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## MOBIUS INVESTMENT TRUST PLC

Active Ownership in Emerging and Frontier Markets

## **Fund Details**

Launch Date: 1st October 2018 AIC Sector: **Emerging Markets Global** Annual Management Fee: 1.0% 1.5%\*\* Ongoing Charges: Year / Half Year: 30 November / 31 May Capital Structure: 108,760,000 Ord Shs Number of Holdings: 24 Total Net Assets (£m): 159.9 Market Capitalisation (£m): 158.8 Gearing (AIC basis): 0.0% Share Price (p): 146.00p Net Asset Value (p): 147.00p (Discount) / Premium: (0.7%)ISIN: GB00BFZ7R980 Sedol: BFZ7R98 LEE 21380033EKFQS15X1W22 GIIN: J9AYNU.99999.SL.826 Bloomberg: MMIT LN \*\* calculated at the financial year end, includes management fees and

## **Investment Strategy**

Mobius Investment Trust plc's objective is to deliver long-term absolute returns by investing in emerging and frontier market equities. The Fund manager aims to identify companies with resilient and innovative business models which are mispriced. The Fund follows an active investment style by partnering with portfolio companies. This is achieved by engaging with stakeholders to improve corporate governance and act as a catalyst for wider operational and financial improvements including a clear ESG pathway.

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#### Performance since launch to 31 March 2022\*

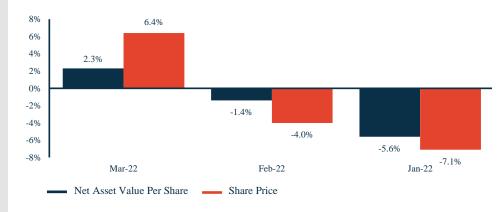


#### **Accumulated Performance\***

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD	1 Year	Since Launch
Net Asset Value	2.3%	-4.8%	-1.4%	-4.8%	+21.9%	+50.6%
Share Price	6.4%	-5.2%	-2.0%	-5.2%	+27.8%	+46.7%

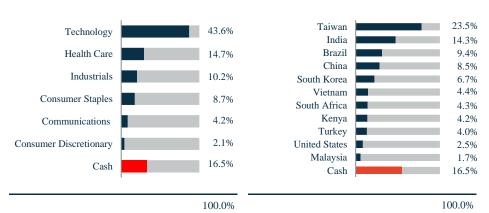
Source: Morningstar, Date: 31.03.2022

## Monthly Performance in GBP\*



#### Sector Breakdown

## Geographical Breakdown



Source: Frostrow Capital LLP, Date: 31.03.2022

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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.

## **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)**

1.	EC Healthcare	6.6
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2.	Apollo Tubes	6.3
3.	Persistent Systems	6.2
4.	TOTVS	5.9
5.	eMemory Technology	5.6
6.	LEENO Industrial	4.9
7.	Vietnam Dairy Products	4.5
8.	Clicks Group	4.3
9.	Safaricom	4.2
10.	Zilltek Technology	4.2
Total		52.7%

Source: Frostrow Capital LLP, Date: 31.03.2022

#### **Commentary**

During March, the war in Ukraine continued to impact global financial markets. As a direct consequence of the Russian invasion of Ukraine and subsequent sanctions against Russia, commodity prices including oil and gas soared. At the same time, China's Zero-Covid policy led to lockdowns in several Chinese cities, including Shanghai. Aggregate Chinese GDP contribution by cities under lockdown is as much as 18% and about 14% of the population are affected. The wider Shanghai area accounts for 37% of China's exports, of which Shanghai contributes 6%. This situation led to a global "risk-off" environment leading to a strong appreciation of gold and other safe-haven assets and a sell-off in global equities.

We would like to remind our investors that our strategy does not hold any Russian companies. MMIT's net asset value and share price rose by 2.3% and 6.4% respectively during the period. MMIT traded at an average discount of 4.5%, which narrowed to 0.7% at the end of the month. The strongest contributors to March performance were Indian software company Persistent Systems (+1.2%), Brazilian software firm TOTVS (+1.1%), and Indian steel pipes producer APL Apollo (+0.6%). The largest detractors were Taiwanese technology business ZillTek (-0.8%), followed by Chinese restaurant operator Yum China (-0.6%), and Taiwanese foundry WIN Semiconductors (-0.3%).

On Monday, 7 March 2022, Carlos Hardenberg provided an update on the portfolio, strategy and performance of the Mobius Investment Trust, and shared his views on the implications of the Russia-Ukraine conflict. A recording of the webinar is available on Mobius Capital Partners website: https://www.mobiuscapitalpartners.com. Please email Anna von Hahn at anna@mobiuscapitalpartners.com should you have any questions.

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