

Date: 31.10.2023

# 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): 153.2 Market Capitalisation (£m): 138.5 Gearing (AIC basis): 0.0% Share Price (p): 120.00p Net Asset Value (p): 132.71p (Discount) / Premium: (9.6%)ISIN: GB00BFZ7R980 Sedol: BFZ7R98 LEE 21380033EKFQS15X1W22 J9AYNU.99999.SL.826 GIIN: Bloomberg: MMIT LN

\*\* calculated at the financial year end, includes management fees and other operating expenses

#### **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 October 2023\*

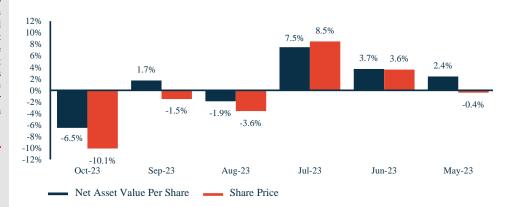


#### **Accumulated Performance\***

	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	5 Years	Since Launch
Net Asset Value	-6.5%	1.1%	9.0%	-9.2%	27.3%	37.6%	37.6%
Share Price	-10.1%	-10.1%	2.0%	-19.2%	21.6%	21.1%	22.0%

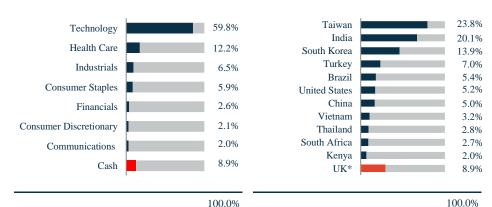
Source: Morningstar

## Monthly Performance in GBP\*



#### Sector Breakdown

# Geographical Breakdown



\*Past performance cannot be relied on as a guide to future performance.

\*includes uninvested cash Source: Frostrow Capital LLP, Date: 31.10.2023



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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)**

6.0
5.4
5.2
5.2
4.9
4.6
4.5
4.5
4.2
4.1
48.6

Source: Frostrow Capital LLP, Date: 31.10.2023

#### Commentary

Global equity markets declined in October, with emerging market equities underperforming their developed market peers. Higher than expected inflation in the US added to "higher for longer" fears, while geopolitical tensions weighed on investor sentiment. The Israel-Hamas conflict led to a general risk-off sentiment, with investors seeking refuge in safe-haven assets such as gold, which gained 6.8% (USD) over the period.

Over the reporting period, MMIT's Net Asset Value (NAV) per share and share price saw declines of 6.5% and 10.1%, respectively, in GBP terms. In comparison, the MSCI EM Mid Cap Index Net TR GBP declined by 3.8%. October's top contributors to performance were Taiwanese sensor technology company ZillTek (+0.4%), semiconductor firm Parade Technologies (+0.2%), and globally operating software business Persistent Systems (+0.2%). Meanwhile, specialist material manufacturer Elite Material (-0.8%), software business EPAM Systems (-0.8%), and South Korean health care company Classys (-0.7%) were the main detractors. On October 1, 2023, MMIT celebrated its 5-year track record, outperforming the MSCI EM Mid Cap Net TR GBP Index by 25.6% since inception. It continues to lead its peer group of EM equity investment trusts listed on the London Stock Exchange.

To mark the occasion, MCP hosted a webinar to review MMIT's performance over the past five years, introduce some new portfolio companies and provide an outlook for emerging markets over the coming years. A recording is available at https://www.mobiuscapitalpartners.com/news/mcp-investor-day-2023.

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