Financial Reporting' and gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company, and of the assets, liabilities, financial position and net return of the Company as at 30th June 2021 as required by the UK Listing Authority Disclosure and Transparency Rules 4.2.4R; and
- the interim management report includes a fair review of the information required by 4.2.7R and 4.2.8R of the UK Listing (ii) Authority Disclosure and Transparency Rules.

In order to provide these confirmations, and in preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on 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.

For and on behalf of the Board Dr Kevin Carter Chair

23rd August 2021



#### Return to Shareholders (APM)

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

	Six months ended		
Total return calculation	Page	30th June 2021	
Opening share price (p)	4	577.0	(a)
Closing share price (p)	4	653.0	(b)
Total dividend adjustment factor <sup>1</sup>		1.006589	(C)
Adjusted closing share price (d = b x c)		657.3	(d)
Total return to shareholders (e = d / a - 1)		13.9%	(e)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The dividend adjustment factor is calculated on the assumption that the dividends paid out by the Company are reinvested into the shares of the Company at the last traded price quoted at the ex-dividend date.

## Return on Net Assets with Debt at Fair Value (APM)

Total return on net asset value ('NAV') per share, with debt at fair value, assuming that all dividends paid out by the Company were reinvested, into the shares of the Company at the NAV per share at the time the shares were guoted ex-dividend.

	Six months ended		
Total return calculation	Page	30th June 2021	
Opening cum-income NAV per share (p)	4	607.6	(a)
Closing cum-income NAV per share (p)	4	697.0	(b)
Total dividend adjustment factor <sup>1</sup>		1.006350	(c)
Adjusted closing share price (d = b x c)		701.4	(d)
Total return on net assets (e = d / a - 1)		15.4%	(e)

The dividend adjustment factor is calculated on the assumption that the dividends paid out by the Company are reinvested into the shares of the Company at the cum-income NAV at the ex-dividend date.

## Return on Net Assets with Debt at Par Value (APM)

Total return on net asset value ('NAV') per share, with debt at par value, assuming that all dividends paid out by the Company were reinvested, into the shares of the Company at the NAV per share at the time the shares were quoted ex-dividend.

	:	Six months ended		
Total return calculation	Page	30th June 2021		
Opening cum-income NAV per share (p)	4	610.1	(a)	
Closing cum-income NAV per share (p)	4	698.1	(b)	
Total dividend adjustment factor <sup>1</sup>		1.006350	(C)	
Adjusted closing share price (d = b x c)		702.5	(d)	
Total return on net assets (e = d / a - 1)		15.2%	(e)	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The dividend adjustment factor is calculated on the assumption that the dividends paid out by the Company are reinvested into the shares of the Company at the cum-income NAV at the ex-dividend date.

## Benchmark Return

Total return on the benchmark, on a closing-market value to closing-market value basis, assuming that all dividends received were reinvested, without transaction costs, in 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.

## Gearing/(Net Cash) (APM)

Gearing represents the excess amount above shareholder's 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 and 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.

		30th June 2021 31st December 2020		
Gearing calculation	Page	£'000	£'000	
Investments held at fair value through profit or loss	19	1,441,616	1,268,283	(a)
Net assets	19	1,368,847	1,211,522	(b)
Gearing (c = a / b - 1)	4	5.3%	4.7%	(c)

#### **Ongoing Charges Ratio (APM)**

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

The figure as at 30th June 2021 is an estimated annualised figure based on the numbers for the six months ended 30th June 2021.

Ongoing charges calculation	Page	30th June 2021 £'000	31st December 2020 £'000	
Management Fee <sup>1</sup>	17	3,890	2,795²	
Other administrative expenses	17	692	671	
Total management fee and other administrative expenses		4,582	3,466	(a)
Average daily cum-income net assets		1,283,134	1,033,447	(b)
Ongoing charges ratio (c = a / b)	4	0.36%	0.34%	(c)

With effect from 1st June 2019, for a period of nine months, the management fee was waived.

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

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, meaning there are more sellers than buyers.

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 trusts' shares to trade at a discount than at a premium (see page 4).

