

Jupiter Merlin Real Return

Interim Report & Accounts (unaudited)

For the six months ended 31 December 2023

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**These collectively comprise the Authorised Fund Manager's Report.*

Fund Information

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***Appointed 8 February 2023*

****Appointed 14 September 2023*

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Fund Information *(continued)*

Fund Closure

The Fund closed on 31 July 2023 and ceased trading on this date.

The closure was a liquidation of all units which was undertaken by a disposal of its portfolio holdings.

As a result, these accounts have been prepared on a basis other than going concern.

Investment Objective

Was to achieve a return, net of fees, that is at least 3% per annum higher than the Consumer Price Index over 3-year rolling periods.

Capital invested in the Fund was at risk and there was no guarantee that the investment objective will be achieved over 3-year rolling periods or in respect of any other time period.

The Consumer Price Index is an inflationary indicator published monthly by the UK Office for National Statistics that measures the change in the cost of a fixed basket of products and services, including housing, electricity, food, and transportation.

Investment Policy

At least 70% of the Fund was invested in collective investment schemes. Up to 30% of the Fund may have been invested in other assets, including shares of companies, cash and near cash.

The Fund may have entered into derivative transactions for the purposes of efficient portfolio management (including hedging), i.e. to reduce risk, minimise costs or generate additional capital and/or income. The Fund was not able to enter into derivative transactions for investment (i.e. speculative) purposes, although the underlying funds may do so.

Benchmarks

The Consumer Price Index is an inflationary indicator published monthly by the UK Office for National Statistics that measures the change in the cost of a fixed basket of products and services, including housing, electricity, food, and transportation and is a good relative measure to assess real capital appreciation.

Status

The Fund operated under the Investment Funds Sourcebook (FUND) where applicable and the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook (COLL) of the Financial Conduct Authority. The Fund was an authorised unit trust scheme under Section 237 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and is a Non UCITS Retail Scheme (NURS) as defined in the COLL rules.

The Fund was a qualifying fund for inclusion within a stocks and shares Individual Savings Account (ISA). It was the Manager's intention to continue to manage the affairs of the Fund in order to meet the qualifying requirements as outlined in current legislation.

Unit Classes

In addition to the basic class of units which were available to all types of investors, the Fund also offers I-Class units which are available to investors who invest a minimum of £1,000,000 and J-Class units which are available to investors who invest a minimum of £500 (who buys units directly from the Manager and not through any intermediary or advisor). Further details are available from the Manager on request. Please note that in order to distinguish between the unit classes within the Fund they are defined in this report as either L-Class Units (non I-Class and non J-Class) or I-Class Units or J-Class Units. The unit types associated with each unit class are disclosed in the Comparative Tables on pages 5 and 6.

Change of Independent Auditor

With effect from 22 November 2023, the Independent Auditor changed from PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP to Ernst & Young LLP.

Fund Information *(continued)*

Cumulative Performance (% change to 31 July 2023**)

	6 months	1 year	3 years
Percentage Growth	(0.7)	0.9	0.0
CPI + 3%*	5.1	10.0	9.5

Source: Morningstar, gross income reinvested net of fees, in GBP. The statistics disclosed above relate to I-Class Units unless otherwise stated. Past performance is no guide to the future. *Target benchmark

**Last Valuation Point

This document is for informational purposes only and is not investment advice. Market and exchange rate movements can cause the value of an investment to fall as well as rise, and you may get back less than originally invested. We recommend you discuss any investment decisions with a financial adviser, particularly if you are unsure whether an investment is suitable. Jupiter is unable to provide investment advice. Current tax levels and reliefs will depend on your individual circumstances and are subject to change in the future. For definitions please see the glossary at jupiteram.com. Every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of any information provided but no assurances or warranties are given. Company examples are for illustrative purposes only and are not a recommendation to buy or sell. Quoted yields are not guaranteed and may change in the future. Jupiter Unit Trust Managers Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and their registered address is The Zig Zag Building, 70 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6SQ.

Investment Report

This review covers the period from 1 July 2023 to 31 July 2023.

Performance Review

For the six months ended 31 July 2023, the Fund returned -0.7%* compared with the 5.1%* returned by its comparator benchmark Consumer Price Index (CPI) +3%.

