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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: 115,420,336 Ord Shs Number of Holdings: 26 Total Net Assets (£m): 161.1 Market Capitalisation (£m): 156.4 Gearing (AIC basis): 0.0% Share Price (p): 135.50p Net Asset Value (p): 139.57p (Discount) / Premium: (2.9%)ISIN: GB00BFZ7R980 Sedol: BFZ7R98 LEE 21380033EKFQS15X1W22 J9AYNU.99999.SL.826 GIIN: 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

#### **Partners**

clear ESG pathway.



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# Performance since launch to 31 August 2023\*

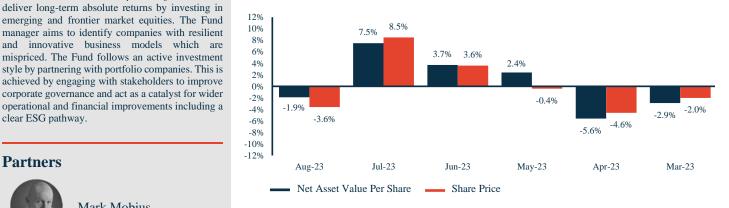


### Accumulated Performance\*

	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	Since Launch
Net Asset Value	-1.9%	6.3%	5.9%	-3.0%	38.3%	44.7%
Share Price	-3.6%	1.5%	6.8%	-4.5%	42.8%	37.7%

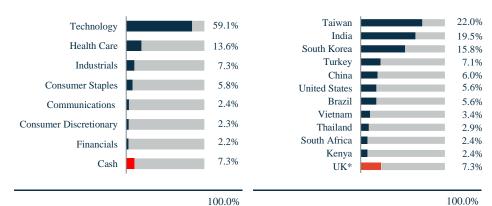
Source: Morningstar, Date: 31.08.2023

# Monthly Performance in GBP\*



#### Sector Breakdown

# Geographical Breakdown



\*includes uninvested cash Source: Frostrow Capital LLP, Date: 31.08.2023

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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)**

EC Healthcare	3.8
Persistent Systems	4.0
CE Info Systems	4.1
Zilltek Technology	4.3
Elite Material	5.1
Apollo Tubes	5.5
TOTVS	5.5
EPAM Systems	5.6
Classys	5.7
LEENO Industrial	6.9
	Classys  EPAM Systems  TOTVS  Apollo Tubes  Elite Material  Zilltek Technology  CE Info Systems  Persistent Systems

Source: Frostrow Capital LLP, Date: 31.08.2023

#### Commentary

Emerging market equities underperformed their developed market peers in August, partly due to continued weakness in the Chinese economy, with renewed turmoil in the Chinese property sector adding to negative sentiment. In addition, the continued strength of the US economy made investors cautious as interest rates could remain higher for longer. Only a few emerging markets outperformed, including Turkey, where a significant rate hike seemed to signal a more orthodox monetary policy. MCP continues to invest cautiously in China, mainly accessing the market through companies in Hong Kong, Taiwan and South Korea.

Over the period, the NAV per share and share price of the Mobius Investment Trust (MMIT) declined by 1.9% and 3.6% respectively, with the NAV per share outperforming the MSCI EM Mid Cap Index Net TR by 1.8% (GBP NAV). The top contributor to August performance was Korean health care business Classys (+1.1%), followed by software companies EPAM Systems (+0.6%) and recent portfolio addition MapMyIndia (+0.6%). Indian airport services aggregator Dreamfolks (-0.8%), Hong Kong-based EC Healthcare (-0.8%) and Taiwanese hardware company E Ink (-0.8%) were the main detractors.

Please note that MCP will be hosting an investor day for professional investors of Mobius Investment Trust plc on Wednesday, 4 October 2023 at the Royal Society of Chemistry, Piccadilly in London. This will be an in-person event. Please email Anna von Hahn at anna@mobiuscapitalpartners.com if you would like to attend.

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