

# JPMorgan Asian Investment Trust plc

Monthly Update as at 30 November 2017

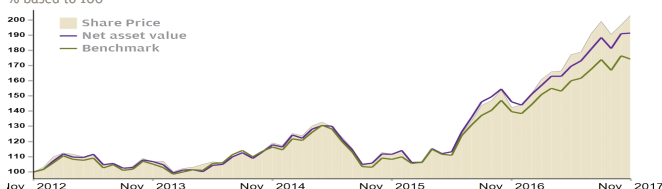
Overall Morningstar Rating™ (as at 31/12/17) <sup>A</sup> ★ ★ ★  
Morningstar Category™ Asia ex Japan Equity

## Management Commentary

The portfolio outperformed the benchmark in November, thanks to positive stock selection and country allocation. Stock selection in China was the most significant contributor. Ping An continued to outperform as rates rose and the company showcased its fintech developments at its 2017 investor day. Core technology holdings also added value, including Tencent on strong results and AAC Technologies on initial iPhone X orders. Shenzhou International continued earnings upgrades along with good results from key customers, while Sino Biopharm rose sharply as the market started to factor in its strong pipeline for 2018. In Hong Kong, AIA outperformed after China lifted the ban on foreign ownership of life insurers. In terms of detractors, Qudian, a fintech name in China which was listed in October this year, suffered from multiple negative regulatory headlines, which we think will ultimately be positive for established players. Eclat Textile and Largan Precision in Taiwan also struggled, as the former continued to disappoint on earnings, while the latter met with profit-taking. In terms of country allocation, the off-benchmark exposure to Vietnam contributed, along with the underweight in Taiwan and the overweight in China. Meanwhile, the overweight in Korea detracted.

## CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE ENDING NOVEMBER 2017

% based to 100



## QUARTERLY ROLLING 12M ENDING SEPTEMBER 2017

%	2016/17	2015/16	2014/15	2013/14	2012/13
Share Price	29.8	38.7	-3.2	5.2	7.2
Net asset value <sup>B</sup>	21.4	41.3	-2.9	6.0	6.4
Benchmark	18.8	36.2	-6.2	8.1	5.0

## CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2017

%	1Y	3Y	5Y
Share price	43.0	71.1	103.6
Net asset value <sup>B</sup>	31.1	62.5	91.4
Benchmark	24.8	49.7	74.3

**Past performance is not a guide to the future.** J.P.Morgan/Morningstar. Net asset value performance data has been calculated on a NAV to NAV (using the cum income NAV with debt at fair) basis, including ongoing charges and any applicable fees, with any income reinvested, in GBP. Please note Benchmark Indices do not include fees or operating expenses and are not available for actual investment.

## TOP 10 HOLDINGS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

Holding	Sector	Weight
Samsung Electronics	Information Technology	7.3%
Tencent	Information Technology	6.7%
AIA	Financials	5.8%
Alibaba	Information Technology	4.1%
Taiwan Semiconductor	Information Technology	3.2%
China Construction Bank H	Financials	3.1%
HDFC Bank	Financials	2.8%
DBS Group	Financials	2.7%
Ping An Insurance	Financials	2.6%
Chinabao Financial Group	Financials	2.6%

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## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

Aims to provide capital growth from a diversified portfolio of around 50 to 80 companies quoted on the Asian stock markets, excluding Japan. The Company amended its distribution policy for the year commencing 1 October 2016. The Company pays quarterly dividends equivalent to 1% of its net asset value, set on the last business day of each financial quarter. The Company also has the ability to use gearing up to a maximum level of 20% of net assets to increase potential returns to shareholders.

## KEY FACTS

Portfolio Manager(s)/Start date	Richard Titherington (2015) Ayaz Ebrahim (2016)
Dividends Paid	February
Benchmark	MSCI AC Asia Ex Japan Index (£)
Company Broker(s)	Cenkos Securities
Gross assets (as at 30/11/17)	GBP 369.2m
Share price (as at 31/12/17)	364.0p
Net asset value (NAV) (as at 31/12/17) <sup>B</sup>	401.7p
Discount(-)/Premium	-9.4%
Total dividend paid for last financial year (per share)	13.10p
Financial year-end date	30 September
Prospective Dividend Yield <sup>C</sup>	3.8%
Potential gearing range	-10% to 20%
Actual gearing <sup>D</sup>	0.1%