**Source: Morningstar, gross income reinvested net of fees, in GBP. The performance statistics disclosed above relate to I-Class units unless otherwise stated.*

Market Review

2023 was characterized by a significant stand-off between investors and central banks as to who really determines monetary policy. The situation in 2021 has reversed today: then investors were pushing up government bond yields as the perceived inflationary risk grew while the central banks denied there was a problem and refused to raise interest rates from rock bottom; in the final quarter of 2023 investors were driving yields down while central banks were reluctant to reduce interest rates from current highs. In effect, markets were telling them, and the US Federal Reserve in particular, that if they were not cautious enough two years ago, they are being far too conservative now. Apart from the US economy which remains buoyant despite the most aggressive policy tightening programme in history, most others including the UK are flatlining and flirting with recession.

In the third quarter, markets were spooked by the combination of the political stalemate in the US Congress over government spending and breaching its borrowing limits and the outbreak of a new conflict in the Middle East. If investors were later determined not to be deflected from having a happy Christmas both in bonds and equities, those underlying problems have still not gone away.

Portfolio Review

The Portfolio came into the period with a foot in both 'growth' and 'value' equities to avoid the traps inherent in chasing momentum and constantly being faced with making binary decisions and second-guessing swings in style. There were also specialist exposures to Japan and the global energy markets, both of which have been neglected by the ESG movement, the former on governance grounds and the latter on environmental grounds, however we believe that these businesses will benefit from a change in perception, and they therefore stand to benefit from a potential re-rating. Outside of equities, the absolute return allocation resided with managers with differing processes but all seeking to compound steady returns over time through stock picking and by minimising market exposure. Finally, Allianz Strategic Bond was the only fixed income exposure which served to provide ballast to the Portfolio should economic data deteriorate and result in a recessionary outcome.

No changes were made over the period before closure.

Jupiter Independent Funds Team

Comparative Tables

Change in net asset per unit				
	L-Class Accumulation			
	31.12.23 (p)	30.06.23 (p)	30.06.22 (p)	30.06.21 (p)
Opening net asset value per unit	50.54	49.03	53.23	50.00
Return before operating charges*	(0.39)	2.68	(2.99)	4.47
Operating charges	(0.11)	(1.17)	(1.21)	(1.24)
Return after operating charges*	(0.50)	1.51	(4.20)	3.23
Distributions on accumulation unit	–	–	–	–
Retained distributions on accumulation unit	–	–	–	–
Redemption price on termination**	50.04	–	–	–
Closing net asset value per unit	–	50.54	49.03	53.23
*after direct transaction costs of:	–	–	–	0.01
Performance				
Return after charges (%)	(0.99)	3.08	(7.89)	6.46
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	–	4	2	2
Closing number of units	–	8,708	3,761	3,598
Operating charges (%)	1.48	2.33	2.30	2.39
Direct transaction costs (%)	–	–	–	0.01
Prices				
Highest unit price (p)	50.71	51.00	54.87	53.75
Lowest unit price (p)	49.99	48.92	48.77	50.05

Change in net asset per unit				
	I-Class Accumulation			
	31.12.23 (p)	30.06.23 (p)	30.06.22 (p)	30.06.21 (p)
Opening net asset value per unit	52.47	50.52	54.41	50.74
Return before operating charges*	(0.45)	2.77	(3.05)	4.54
Operating charges	(0.03)	(0.82)	(0.84)	(0.87)
Return after operating charges*	(0.48)	1.95	(3.89)	3.67
Distributions on accumulation unit	–	–	(0.09)	(0.23)
Retained distributions on accumulation unit	–	–	0.09	0.23
Redemption price on termination**	51.99	–	–	–
Closing net asset value per unit	–	52.47	50.52	54.41
*after direct transaction costs of:	–	–	–	0.01
Performance				
Return after charges (%)	(0.92)	3.86	(7.15)	7.23
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	–	6,028	6,382	7,476
Closing number of units	–	11,487,566	12,633,544	13,740,955
Operating charges (%)	0.73	1.58	1.55	1.64
Direct transaction costs (%)	–	–	–	0.01
Prices				
Highest unit price (p)	52.65	52.80	56.29	54.93
Lowest unit price (p)	51.91	50.41	50.24	50.80

