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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: Ongoing Charges: 1.7% Year / Half Year: 30 November / 31 May Capital Structure: 105,000,000 Ord Shs Number of Holdings: 21 Total Net Assets (£m): 101.1 Market Capitalisation (£m): 89.8 Gearing (AIC basis): 0.0% Share Price (p): 85.50p Net Asset Value (p): 96.29p (Discount) / Premium: (11.2%)ISIN: GB00BFZ7R980 Sedol: BFZ7R98 LEE: 21380033EKFQS15X1W22 GIIN: J9AYNU.99999.SL.826 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 December 2019*



Accumulated Performance*

	Dec.19	Nov.19	Oct.19	YTD	1 Year	Since Launch
Net Asset Value	+5.3%	+1.6%	-2.6%	-1.5%	-1.5%	-1.7%
Share Price	+3.0%	-2.9%	-0.8%	-9.5%	-9.5%	-14.5%

Source: Morningstar, Date: 31.12.2019

Monthly Performance in GBP*



Sector Breakdown

19.0% 28.6% Consumer Discretionary India 17.7% Health Care 16.1% Brazil 16.6% Technology 12.4% South Korea 10.2% Taiwan 5.7% Industrials 10.8% 4.4% Russia Communications 6.6% Poland 4 4% 5.7% Turkey Consumer Staples 4.2% Kenya 2.2% 5.5% Financials Mexico 1.3% 14.3% Cash Cash 14.3%

100.0%

Source: Frostrow Capital LLP, Date: 31.12.2019

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Geographical Breakdown

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^{*}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 long-term 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)

1.	Fleury	6.4%
2.	Yum China	6.1%
3.	Apollo Tubes	6.0%
4.	eMemory Technology	5.7%
5.	Lojas Americanas	5.7%
6.	Persistent Systems	4.9%
7.	Polycab India	4.8%
8.	AK Medical Holdings	4.7%
9.	Cogna Educacao	4.5%
10.	Mail.Ru	4.4%
Total		53.2%

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Commentary

The Net Asset Value (NAV) of the Mobius Investment Trust (MMIT) increased by 5.3% in December 2019, closing at 96.29p. At the time of writing, the NAV was up 10.3% from the start of December, making it the second-best performer in the Global Emerging Markets peer group**. The share price increased by 3.0% over the same period, with MMIT trading at a 11.2% discount on 31 December 2019. Over the course of the month, there was an average discount to NAV of 11.9%. Over December 2019, the top three largest contributors to performance were Lojas Americanas S.A. (+1.2%), APL Apollo Tubes (+0.9%) and Mavi (+0.8%). Grupo Lala (-0.7%), Persistent Systems (-0.2%) and IMAX China (-0.2%) were the worst performers.

One of our new holdings, Safaricom, reached its initial target weight in December. It is the leading integrated telecoms operator in Kenya with more than 63% market share. With a well-established network supported by strong underlying infrastructure, we believe the business is well positioned to capitalize on the rapid growth of mobile money payments across Africa, which are up 900% since 2011. This is a trend we see across emerging and frontier markets, as cash increasingly becomes less secure and convenient in comparison to mobile payments on a P2P, P2B and B2B basis. Despite the company's impressive track record, we have identified some specific areas where our engagement can enable further success. We have started a constructive dialogue with management and have already made progress on a number of value unlocking initiatives. GBP appreciated against key portfolio currencies including Turkish Lira (+5.8%) and Indian Rupee (+2.0%) while depreciating against Brazilian Real (-2.5%), Polish Zloty (-0.6%) and Mexican Peso (-0.6%). The emerging market outlook for the new year is supportive. The geopolitical backdrop has improved: whilst details on a trade war resolution are yet to be clarified, the incremental news flow is brighter. Fiscal easing has begun to gain momentum in Asia (China, South Korea, India and Thailand have made particular progress) which should loosen financial conditions and support near term growth expectations. Even though manufacturing remains weak, inventory positions are becoming leaner and PMIs have begun to inch up in Asia. All of this points to a higher growth outlook in emerging markets vs. the 4.1% that was registered in 2019. As bond yields begin to stabilize, and in turn begin their ascent higher, we see terrific opportunities emerging in the 'value' end of the market, particularly amongst smaller companies. Further details are included in the accompanying Q4 2019 MMIT Manager Commentary which was also published on 22 January 2020. Both documents are available at https://www.mobiusinvestmenttrust.com/

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

**As of 14 January 2020. Peer group includes BlackRock Frontiers Investment Trust. Fundsmith Emerging Equities Trust, Genesis Emerging Markets Fund, JPMorgan Emerging Markets Investment Trust, JPMorgan Global Emerging Markets Income Trust, Jupiter Emerging & Frontier Income Trust, Templeton Emerging Markets Investment Trust and Utilico Emerging Markets Trust

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