

# Mobius INVESTMENT TRUST

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Active Ownership in Emerging and Frontier Markets

## **Fund Details**

Launch Date: 1st October 2018 AIC Sector: **Emerging Markets Global** Annual Management Fee: Ongoing Charges: 1.7% Year / Half Year: 30 November / 31 May Capital Structure: 105,000,000 Ord Shs Number of Holdings: 29 Total Net Assets (£m): 106.2 Market Capitalisation (£m): 98.6 Gearing (AIC basis): 0.0% Share Price (p): 93.90p Net Asset Value (p): 101.12p (Discount) / Premium: (7.1%)ISIN: GB00BFZ7R980 Sedol: **BFZ7R98** LEE: 21380033EKFQS15X1W22 J9AYNU.99999.SL.826 GIIN: Bloomberg: MMIT LN

# **Investment Strategy**

Mobius Investment Trust plc's objective is to deliver long-term absolute returns by investing in emerging and frontier market equities. MMIT will identify companies with resilient business models which are undervalued and mispriced. MMIT does not use any benchmark and follows an active investment style by partnering with portfolio companies. This is achieved by engaging with stakeholders to improve corporate governance, set out a broader ESG pathway and act as a catalyst for wider operational and financial improvements.

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### Performance since launch to 31 July 2020\*



#### **Accumulated Performance\***

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD	1 Year	Since Launch
Net Asset Value	+4.2%	+21.2%	+5.0%	+5.4%	+6.0%	+3.6%
Share Price	+3.2%	+24.9%	+0.2%	+10.3%	-2.9%	-5.7%

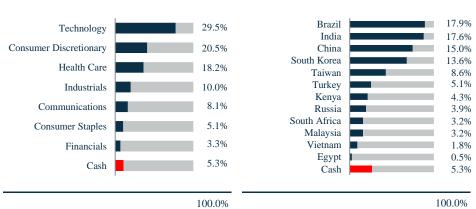
Source: Morningstar, Date: 31.7.2020

## Monthly Performance in GBP\*



#### Sector Breakdown

# Geographical Breakdown



Source: Frostrow Capital LLP, Date: 31.7.2020

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<sup>\*</sup>Past performance cannot be relied on as a guide to future performance.



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#### **Investor Profile**

Mobius Investment Trust plc has no required minimum holding period and is designed for longterm investment (at least five years). MMIT invests in equities and it may therefore be subject to volatility. This requires an elevated risk tolerance and capacity.

## **Opportunities**

- + Focus on dynamic small and mid-sized companies in many of the fastest growing economies in the world
- Fundamental bottom-up research process identifies resilient business models which are undervalued and mispriced
- Lower ESG standards in emerging and frontier markets offer a unique opportunity for active engagement approach
- Create value by delivering a clear ESG pathway for our portfolio companies
- + Concentrated portfolio allows a customised engagement strategy for each company

#### **Risks**

- MMIT pursues an active management style.
   Its performance may therefore deviate considerably from that of a comparable market return
- Pronounced fluctuations in price are characteristic of emerging and frontier economies. Other characteristics include specific risks such as lower market transparency, regulatory hurdles, illiquidity of markets as well as political and social challenges
- Investments via Shanghai or Shenzhen Stock Connect are subject to additional risks, quota limitations, custody risk, clearing/settlement risk and counterparty risk
- Focusing intentionally on stocks in small and medium cap companies may entail additional risks (e.g. lower liquidity)

# **Top 10 Positions (% of Net Assets)**

Total		54.3%
10.	TOTVS	4.0%
9.	AK Medical Holdings	4.1%
8.	Safaricom	4.3%
7.	Polycab India	4.3%
6.	LEENO Industrial	4.9%
5.	Apollo Tubes	5.7%
4.	Fleury	5.8%
3.	Yum China	6.1%
2.	Persistent Systems	6.5%
1.	eMemory Technology	8.6%

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#### **Commentary**

Over July 2020, the top three largest contributors to performance were Persistent Systems (+1.8%), APL Apollo Tubes (+0.7%) and Goodbaby International (+0.7%). Mavi (-0.7%), AK Medical (-0.6%) and Safaricom (-0.4%) detracted the most from performance.

MMIT does not rely on derivatives to hedge its currency exposure, as the associated cost in emerging and frontier markets is high and we do not deem it to be an efficient use of investors' capital. Instead, we prefer to create a natural hedge in the portfolio by ensuring we have a diverse range of geographies (currently 12) and by utilising our proprietary macro screens that enable us to avoid the risks associated with more vulnerable currencies. Despite the recent volatility in EM/FM currency markets, the strengthening Taiwanese Dollar and South Korean Won have positively contributed to performance over the last six months (+0.3% and +0.2% respectively). The weakening of the Brazilian Real, Turkish Lira and Indian Rupee have been the biggest drag over the same period (-3.0%, -0.8% and 0.6% respectively).

We can now provide some further details around two new holdings that were added to the MMIT portfolio in Q2 2020.Vinamilk, also known as Vietnam Dairy Products Joint Stock Company, is the largest operator in Vietnam's dairy industry, with 51% of national market share in 2017. Originally established in 1976 as a state-owned enterprise, the business listed in 2003 and over the last few years, the Vietnamese government has been reducing its stake. Having dominated the domestic market for over 40 years, management are now building an international presence by increasing penetration into 45 countries.

Metropolis Healthcare Limited is the third largest healthcare diagnostics business in India, with a particularly strong position in the West and South of the country. We believe the sector offers attractive growth prospects in India, given the underpenetrated and highly fragmented nature of the domestic market.

With both businesses, we have identified some specific areas where our engagement can enable further success. We have started a constructive dialogue with management teams.

For updates from the investment manager, including video and blogs, please visit the Mobius Capital Partners website: https://www.mobiuscapitalpartners.com

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 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  6 months currency figures taken from 31/01/20 to 31/07/20 from Bloomberg. Adjusted to reflect MMIT weightings as of 31/07/20