**The Fund closed on 31 July 2023.

Comparative Tables *(continued)*

Change in net asset per unit				
	J-Class Accumulation			
	31.12.23 (p)	30.06.23 (p)	30.06.22 (p)	30.06.21 (p)
Opening net asset value per unit	51.08	49.36	53.39	50.01
Return before operating charges*	(0.40)	2.69	(3.03)	4.47
Operating charges	(0.08)	(0.97)	(1.00)	(1.09)
Return after operating charges*	(0.48)	1.72	(4.03)	3.38
Distributions on accumulation unit	–	–	–	–
Retained distributions on accumulation unit	–	–	–	–
Redemption price on termination**	50.60	–	–	–
Closing net asset value per unit	–	51.08	49.36	53.39
*after direct transaction costs of:	–	–	–	0.01
Performance				
Return after charges (%)	(0.94)	3.48	(7.55)	6.76
Other Information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	–	30	35	22
Closing number of units	–	58,960	71,178	41,061
Operating charges (%)	1.08	1.93	1.90	2.09
Direct transaction costs (%)	–	–	–	0.01
Prices				
Highest unit price (p)	51.26	51.47	55.14	53.92
Lowest unit price (p)	50.54	49.25	49.09	50.06

**The Fund closed on 31 July 2023.

Comparative Tables *(continued)*

Risk and Reward Indicator (to 31 July 2023)

The Risk and Reward Indicator table demonstrates where the Fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



- The lowest category does not mean 'no risk'. Some risk will still be present in funds with a risk and reward rating of 1.
- The Fund is in this category due to the nature of its investments and previous levels of volatility (how much the value of the Fund rises and falls).

Charges

- The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running the Fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment. They include the costs (less any rebates) incurred by the underlying funds held during the period.

Charges taken from the Fund over the six months (annualised) to:	31.12.23**	31.12.22*
Ongoing charges for L-Class Units	1.48%	2.37%
Ongoing charges for I-Class Units	0.73%	1.62%
Ongoing charges for J-Class Units	1.08%	1.97%

*With effect from 1 July 2022, the fees charged to the Fund by the Manager have changed. Under the new simplified fee structure, the Manager combined the Annual Management Charge and the Aggregate Operating Fee into a Fixed Annual Charge.

**The Fund closed on 31 July 2023.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 December 2023

Holding	Investment	Market value £	Total net assets %
	UK Equity Funds - 0.00% (49.53%)		
	European Equity Funds - 0.00% (6.90%)		
	Japanese Equity Funds - 0.00% (2.05%)		
	Specialist Funds - 0.00% (2.73%)		
	Global Equity Funds - 0.00% (36.60%)		
	Total value of investments	—	—
	Net other liabilities	—	—
	Net assets	—	—

All holdings are ordinary shares or stock units unless otherwise stated.

The figures in brackets show allocations as at 30 June 2023.

The Fund closed on 31 July 2023.

Statement of Total Return

For the six months ended 31 December 2023			
	Six months to 31.12.23		Six months to 31.12.22
	£	£	£
Income			
Net capital (losses)/gains		(69,559)	133,967
Revenue	24,425		15,047
Expenses	(4,550)		(23,958)
Interest payable and similar charges	(3)		(1,533)
Net revenue/(expense) before taxation	19,872		(10,444)
Taxation	–		–
Net revenue/(expense) after taxation		19,872	(10,444)
Total return before distributions		(49,687)	123,523
Distributions		(3,896)	161
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		(53,583)	123,684

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders

For the six months ended 31 December 2023			
	Six months to 31.12.23		Six months to 31.12.22
	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to unitholders		6,062,068	6,419,323
Amounts receivable on issue of units	882		74,130
Amounts payable on cancellation of units	(6,004,223)		(225,099)
		(6,003,341)	(150,969)
Amounts payable to termination		(5,144)	–
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		(53,583)	123,684
Closing net assets attributable to unitholders		–	6,392,038

Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2023

	31.12.23 £	30.06.23 £
Assets		
Fixed assets:		
Investments	–	5,929,355
Current assets:		
Debtors	13	22,792
Cash and bank balances	5,131	156,538
Total assets	5,144	6,108,685
Liabilities		
Creditors:		
Bank overdrafts	–	(16,249)
Other creditors	(5,144)	(30,368)
Total liabilities	(5,144)	(46,617)
Net assets attributable to unitholders	–	6,062,068

Directors' Statement

Jupiter Merlin Real Return

This report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook and Investment Funds Sourcebook where applicable and the Statement of Recommended Practice issued by the Investment Association.