## COMPANY FEES & EXPENSES

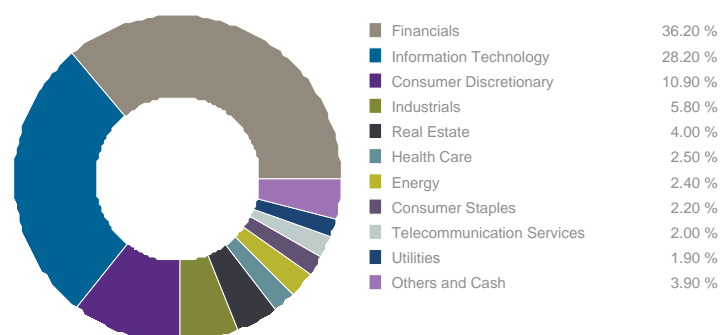
Ongoing charges (comprises): <sup>E</sup>	0.73%
-Annual management fee	0.60% on market cap
-Operating & administrative expenses	0.20%
Performance fee	No

## KEY RISKS

The value of investments and the income from them may fall as well as rise and investors may not get back the full amount invested. Please read the Risk Information, Explanatory Notes, Glossary of Terms and Important Information on the next page.

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## SECTOR BREAKDOWN AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017 <sup>F</sup>



The Trust is an actively managed portfolio, holdings, sector weights, allocations and leverage, as applicable are subject to change at the discretion of the Investment Manager without notice.

## RISK INFORMATION

- Exchange rate changes may cause the value of underlying overseas investments to go down as well as up.
- Investments in emerging markets may involve a higher element of risk due to political and economic instability and underdeveloped markets and systems. Shares may also be traded less frequently than those on established markets. This means that there may be difficulty in both buying and selling shares and individual share prices may be subject to short-term price fluctuations.
- This fund may use derivatives for investment purposes or for efficient portfolio management.
- External factors may cause an entire asset class to decline in value. Prices and values of all shares or all bonds could decline at the same time, or fluctuate in response to the performance of individual companies and general market conditions.
- This trust may utilise gearing (borrowing) which will exaggerate market movements both up and down.
- This trust may also invest in smaller companies which may increase its risk profile.
- The share price may trade at a discount to the Net Asset Value of the company.
- The Trust may invest in China A-Shares through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect program which is subject to regulatory change, quota limitations and also operational constraints which may result in increased counterparty risk.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

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<sup>B</sup>Cum income only NAV with debt at par, diluted for treasury and/or subscription shares if applicable

<sup>C</sup>Source: Morningstar. Prospective dividend yield is indicative and based on mid market prices, and include the declared and net prospective dividends for the current financial year.

<sup>D</sup>Gearing represents the excess amount above shareholders' funds of total investments (excluding liquidity fund holdings) expressed as a percentage of the shareholders' funds. If the amount calculated is negative, this is known as a "net cash" position.

<sup>E</sup>Ongoing charges are the management fee and all other operating expenses, excluding interest charges on any borrowing and any performance fee payable expressed as a percentage of the average daily net assets during the year. All figures are for the previous financial year.

<sup>F</sup>Non-Benchmark holdings (where held) are classified in the appropriate sector/region. Cash is net current assets and holdings used as cash substitutes if applicable.

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## COMPANY CODES

ISIN	GB0001320778
Sedol	0132077
Bloomberg	JAI LN
Reuters	JAI.L

## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

**BENCHMARK COMPARISON** - Comparison of the Company's performance is made with the benchmark. The benchmark is a recognised index of stocks which should not be taken as wholly representative of the Company's investment universe. The Company's investment strategy does not follow or track this index and therefore there may be a degree of divergence between its performance and that of the Company.

**CASH** - Net current assets including investment in liquidity funds & treasury stocks (if held) and drawn revolving credit facilities (if any) with an original maturity of less than 1 year.

**DISCOUNT / PREMIUM** - If the share price of an investment company is lower than the net asset value (NAV) per share, the company is said to be trading at a discount. If the share price of an investment company is higher than the net asset value (NAV) per share, the company is said to be trading at a premium. The discount/premium is shown as a percentage of the NAV.

**GEARING** - Gearing represents the excess amount above shareholders' funds of total assets expressed as a percentage of the shareholders' funds. Total assets include total investments and net current assets/liabilities less cash/cash equivalents and excluding bank loans of less than one year. If the amount calculated is negative this is known as a 'net cash' position.

**SECTOR / GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWNS** - These are expressed as a percentage of total portfolio and cash. Investments in liquidity funds will be shown as cash.

**TOP 10 HOLDINGS** - These are expressed as a percentage of total portfolio and cash. Investments in liquidity funds / treasury stocks will not be shown in the top 10 holdings.