#### **Portfolio Turnover**

Portfolio turnover is based on the average equity purchases and sales expressed as a percentage of average opening and closing portfolio values (excluding liquidity funds).

## **Performance Attribution**

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Consists of the management fee paid for the period January to May 2020.

## **Performance Attribution Definitions:**

#### **Allocation effect**

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

#### Selection effect

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 hedge**

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

## Gearing/(net cash)

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

## Share issuance/buyback

Measures the enhancement to net asset value per share of buying back the Company's shares for cancellation at a price which is less than the Company's net asset value per share.

## Management fee and expenses

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

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

## Via a third party provider

Third party providers include:

AJ Bell You Invest Barclays Smart Investor Charles Stanley Direct

Halifax Share Dealing Hargreaves Lansdown Interactive Investor

Selftrade

Fidelity Personal Investing

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.

The Board encourages all of its shareholders to exercise their rights and notes that many specialist platforms provide shareholders with the ability to receive company documentation, to vote their shares and to attend general meetings, at no cost. Please refer to your investment platform for more details, or visit the Association of Investment Companies' ('AIC') website at www.theaic.co.uk/aic/shareholder-voting-consumer-platforms for information on which platforms support these services and how to utilise them.

#### Through a professional adviser 2.

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

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

## Be ScamSmart

## Investment scams are designed to look like genuine investments

## Spot the warning signs

Have you been:

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

If so, you might have been contacted by fraudsters.

## **Avoid investment fraud**

### 1 Reject cold calls

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

### 2 Check the FCA Warning List

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

#### 3 Get impartial advice

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

## Report a Scam

If you suspect that you have been approached by fraudsters please tell the FCA using the reporting form at

www.fca.org.uk/consumers/reportscam-unauthorised-firm. You can also call the FCA Consumer Helpline on 0800 111 6768

If you have lost money to investment fraud, you should report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or online at www.actionfraud.police.uk

Find out more at www.fca.org.uk/scamsmart

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



## FINANCIAL CALENDAR

Financial year end 31st December

Final results announced April

Half year end 30th June

Half year results announced August

Dividend on ordinary shares paid

May/October

Annual General Meeting May

### History

The Company has its origins in the Alabama, New Orleans, Texas and Pacific Junction Railways Company Limited which was formed in 1881 to acquire interests in, and to undertake the completion of, three American railroads – the Vicksburg and Meridian, the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Pacific and the New Orleans and North Eastern. In 1917 the Company was reorganised, a proportion of the railroad interests were sold, and the investment powers were widened enabling its assets to be invested in several countries including the United Kingdom. To reflect the new objectives the name was changed to The Sterling Trust. The Company's investment policy reverted to North American securities in 1982 when the name was changed to The Fleming American Investment Trust plc. The name was changed to JPMorgan Fleming American Investment Trust plc in April 2002 and to its present form in 2006. JPMorgan, and its predecessor company, has been the Company's manager and secretary since 1966.

#### Directors

Dr Kevin Carter (Chair of the Board and Management Engagement Committee)

Sir Alan Collins (Risk Committee Chair, Remuneration Committee Chair and Senior Independent Director)

Claire Binyon Nadia Manzoor Robert Talbut

## **Company Numbers**

Company registration number: 15543 Country of registration: England and Wales London Stock Exchange number: 08456505 ISIN: GB00BKZGVH64 SEDOL Code: BKZGVH6

Bloomberg code: JAM LN
LEI: 549300QNAI4XRPEB4G65

#### **Market Information**

The Company's shares are listed on the London Stock Exchange. The market price is shown daily in the Financial Times and on the J.P. Morgan internet site at www.jpmamerican.co.uk, where the share price is updated every fifteen minutes during trading hours.

#### Website

www.jpmamerican.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.

## Manager and Company Secretary

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#### Depositary

The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited 1 Canada Square London E14 5AL

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

#### Registrar

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Reference 1077

Aspect House

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

Notifications of changes of address and enquiries regarding share certificates or dividend cheques should be made in writing to the Registrar quoting reference 1077.

Registered shareholders can obtain further details on their holdings on the internet by visiting www.shareview.co.uk

## **Independent Auditor**

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