Directors: Gaelle Pound, Jasveer Singh

Jupiter Unit Trust Managers Limited

London

27 February 2024

Notes to the Interim Financial Statements

1. Significant Accounting Policies

The interim financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis as modified by the revaluation of investments, in compliance with the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook. They have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 and the Statement of Recommended Practice for Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds issued by The Investment Management Association (now referred to as the Investment Association) in May 2014 (the 2014 SORP) and amended in June 2017.

Jupiter Unit Trust Managers closed the Fund and all of its units were sold on 31 July 2023. All costs associated with the closure have been borne by the authorised fund manager. As such, the financial statements have been prepared on a basis other than going concern. There has been no impact on the financial statements or disclosure notes to adjust assets or liabilities to realisable values.

Unless otherwise stated all other accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023 and are described in those financial statements.

2. Financial Instruments

In pursuing its investment objectives the Fund invested in other funds, which in turn, will invest in a number of financial instruments. The Fund, and the underlying funds, can also invest in securities and other investments and hold cash balances, short term fixed deposits, bank overdrafts and debtors and creditors that arise directly from its operations, for example, in respect of sales and purchases awaiting settlement, amounts receivable from issues and payable for cancellations and debtors for accrued revenue.

The Fund may have entered into derivative transactions, the purpose of which will only be for efficient management of the Fund and not for investment purposes.

The Fund had little exposure to liquidity and cash flow risk. These risks were not significant at current levels. The main risks it faced from its financial instruments were market price, credit, foreign currency, interest rate risk and counterparty risk. The Manager reviews policies for managing these risks in pursuance of the Investment Objective and Policy as set out on page 2. These risks remain unchanged from prior year.

Adherence to investment guidelines and to investment and borrowing powers set out in the Trust Deed, Scheme Particulars and in the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook mitigates the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer. Further information on the investment portfolio is set out in the Manager's Report and Portfolio Statement.

General Information (unaudited)

Advice to Unitholders

In recent years, investment related scams have become increasingly sophisticated and difficult to spot. We are therefore warning all our unitholders to be cautious so that they can protect themselves and spot the warning signs.

Fraudsters will often:

- contact you out of the blue
- apply pressure to invest quickly
- downplay the risks to your money
- promise tempting returns that sound too good to be true
- say that they are only making the offer available to you
- ask you to not tell anyone else about it

You can avoid investment scams by:

- **Rejecting unexpected offers** – Scammers usually cold call but contact can also come by email, post, word of mouth or at a seminar. If you have been offered an investment out of the blue, chances are it's a high risk investment or a scam.
- **Checking the FCA Warning List** – Use the FCA Warning List to check the risks of a potential investment. You can also search to see if the firm is known to be operating without proper FCA authorisation.
- **Getting impartial advice** – Before investing get impartial advice and don't use an adviser from the firm that contacted you.

If you are suspicious, report it:

- You can report the firm or scam to the FCA by contacting their Consumer Helpline on **0800 111 6768** or using their online reporting form.
- If you have lost money in a scam, contact **Action Fraud** on **0300 123 2040** or **www.actionfraud.police.uk**

For further helpful information about investment scams and how to avoid them please visit **www.fca.org.uk/scamsmart**

Responsible Stewardship

Jupiter believes that responsible stewardship is an important issue and aims to act in the best interests of all its stakeholders by engaging with the companies that it invests in, and by exercising its voting rights with care. We believe companies with high standards of corporate responsibility, governance and sustainable business practices create an appropriate culture to enhance good investment performance. **Jupiter's Corporate Governance and Voting Policy** and its compliance with the **UK Stewardship Code**, together with supporting disclosure reports are available at **www.jupiteram.com**.

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